

Policy Findings - 2019 national survey* of faith-based health professionals



Conscience regulation

Q225 "**Conscience protection** for medical professionals who decline to participate in healthcare procedures, like abortion, assisted suicide and transgender procedures and prescriptions, to which they object on moral or religious grounds. **97% necessary**

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Q230 "If this new **conscience protection regulation** is eliminated, which of the following effects do you feel it could have on the medical profession?"

- Fewer doctors practicing medicine. **70%**
- Decreased access to healthcare providers, services, facilities for patients in low-income areas. **60%**
- Decreased access to healthcare providers, services, facilities for patients in rural areas. **60%**

Q235 "If **conscience protection** for medical professionals was **eliminated**. This means professionals who decline to participate in healthcare procedures, like abortion, assisted suicide and gender reassignment surgery, to which they object on moral or religious grounds are forced to participate in these procedures or face legal action." **56%** would limit their practice.

Gender regulation / Equality Act

Q220 "**Redefining 'sex'** in federal discrimination laws to mean gender identity, defined as one's internal sense of being 'male, female, neither or a combination of male and female.'" **91% oppose**

Q225 "A rule defining 'sex' in federal discrimination laws and regulations to mean '**biological sex**' and not gender identity." **84% necessary**

Q235 "If the proposed **Equality Act** (H.R. 5) was passed. This bill would change the definition of 'sex discrimination' from its historical basis in biology (i.e., male/female) to include factors such as gender identity and sexual orientation. The bill would impose legal penalties against anyone who does not share this ideology. **55%** would limit for all patients the procedures and prescriptions in their practice.

Q235 If the 2016 HHS rule that redefined discrimination was upheld, meaning 'on the basis of sex' would include **gender identity**, defined as one's internal sense of being 'male, female, neither, or a combination of male and female.' **50%** would limit for all patients the procedures and prescriptions in their practice.

Abortion / Hyde

Q245 In 1977 the **Hyde Amendment** was passed. It ruled that federal funds could not be used to pay for abortion except to save the life of the woman, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape. Do you support or oppose this law? **89%** support.