



What's at Stake

A dangerous, anti-woman proposed constitutional amendment will appear on New York ballots on November 5th. [Prop 1](#) seeks to amend the New York Constitution to add new protected classes including, among other things, gender identity, gender expression, and age.

- If passed, gender identity will be enshrined in the New York constitution as a protected class, opening the door for males to invade female spaces, including girls and women's sports, locker rooms, showers, sororities, prisons, domestic abuse shelters, and female-only schools, and stripping New York girls and women of their privacy, safety, opportunities, and scholarships.

Not only will Prop 1 erase women's rights, it will also significantly erode parental rights. Age as a protected class will allow the social transition of children in schools without parental involvement or even notification. By giving children gender identity-based rights, the government can step in against parents choosing to raise their children without sterilizing drugs or surgeries.

The consequences of permanently enshrining gender ideology in the state constitution will devastate women, children, and families. Prop 1 cements a basis for men to self-identify into women-only spaces and grants rights for gender-dysphoric minors over parental rights.

A Better Way Forward

- The New York Constitution and numerous state laws already protect all persons from discrimination. Lawmakers should focus their efforts on protecting and preserving women-only spaces instead of using Prop 1 as a trojan horse attempt to drive voter turnout in a critical election cycle.
- New York State should pass the [Women's Bill of Rights](#), which clarifies the state's definition of "sex" as a person's biological sex (either male or female).
- New York State should pass legislation protecting [women's sports](#).

Addressing Misperceptions

MISPERCEPTIONS	FACTS
<p>Prop 1 is necessary to protect abortion in New York State.</p>	<p>Access to abortion is not remotely at risk in New York, and the constitutional language will add nothing to existing sweeping access. New York legalized abortion in 1970. In 2019, New York passed the Reproductive Health Act, establishing a woman’s “fundamental right” to abortion as part of state law. Recognizing a political opportunity, within days of Roe being overturned in 2022, New York Democrats rushed to adopt Prop 1’s language, circumventing the constitutionally required process for adopting a ballot measure. Because partisan courts have decided not to address Prop 1’s deficiencies, the measure is now forced upon New Yorkers in a partisan effort to boost voter turnout under the false guise that it’s necessary to protect abortion.</p> <p>Proponents are lying to New Yorkers to scare and manipulate to drive them to the polls in November.</p>
<p>Prop 1 is necessary to protect equality in New York State.</p>	<p>New York Civil Rights Law, the Human Rights Law, as well as provisions in other statutes, protect all New Yorkers against discrimination. Prop 1 is a bait and switch on New York voters. It has nothing to do with equality, which grants equal protection based on, for the most part, immutable characteristics. Rather, Prop 1 elevates a belief (gender ideology) above women’s rights. Rather than upholding equality, gender identity as a protected class drastically guts the rights of girls and women.</p>
<p>Prop 1 won’t take away parental rights.</p>	<p>Prop 1 adopts age as a protected class, pitting parental rights against the rights of minors. This will lead to legal challenges removing parental consent and notification requirements from decisions impacting minor children, including social and medical transitioning of children. Prop 1 effectively removes parents from crucial decision-making processes regarding their children’s health and well-being.</p>