

New York Proposal 1, Equal Protection of Law Amendment



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This measure would:

- Ensure permanent legal protection of abortion up to birth in New York and would prevent any future attempts to regulate, limit, or ban abortion unless another constitutional amendment is passed
- Add “age” as a protected class, potentially taking away parental rights from decisions such as abortions or “gender-affirming” care

NEW YORK'S CURRENT LAW:

Abortion is legal in New York until the baby is 25 weeks, which is considered viability. If the baby is at or past the stage of viability, the mother cannot get an abortion in New York unless she meets the exceptions. Exceptions include fatal fetal anomalies and risks to the mother's life, physical health, and mental health.

Catholics should vote **NO** on New York Proposal 1

A human being's life begins the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg. This is now a unique and unrepeatable person.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a human being before he or she is born. The Catholic Church teaches that abortion is never morally licit.

The Church teaches that neither rape nor incest justifies the taking of an innocent human being's life.

Doctors never need to intentionally kill the baby to save the mother's life; therefore the "life of the mother" argument is invalid. In his address to midwives, Pope Pius XII taught that a physician should do all he can to preserve both lives. If the baby dies while the doctor tries to save the mother, this is not considered an abortion.

Any formal cooperation in abortion constitutes a grave sin. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human beings (CCC 2272).



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