

Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

In Defense of Parental Rights

WHEREAS, the family is the primary and most essential unit at the foundation of society, and government should recognize that primacy and its actions should be supportive of the family unit, and in no way undermine the family; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party Platform does not recognize the primacy of the family as fundamental to the building of a successful society, and instead advocates for policies that infer government knows better than the citizenry in all matters, public and private; and

WHEREAS, Democrats across the United States and specifically in Illinois have attempted to interfere in the child-parent relationship in numerous ways, including in the medical area by repealing parental notice of abortion, preventing parents from accessing medical information without minor children consenting, and allowing doctors to prescribe birth control without parental knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Democrats across the United States and in Illinois have undermined parents in the school setting by seeking to indoctrinate children on the subjects of gender, sexuality and race through public schools' curriculum, by promotion of inappropriate library materials for children, and by allowing school personnel to socially transition students to another gender than their biological sex without parental knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Democrats in Illinois were the first in the nation to restrict local control by parents and others as to the nature of books that would be allowed in public school libraries; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats have gone so far as to introduce legislation that would impose criminal penalties on parents who resist their minor children's attempts to change their sex; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats are at war with parents, imposing policies that lack an understanding of the parental primacy and common sense as the state allows parental permission for minors to take field trips, get their ears pierced or buy medicine, and yet Democrats want no parental involvement in decisions affecting life-changing physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats in May 2024 cynically passed SB 2412 which placed three advisory referenda on the General Election ballot, crowding out the Parents Matter Coalition's citizen initiative to place a common sense advisory question on the ballot that would ask Illinois voters if parents have the right to be involved in their minors' medical decisions, particularly with gender transition treatments and abortions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party believes that parents should raise their children, and not schools or the government, and as such, we reaffirm that parents have control of all legal matters concerning their children instead of the courts or government agencies; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party stands firmly and unflinchingly behind parents in participating in the education of their children and in making all medical decisions for their minor children, especially and including the use of puberty blockers, gender transition treatments and abortions; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the General Assembly to pass legislation which would prohibit classroom discussion, counseling, or instruction at school concerning sexual orientation or gender identity to minor children, and require parental consent for age-appropriate discussions about sexual reproduction in schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party recognizes that the fight in Illinois is no longer just a fight about tax rates and business regulations, but also a fight about fundamental truths and parents' rights to raise their children in accordance with their faith, biological truths, and reason, and that Illinois Republicans will never back away from this fight.

Adopted and affirmed by the Platform and Resolutions Committee on May 24, 2024 in Collinsville, Illinois and agreed upon by the state convention delegates on May 25, 2024