

Why California needs Proposition 4

Sarah's story

Sarah was only 15 years old when she died from a legal abortion. She was injured during the procedure and developed a massive infection. Her parents weren't told about the abortion and didn't know what was wrong with her. By the time she was taken to the hospital, it was too late. Sarah's family could have saved her—had they known.

The problem

In California, a girl under age 18 can't get a tan at a tanning salon, a cavity filled, or an aspirin dispensed by the school nurse without a parent knowing. But a doctor can perform a surgical or chemical abortion on a young girl without informing any family member.

The answer

Proposition 4 will require a doctor to notify at least one adult family member before performing an abortion on an under-18-year-old girl.

Facts

Medical professionals know that a young person is safer when a parent or family member is informed of her medical situation. Someone who knows the girl and cares about her future can help her understand all her options, obtain competent care, and work through the problems that led her into the situation to begin with.

On a daily basis, older men exploit young girls and use secret abortions to cover up their crimes.

More than thirty states currently have parental/family involvement laws like Proposition 4 in effect.

States which have laws like Proposition 4 have experienced real reductions in pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases among young girls.



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Opponents FALSELY CLAIM that Proposition 4 endangers young girls from abusive homes.

The truth is:

- Proposition 4 gives girls from abusive homes the option of having the doctor notify another adult family member—such as a grandmother, aunt, or sibling—rather than a parent.
- Despite family involvement laws being in effect in the majority of states for years, even decades, there is not any statistical data nor even a single documented anecdote of a minor being harmed by such laws.
- Abortion providers rarely report statutory rape or sexual abuse of minors to child protection services. Instead, they provide a secret, tax-funded abortion, and the young girl is returned to the same abusive relationship.
SECRET ABORTIONS
ENDANGER YOUNG GIRLS.
- A study of over 46,000 pregnancies of school-age girls in California found that over two-thirds were impregnated by adult men whose average age was 22.6 years.

A Planned Parenthood affiliate in Arizona was found civilly liable for failing to report the fact that the clinic had performed an abortion on a 13-year-old girl who had been impregnated by her 23-year-old foster brother. The abortion provider did not report the crime, and the young girl was returned to the foster home where she was raped and impregnated a second time.

A father in California came home unexpectedly early from work one day to find his 15-year-old daughter had tried to commit suicide by drug overdose. Only in that way did he learn that the girl had been impregnated by her 33-year-old karate instructor.

When this predator found out his victim was pregnant, he told her he would commit suicide if she didn't have an abortion. So, against her wishes and her deeply held belief that abortion was murder, she had the abortion. Because of the grief and guilt she attempted suicide. Had her father not come home earlier than usual that day, she would have succeeded.

An Oregon abortion clinic provided an abortion to an eleven-year-old, yet failed to report the sexual abuse as required by state law. The abuse was disclosed to law enforcement only because the abortion was incomplete and the girl was subsequently taken to the hospital where a doctor reported the abuse.

A 13-year-old Ohio girl was impregnated by her high school coach, who then persuaded her to have an abortion. Planned Parenthood did not report the abuse, nor did it comply with the state's own parental notification law.

At the request of the male predator who brought her in, the clinic gave the girl a shot of Depo-Provera so he could have sex with her again right away. Three days after the abortion, the perpetrator resumed having sex with the girl, and then abandoned her. Only months later did the parents learn what had happened. The perpetrator is serving a prison sentence; Planned Parenthood disclaims all responsibility and is fighting a lawsuit by the parents.

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