

# ***AMERICANS FAVOR EQUALITY-BUT OPPOSE WHAT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE***

**“... the [ERA] amendment itself ... would eliminate all present legal distinctions based on sex, and would reject the presumption that sex is ever a reasonable legal classification.”**

**Congresswoman Abzug (D-NY), pro ERA testimony, 3/24/71, Judiciary Comm.**

## ***No Restrictions on Abortion***

**“If sex discrimination were treated like race discrimination, government refusal to fund abortions would be treated like a refusal to fund medical procedures that affect members of minority races. ... the right to refuse to participate in abortions would be treated like laws giving State officials the right to deny services to blacks but not to whites.”**

**[Cong. Henry Hyde (R-IL), Senate testimony on ERA, 5/26/83]**

***Abortion -Day Before Birth - 20% favor, 80% oppose***

***Abortion - Third Trimester - 21.4% favor, 78.6% oppose***

**You.Gov poll for Americans United for Life, Feb. 2019, 1,145 adults**

***Use tax money for abortion - 39% favor, 54% oppose, 6% unsure***

***Keep abortion legal after 20 weeks - 32% favor, 59% oppose, 9% undecided***

***Allow abortion of down syndrome children - 26% favor, 62% oppose, 12% unsure***

**Marist Poll, Jan 2019, 1,066 adults**

## ***Women’s Sports Ended***

**“Two high school male athletes who identify as female have won 15 women’s track championship titles that were once held by nine different girls in the state of Connecticut. Female athletes are being robbed of athletic opportunities, dreams of competing at the next level, and even potential scholarships.”**

**Alliance Defending Freedom, Litigation Group, 2019**

***Women-girls must compete with men/boys in sports -23% agree, 56% disagree, 21% unsure***

**Scott Rasmussen, 1,004 registered voters 1/13-14/19**

## **Female Privacy Erased**

“... Professor Freund said it would follow that the ERA, ‘would require that there be no segregation of the sexes in prison, reform schools, public restrooms, and other public facilities.’”

[Sen. Sam Ervin (D-NC) Cong. Record, 3/22/72, p. 9564]

**Women/Girls must share showers, changing facilities, locker rooms, and bathrooms with men/boys** **28% approve, 66% disapprove, 7% no answer.**

WPA Opinion Research, 7/12/16 - 1,012 adults

## **Women subject to Selective Service-Combat**

“Supporters of the equal rights principle firmly reject draft or combat exemptions for women as Congress did when it refused to qualify the Equal Rights Amendment by incorporating any military service exemptions.”

[Then law professor, now Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsberg, *Sex Bias in the US Code*, 1977]

**Percent of women in military who agree to serve in Infantry, armor, artillery**

**7.5% women favor, 92.5% women oppose**

The Guardian, AP at Ft. Eustis, 2/25/14, 30,000 respondents

**Percent of female voters who support draft registration for women**

**38% agree, 52% disagree**

Rasmussen, 2/10/16, 1,000 likely voters

## **Women’s Shelters-Prisons Abolished**

“... segregated institutions would violate the E. R. A. Segregation of institutions on the basis of sex harkens back to segregation based on race. As with race, separate-but equal sexually segregated institutions would not be allowed.”

[Ratification of the ERA to the Const. of the USA, Report, Joint Privileges. & Elections Committees to Gov./Gen. Assembly, Sen. Doc. 25, 1974, p. 43]

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