

HYDE SAVES LIVES

40 years of the Hyde Amendment
[September 30, 1976 – September 30, 2016]

TOPLINE MESSAGES

The Hyde Amendment saves lives by reducing abortion.

The American people – over 60% – agree that the government should not fund abortion.

The government should not incentivize abortion through its funding policies. Abortion is a brutal procedure that ends the lives of unborn children and wounds their mothers.

The Hyde Amendment should be made permanent and government wide. We must enact No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (HR 7).

SAMPLE TWEETS:

Do you know about the Hyde amendment? @LozierInstitute research says 2 million Americans are alive today because #hydесaveslives

Hyde amend. is the most successful abortion reduction program yet enacted #HydeSavesLives research by .@LozierInstitute says 60,000 lives/yr

.@LozierInstitute says 2 million Americans are alive today because of #hyde40 - roughly equal to the population of New Mexico

Nearly 2/3rds of Americans agree we should not use tax dollars to pay for abortion
<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/polls.html#/> #prolifeconsensus #Hyde40

GAO found 1000 Obamacare plans covered #abortion <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-742R>
enact HR7 and make Hyde permanent & gov-wide #HydeSavesLives

#Abortion destroys unborn children and wounds their mothers. #HydeSavesLives – make Hyde stronger and enact HR7

RESOURCES FROM PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS

Charlotte Lozier Institute is releasing a new report analyzing the impact of the Hyde Amendment. The Executive Summary is available [here](#).

March for Life Action provides graphics highlighting Marist polling data on pro-life consensus on their [website](#) as well as their video “[Consensus](#).” (Marist Polling data is available [here](#) from the Knights of Columbus)

[Hello Hyde](#) is a grassroots campaign celebrating 40 years of the Hyde Amendment

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WHAT is Hyde? The Hyde Amendment is the protection against taxpayer dollars being used to fund most abortions and abortion coverage through certain government programs like Medicaid. Hyde (and similar policies governing other federal programs) is renewed annually in government spending bills.

WHY do we need Hyde? Before the enactment of Hyde, the Medicaid program was paying for about 300,000 abortions annually. Rep. Henry Hyde offered the limitation amendment preventing taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid and it was enacted in 1976. In 1980 the Supreme Court [upheld the Hyde amendment](#) in a 5-4 decision, recognizing that *“abortion is inherently different than other medical procedures, because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life.”* But as Henry Hyde would say during floor debates over his amendment, the unborn child is not “potential life,” but in fact a “child with potential.”

HOW does Hyde save lives? Multiple studies, including analysis by [the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute](#) acknowledge Hyde’s impact on reducing abortion, because a portion of Medicaid-eligible women who would otherwise choose abortion choose life when the government does not incentivize abortion. A recent review by the Charlotte Lozier Institute estimates that [one in every nine people](#) born to a mother on Medicaid is alive because of the Hyde Amendment.

WHO supports Hyde? There is consensus that the government should not fund abortion – polling has consistently shown that over 60% of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion. This has historically been a bipartisan position – the Hyde amendment has been signed into law by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. A July 2016 Marist poll found [62% of all respondents](#) – and 45% of those who identify as “pro-choice” – do not support taxpayer funding for abortion.

WHO opposes Hyde? The EACH Woman Act (H.R. 2972) introduced by 124 Democrats in the House would rescind the Hyde Amendment and require abortion funding in public health insurance programs. Hillary Clinton says [“Let’s repeal laws like the Hyde Amendment...”](#) and has pledged to repeal the Hyde amendment.

NEXT STEPS: Research by the Charlotte Lozier Institute indicates the Hyde Amendment has saved as many as [2 million unborn children](#) from abortion. Since 1976 there have been [nearly 60 million abortions](#). While the Hyde amendment is an important piece in our efforts to protect unborn children it alone is not enough. At a minimum it should be made permanent and be applied to the Affordable Care Act. We must enact the **No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7, S. 582)** to codify this lifesaving policy and make it government-wide. ([H.R. 7](#) passed the House on January 22, 2015 by a vote of [242-179](#). The Senate has not considered this bill.)

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