

Facts About Issue 1 – Vote **YES**

A “**yes**” vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution so that Ohioans, without government interference, have a constitutional right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions.

- Women are only protected when they are able to make personal decisions about their health with their families and physicians without government interference.
- The amendment is about more than abortion. It includes a person’s right to contraception and fertility treatment. This means both males and females would have access to contraception.
- It does NOT affect parental rights. The amendment says nothing about parental rights or transgender care.
- Without the amendment, the government can ban abortions, even in cases of rape, incest, or life-threatening pregnancy. Pregnant people would be forced to endure the mental anguish brought on by rape, the developing fetus would be at increased risk for genetic abnormalities that occur from incest, and physicians can do nothing to help the pregnant person survive.
- Ohio already has an extreme 6-week abortion ban. Many people don’t even know they are pregnant at this time. And this number is arbitrary and medically nonsensical and includes time in which people are pre-pregnant.
- The amendment does NOT allow for “abortion on demand up to the moment of birth.” Abortion is not allowed if the fetus is viable, meaning able to survive outside the body. The amendment allows families – along with their physicians – to make difficult, private, healthcare decisions for late-term pregnancies that require medical intervention.
- This amendment does not change current state law on parental notification for minors. Current state law requires a parent, guardian, or judge to approve any medical procedures for a minor, including an abortion.