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US Bishops Urge Senators to Oppose Revival of the Equal Rights Amendment

The bishops, citing possible threats to religious freedom as well as a likelihood that the amendment would be used to strike down pro-life laws and promote public funding for abortion, ask lawmakers to 'prioritize meaningful solutions for women in need and for their children.'

The ERA was first introduced in Congress a century ago, in 1923. The amendment states that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

In 1972, Congress submitted the ERA to the states for ratification, requiring a three-fourths majority to add the amendment to the Constitution. Ultimately, the amendment failed to garner the required 38 states, neither by the original 1979 deadline nor the subsequent extension to 1982. In addition, five states rescinded their original ratification of the amendment.

Despite the expiration of the deadline, states such as Nevada and Illinois continued to ratify the amendment, with Virginia becoming the 38th state to approve the amendment in 2020.

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New York Must Pay \$250,000 After Trying to Shut Down Christian Adoption Agency

In a victory for vulnerable children awaiting adoption, as well as religious ministries, New York state officials have agreed to pay \$250,000 in attorneys' fees and costs after trying to shut down New Hope Family Services because of its religious beliefs.

The settlement of New Hope Family Services v. Poole follows a precedent-setting ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in 2020 and a federal district court's ruling in September 2022 that permanently prohibited the state of New York from enforcing state law "insofar as it would compel New Hope to process applications from, or **place children for adoption with, same-sex couples or unmarried cohabitating couples**, and insofar as it would prevent New Hope from referring such couples to other agencies."

[New York Must Pay \\$250,000 After Trying to Shut Down Christian Adoption Agency - LifeNews.com](https://www.life.com) 3/7/23

BISHOPS: 'TRANS' MEDICINE REJECTS UNITY OF BODY AND SOUL



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued an unequivocal statement condemning "transgender" interventions and **forbidding Catholic hospitals to perform them**. So-called sex-change surgeries and hormone therapies "do not respect the fundamental order of the human person as an intrinsic unity of body and soul, with a body that is sexually differentiated," the bishops stated.

[U.S. Bishops Slam 'Trans' Surgeries, Warn Catholic Hospitals Not to Participate - CatholicVote.org](https://www.catholicvote.org)



VERMONT GIRLS TEAM REFUSES TO COMPETE

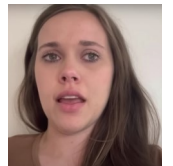
A girls basketball team has withdrawn from the Vermont Division IV state tournament after refusing to compete against a team with a trans-identified male player. The Mid Vermont Christian School Eagles (MVCS) forfeited their playoff game against the Long Trail School Mountain Lions (LTS) after learning that LTS star player Rose Johnson is male. "We believe playing against an opponent with a biological male jeopardizes the fairness of the game and the safety of our players," MVCS's Vicky Fogg stated. <https://www.reduxx.info> 2/28/23

DETRANSITIONED 18-YEAR-OLD SUES

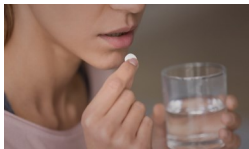
Chloe Cole, a detransitioned 18-year-old woman who was identified as a "transgender" male as a minor, is suing the Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals. Her lawsuit is the first of its kind in the United States, alleging medical negligence on the part of the medical providers who subjected Cole to chemical and surgical "sex-change" interventions when she was a child between the ages of 13 and 16.

[Detransitioned Chloe Cole Announces Official Lawsuit Against Kaiser Permanente For 'Medical Negligence' | The Daily Wire](https://www.thedailywire.com) 2/23/23

WOMEN'S RIGHTS' ACTIVISTS ATTACK GRIEVING MOTHER



Jessa Duggar Seewald, an outspoken pro-life advocate, recently announced that she had experienced a tragic miscarriage. Next, she immediately suffered an onslaught of "heartless attacks from the mainstream media who falsely claimed she had an abortion." "Whether it is willful or just plain ignorance, nothing shows true colors more than when a movement that claims to advocate for women's rights is so quick to exploit a mother's tragedy to promote an agenda." [Let's Be Clear: Miscarriage Treatment is NOT an Abortion - CatholicVote.org](https://www.catholicvote.org) 3/7/23



FDA RESTRICTS XANAX, BUT NOT ABORTION PILL

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced that the prescription of certain drugs will require an in-person doctor's visit instead of a telehealth appointment, but left the chemical abortion-inducing drug mifepristone off the list. Several pro-life organizations expressed outrage over the decision.

[FDA Hypocrisy: Abortion Pill Prescription Doesn't Merit Doctor's Visit - CatholicVote.org](#) 3/1/23



COAST GUARD NOW PAYING FOR ABORTION TRAVEL

A March 1 ALCOAST bulletin obtained by CatholicVote states that the U.S. Coast Guard will give administrative absence and convalescent leave from duty stations for "non-covered reproductive healthcare," including medical and surgical abortions as well as assisted reproductive technologies (ART) such as egg retrieval, sperm collection, and in-vitro fertilization "processing."

[US Coast Guard to Pay for Abortion Travel - CatholicVote.org](#)

Pro-Lifers Wonder Why an Unborn Child Is a Murder Victim in Stabbing Death but a Non-Person in Abortion

A Massachusetts murder case highlights what critics decry as a double standard. In a nutshell:

- The highest state court in Massachusetts has upheld two first-degree murder convictions of a man who stabbed his girlfriend to death, incidentally causing the death of their nine-month unborn child.
- The court upheld precedent that an unborn baby capable of living outside of the mother's body is a person under state law when it comes to homicide.
- The same court recognizes abortion as a fundamental right under the state constitution.

Pro-lifers say the two principles don't connect logically.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OUSTS 'SATAN CLUB'

A Pennsylvania school district just revoked its previous approval for an After School Satan Club to use their facilities following extensive public backlash. The extracurricular club, which was being promoted for children ages 5 through 12, had originally been granted approval to meet in public school buildings in the Saucon Valley School District.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/> 2/27/23

Board Game Marketed as 'Christian' is Actually Demonic, Exorcist Warns



Catholic exorcist Father Ernesto Caro is warning that what is being marketed on Amazon as a Christian "Holy Spirit" board game is "not a game" at all but instead "a trap from the devil."

The board game's packaging claims it allows people to "communicate directly with Jesus Christ" and its online advertising says it's "perfect for churches, prayer groups, or just getting together with friends."

The game's layout is very similar to that of a Ouija board, but it features Christian imagery including images of God, the crucifixion, angels, and a dove. Whereas a Ouija board normally has a triangle pendant that is moved for users to communicate with spirits, the Holy Spirit Board has a golden-colored cross.

Despite the Christian imagery, Father Caro says the so-called Holy Spirit Board is just a Ouija board repackaged to trick Christians into using it.

The Catholic Church firmly condemns the use of Ouija boards as a form of occult participation and divination.

[National Catholic Register](#) 3/31/23

FEDERAL LAW DEMANDS TIME OFF FOR ABORTION

Employers must provide "pregnant persons" with accommodations to procure and recover from abortions under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), a memo from the National Women's Law Center (NWLC) recently declared. The PWFA was backed by national abortion groups, as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "I'm surprised some pro-life groups just didn't seem to realize how this bill is going to impact their own operations," said CatholicVote Director of Government Affairs Tom McClusky.

[Employers Now Must Cover Abortion Leave Under Federal Law? - CatholicVote.org](#)

MAINSTREAM REPORT EXPOSES BORDER CRISIS ABUSES

A new and shocking report confirms what many already suspected: unaccompanied migrant children, primarily from Central America, are trafficked in exploitative and oftentimes dangerous working conditions within the United States.

Many of the children who have come over since 2021 and ended up in the shadow workforce are being trafficked, according to The New York Times.

[Alone and Exploited, Migrant Children Work Brutal Jobs Across the U.S. - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)