

IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

THURSDAY, MAY 8
7-8:30 P.M. TEMPLE EMANUEL
51 GRAPE STREET | DENVER

A FREE AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION

Join the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice of Colorado as we welcome our panel of speakers for what promises to be a lively and informative discussion on reproductive justice focusing on the November's ballot initiative, the so-called "personhood amendment." Defining personhood is a controversial topic and is closely tied to concepts of equality, citizenship, and religion.

Personhood has long been a topic of debate. It was questioned during the abolition of slavery and the fight for women's rights. It is the focus of discussions about abortion, and fetal and reproductive rights. There are many religious views on reproductive justice including what constitutes personhood, access to contraception, sexuality education, and reproductive health care including abortion.

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THE EVENT IS FREE. After short remarks from each of our presenters, the discussion will be opened to Q&A. **Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.** Although the event is free, please **R.S.V.P. to corcrc1@gmail.com with the number attending to ensure plenty of refreshments.**

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Our diverse panel will share their views on reproductive justice issues.



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About the Amendment

Personhood Colorado, an anti-choice organization, has collected enough signatures in support of Amendment 67 to put the measure before the voters in November, 2014.

Amendment 67, also called the Brady Amendment, was initiated by a woman after being struck by a drunk driver when she was eight months pregnant. The accident resulted in the loss of a wanted pregnancy. She had selected the name "Brady." The purpose of the amendment is to recognize the fetus legally. Thus, the driver could be prosecuted on homicide charges. Currently homicide is an act that can only be perpetrated against a person.

A 2013 Colorado law, the Crimes Against Pregnant Women Act, mandates additional penalties for crimes resulting in the loss of a wanted pregnancy but does not define a fetus as a person. Amendment 67, however, has language about "protecting pregnant women and unborn children" which vaguely defines "unborn human beings" as a person or child.

It is believed that this amendment has the potential to restrict access to abortion and other reproductive health services, including some forms of contraception or infertility treatments. The ballot language does not tell voters what the full impact of the measure would be if it were to pass.

Please join us on Thursday, May 8th at Temple Emanuel for this important panel discussion and share your views.

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