

## PRIMARY ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2004: Please Remember to Vote

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### Hawaii Facts

**64% of Hawaii candidates that responded to the HFF survey would support an amendment to the US Constitution defining marriage between one man and one woman. 20% would not.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit education organization dedicated to preserving and strengthening the families in Hawaii. HFF is one of 38 Family Policy Councils (FPC) across the nation associated with Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family. HFF is an independent entity with no corporate or financial relationship to any other FPC or to Focus on the Family. However, we have a uniform purpose: serving as a voice for the family and assisting advocates for family ideals who aim to recapture the moral and intellectual high ground in the public arena.

### 54% of Candidates Respond to HFF/HCC Survey

The Hawaii Family Forum (HFF), in a joint effort with the Hawaii Catholic Conference (HCC), asked 12 questions of Hawaii's candidates for Congress, State House of Representatives and the Hawaii State Senate. 89 candidates (54%) out of 166 responded to our survey. We are grateful for their responses.

**DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE**  
When asked if doctors should be allowed to prescribe a dose of lethal medication to kill patients, 72% said NO, 11% said YES, while 15% are UNDECIDED.

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION**  
When asked if religious healthcare institutions should have an exemption in laws forcing them to disperse emergency contraceptives (abortifacient), 70% said YES, 12% said NO, while 15% remain UNDECIDED.

**LEGALIZED GAMBLING**  
When asked if gambling should be legalized in the State of Hawaii, 69% said NO, and 16% were UNDECIDED. Of those that said YES (11%), all would legalize a state lottery, 70% would legalize shipboard gambling, while less than half would vote to legalize casino gambling.

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION**  
When asked if they would support a law requiring parents to be notified before their minor daughter obtains an abortion, 82% of the respondents believe that parents should be notified, 6% said NO,

and 8% are UNDECIDED.

**CIVIL UNIONS**  
When asked if they would support a bill to repeal Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law and **establish civil unions** (exclusive for homosexual couples), 63% of the respondents said NO, 3% said YES, and 29% are UNDECIDED.

**STUDENT BUSING FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS**  
When asked if private school students should be provided with public bus transportation for a nominal fee, 62% said YES, 17% said NO, and 18% are UNDECIDED.

**HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS**  
When asked if they would support funding for additional housing for domestic violence victims, an overwhelming 90% said YES, 1% said NO, and 7% said they are UNDECIDED.

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION AS PROTECTED CLASS IN HOUSING**  
When asked if they would support adding sexual orientation as a special class in the housing statutes, 54% said NO, 16% said YES, and 25% said they are UNDECIDED.

**FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**  
Consistent with the national average, 64% said they would

support an amendment to the US Constitution defining marriage between one man and one woman. 20% said NO, and 10% are UNDECIDED.

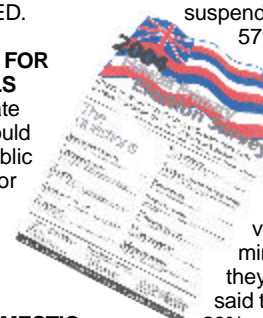
**GASOLINE PRICE CAP**  
When asked if they would repeal the newly enacted (and suspended) gasoline price cap, 57% would repeal the gasoline price cap, 10% would not, and 27% are UNDECIDED.

**MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**  
When asked if they would vote to increase the state minimum wage, 48% said they would vote YES, 27% said they would vote NO, and 20% are UNDECIDED.

**GENERAL EXCISE TAX INCREASE**  
When asked if the state should increase the general excise tax to aid education, 57% say NO, 17% say YES, and 22% are UNDECIDED.

We encourage all of you to call those candidates directly that did not respond to the survey. Ask them how they would vote on these very important issues. Remember, your vote is your voice.

Being registered to vote is only the beginning. Please take the time to go to the polls on **September 18 (Primary)** and **November 2 (General)**. For more information, or to order more copies of the guide, contact Eva at 230-2100.



### 2004 IMPORTANT DATES

September 18, 2004 (Saturday)	Primary Election
October 4, 2004 (Monday)	Last day to register to vote for General Election
November 2, 2004 (Tuesday)	General Election

# Hawaii Child Abuse Cases Up (Part 1 of 2)

by DeannaMarie Wallace

Neglected and abused in every sense of the word. Surrounded by violence and drugs until age three. Seven foster homes in three years, abused in two of those homes. This describes one Hawaiian child.

Since 1999, child abuse cases across the nation decreased by 8.6%. That's good news!! Hawaii on the other hand has seen an increase in their number of child abuse cases.

In mid July, over 1,000 people from all 50 states gathered in Washington DC for a historical event. Through a federal grant initiative, the first annual, Answering the Call; Partnering with Communities of Faith Summit, was held to discuss faith-based organization's involvement in recruiting and retaining foster and adoptive homes. The statistics are staggering with 530,000 abused and neglected children across the nation being "parented" by state child welfare agencies. In Hawaii alone, nearly 13,000 cases of possible abuse are under investigation and well over 3,000 children are living in foster homes and emergency shelters. Nationwide 126,000 are waiting for adoptive homes because their own homes were declared unsafe. In Hawaii, approximately 40% of all foster kids may never go home. Currently over 500 children wait for permanent homes.

Three state child welfare social workers from Hawaii were offered federal funds to attend the July summit in Washington DC, but only one attended. Thanks to the Lord's provision, three faith based representatives

from Hawaii attended the summit.

"I was moved to tears", explained DeeannaMarie Wallace of HOPE INC. "It was a privilege to be present as history was being made in our nation's capital." Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the US Health and Human Services, opened his address to the audience by quoting Matt. 19:13-15. Susan Orr, PhD., Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau, is responsible for the nation's 530,000 children in foster care and she publicly thanked God for making the summit possible. This was the first time in national history that public child welfare workers and faith based organizations met to collaborate on their shared vision from different perspectives. Rev. Gary Frost, Director of Metro New York Baptist Association closed the summit with a powerful message that "If nothing else, we as Christians can provide a normal family, as a reference point, for abused and neglected children, who might never have experienced one before." Both groups discussed efforts needed to bring permanency to the lives of thousands of the "least of these."

Father George Clements, a Catholic priest and founder of the One Church One Child Adoption Recruitment Program, has adopted four teen-age boys himself. He posed the question to the audience in his keynote address, "How can we worship a homeless man on Sunday and ignore the homeless on Monday?"

Until 1930, Americans of faith cared for the widows and orphans as outlined in

James 1:27. As a response to the depression, the New Deal was created to provide government assistance to those in need. This paved the way for the church to be replaced by government as the center of gravity for social assistance. The help was intended to be temporary, but unfortunately most churches relinquished their responsibility and the government slowly developed an ineffective foster care system. Currently, the entire nation recognizes that the state foster care systems are broken.

Do you know that nearly 80% of people in prisons have been in foster care at some time during their childhood? Bob Woodson urged that we stop "incubating tomorrow criminals in our broken system."

Our government is asking people of faith to come to the table and help find loving, kind, stable families to care for the "least of these." At the DC summit, faith based child welfare representatives gathered from every state, many states have numerous Christian ministries helping families provide temporary foster homes and permanent adoptive homes.

How many faith based organizations represented programs for Hawaii's abused and neglected children? "ONE" Praise God, Hawaii has one! HOPE INC (In the Name of Christ) founded by Randy and DeeannaMarie Wallace, is an inter-denominational Christian non-profit social

service ministry for at-risk children and their families.

HOPE INC is a grass roots ministry that is run by volunteers. As Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes in Matt. 9:36. HOPE INC takes action to assist at-risk families and single parents in hopes of preventing the involvement of the state child welfare in the family's lives. If children must be separated from their birth family whether it be temporary or permanent, HOPE INC will provide foster/adoptive homes as necessary. Will your church family join these efforts to make a difference in our community?

Perhaps there are individuals or families in your church that are called by the Lord to minister in this area. Please consider calling HOPE INC to come make a presentation at your church. If you know of people already who may be able to help please have them contact HOPE INC.

Please make the children of Hawaii part of your church's home mission outreach! Help HOPE INC make the motto, "Every Church Every Child" a reality in Hawaii!

We are called to participate in a Revolution of Compassion. It is occurring inside government, in church basements, in synagogues, in corporate offices and in people's hearts. Will you answer this call?

Please contact HOPE INC at [HOPEINC12@aol.com](mailto:HOPEINC12@aol.com) or call 808-230-CHILD (2445)



## Voter Education Kit's Include DVD Featuring Dr. James Dobson and HFF's Eva Andrade

A number of the outstanding voter education kits developed by Focus on the Family and [ivotevalues.org](http://ivotevalues.org) featuring a message from Dr. James Dobson are still available.



This outstanding resource includes; a 12 minute DVD includes a short segment featuring HFF's own Eva Andrade and Dr. James Dobson, a CD containing print-ready advertising materials, display stand with 50 voter registration forms, legal do's and don'ts for pastors and

churches, "how to" information for hosting a voter registration drive, sermon outlines with notes and bulletin inserts, voter resource guide and a promotional poster.

If you would like to order this packet, please contact Eva Andrade at (808) 230-2100 today. This information is a great way to encourage more participation in the voting process. Please let us know if you would like one of these kits for your church community so that we can make arrangements for you

to receive the kit.

The number of available kits is limited so place your order today. This resource will ensure that your church members are prepared to exercise their civic responsibilities.

Although the Primary Election is September 18, **it is not too late to start planning your voter registration drive for the General Election.** Deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 4, 2004.

### GENERAL ELECTION SURVEY TO INCLUDE QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CITY COUNCIL



In the next survey, we will be adding questions for the candidates running for the Board of Education and City Council. In the October newsletter, we will include the General Election survey.

If you or your church needs copies of the survey, please contact Eva at (808) 230-2100.

## National Issue Update

### PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

On August 25, 2004, Federal District Judge Richard Casey in New York ruled that the federal government cannot enforce the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act because the law conflicts with an earlier 5-4 Supreme Court ruling in favor of partial-birth abortion.

In the ruling, Judge Casey said, "The Court finds that the testimony at trial and before Congress establishes that D&X [partial-birth abortion] is a gruesome, brutal, barbaric, and uncivilized medical procedure." Unfortunately he reluctantly noted that the United States Supreme Court case of *Stenberg v. Carhart* (2000) requires a "health of the mother" exception to any law regarding abortion.

Proponents of the ban claim that the definition of health is so broad, doctors

could use any reason to invoke the health clause, thereby making the ban no ban at all.

His ruling also cited "credible evidence that [such] abortions subject fetuses to severe pain."

### UNBORN CHILD PAIN AWARENESS

Another important bill moving through congress is the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act (S. 2466, H.R. 4420) which requires that abortionists provide women seeking any type of abortion past 20 weeks with certain information regarding the capacity of their unborn children to experience pain and regarding the availability of pain-reducing drugs.

For more information on the status of the bill and on the issue of fetal pain, see the website: [http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/fetal\\_pain/index.html](http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/fetal_pain/index.html)

### TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

On August 3, 2004, voters in Missouri voted 71% - 29% to support the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. According to voting statistics in Missouri, the opportunity to vote in support of traditional marriage increased voter turnout by 40%.

Across the nation, nine states will be voting on traditional marriage initiatives; Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah. Efforts to pass similar initiatives are currently under way in Michigan, North Dakota, and Ohio.

Five states, Alaska, Hawaii, Nebraska, Nevada and Missouri have passed constitutional amendments banning so called same-sex "marriages."

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## Other Organizational Announcements ...

### ATTENTION YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 17—25)

Need a place to find out about the issues? Want to "chat" with other Christian youth about the upcoming elections? Want to help counteract MTV's get out the vote effort aimed at a liberal audience? You are the voices of tomorrow. Remember that elected leaders make laws today that will affect you tomorrow.

Visit [VOTELOUD.COM](http://VOTELOUD.COM) today.

### WEBSITE DEVELOPED FOR VOTER EDUCATION

iVoteValues.org was developed by [Focus on the Family](http://Focus on the Family) in partnership with [For Faith & Family](http://For Faith & Family). Focus on the Family is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible, and, specifically, to accomplish this objective by helping to preserve traditional values and the institution of the family. This website can help you vote your values because your voice is your VOTE.

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- 🕯️ For Supreme Court Justices across the nation
- 🕯️ For our troops overseas and their families
- 🕯️ For the members of the HFF Pastors' Advisory Board
- 🕯️ For the upcoming elections
- 🕯️ For the individuals choosing physician-assisted suicide in Oregon and those physicians who write their death prescriptions