



November 5 Election Information – Ballot Initiatives

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

CWA of South Dakota knows that you, the voters, are looking to us for assistance in understanding proposed amendments to our South Dakota Constitution which will be on the November ballot. Consider the following important educational facts when voting:

[Amendment G](#), if passed, would

- Enshrine a right to abortion in our South Dakota Constitution.
- Permit the ending of human life during all nine months of pregnancy.
- Invalidate right to life protections for unborn babies and their pregnant mothers.
- Remove all [state laws](#) that sought to protect the health and safety of mothers and babies, i.e. laws requiring waiting periods, sanitary conditions and licensed doctors, examination of medical history and risks, confirmation of informed consent and screening for coercion. It would also eliminate laws requiring parental involvement in the case of a minor.
- Make it very difficult for the legislature to pass any limiting legislation, even when aimed at protecting mothers and babies, since it would be in our Constitution.
- Put in jeopardy conscience protections for doctors and other medical professionals, though they will surely be tested in court.
- Lead to taxpayer-funded abortion.

Questions?
Call State Director Linda Schauer
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[Referred Law 21](#)

Background: By far the most prominent topic in the legislative session this year was the Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Pipeline promoted by Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS).

One of the many bills that were considered was [SB201](#). Falsely dubbed the “Landowners’ Bill of Rights,” the law takes away rights that landowners already have constitutionally. SB201 was drafted without any input from landowners. SCS seeks to capture and process the CO2 from ethanol plants, then transport it in a pipeline under immense 2200 PSI pressure through South Dakota to North Dakota where they intend to bury the liquid CO2 in the ground in an effort to “curb climate change.” Carbon dioxide in its natural state is not a pollutant. It is plant food, the gas of life created by God.

Supporters of this bill include both domestic and foreign entities such as John Deere, Blackrock, Saudia Arabia, a Chinese Communist Party-tied entity, etc. Our tax dollars would benefit extremely wealthy investors with lucrative tax credits provided by taxpayers through the 2022 [“Inflation Reduction Act.”](#)

SB201 was passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Noem (R). However, grassroots citizens who opposed the bill carried out a successful petition drive to prevent SB201 from becoming law, thus bringing it to a vote of the people.

Referred Law 21, if passed, will

- **Abolish local control**, taking that right from the citizens/county commission and zoning boards and giving it to the state, namely the three commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission.
- Allow hazardous CO2 pipelines to be placed wherever SCS deems feasible for them, disregarding safety protections or county ordinances.
- Put our aquifers at risk by requiring massive amounts

of water to cool the liquified CO2.

- Allow the hazardous CO2 pipeline to be placed near farmsteads, churches, towns, etc. If the pipe ruptures (it has occurred), people and livestock may die as concentrated CO2 is an odorless and colorless asphyxiant—a silent killer. The kill zone could be several to many miles, depending on the wind, weather conditions, or topography. Vehicles will not start as they need oxygen, too.
- Lead to a dangerous precedent to unconstitutionally “take” any private property through eminent domain. [Eminent domain](#) should be for “public use,” NOT for private gain by investors using our tax dollars. SB201 does not protect landowners from eminent domain for private gain or destructive and invasive surveys.

“Freedom and property rights are inseparable. You can’t have one without the other.”
 –George Washington

Constitutional Amendment H

Amendment H has been labeled the “jungle primary.” **Primary elections are very important as they preserve the integrity of each party.** Everyone gets to vote in November --no one is disenfranchised. Primaries are a process for each party to select their candidate(s) by its registered members.

If Amendment H passes,

- “California type” primaries will be open to all registered voters, regardless of their party affiliation.
- In the primary, Republicans could vote for Democrat candidates and Democrats could vote for Republican candidates. Additionally, Independent and unaffiliated voters

Early voting begins September 20. The deadline to register to vote is October 21.

would be able to vote for any candidate. The top two candidates, regardless of party, proceed to the general election.

- Out-of-state influences will affect our elections.
- “California type” primaries will be solidified in our state Constitution.

Initiated Measure 28, if passed,

- would repeal the state **sales tax** on anything sold for human “consumption,” which is undefined.
- could lead to cuts in public safety, school funding, maintenance of highways, roads and bridges.
- could lead to increased sales tax for non-food items.
- could lead the state to impose a state income tax.

Amendment F

If passed, Amendment F would allow the legislature to establish **work requirements** for individuals receiving expanded Medicaid benefits, except for the mentally or physically disabled.

Amendment E

If passed, Amendment E would change the text of the South Dakota Constitution making it **gender-neutral**. References to office holders using the male pronoun would be adjusted to reflect their title, for example “the Governor,” “the Attorney General,” “the Secretary of State,” etc.

Initiated Measure 29

Initiated Measure 29, if passed, will legalize recreational marijuana. This is the fifth attempt to make this drug legal in our state. Short-term effects include dangerous alterations of judgment; long-term effects include addiction, chronic psychosis, and the consequent destructive societal harms.

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”
 --Edmund Burke

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Democracy vs. Republic

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 33:12

In the Pledge of Allegiance we say, “and to the **Republic.**” Our leaders, even the President and those in the media, often call our form of government a democracy. But do we or they understand the difference between a democracy and a republic?

A **democracy** is simple majority rule; opinions or emotions of the citizens create the “norm” or “the law,” which is based on the whim of the populous or the mobs, with no safeguards for the minority or the individual. The all-powerful majority is not restrained by law as we know it, and, therefore, can take control. “In democracy ... there are commonly tumults and disorders Therefore, a pure democracy is generally a very bad government. It is often the most tyrannical government on earth.” --Noah Webster

We have a **republican** form of government which is limited by or subject to the law and a constitution, which

safeguard the unalienable rights of the minority. Under a republic, citizens have a standard, i.e. a system of moral laws based on such foundations as the Ten Commandments, and the people must seek to live by this system for the republic to succeed.

In a democracy, the entire population votes, and the majority wins. In our republic, citizens elect representatives who make the laws under which we live. It is imperative, therefore, that we elect righteous representatives who pass moral laws.

Following the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin, “Sir, what have you given us?” Franklin responded, “A Republic, Ma'am, if you can keep it.”

“Democracy is like two wolves and a lamb deciding what to have for dinner.”
--author unknown

The United Nations – Threat to our National Sovereignty

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Formed in 1945 following World War II, sold as a remedy for world peace, the United Nations (UN) was formed and quickly became a power grab by unelected bureaucrats who were later found to be global-hungry leftists. Alger Hiss, an American who became the first Secretary General, was found to be a Soviet Union spy.

[Recent reports](#) show that workers of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) were advocates of terroristic antisemitism as exhibited by their involvement with and participation in the horrific October 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

Over the years, efforts have been unsuccessful to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. Recently, however, some leaders have changed their attitude and become more supportive of withdrawing the U.S. from the UN. FOX News commentator Sean Hannity, who previously supported the UN, has stated, “... get us out of all these globalist organizations.”

Other leaders are getting on the bandwagon to cut U.S. funding for the UN. The DEFUND Act (H.R. 6645 and S. 3428) would accomplish that, saving U.S. taxpayers more than \$18 million annually.

Numerous agencies stem from the UN: The World Economic Forum, World Trade Organization, Council on Foreign Relations, World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), etc. In response to COVID, WHO is working on a plan to globally control a future epidemic, threatening our medical freedom with forced vaccines and lockdowns, etc.

Agenda 2030 is designed for overwhelming power over the population by imposing extreme environmental control. Americans reject control and confiscation of their property and food supply. A “[Summit of the Future](#),” scheduled for September 22-24 in New York City, is designed to expand UN control of member nations through Agenda 2030.

At [CWA](#), we strive to ensure that neither the UN nor any other international organization holds authority over the sovereignty of the U.S. in any area. The idea of one world government threatens our Republic based on the Constitution.

For supportive/more information on this topic go to:
globalaffairs.org/bluemarket/americans-view-united-nations-ukraine-israel-conflicts
unep.org/who-we-are/about-us
ips-journal.eu/topics/democracy-and-society/does-the-united-nations-still-exist-6228
weforum.org/agenda/2024/07/un-summit-future-sdgs

Chevron Overruled: A More Limited Federal Government?

“Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people.
It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.” --John Adams 1798

From CWA’s Blogpost, September 2023:

Chevron is a 1984 Supreme Court decision that requires courts to defer to government agencies when those agencies interpret federal law. But as we have experienced very practically in recent years, government agencies are prone to abuse that power to promote political agendas instead of impartial “expertise.” This has resulted in some very egregious violations, where agencies like the IRS target people of faith, like the Little Sisters of the Poor, for example. Or who can forget how supposed health experts targeted churches during the COVID scare. The Court has already acknowledged many problems with *Chevron*, showing great skepticism about its application in lower courts, and we are hoping this case finally ends its regrettable era. --Mario Diaz, COO and General Counsel

On July 16, the Supreme Court did send *Chevron* to the dustbin of history. According to Forbes.com, the Court had not cited the *Chevron* decision since 2016, and this Supreme Court opinion found that *Chevron* was not compatible with the Administrative Procedure Act. Without *Chevron*, judges will have a broader ability to interpret laws, and Congress will be required to write clearer laws. This decision could help clarify the duties of the three branches of government.

Could this down-with-*Chevron* decision have an impact on CWA’s fight to restore sanity to the current climate in girls’ and women’s sports? You are likely aware that men who either fake being women or claim to be women have been winning trophies in sports that were meant to be women-only. The Title IX federal act of 1972 was intended to protect women’s sports, but the Biden Administration’s Department of Education did a rewrite of Title IX that redefines discrimination based on sex to mean “gender identity” instead of the reality of being male and female.

As of August 5, ten federal courts have issued orders blocking Biden’s illegitimate mandates until cases can be argued further in courts. Decisions have put the Biden Title IX Rule on hold in all 26 states filing lawsuits. South Dakota is among those states. Congress has the authority to review a final regulation for consistency with the intent of laws Congress passed. With CWA’s help and advocacy, the U.S. House passed a joint resolution rejecting the Biden Title IX rewrite as a violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. As noted above, the implications of the lack of *Chevron* standards could mean that the courts and Congress will push for the original intent of Title IX to ensure that female students and athletes have the same opportunities as their male counterparts. “Gender identity” was not a part of the 1972 Title IX law, nor should it be now.

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