

FL AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM 2008-2010

Sec.1 To allow American Women to be equally represented in the U.S. Constitution, Florida AAUW advocates:

Support for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S.Constitution.

Sec. 2: To support Pay Equity, Florida AAUW advocates:

Support for legislation that seeks to close the persistent and sizable wage gaps between men and women and promote pay equity.

Sec. 3: To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, Florida AAUW advocates:

Support for and access to higher education for women and all disadvantaged populations.

Opposition to the FCAT unless it is used as one of many assessment measures for individual student progression rather than as a punitive yardstick for schools, teachers and students.

Support for fully funding public education and opposition to the use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education.

Enforcement of all provisions of Title IX.

Support for broadening the definition of Core subjects in the Florida public school system to include and provide appropriate funding for arts and related humanities program now considered extracurricular.

Support for adding a civics education requirement in public schools.

Sec. 4: To support economic self-sufficiency for all women, Florida AAUW advocates:

Support for programs that increase the earning potential of women by allowing full access to post-secondary education and job training, thereby ending the cycle of poverty.

Sec. 5 To support the right of every woman to safe, accessible, and comprehensive reproductive health care, Florida AAUW advocates:

Support for a woman's right to choose as articulated in the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Support for legislative efforts to ensure that our public schools teach comprehensive, medically accurate, age appropriate sex education.

Support for legislative efforts to ensure access to family planning services, including emergency birth control (Plan B).

Opposition to any laws or policies that threaten a female's freedom to make her own choices concerning her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs.

Opposition to legislative efforts to make the Parental Notice of Abortion law even more onerous and burdensome for minors.

Opposition to any public funding for Crisis Pregnancy Centers which do not offer the full range of options in cases of unplanned pregnancies.

Sec. 6 To support a fair election process, Florida AAUW advocates:

Working towards statewide consistency in the development of effective election processes and procedures in all counties including ensuring accuracy of a vote count by any effective method.

Full access to citizens who desire to register and vote regardless of background including rehabilitated felons.

Support for legislative efforts for fair redistricting in the State of Florida.

Sec. 7 To support the protection of civil and constitutional rights and individual liberties, Florida AAUW advocates:

Opposition to any legislation that violates the right to privacy via e-mail or other intrusive methods.

Opposition to any judicial appointments of candidates whose record undermines women's basic legal rights and protections.

Support for women's rights to be free from violence to include sexual harassment, human trafficking, rape and sexual assault, domestic abuse and other gender specific hat crimes.