

MINNESOTA PARENTAL RIGHTS

HOW DID WE GET HERE, WHAT CAN WE DO?



HISTORICALLY,

the courts have held that the "primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition." *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205 (1972).

THEN, IN 2000, a Washington state law gave any person the ability to override a good parent's decision on visitation by simply claiming that it would be "best" for the children to allow the third-party to have visitation rights.

IT WENT TO THE SUPREME COURT:

U.S. Supreme Court reviewed the law in *Troxel v. Granville*, and issued a split decision. There were six separate opinions and none reached a five-vote majority. Thus it left room for judges nationwide to interpret as they wish across many issues- as long as they thought it was in the best interest of the child.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE EFFECT?

The government has grown beyond its scope of duty into being the judge and jury of what are appropriate decisions for families to make. The result?

- 40% of children are subject to a CPS investigation by age 18.
- 2,100 children are removed from home every three days.
- 400,000 children will spend time in a foster home this year.
- 83% of investigations are ruled unfounded or unsubstantiated.
- Minority children are removed from home at double or triple the rate.
- For every ONE anonymous report of real abuse, 24 innocent families are subjected to traumatic investigations.
- Minnesota has the 6th highest removal rate in the country.

SO WHAT CAN BE DONE?

THE PARENTAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Federal Legislators can sign on or support the Parental Rights Amendment (HJ Resolution 38) which would amend the U.S. Constitution to uphold these inalienable rights. Read more: parentalrightsfoundation.org/amendment

State Legislators can sponsor the Parental Rights Resolution to make the statement that OUR state supports the passage of the Constitutional Amendment.

State Legislators can also support **Minnesota's very own Parent's Bill of Rights!**

SF76 / HF353 AND SF1452 / HF1590

States that already codify Parental Rights: Michigan (1996), Colorado (2003), Virginia (2013), Oklahoma (2014), Idaho (2015), Wyoming (2017), Texas (1999), Nevada (2013), Kansas (2013), Arizona (2015), Utah (2015) & Florida (2020)..

In recent years we have seen an unprecedented number of bills seeking to insinuate their way into the home life of Minnesotans and we need your help. We MUST make headway into proactively protecting the fundamental rights of parents and children.

Please contact us to discuss options or if we can support in any way.

Information shared from ParentalRights.org

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