



# THE VALUE THEM BOTH AMENDMENT: GET THE FACTS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHAT DOES THE VALUE THEM BOTH AMENDMENT DO?** Value Them Both is a reasonable, common sense response to the extreme 2019 ruling by the Kansas Supreme Court that cleared the path for unlimited abortions in our state. It protects life-saving limits on the abortion industry. It restores the ability of Kansans to enact laws through their elected representatives, just as we have done for the past 25 years.

**DOES VALUE THEM BOTH BAN ABORTION?** No, Value Them Both is not a ban. It will however safeguard existing laws that ban taxpayer funded and painful late-term abortions.

**WHY IS VTB EVEN NEEDED WITH ROE BEING OVERTURNED?** The decision to overturn Roe v. Wade simply returns the question of abortion to each state. In 2019, the Kansas State Supreme Court declared that abortion is an unlimited right. Every limit on abortion, in the words of the Court, is now “presumed unconstitutional.” Abortion limits and laws are already being struck down, one-by-one. The result is that Kansas is becoming a destination for extreme abortions.

That’s why passing Value Them Both—a state constitutional amendment that reverses the 2019 ruling—is more crucial than ever before. Since 2019, abortions have increased by 13% and half of our abortions are performed on out-of-state residents coming to Kansas.

The abortion industry would like nothing more than to keep abortion unlimited and unregulated in Kansas. It wants Kansas to become a destination state for extreme abortions, even up to the moment of birth, paid for with tax dollars.

**DOES VALUE THEM BOTH AFFECT TREATMENT OF ECTOPIC PREGNANCIES, MISCARRIAGES AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS?** No. Medical treatments for ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages and other pregnancy complications are not the same as an abortion. It is reprehensible that the opposition is scaring women facing very sensitive and heartbreaking situations into thinking that they will not get the medical care they need and deserve.

Kansas has a very clear legal definition of abortion-K.S.A. 65-6701(a).

- The treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is NOT an abortion.
- The treatment for miscarriage is NOT an abortion.
- The treatment for septic uterus is NOT an abortion.

**WHAT ABOUT HARD CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST?** Any act of violence against women is a tragic and difficult situation and the Church and pro-life community must surround any woman harmed in this way with love, prayer and support. Value Them Both helps women who have been victims by providing them with all the information they need regarding their pregnancy and will safeguard laws that will help protect these women from being further harmed by the abortion industry. VTB does not change any current laws regarding abortion in Kansas.

**DOES VALUE THEM BOTH CREATE ANY NEW LAWS?** No. Value Them Both is a state constitutional amendment. It does not create any new laws. It will however protect existing commonsense and broadly supported laws regarding abortion that Kansas has enacted over the past 25 years. Visit [archkck.org/ValueThemBoth](http://archkck.org/ValueThemBoth) under the purple “Resources” button to see the list of existing Kansas laws regarding abortion that Value Them Both will protect.

**DOES VALUE THEM BOTH GIVE NEW OR ADDITIONAL POWER TO OUR LEGISLATORS?** No. Value Them Both simply restores our state Constitution to the way it was before the Kansas Supreme Court decision in 2019. It takes control of abortion policy away from unelected judges and puts it back in the hands of Kansans to enact laws through their elected representatives, just as we have done for the past 25 years.

**WHY IS THE VERBIAGE OF THE AMENDMENT WORDED HOW IT IS?** The language of the amendment is carefully drafted legal language that was created to specifically address the 2019 Kansas Supreme Court ruling. Kansans can find the complete wording at [ValueThemBoth.com](http://ValueThemBoth.com). The pro-life vote is the YES vote.

**ISN'T ABORTION IS ALREADY HEAVILY REGULATED IN KANSAS.** Because of a radical 2019 Kansas Supreme Court ruling, every limit on the abortion industry is presumed unconstitutional and our laws limiting live dismemberment abortions and requiring abortion clinic inspection and sanitation standards have already been struck down. If Value Them Both does not pass, virtually all laws regulating the abortion industry are at risk of being struck down.

**WHO SUPPORTS THE VALUE THEM BOTH AMENDMENT?** The Value Them Both Coalition is made up of Kansas citizens and groups who believe every human life has value. We are led by Kansas Catholic Conference, Kansans for Life, and Kansas Family Voice. We welcome the support of all individuals and organizations who hold this goal.

Supporters:

- Over 200 KS Medical and Mental Health Professionals
- All Kansas bishops and dioceses of the Catholic Church
- Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Kansas District
- Republicans and Democrats across Kansas
- The state’s largest pro-life organizations
- Focus on the Family
- Concerned Women for America of Kansas
- Dr. James Dobson
- Family Research Council
- Major Church Leaders and Pastors

**WHO IS OPPOSING THE AMENDMENT?** The opposition campaign is being run out of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Overland Park. Their supporting organizations have expressed that they support no limits on the abortion industry of any kind. Value Them Both ensures the people of Kansas, through their elected representatives are able to enact laws on the abortion industry.