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STOP FLA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

PROLOGUE:

It is my opinion that citizens should give serious "grave" consideration before amending or changing our state or federal constitutions.

JUST SAY

NO!

TO THEM ALL

Often amendments are proposed by special interest groups and power brokers for special interest reasons. These special interest individuals or groups frequently realize that they cannot get legislation passed due to citizens' objections and/or the negative effect that would result in the possible laws.

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The Florida Constitution has been amended 120 times since 1970. Compare that with our US/federal constitution which has been amended only 27 times since 1791.

Let's stop the continual back door approach to the institutionalizing of unwanted or unneeded laws that only benefit special interest power brokers!

FIVE! of these amendments bundle two or more issues causing confusion and/or deception to voters. The wording of these amendments are deemed to require, on average, 17.2 years of education to even understand them!

AMENDMENT #1 - INCREASED HOMESTEAD PROPERTY EXEMPTION

VOTE NO! If this amendment passes, it will cause serious revenue shortfalls for our counties, resulting in increased taxes for our citizens, on products, services and businesses. We must cease the carving out of special classes of citizens for special exemptions. It is estimated that local governments will lose about \$645,000,000.

AMENDMENT #2- LIMITATIONS ON PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

VOTE NO! This would supposedly cement a cap on non-homestead property in Florida (i.e. investment and business properties). Who will pay this short-fall? The mega-shortfall would be made up by higher taxes on products and services!

AMENDMENT #3- VOTER CONTROL OF GAMBLING IN FLORIDA

VOTE NO! This is simply a joke! Citizens already have control, via our elected officials. This is again a ploy of one of the special interest groups. This is pushed by the mega-deep pocketed gambling interest in Florida. We do not need legalized, "open" gambling in Florida. This amendment would cause the ultimate approval of "casino gambling" in all of Florida, now only on Indian reservations via legal treaties between the state and the Seminole tribes. Our House of Representatives have said NO for several years now- the gambling industry is simply attempting to circumvent the legislative process.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven..

John 8:36

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Matthew 22:20-22

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are

AMENDMENT #4- VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION

VOTE NO! This supposedly is to restore voter rights to former felons after they have served their time. The present law requires a waiting period of five years. I believe the system is working well. This is an attempt to prepare for 2020 presidential election with more liberal votes. Amendment #4 is already subject to a legal/court challenge and will be an ongoing legal battle. Let the courts and Florida legislature decide!

AMENDMENT #5- SUPER-MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE/AUTHORIZE or RAISE STATE TAXES OR FEES

VOTE NO! This would mean a 2/3 (two thirds) majority vote in the legislature to approve or raise state taxes or fees. We, the people, already control this issue via electing representatives each 2-4 years! Again, this has NO place in our constitution. We, The People, must elect conservative house and senate members!

NOTE: Amendments #6-13 were placed on the ballot by the Constitution Revision Commission. Several amendments are jumbo, with two or more issues on one amendment. This by design, encourages citizen to vote "yes" on only one portion of the amendment, but passing the entire amendment!

AMENDMENT #6- THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS; JUDGES

VOTE NO! A bundled Amendment- this is so deceitful and subtle! First, the Florida law now requires state workers including judges, to retire at age 70; leave it there! But the portion about crime victims is highly deceitful! IF this passes, so called "crime victims" will be able to simply allege a crime, but would not be required to take a polygraph test, give a deposition, or a sworn statement under oath. This would set up Florida, just as the accusers of Justice Kananaugh. Victim "rights" would cause the accused to have to prove innocence, in other words- guilty by accusation only! This weakens the rights of the accused, or makes their rights non-existent- guilty without proof, the loss of constitutional "due process". Note that this would in essence repeal a 1988 constitutional amendment that provides protection for the accused.

NOTE: The courts ordered this amendment removed from the ballot, it is still under appeal to the Florida Supreme Court; oral arguments were held on September 5, 2018.

Caesar's; and unto
God the things that are
God's.

22 When they had
heard these words,
they marvelled, and
left him, and went
their way.

36 If the Son therefore
shall make you free,
ye shall be free
indeed.

Proverbs 3:11-12

11 My son, despise
not the chastening of
the Lord; neither be
weary of his
correction:

12 For whom the Lord
loveth he correcteth;
even as a father the
son in whom he
delighteth.

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the
thoughts that I think
toward you, saith the
Lord, thoughts of
peace, and not of evil,
to give you an
expected end.

Psalms 119:103-105

103 How sweet are
thy words unto my
taste! yea, sweeter
than honey to my
mouth!

104 Through thy
precepts I get
understanding:

AMENDMENT #7 FIRST RESPONDER AND MILITARY MEMBER SURVIVOR BENEFITS; PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

VOTE NO! This is deceptive with THREE proposals bundled in one! This proposes special college tuition for the survivors of first responders, and military killed on duty. It sounds good, but ultimately, who pays? The tax payers pay. Why should we continue to divide society with special benefits? Where does it stop?

This would waive certain educational expenses for surviving children or spouses who are seeking a career- certificate, undergraduate or post-graduate degrees. NO! Why should the average citizen pay the cost, while others go free? NO! The bundling of issues into one amendment should be illegal.

AMENDMENT #8- THIS AMENDMENT HAS BEEN STRICKEN BY THE FLORIDA COURTS AS BEING ILLEGALLY WORDED.

AMENDMENT #9- PROHIBITS OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING; PROHIBITS VAPING IN ENCLOSED WORK PLACES

VOTE NO! We already have laws preventing vaping (smoking electronic cigarettes, pot, etc.)

This two-part amendment is promoted by radical environmentalists who do not want any state to tap the wealth of oil, gas, or minerals! Let's keep the benefits from drilling our state's oil resources.

NOTE: A Leon County Circuit Judge ruled in early September that this amendment should be struck from the ballot because of its bundled status. This is now being appealed.

AMENDMENT #10- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND OPERATION

VOTE NO! Vote NO on all bundled amendments! This would produce HUNDREDS of pages of legislation, just to enact this

therefore I hate every false way.
105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

John 14: 12-14

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Revelation 22: 13

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

amendment. This would shift local government decisions to Tallahassee, rather than local, Jacksonville or other counties rule. We must continue with local rule, not state rule!

NOTE: This amendment will really only affect a few south Florida counties- like Miami-Dade county.

AMENDMENT #11- PROPERTY RIGHTS; REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; CRIMINAL STATUES, ETC.

VOTE NO! Bundling THREE Separate Issues!

NOTE: The key issue in the amendment is the removal of the state's constitutional language including a provision that "stops aliens" i.e. those that are convicted felons, not eligible because of status, to buy property.

NOTE

: This amendment also removes language that citizens have already said NO on, as related to approval of a high speed rail, that would have taxed all of Florida for a small rail that would have benefited a small section of South Florida.

AMENDMENT #12- LOBBYING AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY PUBLIC OFFICERS

VOTE NO! We already have state and local ethics laws! We do not need a constitutional amendment.

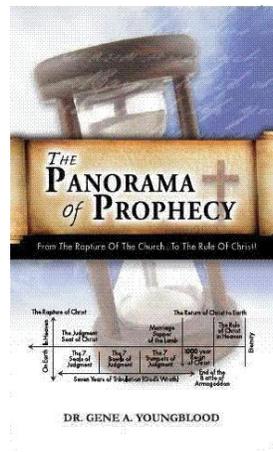
NOTE: Florida State ethic laws/ sunshine laws are not prosecuted now! NO! NO!

AMENDMENT #13- ENDS DOG RACING

VOTE NO! This is promoted by animal rights fanatics. I am against dog racing because it's gambling, but, if passed, could be very dangerous for Florida citizens. The average citizen could be prosecuted and persecuted more than now, because of what would be considered animal cruelty or animal abuse.

NOTE: A constitutional amendment was placed in the Florida constitution outlawing the caging of pregnant pigs. As a result, Florida now has no large pig farm industry! If this amendment passes, it will restrict personal freedoms of Florida citizens.
NO!

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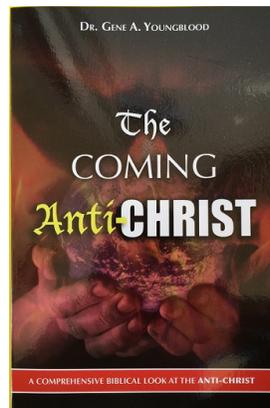


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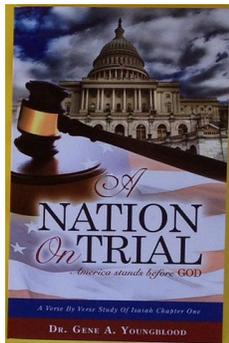
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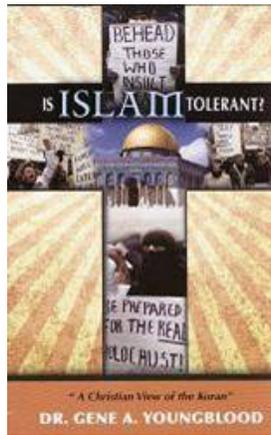


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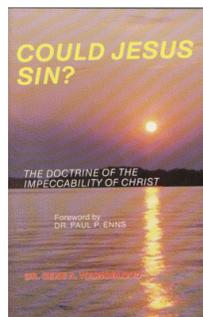
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