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BASED ON THE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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NV Legislative Scorecard 2021

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. AB280 "All-Gender" Bathrooms (passed 36 to 5 on 5/27/2021). Prohibits places of public accommodation from reserving a single-stall restroom for a specific gender, while authorizing signage for such a restroom that reads "All-Gender Bathroom" or "All-Accessible Bathroom."	✗		YES ✗
2. SB458 K-12 Public Education Funding Bill (passed 41 to 0 on 5/26/2021). Provides funding for K-12 public education for the 2021-2023 biennium at a purported estimated average of \$10,204 per pupil for FY 21-22 and \$10,290 per pupil for FY 22-23.	✗		YES ✗
3. SB50 "No-Knock" Warrants (passed 40 to 0 on 5/20/2021). Sets forth requirements concerning the issuance and execution of "no-knock" search warrants that are identical to those described in state law for "no-knock" arrest warrants.	✗		YES ✗
4. SJR8 Equal Rights Amendment to the Nevada Constitution (passed 30 to 12 on 3/24/2021). Proposes an "equality of rights" amendment to the Nevada Constitution to prohibit discrimination, including on the basis of "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression."	✗		YES ✗
5. SJR11 Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (passed 31 to 0 on 5/18/2021). Urges Congress to ratify the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).	✗		YES ✗
6. AB186 Ending Policing-for-Profit (passed 41 to 1 on 4/15/2021). Prohibits a law enforcement agency from requiring a peace officer to issue a certain number of traffic citations or make a certain number of arrests.		★	YES ★

Scorecard Votes: 17%

Why do these votes matter?

1. “All-Gender” Bathrooms

AB280 prohibits places of public accommodation from reserving a single-stall restroom for a specific gender, while authorizing signage for such a restroom that reads “All-Gender Bathroom” or “All-Accessible Bathroom.”

All citizens, including private business owners, have a right — which the government has a duty to uphold — to protect both themselves and their children from obscene, indecent, or profane activity. This right is retained under and guaranteed by the 9th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

2. K-12 Public Education Funding Bill

SB458 provides funding for K-12 public education for the 2021-2023 biennium at a purported estimated average of \$10,204 per pupil for FY 21-22 and \$10,290 per pupil for FY 22-23.

Education is not the legitimate object of government, but rather the responsibility of — and a fundamental right of choice retained by — a child’s parents or legal guardians. Forcing American citizens to furnish taxpayer money for a compulsory, government-run K-12 school system violates individual protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

3. "No-Knock" Warrants

SB50 sets forth requirements concerning the issuance and execution of “no-knock” search warrants that are identical to those described in state law for “no-knock” arrest warrants.

“No-knock” warrants undermine the rights of Americans protected specifically by the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. “No-knock” warrants, by definition, violate the basic principle that law enforcement should not forcibly enter a premises without first providing notice of their authority and purpose of executing a warrant.

4. Equal Rights Amendment to the Nevada Constitution

SJR8 proposes an “equality of rights” amendment to the Nevada Constitution to prohibit discrimination, including on the basis of “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.”

Individual rights are natural, absolute, and unalienable endowments given to each person equally by God, not positive grants from the government subject to redefinition, particularly as result of impossible self-declarations such as “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.” This “equal rights” amendment exchanges the self-evident truths of the Declaration of Independence — and thereby abandons the principles of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights — for a contradictory, indeterminate, and unstable alternative that makes a mockery of civil liberties.

5. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women

SJR11 urges Congress to ratify the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This international treaty, among its other provisions, “affirms women's right to reproductive choice” and stresses that “a change in the traditional role of men as well as the role of women in society and in the family is needed.”

Both states and Congress have a constitutional duty to secure the right to life for unborn persons, as well as other rights retained by the traditional family, which is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Moreover, the U.S. should rescind its membership in the United Nations, whose founding Charter undermines American national sovereignty by establishing a framework for expansive global governance towards a one-world state.

6. Ending Policing-for-Profit

AB186 prohibits a law enforcement agency from requiring a peace officer to issue a certain number of traffic citations or make a certain number of arrests.

The Assembly passed AB186 on April 15, 2021, by a vote of 41 to 1. We have assigned pluses to the yeas because the purpose of state and local law enforcement is to protect life, liberty, and property, rather than unconstitutionally deprive citizens of their freedom or possessions through coercive means of taxation such as traffic citation or arrest quotas.