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Taxpayer Funding of Abortion - Bad News for the Poor



Education: No one likes to pay taxes. But we know that taxes are needed to pay for the military who protect us, the roads and bridges we rely on, programs to help those in need, and so on. We try to elect people who will spend our tax dollars wisely, and rightfully resent the misuse of funds.

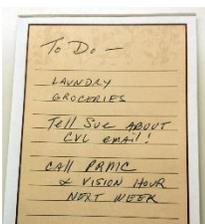
Since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has been added each year to the Department of Health and Human Services appropriations bill. This amendment prevents federal tax dollars from being used to pay for elective abortions, and has enjoyed widespread bipartisan support for over 40 years. (1) A 2020 poll showed that 60% of Americans oppose or strongly oppose tax funding of abortions.(2) President Biden had been a strong supporter of Hyde himself, but reversed his stand in 2019 when he was running for president, and is now the first president since 1976 to propose a budget that does not include the Hyde amendment. (1)

Research shows that when Medicaid pays for abortions, more abortions are done, and women who have taxpayer-funded abortions tend to have more abortions. (3) It is well known that abortion hurts women (4), and taxpayer funding makes it easier to coerce a woman to abort. Planned Parenthood and other abortion supporters claim that tax funding is necessary to make abortion accessible to the poor. But every child deserves a chance at life. Children are not better off dead than poor.

1. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/biden-proposed-budget-forces-taxpayers-fund-abortion/>
2. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/news-room/polls/americans-opinions-abortion.pdf>
3. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/taxpayers-fund-abortion-more-happen/>
4. <http://www.theunchoice.com/pdf/FactSheets/KeyFactsSheet.pdf>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please help the people of our nation to understand that abortion does not help poor women any more than it helps any mother who is in a difficult situation with her pregnancy. Please help good programs to be established which will aid the poor to improve their income level, and help everyone to understand that the physical and emotional effects of abortion actually make it more likely for them to later need financial assistance. Help our political leaders to listen to the voice of the majority of Americans who do not want their tax funds being used to pay for the killing of children in the womb. Help every politician to vote according to what he or she truly believes is best for the country, and refuse to allow pressure from pro-abortion donors to influence his or her actions.



Action: On 7/12/21, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies passed by voice vote an appropriations bill which removed the Hyde Amendment and other pro-life provisions. The Weldon amendment was also removed, which since 2005 has protected health care organizations from being penalized for refusing to provide or cover abortion services. Please sign the petition at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>. (You will begin to receive pro-life emails

from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Respect Life office. You may unsubscribe at any time.)