

# EQUAL RIGHTS for ALL OREGONIANS

Across the country, we've experienced relentless attacks on our personal freedoms. A second Trump administration promises to strip us of our freedoms and bodily autonomy by implementing a nationwide abortion ban and destroying access to basic health care including birth control, IVF, and gender affirming care.

These attacks chip away at our basic rights, threatening our right to essential health care including abortion, contraception, and healthcare for transgender people. They also threaten our right to love who we love and marry who we choose. We cannot take these rights for granted — we must fight for them.

It's time we take action to explicitly protect Oregonians' equal rights, including the freedom to make private and personal decisions about our health, life, and future. We can't control what extremist politicians do elsewhere in this country, but Oregonians can come together to protect these rights in our state for generations to come.

The Equal Rights for All campaign is a ballot initiative for the November 2026 election. It asks voters to update Oregon's constitution to make clear that everyone has equal rights to make private and personal decisions regardless of one's gender identity, sexual orientation, or if they are pregnant. **By protecting Oregonians' ability to make our own, private healthcare decisions and marry the person we love, our ballot initiative will stop politicians who want to turn back the clock on our basic rights and freedoms.**

## OUR VALUES

### FREEDOM & AUTONOMY

As Oregonians, we believe that we all should have the freedom to make decisions for ourselves and our families that we need to live and thrive without political control, discrimination, or interference.

### EQUAL RIGHTS

Each of us should be able to live, work, and make deeply personal decisions about our lives with dignity, respect, and equal rights and freedoms. These personal freedoms are rights for all of us — regardless of how we identify or who we love. And we know that historical and systemic inequities mean that some Oregonians, especially people of color, women and LGBTQ+ people, people in rural areas, people experiencing poverty and immigrants and refugees, are especially impacted by restrictions on our rights and freedoms.

### EMPATHY

There are many reasons why a person may make deeply personal health decisions. Let's lead with compassion, not shame or judgment. Every person should be able to make their own decisions with their doctor and those they love and trust.

### OREGONIANS BELIEVE IN EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL

- 7 in 10 Oregon voters believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, and more than 4 in 5 Oregon voters want no government interference in this private and personal healthcare decision.
- Nearly 75% of Oregon voters believe all people should have access to the health care they need, regardless of one's gender identity.
- 8 in 10 Oregon voters think same-gender marriage should be legal.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What does the Equal Rights for All measure do?**

Equal Rights for All affirms equal rights in Oregon by making clear that the equality language in our state constitution protects sexual orientation and same-gender marriage; gender identity; and the right to make private, personal decisions about reproductive and gender-related health care, including abortion and health care for transgender people.

## **How likely is it that abortion rights in Oregon will be rolled back?**

Oregonians are proud to live in a state that has strong statutory laws that protect reproductive health care rights, including abortion and contraceptives. Yet year after year, extremist politicians have introduced bills in the Oregon legislature to attack these statutory protections, and they've been emboldened even more by the rollback of *Roe v. Wade*. A powerful way to protect ourselves is to make sure our rights and freedoms are enshrined in our state constitution. This way, no matter which politicians are in power, they won't be able to take away our rights.

## **Hasn't same-gender marriage already been legal in Oregon and the U.S. for years now?**

Oregon's Constitution still has language defining marriage as only between a man and a woman. This section is suspended for now because a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision held that same-gender marriage is protected by the U.S. Constitution. However, the Justices on today's Supreme Court are radically different from the 2015 Court, and some of them have already signaled their desire to take away same-gender marriage rights. If this happens, marriage equality in Oregon would be an open legal question, causing confusion about the status of thousands of same-gender marriages at best and rolling back hard-won rights at worst.

We must act now before extremist judges and politicians do, by removing discriminatory language from the Oregon Constitution and clarifying that our constitution's current equal rights amendment protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

## **How will Equal Rights for All change access to health care in Oregon?**

We believe that every person should be able to make private and personal health care decisions with their doctors and loved ones without interference from politicians. Equal Rights for All will ensure that no politician in Oregon can take away a person's private and personal right to make their own decisions about health care, regardless of one's ability to become pregnant, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Although Oregon is a leader in the nation for reproductive justice, the majority of Oregon counties have zero abortion providers. Hospitals and clinics of all kinds are closing or shrinking the services they provide. In our vision, every Oregonian has access to the health care they need, not just the rights on paper.

This measure doesn't change the medical age of consent or impact funding for health care programs like the Oregon Health Plan.

## **What do abortion access, gender-affirming care, and marriage equality have to do with one another?**

Extremist politicians' attacks on women, trans people, and people in same-gender relationships come from a long history of discrimination deeply rooted in harmful sex and gender stereotypes. These politicians know that they can destroy all of our rights and freedoms by targeting one group after another. By uniting and fighting for our rights together, we're ensuring a future Oregon where everyone has equal rights and freedoms.

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