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# Fact Sheet: ERA = Abortion

**ERA prohibits laws that apply to only one sex. Since only women can have abortions, ERA would eliminate all restrictions on abortion. All government assistance healthcare programs would have to pay for abortions just like any legitimate healthcare treatment.**



**Leading pro-life organizations acknowledge the ERA-abortion connection.** In addition to Phyllis Schlafly Eagles, National Right To Life, Students for Life of America, March for Life, Concerned Women for America, and Family Research Council have all expressed opposition to ERA for this reason.

**Leading Pro-ERA organizations acknowledge the ERA-abortion connection.** NARAL Pro-Choice America's website states that "Ratifying the ERA would make it more difficult for anti-choice judges to uphold legal challenges to abortion rights." Planned Parenthood and the National Organization for Women (NOW) agree.

**State supreme courts acknowledge the ERA-abortion connection.** In Connecticut's *Doe v. Maher* (1986) and New Mexico's *NARAL v. Johnson* (1999,) the states' respective supreme courts held that taxpayer funds cannot be withheld from abortions because of their state ERAs.



**The Equal Rights Amendment is an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If ratified, it would give protection for abortion the same legal weight as our freedom of speech and freedom of religion. There will be no court able to overturn it.**