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Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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The Hidden Dangers of Chemical Abortion

In an excellent article for [NRL News Today](#), Paul Stark of Minnesota Citizens for Life presents the blunt and convincing “*Case Against Chemical Abortion*”

Recognizing the increasing prevalence of so called “medication abortions”, he points out these dangers:

#1 - These chemicals are not “medications” to restore health, but rather a program for deliberately impairing a woman’s body and ending her child’s life.

“Chemical abortion is usually a two-drug process. The first drug, mifepristone, blocks the pregnancy hormone progesterone, preventing the unborn child from receiving nutrients and support. It is literally a poison that causes death by starvation. The second drug, misoprostol, induces contractions to evict the child from her natural environment.”

#2 – It’s not just eliminating “pregnancy tissue.”

“Abortion practitioners offer chemical abortions as late as 11 weeks’ gestation. That’s long after an unborn child has a heartbeat. It’s well after she has detectable brain waves. It’s after organs and major body systems have formed and the child looks recognizably human.”

#3 – Chemical Abortions Harm Women with “adverse events” reported in up to 20% of cases.

“Chemical abortions take longer than surgical ones. They cause more blood loss. They have a significant failure rate and can lead to infection. And, in some cases, they mask the presence of a deadly ectopic pregnancy because their expected symptoms are very similar....Moreover, these at-home abortions make it much harder to detect and prevent pressure and coercion by domestic abusers.

“Chemical abortions—especially when sent through the mail and ingested at home without supervision or in-person evaluation—raise serious worries about the health and safety of women.”

The Charlotte Lozier Institute offers a carefully researched [fact sheet](#) listing the significant risks of Chemical Abortion. Many of the key points are summarized in the table at right. Pro-aborts will not share this information, it is important that we do.

Physical Risks of Chemical Abortion

- Chemical abortion has resulted in numerous maternal deaths and thousands of adverse events since the drug was first approved.
- Mifepristone is not an effective treatment for an ectopic pregnancy and can mask the symptoms of tubal rupture, putting women at risk of severe bleeding and death.
- Chemical abortion has a complication rate 4x that of surgical abortion.
- 7-10% of women require medical follow-up care following chemical abortions in the first trimester
- Up to 39% of women require surgery if chemicals are “accidentally” taken in second trimester
- As many as 15% of women will experience hemorrhage, and 2% will have an infection. The risk of incomplete abortion and infection increases with increasing gestational age.
- Chemical abortions are over 50% more likely than surgical abortions to result in an emergency room visit within 30 days.
- If an Rh-negative mother is not administered Rhogam at the time of her chemical abortion, she faces serious risks to future pregnancies.
- Chemical abortions misreported as miscarriages in the ER (occurring 60% of the time in one study), result in significantly greater risk of women needing multiple hospitalizations and follow-up surgery.

Social and Emotional Risks of Chemical Abortion

- With no medical oversight, abortion pills are falling into the hands of traffickers and abusive partners. Women are being given abortion pills without their knowledge and against their will.
- The risks of chemical abortions aren’t just physical: women have described that their chemical abortion experiences left them feeling unprepared, silenced, regretful, or left with no other choice.

Ref: Charlotte Lozier Institute, [“Fact Sheet: Risks and Complications of Chemical Abortion”](#) July 2022

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The President's Corner

"If Politicians vote Anti-Life, can I trust them with my life?"

We posed this question in our latest ad campaign, and the answer is of utmost importance as Colorado voters once again go to the polls to choose our civic leaders.

Remaining willfully ignorant of the life sciences (middle school level, no less), **some politicians will claim the child in utero is not a human being** and can be treated accordingly.

For many of these politicians the child miraculously, counter to science, becomes "human" at birth, but as we have seen in Colorado's Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA), they are now pushing the human definition beyond birth. **What is to stop them from drawing a line concluding that we are not human and hence expendable?**

These politicians twist language so it says something other than what it ought to say. Murdering a child is called "abortion" or "reproductive healthcare." Pregnancy is a "disease." Scientific evidence that human life begins at conception is considered a superstitious medieval "religious belief" that must not be heard in today's enlightened age. Helping someone to murder themselves, i.e., assisted suicide, is "death with dignity" instead of homicide, which is what we used to call it. **What language will they change next? Will it be to kill you, to kill me, to kill someone we love?**

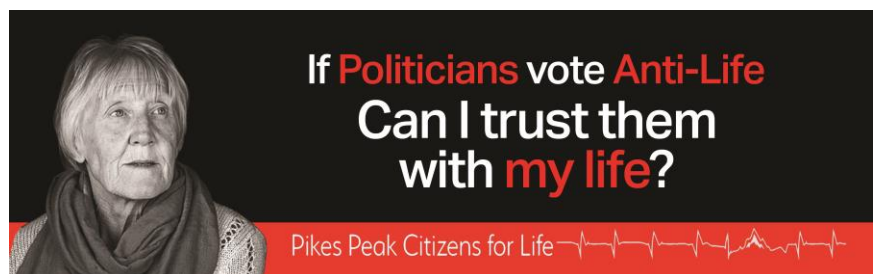
The problem we face is foundational. If our politicians won't adhere to truth, and in fact work to obfuscate it, **can we trust them with any of the important decisions they are supposed to make for us?**

Of course they portray all that they do as in the best interest of society and each of us. It is rather like the brownie recipe that uses all the finest ingredients to make the best brownies. However, a bit of manure has made it into the batch. It is only a *little* bit, though. Will you have a brownie? Say it is only 5% manure. Or 1% manure. Or as little as 0.1% manure. **How much manure can you stand in your political brownie?**

Well, in the case of these politicians, it is better described as toxic waste, and I should think we want none of it in our politics. Those who represent us need to be able to recognize and act on objective truth, and they can't do it if they are compromised in any way on the foundational principle of respect for life, to include our own lives.

So, keep toxic waste out of our government. **Vote only for candidates that will defend and support all human life from conception to natural death!**

Matt



Working Through the Challenges of Initiatives

By [Julie Bailey](#), PPCFL Vice President

I liked the general idea, but something about it made me very uncomfortable. So, I didn't sign the petition. I didn't feel good about that; but I couldn't get rid of the nagging feeling that it wasn't the right approach.

To what am I referring? [Initiative 56](#). This initiative called for the Equal Protection of Every Living Child in Colorado and was proposed by the [Colorado Initiative Committee](#). I know, it sounds good. And in many ways, it was. If passed, it would have made it illegal in Colorado to murder a child at any time prior to, during, or after birth. So, what was my problem?

The initiative called for anyone involved in the murder of a child to face criminal penalties. That appeared to include not only the clinics and doctors who perform the surgical abortion or provide the abortion pill regimen, but also the women who make the tragic choice to abort their children.

In the years I have been associated with the pro-life movement, and particularly my work in sidewalk advocacy and Project Rachel, I've been trained to reach out to women considering abortion, or with abortion in their pasts, with love. I know full well that God wants to offer forgiveness, grace, and redemption to ANYONE who is involved with abortion. **It did not sit well with me to pursue criminal penalties against a woman who was making an emotionally-charged decision in a time of life-altering crisis, often under duress and without sufficient support from the father of the child, her family, her friends or our community.**

Recently I sat down with Faye Barnhart to discuss the Colorado Initiative Committee & Initiative 56. Faye was involved from the very beginning with Initiative 56 which [recently failed to garner the signatures necessary to appear on the 2022 Ballot](#).

I was honest with Faye about my misgivings. She assured me it was never a priority of the committee to prosecute women. She made it clear that as the committee worked to improve the language of the next initiative, they were considering the concerns I and others expressed. I am relieved and encouraged.

Faye is quite hopeful that the effort the committee is putting into recrafting the next initiative, hoping to get it on the 2024 ballot, is taking advantage of momentum generated by the petition drive for 56. In fact, her optimism seems well-founded because the committee saw many churches step up to partner in the effort. Faye and the committee will capitalize on these partnerships as they seek to inspire churchgoers in Colorado to vote pro-life. Analysis reveals that if we can persuade an additional 20% of faithful Christians to turn out and vote to defend these women and unborn children, we would see Colorado 'flip' to become a pro-life state in ONE ELECTION CYCLE.

The Committee has updated their [website](#) with great background on their efforts, a fabulous list of resources including videos, pastor letters, and women's stories, and, under the ACTION tab, a [comprehensive list](#) of how the faithful, and pro-life warriors, can contribute to this effort to push back hard against a culture of death that has Colorado in its grip.

I hope you will join me in working with Faye and the Colorado Initiative Committee to help educate the faith community throughout our state to embrace LIFE.

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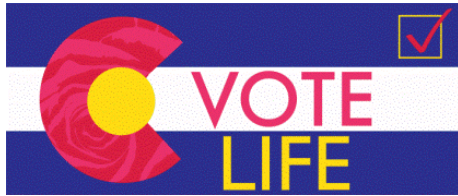
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Early In-Person Voting

Monday Oct 24 to Friday Nov. 4

Election Day

Tuesday Nov. 8 (7am-7pm)

## Check Out the Candidates before Voting



By now, your 2022 Colorado general election ballot should be in your hands. If you have not received your ballot, you can request a replacement ballot at any voting location.

Before you vote, we encourage you to check out the candidates' positions on matters regarding Life. Pikes Peak Citizens for Life is conducting a survey of candidates regarding Life issues. We have [compiled the responses we have received so far into a table](#) for your use in evaluating candidates.

Other organizations are also compiling candidate information for your evaluation. One such resource that we are aware of is the [Church Voter Guides report](#).

**Once you have discerned which candidates are best for the protection and support of Life, then please cast your vote for those candidates and ensure that your ballot gets to an appropriate ballot collection point (see box at right) before the end of the election.**

Thank you making the extra effort to elect candidates who support Life!



**VOTE!**  
**Encourage**  
**Your Pro-Life**  
**Friends & Family**

**Colorado Citizens Can Register to Vote up to and including Election DAY**

**Drop Boxes or VSPC Locations** - The El Paso County Clerk's Office has *secure* 24-hour ballot drop boxes conveniently located, to make it easy to return your ballot!

There are also Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) where you can:

- ✓ Register to vote (even on Election Day!)
- ✓ Request a replacement ballot
- ✓ Drop off your completed ballot
- ✓ Mark a ballot with ADA accessible marking devices

Simply visit:

<https://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/elections/ballot-drop-boxes-vspc-locations/> for VSPC locations,

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