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**Life Loses**

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## Weekly Dobson Policy Center Update

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Election Day was not a good day for America's innocent, defenseless preborn children. In California, Michigan, and Vermont voters by wide margins voted to amend their state constitutions to "enshrine" a right to abortion.

The California vote was not that surprising. California's Governor Gavin Newsom is an aggressive advocate of abortion on demand and has urged women in other states to come to California if they want to abort their babies. He has even twisted the words of Jesus to suggest that California is actually loving their "neighbors" by becoming an abortion "sanctuary."

The Michigan pro-abortion referendum passed 56% to 44%. In addition to providing abortions, the amendment to the state constitution appears to allow the sterilization of minor children in the name of "gender-affirming care." The drafters of the amendment used deception and word games to obscure how radical it really is.

Kentucky, historically a pro-life state, nonetheless voted down a pro-life amendment to its state constitution. In Montana, a proposal was on the ballot that declared an infant born alive during an abortion to be a legal person and thus should be protected. Incredibly, this obvious truth was defeated 52% to 48% after a massive propaganda campaign against it.

These referenda are a disturbing sign that America's "culture of death" is still a powerful force, even though a right to abortion is no longer in the U.S. Constitution. The forces attacking the sanctity of life are well-funded, influential and have many allies in government and the popular culture.

The churches of America must find their voice on protecting innocent human life, and Christians must become more involved in the public square. America will not have God's blessing and protection if we continue to destroy children who are each created in his image.

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## **Whose Truth?**

Moral and cultural relativism has been a powerful theme in American education for several generations. A new study by Summit Ministries in partnership with respected polling firm, McLaughlin and Associates, shows that the concept of "truth" is being abandoned by younger Americans.

The survey asked 1,000 likely general election voters if they believed in "absolute truth." The good news is 60 percent of Americans said they did, while 40 percent said each person determines their own version of truth.

The bad news is that the younger they are the more likely they are to reject universal absolute truth. Only 42 percent of American voters aged 18-29

believe in absolute truth, while 55 percent believe truth is up to each individual.

These results set off alarm bells about America's future. Any civilization or country whose citizens reject the concept of absolute truth would be facing serious challenges.

Dr. Jeff Myers, President of Summit.org said, "The loss of truth has grave consequences for community, justice, a sense of purpose, and mental health. I'm not aware of any civilization that has abandoned reality to this extent and survived."

This is particularly true for the United States which was literally founded on the idea of universal truth. Our founders state the central idea of America in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence with these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Christian faith is based on Truth. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and is true. Christ, Himself, said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

We noticed something else in the study that gave us hope. An amazing 81 percent of American voters said they believe that one person standing for his or her beliefs in a time of crisis has the power to bring change. Imagine what would happen if millions of Christians in America and countless churches resolved today to stand for the truth in the public square of America.

I believe this is the only way our nation will prevail in these trying times.