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She Prays She Votes 2024

Election season is upon us, and it is time for us to unite, mobilize, and make an impact by motivating conservatives to register and vote. Between now and Election Day on November 5, we must all do our part in the election process. Do not sit back and let others decide on the issues of life, religious freedom, gender confusion, antisemitism, judges, and more.

Here are ways to engage now and over the next several months:

- **Host a voter registration drive at your church.** Voter registration is non-partisan, and churches are allowed by law to participate in this process without losing their tax-exempt status. [Download](#) CWA's Conducting a Voter Registration Drive instruction guide.
- **Sign up to be a poll worker.** Poll workers are paid citizens who work at a polling place on Election Day. Each state has different rules regarding poll workers. For more information, visit our [She Prays She Votes page](#).
- **Sign up to be a poll watcher.** Again, each state has different rules about poll watchers. The local political parties usually appoint poll watchers. Check with your County Clerk, Election Board, or local political party to see the procedure for being a poll watcher. A poll watcher is there to observe the election process and be sure that state laws and voting regulations are being observed. For more information, visit our [She Prays She Votes page](#).
- **Sign up to canvass and make phone calls.** Participate in canvassing. Go door to door, encouraging people to vote. Participate in phone banking from the comfort of your home to encourage people to vote. Reach out to your political party or a conservative group for ways to volunteer.
- **Pray now** that principled men and women are elected to office. From the desk of the President of the United States to the desk of your local city councilman, we need people serving whose principles are based on the principles of God's Word — the principles upon which this nation was founded.

BE A POLL WATCHER
ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS

BE A POLL WORKER
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Poll workers are paid citizens who work at a polling place on Election Day. Each county is responsible for recruiting, training, and paying poll workers. Every polling place needs poll workers, so this is a great opportunity for citizen engagement.

Requirements may include:

- Attend training
- Remain nonpartisan while serving
- Be able to work a 14+ hour day
- Be comfortable with technology
- Serve all voters promptly, courteously, and with sensitivity

Responsibilities and duties may include:

- Sets up the polling place
- Greets, verifies identification, and determines which ballot to issue
- Assists voters, answers questions, and updates voter registrations
- Ensures political activities are outside the polling place and meet legal requirements.

Find out your state's eligibility requirements and how to become a poll worker at concernedwomen.link/spsv2022

SHE PRAYS SHE VOTES
CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

No matter who you are or where you live, you can make a difference on Election Day.

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.” - President Ronald Reagan



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GAVEL WATCH

Exposing the Evil Link Between “Reproductive Rights” and the Trans Agenda



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Evil enjoys company. Those of you who have studied Planned Parenthood’s agenda, for example, have noticed for many years how forcefully they worked to promote sexual immorality. Though their big money-making enterprise is abortions directed toward poor women, they exert an equal amount of energy to harness lasciviousness in every teen and child with whom they come in contact.

It is no surprise then to see Big Abortion deeply invested in the push to “trans” kids. Your child ages 13-19 can go chat live with other LGBTQ+ children at Planned Parenthood’s “Q Chat” space and learn all about puberty blockers and transitioning. And don’t worry, parents, Planned Parenthood’s trained facilitators are there to keep it all LGBTQ+ affirming. You know, so none of that Bible stuff will get on their head.

However, the problem is more profound than that of outside leftist organizations. Our government is starting

to use its power to promote this. A November ballot initiative in Missouri illustrates the problem. It seeks to amend the state constitution to create a right to “reproductive freedom.” The language, I hope, immediately lets you know it is a euphemism for abortion. But the agenda goes deeper than that now.

You see, gender transition surgeries have to do with a person’s reproductive organs. So, is it part of “reproductive health.” The specific measure in Missouri entails “the right to make and carry out decisions about all matters relating to reproductive health care, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care,

NEW CWA RESOURCE

CWALAC Scorecard for the 118th Congress First Session

Be an informed voter by seeing where your Members of Congress stand on critical issues facing our families, our culture, our freedoms, and our democracy after the first year of the 118th Congress.

Review the scorecard [here](#).



birth control, abortion care, miscarriage care, and respectful birthing conditions.”

Is so-called “gender-affirming care” part of what is being envisioned here when the language places no limit on the broad definition? You can rest assured that the government bureaucrats administering this are thinking that way. There is no stopping this train once it is enshrined in the state constitution of all places.

We don’t even have to wonder. In a [recent statement](#) noting this threat related to Missouri, more than forty leaders point out the many places where the Left has made this explicit. The University of Chicago’s “trans clinic,” for example, defines “reproductive health services” as including “gender-affirming” surgeries, menstrual suppression, and abortion.

Noting this link is incredibly important for you as state leaders. Wherever you read about

“reproductive healthcare,” you’ll have to account for this development that the other side is using more aggressively now that they feel they have the momentum following the fall of *Roe*.

PRAY:

- ◆ **Pray for the protection of the hearts and minds of children as they are assaulted daily by the lies of the media, the entertainment industry, and their own school systems.**

Pray John 10:10 on their behalf: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” And, pray the Lord’s “wall of fire surround them” as God promises in Zechariah 2:5: “And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst.”

- ◆ **Pray against those who seek to do harm to our children: the medical community, whose oath is to heal and not harm; government officials whose policies are detrimental to its citizens; financiers of transitioning surgeries and access to transitioning drugs whose monies destroy the lives of those who are confused.**

Pray first for the hearts of those who seek to do harm to be radically changed by the power of Jesus Christ. Pray Hebrews 7:25 on their behalf: “Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”

- ◆ **Pray these harmers would understand what the Lord says in Luke 17:2 about harming children: “It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.”**

SENATE INSIGHTS

HHS to Force Doctors to Provide Transgender Surgeries



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

The Biden Administration is now forcing private insurance companies to cover abortion services and transgender procedures through a new regulation. Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kansas) and Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas 21st) have introduced a bill to stop it.

Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, and sex in “covered health programs and activities” that receive federal assistance.

But after the Supreme Court ruled in *Bostock v. Clayton County* that sex included gender identity and sexual

orientation within a specific Title VII context, the Biden Administration manipulated the decision to use it beyond the Court’s specific guidance to implement a radical new regulation. The rule, finalized on May 6 of this year, expands the definition of sex discrimination to include “sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, including intersex traits; and pregnancy (this includes history of abortion) or related conditions.”

The result is that most insurance plans will be required to cover

harmful transgender “healthcare,” including puberty blocker prescriptions, cross-sex hormones, and dangerous gender-transition surgeries, as well as abortions and related procedures. These insurance plans will likely become more expensive in order to expand their coverage, meaning Americans will be paying more in order to cover services with which the vast majority do not agree.

This rule applies not only to all ACA plans but also to most private, employer sponsored healthcare. Not only are any medical providers under these plans now required to supply abortion services, but also “gender affirming procedures,” even if medical professionals believe these procedures are wrong or harmful.

The rule explicitly says that a doctor cannot refuse service to a patient for care protected under the new definition of “sex discrimination.” It is fairly evident that the Administration intends to pressure hospitals to engage in the discrimination against conscience in which the government cannot engage, as they have done in the case of Big Tech and our First Amendment rights.

Thankfully, there are congressmen willing to expose this. Concerned Women for American Legislative Action Committee has endorsed the Congressional Review Act bill introduced by Sen. Marshall and Rep. Roy that would undo the new rule.

GENDER IDEOLOGY Real and Mounting Evidence Against the Push to Trans Kids

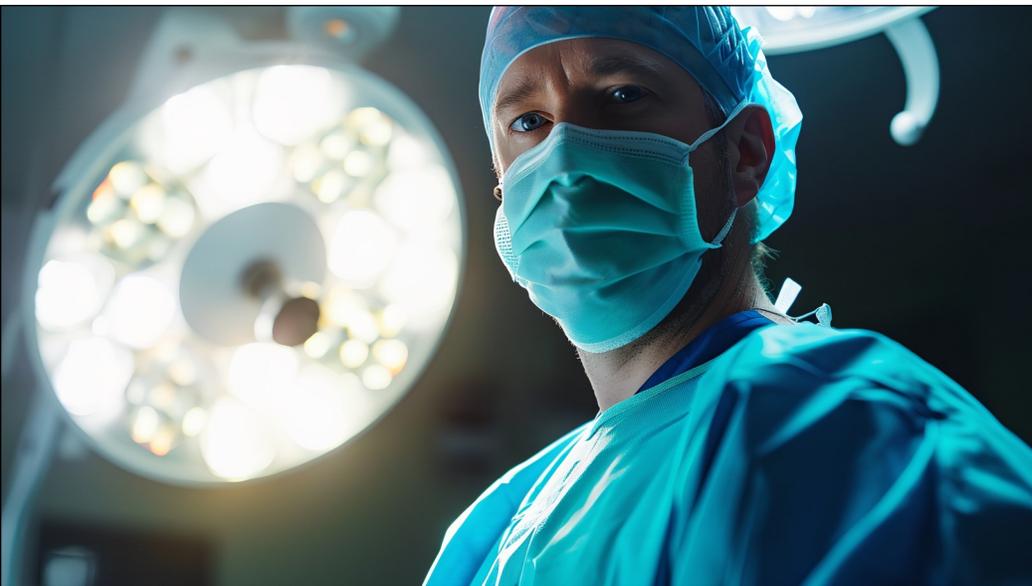


Doreen Denny,
Senior Advisor

Critical evidence is shining an intense spotlight on the medical establishment pushing “gender affirming care” on youth. It reveals the serious malpractice of promoting ideology and profiting from treatments that are fueled by [circular citations](#) of flimsy, non-scientific research from an activist class of unaccountable transgender health “experts.”

Two blockbuster developments: [The WPATH Files](#) published in March are leaked conversations from an internal online forum of the World Professional Association for Transgender Healthcare (WPATH). U.S. think tank Environmental Progress unmasks how “WPATH is neither a scientific nor a medical organization and shouldn’t be treated as one.” [Excerpts](#) reveal the underbelly of negligence and activism fueling deceptive experimental treatment on youth who lack the capacity for consent.

[The final Cass Review](#) from the UK, published in April, is the first long-term independent study compiling data from youth treatments in gender clinics. The study strongly concludes that there is “no good evidence” for giving puberty blocking drugs to minors for relieving gender dysphoria and



ACTION: Use our [ACTION CENTER](#) to tell your congressmen to support the Congressional Review Act.

PRAY medical professionals will stand boldly against the Biden Administration rule that could force them to perform elective, body-disfiguring surgeries for transgender individuals against their sincerely held religious beliefs.

warns that the entire artifice of so-called gender affirming care is “built on shaky foundations.”

In a recent interview with [The New York Times](#), Dr. Hilary Cass decries the U.S. system of health care as “out of date.” She warns against a continuing practice that is not rigorously evidence-based, lacks follow-up, and ignores the comorbidities and contagions driving the dysphoria.

Alongside this mounting evidence, state legislatures are adding to the impressive list of wins this session. In May, South Carolina became the 25th state to prohibit puberty blockers, cross-sex drugs, and surgeries for youth. New Hampshire’s legislature has put a bill restricting gender transition treatment for minors on Gov. Chris Sununu’s desk.

Meanwhile, far-reaching federal regulations are forcing new “gender identity” mandates through federal health programs. Mississippi’s McComb Children’s Clinic is the [first to sue](#) the Biden Administration for its final rule forcing the clinic to violate its Hippocratic Oath

and Mississippi law by requiring harmful treatments on vulnerable youth through Obamacare.

The WPATH Files and the Cass Review will provide critical evidence for policy and legal battles being waged against the destructive impact of gender ideology.



PRAY: “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”
(Ephesians 5:11)

CWA IN THE NEWS

A Voice for the Jewish People



Women for America Podcasts
[Antisemitism on College Campuses](#)
YWA Coordinator Julia Campbell sat down with YWA President at College of the Ozarks, Madelyn Sestak, to respond to the antisemitism happening on campuses.

[Campus Heroes: Fraternity Brothers at UNC Protect the American Flag](#)

CWA’s Executive VP Annabelle Rutledge, interviews one of the brave fraternity brothers from UNC who protected the American flag after it was ripped down by pro-Palestine protestors on campus.

[Exposing the Gender Ideology Cult with Mary Margaret Olohan](#)
Penny Nance sat down with *The Daily Signal*’s Mary Margaret Olohan to discuss her new book, “*Detrans: True Stories of Escaping the Gender Ideology Cult.*”

[A Conversation on Harrison Butker’s Commencement Speech](#)
Penny Nance was joined by her daughter Claire Nance Klakring and YWA Ambassador Noelle Fitchett to dissect the speech and respond to the hypocritical feedback Kansas City Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker

is receiving from the media after his commencement speech.

Television/Online Media/Radio



May 3: CWA’s Senior Advisor Doreen Denny [provided expertise](#) on Biden’s Title IX changes on *The Washington Stand*’s podcast.

May 7: Penny Nance [countered](#) Vice President Kamala Harris’ pro-abortion event in Pennsylvania, on the John Steigerwald Show.

May 9: CWA captured live [social media content](#), [videos](#), and

interviews at a large pro-Israel rally at the University of Southern California.

May 15: Annabelle Rutledge was [interviewed](#) by Bianca de la Garza on *Newsmax* about PAAU activist Lauren Handy's unjust ruling.

May 23: “[Penny \[had\] coffee with Liz](#)” on Liz Hirsh Naftali’s podcast, the Capitol Coffee Connection.

Print Media

May 9: CWA’s Paige Nelson, who attended the pro-Israel march at USC, was featured in a [story by Media Research Center](#).

May 14: CWA’s Julia Campbell’s [powerful op-ed](#) on responding to antisemitism on campuses was featured in *American Thinker*.

May 22: Doreen Denny’s [op-ed published at The Federalist](#) spotlights how a women’s rights group is selling out women by petitioning a federal court in Georgia to intervene in the case defending trans-identifying males participating in female sports.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA YWA From Coast to Coast



Morgan Schlesselman, YWA National Director

Young Women for America (YWA) was busy with activism from coast to coast in May. A dozen YWA leaders and staff joined the Philos Project and other coalition partners outside the University of Southern California for the United for Israel March. YWA Ambassador Bethany Miller, who attended, said, “*It was a peaceful, joyous, and respectful march with hundreds in attendance unified with one mission—to stand with Israel and to worship our sovereign God. We must tell of the horrors of Hamas; We must bring every hostage home; We must advocate for and pray over the state of Israel; And we must trust in the favor and will of our Yahweh.*”

In Oregon, YWA Ambassador Caitlin Abbott rallied for female athletes at the High School State Track and Field Championships as a male won the women’s 200m race and placed second in the women’s 400m. Coaches and parents created “Save Girls’ Sports” shirts. While

the fact that a male stole a championship from a female and displaced a handful of female athletes along the way it is encouraging to hear that coaches, parents, and fans in attendance were aware of the situation and willing to take a stand.



A few YWA leaders and staff traveled to New York City to see *October 7: In Their Own Words*, an off-Broadway show based on first-hand accounts of people in Israel on October 7. The actors portrayed real people and shared their experiences verbatim. YWA Ambassador Halli Gravley, who has

visited Israel, shared these remarks about the play: “*The resilience and strength of the people in Israel on October 7 amidst tragedy is remarkable. I have been to Israel and think back to the streets where I walked and the people I met. I wonder if the buildings I stood in nine months prior still stand? Did the wonderful people I met survive? It’s heartbreaking to think about, but this play truly gives an inside look at what they had to endure on October 7. I believe it’s incredibly important for everyone to see this play and to hear the verbatim stories from survivors.*”



ACTION: If possible, travel to New York City and see *October 7: In Their Own Words*. You can learn more at october7the-play.com/. Share the word with friends nearby. It’s running until June 16.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Concerned Women for America's Network of Leaders Understand the Power of Showing Up

Our leaders are showing up for life, the family, Israel, female athletes, and more!



(1) CWA of North Carolina partnered with Love Life, Cabarrus Women's Center, and two local churches to pray for the unborn across the street from an abortion clinic in Charlotte, NC. Top: State Director Tina Maria Bloomer prays for the strongholds of abortion to be broken.



(2) CWA of California leaders and Young Women for America leaders joined the Philos Project and other coalition partners outside the University of Southern California for the United for Israel March. Top: CWA of California State Director Marlo Tucker. Bottom: CWA of California's Orange County Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Patty Buxton.



(3) CWA of North Dakota State Director Linda Thorson visited their state's Attorney General's office to petition on behalf of female athletes.





(4) CWA of Florida's State Director, Ruth Smith, introduces CWA to the Hernando area where Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Beverly Shoemaker is establishing a chapter.



(5) CWA of Oklahoma's Oklahoma City Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Joy Howell hosted her inaugural Chapter meeting. Check out this group picture! From an attendee: "Thank you for the beautiful meeting. What an awesome beginning for this long awaited chapter ...I instantly felt like I knew you and though we never met in the flesh we are All One in the Spirit. I look forward to next time."



(6) CWA of Illinois' Mokena faithful Prayer/Action Chapter.



(7) CWA of Texas leaders and friends educated delegates at the Texas GOP Convention on the dangers of all forms of gambling by distributing educational push cards on the issue. Left: Gloria Wiggins (Chapter member), Beverly Roberts, (CWA of Texas South Area Director) Right: Beverly Roberts, Alison Gardner (Chapter leader), Paula Moore (Issue Specialist).



(8) CWA of Pennsylvania's Pottstown Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Kathleen Kijack (right) with recent speaker Kristina Stuart, Client Advocate for the local pregnancy care center, Genesis Women's Clinic.



(9) CWA of New Mexico's Sue Simmons, Prayer Chapter Coordinator and Mary Jo Gallegos (new PAL), and Loretta Vigil.