

War On Parents: The Left's Assault on Parental Rights

Progressive groups are attacking parental rights from every angle, including using abortion as a vehicle.

KEY PLAYERS

- ❑ **Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity (URGE)**
 - URGE is a 501(c)(3) founded in 1992, which describes itself as a “state-driven national organization” fighting for “reproductive justice.”
 - URGE reported an annual revenue of \$5.9 million in 2020, with millions in funding from left-wing dark money groups like the New Venture Fund, the Packard Foundation, the Ford Foundation and Planned Parenthood.
 - URGE has active college campus [chapters](#) in California, Georgia, Kansas, and Ohio, and engages in engages in protests, town halls, legislative advocacy, writing op-eds, and more.
- ❑ **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**
 - The ACLU has spent years opposing parental consent laws on abortion, working to allow minors to access abortions secretly without parental involvement.
 - The ACLU has advanced its radical agenda in our nation’s schools, hoping to cut parents out of any decision-making and waging legal battles against curriculum transparency laws.
 - The ACLU has recently sought to undermine parental rights by opposing parental consent for gender-mutilating surgeries on minors.

RADICAL OPPOSITION TO PARENTS

- ❑ URGE has said parental involvement laws for abortion are “unethical and must be [abolished.](#)” claiming they undermine the “[autonomy](#)” of minors regardless of age.
- ❑ URGE [believes](#) minors are “fully capable of making decisions about what is best for their bodies” and endorses “[celebrating](#) all abortions, no exceptions.”
- ❑ URGE [supports](#) access to abortion medication on college campuses, insurance coverage for abortions, ending parental involvement laws, repealing abortion bans, and decriminalizing “self-managed abortion.”
- ❑ URGE also supports “gender-affirming [surgeries](#) and care” and [opposes](#) laws that would require school personnel to notify parents of their child’s gender dysphoria.
- ❑ The ACLU has [opposed](#) school transparency laws that help parents stay informed about what their children are learning in classrooms.
- ❑ The ACLU has fought to conceal simple instruction materials from parents, such as books, articles, and videos, claiming transparency rules prevent students from “learning and talking about race and gender in schools.”
- ❑ The ACLU [recently argued in New Hampshire](#) that parents lose the right to parent their child once they enter a public school, after a mother discovered her school district had been secretly helping her child transition genders.
- ❑ The ACLU is currently fighting against a [Wyoming bill](#) to prohibit instructing kindergarteners about sexual orientation and gender identity, describing the bill as a “dangerous” form of censorship.
- ❑ The ACLU is involved in [several lawsuits](#) to [block regulations and restrictions](#) on puberty-blocking drugs, hormones, or surgeries for minors, calling them “discriminatory attempt[s] to limit the healthcare options for transgender individuals.”

WEAPONIZING ABORTION AGAINST PARENTS

❑ OHIO

- The ACLU's attorneys [helped draft a proposed constitutional amendment](#) that uses overly broad language to eliminate existing parental consent or notification laws for minors seeking abortions and to open the door for gender-mutilating surgeries with zero parental involvement.

❑ OREGON

- The ACLU is [campaigning for a constitutional amendment](#) in Oregon that would enable children to secretly get an abortion without parental knowledge.

❑ ALASKA

- The ACLU [fought in 2016](#) to overturn parental notification laws in Alaska, siding with Planned Parenthood in a lawsuit against the state.

❑ INDIANA

- The ACLU [claimed in a 2017](#) lawsuit that parental consent laws in Indiana created an “unconstitutional undue burden” on minors seeking to obtain an abortion.

❑ NEBRASKA

- The ACLU [filed a lawsuit](#) in May 2023 challenging Nebraska's new abortion ban, which includes restrictions on transgender medical treatments for minors without parental consent.

❑ NATIONWIDE

- The ACLU has specifically criticized “laws restricting teenagers’ access to abortion” [on its own website](#).
- The [ACLU, Planned Parenthood, URGE](#) and other left-wing groups have repeatedly declared that “reproductive rights” are inextricably linked to “gender-affirming care” and they are using radical pro-abortion initiatives, ballot proposals, and state constitutional amendments to blindfold parents for some of the most life-altering medical decisions their minor children could make.