

# VOTE NO ON 4

## Vote No On 4 Florida Launches Campaign Against Controversial Amendment 4

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**VOTE NO ON 4 FLORIDA** has launched a campaign to defeat Amendment 4 on the November ballot, unveiling new websites in English and Spanish and releasing a video titled “Not What it Seems.”

The 2-minute video criticizes Amendment 4 for not defining key terms like “viability,” “healthcare provider” and “patient’s health,” leaving voters uncertain about its implications.

“Amendment 4 allows abortions throughout pregnancy, even when the baby can feel pain,” said Vote No On 4 Florida President Dr. Mary J. O’Sullivan, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Miami Medical School. “It permits any ‘healthcare provider’ to determine fetal viability and approve late-term abortions, giving clinics a green light for third-trimester abortions.”

The campaign has strong grassroots support, including from the Florida Catholic bishops. Organizers have built a network reaching nearly 80 percent of Florida voters. Volunteers will educate voters that Amendment 4 is “way too

extreme, and not what it seems.” The Office of Human Life & Dignity is also involved in voter education through parishes, ministries and organizations. Email [hld@dosaf.com](mailto:hld@dosaf.com) on ways you can help.

Amendment 4 is funded by out-of-state special interest groups, including the abortion industry and George Soros’ Open Society Fund. Notably, its primary funding organization opposed a bill requiring emergency medical treatment for babies born alive during abortions, which the Florida legislature unanimously passed.

### **What You Need to Know:**

Regardless of where you stand on the issue of abortion, Amendment 4 is so extreme that there are three compelling reasons why almost everyone—whether pro-life or pro-choice—should VOTE NO on Amendment 4:

**Parental Consent:** Almost everyone agrees that, like any other medical procedure, parental consent should be required before a minor undergoes an abortion. However, Amendment 4 would repeal parental consent laws in Florida.

**Medical Decision-Making:** Many who are pro-choice believe that abortion decisions should be made between a woman and her doctor. Yet, Amendment 4 removes doctors from the decision-making process by not requiring a licensed medical doctor to determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother’s health or if the baby is viable. Instead, it allows any “healthcare provider” to make these determinations. Under Florida law, “healthcare provider” is not limited to doctors, meaning even non-doctor employees of abortion clinics could approve late-term abortions.

**Undefined Terms:** One thing everyone can agree on is that constitutional amendments should be clear. However, Amendment 4 fails to define crucial terms such as “government interference,” “viability,” “patient’s health” and “healthcare provider.” This lack of clarity means voters won’t fully understand the impact of what they’re voting on, leading to years of litigation and legal uncertainty. The people of Florida deserve better.

The extremists who wrote Amendment 4 could have defined these terms and closed these loopholes but chose not to. They could have required actual medical doctors to determine fetal viability or if a health exception should be granted, but instead, they created multiple loopholes. They aim to deceive Florida voters into legalizing abortion at any age, even up to full-term without parental consent and by individuals who are not a licensed medical doctors. Amendment 4 was written to enshrine into Florida’s constitution the ability to have abortions up to the moment of birth and to remove existing parental consent laws.

No matter your position on abortion, you should vote “NO” on Amendment 4. It’s deceptive, and it’s too extreme for Florida. 🐦