

WHAT THIS INITIATIVE DOES

Prevents

unnecessary suffering and deaths

- ♥ children from being intentionally starved, poisoned, and killed by abortion
- ♥ victimization of women and children by the abortion industry
- ♥ women from performing abortions on themselves without medical care
- ♥ prevalence of anxiety, depression, addictions, and suicide among women
- ♥ dependence on prescription and non-prescription drugs
- ♥ societal and individual pressures on parents to end the lives of their children
- ♥ tax-payer funds and insurance premiums from funding elective abortions
- ♥ advertising and lobbying dollars spent on supporting the abortion industry
- ♥ the operation of abortion death facilities and abortion pills in the mail

Protects

mothers and children from the trauma and death of abortion

- ♥ mothers from harming their bodies and taking the lives of their children
- ♥ mothers from the psychological and spiritual damages of abortion
- ♥ children from unnecessary abuse, harm, and death caused by abortion

Provides

a fair and humane law of equal protection for all living children

- ♥ medical doctors freedom to focus on saving lives rather than taking lives
- ♥ equal access to alternatives for mothers dealing with hardships
- ♥ fathers the opportunity to protect and provide for mothers and children
- ♥ every child a chance to live and reach their full potential
- ♥ billions of dollars furthering humanity rather than destroying humanity
- ♥ humane and compassionate responses to mothers and children in need
- ♥ applicability of current laws protecting children without discrimination
- ♥ The principle of the sanctity of life to the practice of protecting life
- ♥ increased tax revenue to the state of Colorado
- ♥ compassion from our citizens for the protection of women and children

Promotes

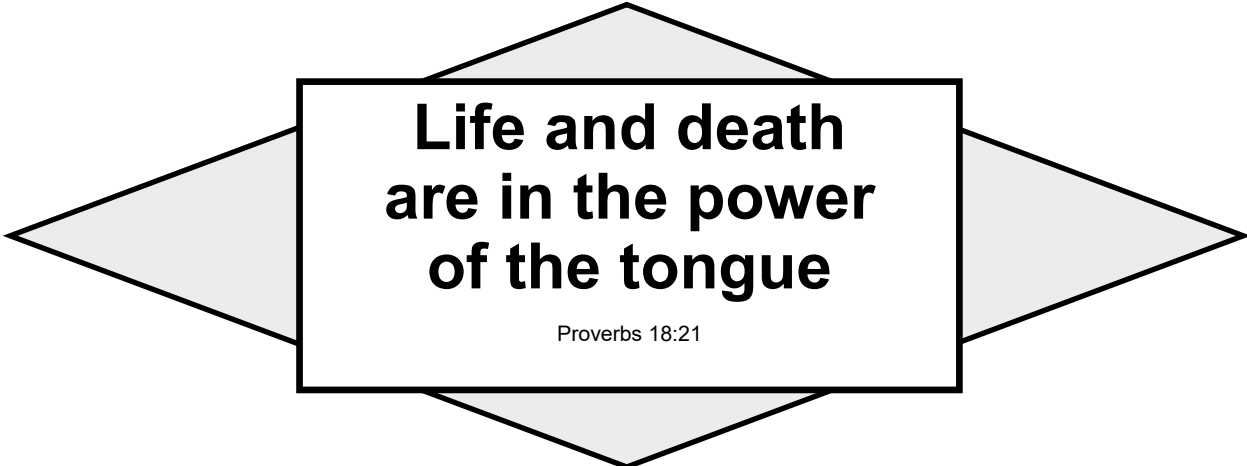
bodily autonomy and the inalienable right to live of every human being

- ♥ the humanity and intrinsic value of every living human
- ♥ the mental health of the population
- ♥ sexual responsibility when engaging in activity that could create a child
- ♥ justice for those committing crimes and those victimized by crimes
- ♥ resources to save lives, rather than take lives
- ♥ accurate information and education of the public
- ♥ the care and nurturing of children
- ♥ the well-being of women and children to love, live, and thrive!

WHAT THIS INITIATIVE DOESN'T DO

This Initiative does **NOT**:

- ! endanger women's lives
- ! force any woman to become pregnant
- ! force any woman to parent
- ! prevent doctors from saving mothers' lives
- ! prevent doctors from using the highest standards of medical care for their patients
- ! infringe on a woman's bodily autonomy to choose when, where, and with whom to engage in sexual activity that could result in the creation of a child
- ! take away any Constitutional rights from women
- ! put women behind bars
- ! affect the laws of any other state
- ! apply to previous abortions
- ! protect only some children
- ! prevent women and mothers from the help they need to live productive and meaningful lives!



**Life and death
are in the power
of the tongue**

Proverbs 18:21

WHAT ABOUT EXCEPTIONS?

Should there be exceptions to who has a right to live? It is never necessary to intentionally cause the death of a child. Though not always successful, doctors can attempt to save lives, rather than intentionally destroy them. Doctors used to vow to “first, do no harm.” In cases of sexual assault (rape or incest), the baby is evidence that a crime has been committed, and rapists could be held accountable. By current Colorado law, if a rape is reported within 48 hours, the rapist is required to pay child support without having access to his child. A child is the only good that can come from a **rape**. There is no physical or emotional difference between children conceived in rape and children who were not. Many women report that having their child helped them overcome the rape. Many women also report that experiencing an abortion following a rape was more difficult to overcome than the rape itself.

children must not be put to death for their fathers

2 Chronicles 25:4b

99% of all abortions have nothing to do with the **life of the mother**. In the rare instance where the life of the mother is in imminent danger, a doctor can attempt to save both lives, even delivering the child early and giving comfort and medical care for the best chance of survival rather than dismembering the child and intentionally causing death. Some women, even when encouraged to abort by a doctor, have chosen to give their child life.

For children who are expected to die at birth, there are hospice programs available to help parents provide loving care and precious time with their baby. Many children with a **poor prognosis** or thought to be severely handicapped are born healthy and live normal lives. There are also adoptive parents who offer to care for handicapped or terminally ill children and financial help available.

While abortion is legal, women assume it is safe. Even morally right. Though nothing could be further from the truth. When women feel coerced by societal pressures or family members to abort a child, or taught that her immediate needs are more important than the lives of children, we rob women of motherhood and the opportunity to mature into loving adults.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Proverbs 31:8-9

As the pain and regret of abortion compound over time, and the unnecessary suffering abortion causes children cannot be undone, we cannot know all of the unintended consequences and what we are missing by aborting children who would contribute within their career fields and nurture their own families.

There is no difference between the preborn child you and I used to be and the children in the womb today holding onto their one chance to live. We rob ourselves when we are not willing to open our hearts to welcome these children into the world with love. Those of us with a moral compass need to protect the innocent and vulnerable among us from those more powerful and ruthless who would crush them. And for their mothers, we need to address private sins privately and celebrate publicly the child who God has given her to love. Because every child deserves a birthday!

WHO WE ARE

Colorado Life initiative is a grassroots movement of more than 700 individuals across the state of Colorado who want to see an end to abortion in our state. We include women advocates, health professionals, attorneys, doctors, experts in sexual assault and partner violence, children's advocates, social workers, law enforcement, first responders, pastors, priests, teachers, nurses, mothers, fathers, grandparents, political strategists, and community leaders of all ages and from all walks of life.

Starting with a few women in Northeast Colorado—one a women's advocate, one a school teacher, and one a medical professional—who

"Neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Now go and sin no more." John 8:11

prayed weekly for nine months seeking God for wisdom, God moved in our hearts to draft "Equal Protection of Every Living Child".

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world.

Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

We tear down arguments and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Prior to our nine months in prayer, the theoretical approach we were taking was what some might call "incrementalism", chipping away at bad laws to save some children while allowing other children to die, or regulating how we kill children, instead of creating a good law all at once to protect all living children. Until we realized this is how our enemy works, chipping away at us and moving us away from the truth. It is not how God works.

The way we've approached the prolife issue for the past 56 years in Colorado has left us with one of the most inhumane laws for killing children in the United States and the world. It would be foolish to continue down the same path expecting different results.

seek justice and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless Isaiah 15-17

Though politicized by those promoting it, abortion is a moral issue, and therefore must be addressed using a Biblical approach. God's strategy is to speak truth in love with consistent messaging that casts vision for God's people to do the right thing and turn away from evil, not compromise with it. (Eph 4-5, Ez 2-3, Jer 7, Is 10, 15, Prov 1)

We are inviting God's people to unify on behalf of protecting women and saving the lives of children from the unnecessary suffering, trauma, and death of abortion. We invite anyone who would like to eliminate the killing of innocent children to join us in prayer, public support, and volunteerism as we educate fellow believers within every area of influence to stop the holocaust of killing children through abortion. Because every child deserves a birthday!

that the coming generation would know that they should put their confidence in God, Psalm 78