



Myth Busters

#1

You've Heard it Said:

"The amendment only allows abortion up to viability."

But the Truth is:

It allows abortion beyond viability for virtually any reason if the abortionist – who stands to profit from it – signs off on it. Abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15-weeks, nearly four months. But the amendment legalizes abortion up to birth under the broad "mental health" exemption that includes, not only those struggling with mental health issues, but a woman who simply changes her mind or is experiencing stress. The mental health exception has been abused and become a well-known work around to rubber stamp any request for a late term abortion.

The abortion amendment Goes Too Far! [See the language here.](#)

#2

You've Heard it Said:

"We need this amendment passed because we need to protect the right to contraception."

But the Truth is:

Arizona law states that abortion does not include contraception. The definition of abortion under Arizona law states: "Abortion does not include birth control devices, oral contraceptives used to inhibit or prevent ovulation, conception or the implantation of a fertilized ovum in the uterus..."

Contraception is a preventative measure. This amendment is not about prevention, it's about abortion. No one is making any effort to take away contraception. That claim is a scare tactic to drum up support for an amendment that goes too far. *The abortion amendment Goes Too Far! [See the language here.](#)*

#3

You've Heard it Said:

"We need this amendment to pass so women can get treatment for ectopic pregnancies."

But the Truth is:

For years, Arizona law has stated that abortion does not include the termination of an ectopic pregnancy. The definition of abortion under Arizona law states: "Abortion does not include birth control ... or the use of any means to ... terminate an ectopic pregnancy or to remove a dead fetus."

An ectopic pregnancy puts a woman's life at immediate risk. Arizona law already allows abortion in cases where a woman's life is at risk.

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#4

You've Heard it Said:

"We need this amendment to pass so women can get medical treatment for miscarriages."

But the Truth is:

Arizona law states that abortion does not include the removal of a miscarriage. The definition of abortion under Arizona law states: "Abortion does not include birth control ... or the use of any means to ... terminate an ectopic pregnancy or to remove a dead fetus."

Miscarriage care is done when a fetus is no longer living. An abortion is done when the fetus is still alive.

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#5

You've Heard it Said:

"If the amendment doesn't pass, abortion will likely soon be illegal in Arizona because the AZ Supreme Court will likely reinstate the pre-Roe law."

But the Truth is:

Abortion is legal up to 15 weeks of pregnancy in Arizona. Abortion laws can be revised by the Legislature, but you don't have to go to extremes by changing the state constitution with an amendment that strips commonsense safety precautions and parents from the process.

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#6

You've Heard it Said:

"Most people support legal abortion."

But the Truth is:

The fact is most people support limits on abortion and they want abortion regulated. A recent [Gallup poll](#) shows 70% of people OPPOSE late term abortion. But this amendment legalizes it with nothing but the approval of the abortionist. And this amendment would remove those commonsense protections, and many others just to extend abortion beyond the point most voters are not comfortable with.

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