

STATE OF COLORADO

2021 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



It is a strategic priority of Colorado Christian University to impact our culture in support of traditional family values, sanctity of life, compassion for the poor, Biblical view of human nature, limited government, personal freedom, free markets, natural law, original intent of the Constitution, and Western civilization. The Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University engages public policy in an effort to advance these principles. Below is our proposed legislative agenda for 2021 inspired by our strategic priorities.

Enhancing Sanctity of Life

Over 12,000 innocent lives are lost to abortion each year in Colorado. The Colorado legislature should take steps to protect these innocent lives by doing the following:

- Passing a ban on late-term abortion
- Providing medical services to babies surviving an abortion
- Recognize the right to life begins at conception

Reducing Marijuana's Harmful Impact

Colorado has deferred entirely to the pot industry without common-sense protections on this dangerous drug. Colorado's pot industry has made a fortune while leaving tax payers to deal with the social consequences.

- Prioritize family and community safety over marijuana's big business

Protecting Religious Freedom

The state has not treated the religious freedom rights of Christians like Jack Phillips fairly. Rather than using non-discrimination laws to protect people from harmful discrimination, they use the laws as a sword to attack Christians. Furthermore, government officials gave greater operating latitude to marijuana and liquor stores than churches during the pandemic.

- Pass Live and Let Live Act
- Reform the Colorado Civil Rights Commission to respect religious freedom
- Recognize churches as essential with 1st Amendment protections during a pandemic

Protecting Parental Rights

Under the Colorado legislature, parental rights are being stripped away. The government believes it knows better how to raise children. This must stop and we must protect parental rights.

- Pass a parent's bill of rights
- Properly notify parents of the content of the sex-ed curriculum being taught to their children
- Rescind allowing minors to meet with school officials without parental notification
- Protect parent's rights to make medical decisions about their children

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Repairing Government Integrity

There is too much power given to the executive branch in Colorado. As a republic, it is critical that the three branches of government remain balanced. The executive branch has issued over 300 executive orders, many dealing with COVID-19, without input from the legislature. The confidence in our government systems have eroded and this needs to be addressed.

- Limit the time a governor can issue an emergency order without a vote from the legislature
- Clean up Colorado's voter registration rolls
- End ballot harvesting in Colorado
- Improve transparency with all election software and hardware systems
- Require valid state-issued identification for voting
- Allow hand recounts for all ballots regardless of their original voting mechanism

Restoring Colorado's Thriving Economy

The handpicking of certain Colorado businesses as essential has ruined Colorado's economy. Once one of the best economies in the country, Colorado's businesses are suffering under the heavy hand of government.

- Eliminate picking and choosing certain businesses as essential
- Pledge not to increase fees or taxes upon the people of Colorado
- Reduce regulations on Colorado businesses, especially oil and gas development

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