



Protecting Colorado's Children

What Faith Communities Need to Know

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This series of our What Faith Communities Need to Know special briefings will feature more in-depth analysis on matters related to the November 3rd election. While we include analysis and recommendations in our annual Vote Your Values Guide, our hope is that this series of briefings will provide additional context and information on policy matters during the upcoming election and beyond.

What's on the Ballot?

An organization called “Protect Kids Colorado” put forward three of the fourteen statewide questions that will be on the ballot this November: [Prop 133](#), [Prop 134](#), and [Prop 135](#).

The group describes its goal to “mobilize the people of Colorado and the Church to engage with biblical and biological truth” and according to reporting, they have Christian nationalist connections and [adopt extremist rhetoric](#). When policies are connected to an explicitly discriminatory and anti religious liberty campaign, we feel that is something faith communities and people of faith and conscience need to know.

What do experts say?

PROP 133 ACTUALLY HURTS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) and other respected organizations are asking for a [NO vote on Prop 133](#). CCASA, a statewide survivor-led organization, explains how 133 actually hurts victims of sex trafficking, sexual and domestic violence, and child abuse. According to CCASA, Prop 133 provides traffickers with a tool to exploit victims. In particular, Prop 133 removes judicial discretion and puts victims at risk of lifelong imprisonment for coerced acts. Traffickers often target vulnerable minors, not only subjecting them to abuse but also coercing them into becoming involved in illegal acts. The threat of law enforcement then becomes additional leverage that traffickers use to discourage victims from seeking help. It's not an empty threat – victims could be facing the same harsh punishment of those who trafficked them; they have the burden of proving their own victimization or facing life imprisonment.





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PROP 133 ACTUALLY HURTS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Continued...

By shifting discretion from judges to prosecutors, Prop 133 also takes power from the neutral role of judge and puts it with the adversarial role of prosecutor.

To protect children, we must continue to address the conditions that make them vulnerable and that traffickers rely on to operate – and advance evidence supported policies that prevent and address the harm. When [survivors are telling us that Prop 133 will make the situation worse](#), that's something that faith communities and people of faith and conscience need to know.

PROP 134 PUTS CHILDREN AT RISK AND SUBSTITUTES THE JUDGMENT OF EXPERTS WITH A VAGUE, RIGID MANDATE.

Experts are also speaking out against Prop 134, echoing our concerns that the vague policy invites scrutiny and policing of young people's bodies and leaves no room for the judgment of parents, schools, and athletic associations. Organizations like the [Women's Foundation of Colorado](#) are concerned about how Prop 134 invites invasive scrutiny of all women and girls' bodies & identities. A number of professional organizations representing youth mental health professionals, including the Colorado Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Society, have also talked about [the negative impacts Prop 134 will have for youth](#). Others, including [members of the BOE](#), have explained how Prop 134 removes the discretion that parents, schools, and athletic associations need to best address the needs of every student athlete. All of Colorado's children should have safety, dignity and opportunity, and the experts are telling us that Prop 134 fails to do that.

PROP 135 INSERTS GOVERNMENT INTO PRIVATE HEALTHCARE MATTERS THAT SHOULD BE LEFT TO FAMILIES AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

The Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a host of other professional organizations [are united in their belief that Prop 135 conflicts with best practices and their ability to provide the best care to all children and families](#). As experts have recently noted, many of the terms employed in Prop 135 are not medical terms and [do not reflect the realities and complexities of medical practice](#).





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Why should we be concerned?

When policies are developed without the input of experts, including people with lived experience, it's a recipe for bad policy. When policies are developed in order to advance extremist beliefs without fully considering the consequences, that's also a recipe for bad policy. As people of faith and conscience who are committed to the welfare and dignity of ALL people within our communities, we encourage you to learn more about what experts are saying about Prop 133, Prop 134, and Prop 135 and how they fail to protect Colorado's children.

What can faith communities do?

Too often the narratives surrounding LGBTQIA+ people are not coming from within those communities but from others who have targeted LGBTQIA+ people, reacting in opposition to more representation in public life and acceptance of LGBTQIA+ identities. Our transgender siblings in particular are experiencing and carrying the weight of a well-coordinated effort to diminish them and prevent them from living authentically. By advancing narratives that conflate allowing young people to live authentically with child sexual abuse and trafficking, opponents want to use public opinion and the law to make it unsafe to be LGBTQIA+ or affirm LGBTQIA+ identity. Because we are called to protect democracy, religious liberty, and the vulnerable within our community, we believe that we can each follow our own path without making Colorado an unsafe place for others to do so.

Because those narratives are often couched in religious belief or ideology, people of faith are well-positioned to support our LGBTQIA+ siblings in combating harmful narratives, making space for LGBTQIA+ people to tell their stories, and using our voices to challenge policies that harm not only LGBTQIA+ Coloradans but ALL of us.

