

Protecting Abortion Access for Teens: Defeating Parental Notification in California

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Abortion Access in California



- CA considered a pro-choice state, with broad constitutional right-to-privacy protection
- Previous efforts by the state legislature to restrict abortion access for teens overturned by CA Supreme Court
- Attempts to restrict access through ballot initiatives— process through which *the people* have the power to propose statutes and amendments to the California Constitution

Proposition 73

- Parental notification initiative qualified for November 2005 ballot
- Special election called by Governor Schwarzenegger
- Campaign for Real Teen Safety—statewide coalition promoting No on 73
- Reproductive justice, civil rights, women's rights groups, students, teachers, nurses, doctors
- 73 defeated 53% to 47%



***Prop 73 will create a barrier between teens
and the adults they turn to for help***

“When I can’t talk to my parents, I turn to my
older sister, ចង្រ្រើ, 知心朋友, 親友, 언니, พี่สาว, *chi*.”



***Don't Let Proposition 73 Come Between a Teen and
Her Older Sister, ចង្រ្រើ, 知心朋友, 親友,
언니, พี่สาว, *chi*.***

Proposition 85



- Qualified for November 2006 election
- Like Prop 73, would amend CA Constitution to require parental notification and a 48-hour waiting period prior to a minor's abortion
- Again, broad, diverse coalition defeated the legislation-- 54% to 46%
- Reproductive justice, civil rights, and women's rights organizations, labor, clergy, teachers, students, nurses, doctors

¡Vote **NO** a la Proposición 85!



La Proposición 85 es una iniciativa peligrosa que pondría en riesgo a **nuestras hijas**. Esta medida puede parecer buena a primera vista. Como padres, deseamos lo mejor para nuestras hijas. Queremos que ellas nos tengan confianza y en muchos casos es así.

La 85 pondría en riesgo a las adolescentes con miedo de hablar con **sus padres**. Las forzaría a encargarse ellas mismas de una situación difícil, sin contar con el apoyo de sus familiares o de otros adultos en quien confíen. La Proposición 85 busca obligar a los médicos a notificar a los padres de las jóvenes menores de 18 años antes de practicar un aborto.



La buena comunicación familiar no puede ser obligada por el gobierno o por una corte. Al sentirse forzadas a decidir entre hablar con sus padres o contar los detalles más íntimos de su vida a un juez, es posible que algunas jóvenes tomen medidas extremas.

LA PROPOSICIÓN 85 ES UNA MEDIDA PELIGROSA.

Todos sabemos que es mejor prevenir que lamentar. Necesitamos mejores formas de compartir la información sobre la salud reproductiva en un ambiente de honestidad, con un diálogo abierto con nuestras hijas. Necesitamos educación sexual completa en nuestras escuelas para que nuestras hijas aprendan como protegerse a sí mismas y mantenerse sanas.

Si por cualquier razón, nuestras hijas no pueden hablar con nosotros, lo más importante es que estén seguras y protegidas.

Por eso, los doctores, las enfermeras y los maestros que se encargan de nuestras hijas adolescentes todos los días dicen ¡NO a la 85! – porque entienden el verdadero peligro que presenta para nuestras hijas.

ÚNASE A:

El Alcalde de Los Angeles
Antonio Villaraigosa

La Asociación Médica de California
La Asociación de Enfermeras de California
La Academia de Médicos Familiares de California
La Asociación de Maestros de California...
y millones de padres de familia en California que apoyan la Campaña por la Seguridad y Protección de Nuestras Hijas – NO a la 85.

En su editorial contra la Proposición 85, *La Opinión* escribe: "La mayoría de las familias no se ven afectadas por las circunstancias descritas en esta iniciativa, por eso se debe pensar más allá de lo personal. No es necesario cambiar la ley y quitarle una protección importante a las jóvenes en los casos más críticos. ¡Vote "no" a la Proposición 85!"

PROTECCIÓN Y SEGURIDAD

¡NO a la 85!

PARA NUESTRAS HIJAS

Seguridad y Protección para
Nuestras Hijas—¡NO a la 85!

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Why Doctors Oppose Prop 85



- We want families to communicate about medical treatment, but doctors need to be able to be there when they can't
- The parental notification initiative is a threat to public health
- The medical community is united against laws like this because they jeopardize young women's health and don't work.

Medical Associations Opposing Proposition 85


- ACCESS: Women's Health Rights Coalition
- American Academy of Pediatrics – California
- National Health Law Program
- Riverside County Medical Association
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium
- American Medical Women's Association, IX
- San Francisco Human Services Network
- California Academy of Family Physicians
- San Francisco Medical Society
- California Black Women's Health Project
- Santa Barbara County Medical Society
- California Medical Association
- Society for Adolescent Medicine, Northern CA Regional Chapter
- California Nurses Association
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- Society for Adolescent Medicine, Southern CA Regional Chapter
- California Physician Alliance
- California Primary Care Association
- Women's Health Specialists, Chico
- California School Health Centers
- Women's Health Specialists, Redding
- Girlfriend's Medical Group, Inc.
- Women's Health Specialists, Sacramento
- Health Information Specialist Public Health
- Women's Health Specialists, Santa Rosa
- Healthcare for all - San Francisco
- Marin Medical Society
- Maternal and Child Health Access
- Medical Students for Choice, UCLA

Prop 85: Physician Advocacy

- Monthly planning calls with medical associations
- PRCH Trainings for physicians, residents, medical students in San Francisco, Oakland, Portola Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento
- Outreach to other docs, residents, med students
- Media exposure to educate voters about the issue
- Expert testimony
- Blogging



Internet Explorer browser window showing the website <http://yeson85.net/>. The address bar includes a "Live Search" field. The menu bar contains File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The browser title is "Yes on Proposition 85".



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VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 85

For real protection of a young girl,
 it's common sense to notify a parent
 before a major medical procedure.

► In California, a young girl - even a 12 year old - can be taken by anyone - a school employee, a boyfriend, a sexual predator - to receive a secret taxpayer funded abortion, without a parent knowing and being able to protect her from further sexual exploitation. This is wrong.

Voting YES on Prop 85 will protect young girls from sexual abuse.



[Hear Planned Parenthood staff in many California cities caught on tape telling a 13-year-old girl that they will conceal her sexual exploitation by a 22-year old predator](#)

As we approach election day the campaign's for and against are becoming

Internet 100%

Promoting Parental Notification for Abortion: Misuse of Data

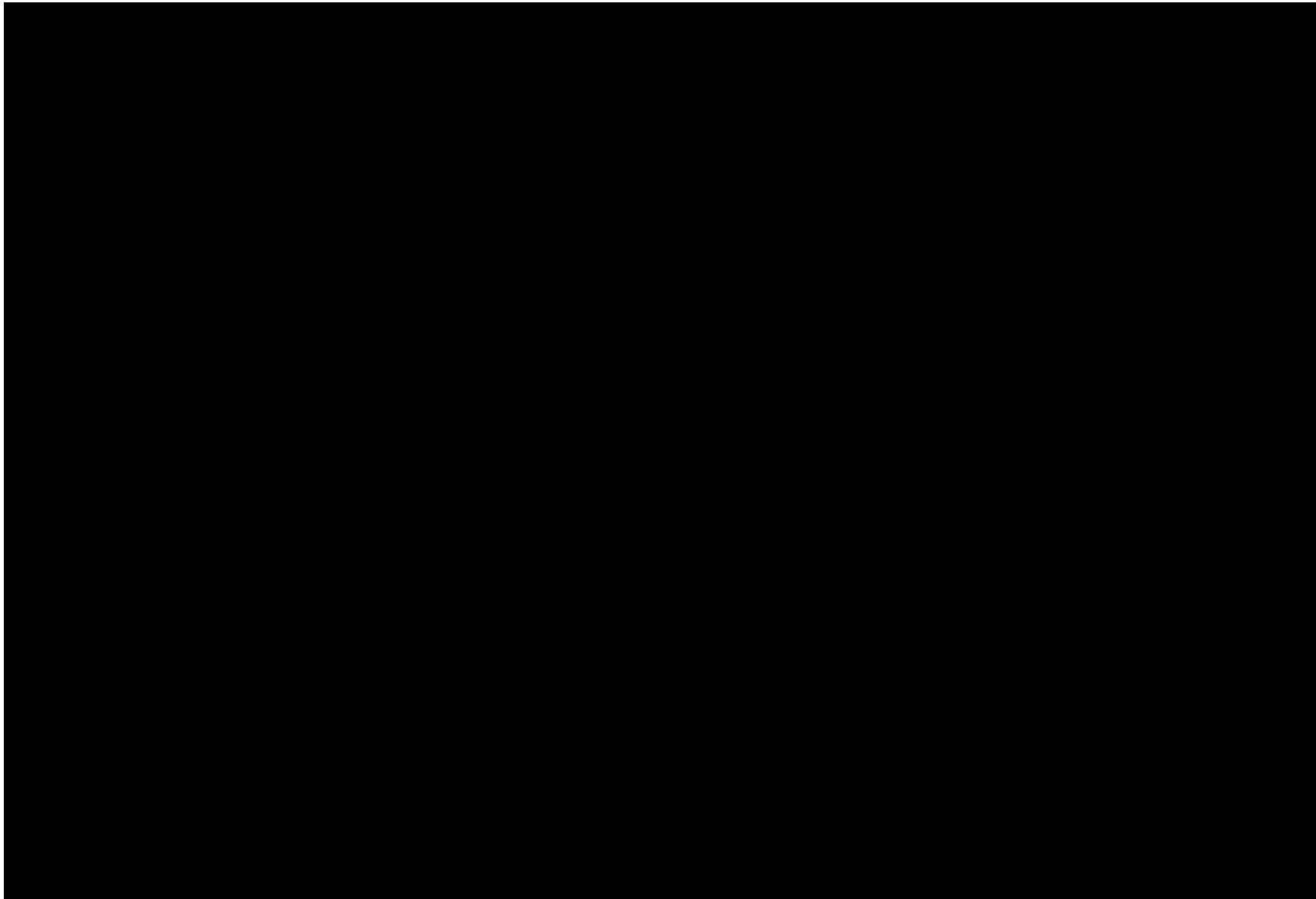
secret abortions!



New academic study shows positive results of parental involvement laws in protecting young girls from dangerous sexual activity

The researchers found that teen gonorrhea rates dropped by an average of 20 percent for Hispanic girls and 12 percent for white girls in states where parental notification laws were in effect.

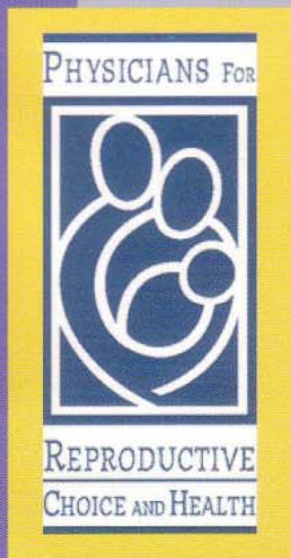
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Don't let politics trump parenting

Don't let politics trump medicine

Vote No on Prop. 85



Join doctors to oppose this constitutional amendment
Vote No on November 7th

