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**Preserving America's Judeo-Christian Values - Or Not
We Must Choose**

This November's election results include an extreme right to abortion added to the state Constitution of Ohio. The Catholic Conference of Ohio explained the amendment as endangering the health and safety of women, threatening parental rights, and allowing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy; the amendment allows all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions. Ohio taxpayers who are pro-life could well find these abortions included in taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage.

Each current election, and certainly the 2024 upcoming election, is now described by media pundits as the most important in the history of America. In each election more and more issues and candidates reflect a clash of basic principles: we will choose between the Judeo-Christian beliefs of our founders which include life, liberty, the rule of law, limited government and protection of conscience rights vs opposing principles reflected in unrestricted, taxpayer-funded abortion, extensive central government control, selective application of the law and conscience rights labeled as an excuse to discriminate.

Political operatives try to focus our attention on each candidates' personality traits with a concurrent appeal to thought-free emotions instead of providing thoughtful analysis of policies and accomplishments. Informed voters are critical thinkers who ponder: what are the issues about which I will not compromise and abandon my closely held beliefs? What principles, values, and policies will I vote for without regard to media spin?

What are the Judeo-Christian values our Founding Fathers wove into the fabric of the American nation as the basis for inalienable individual liberties set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights?

1. Faith in God and human life is the first gift of God. This value is primary because it leads to a culture of Life, not a culture of death. Americans who value life will defend innocent life and reject abortion, especially through the 9th month.

2. Our Liberty is a gift from God and not from government. "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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