Straight Talk about Arizona Propositions

Arizona's proposition system may result in bad law. Fight extremism and special interests.

Every election, **special interests and extremists** deceive the Arizona populace into voting for cunningly-written laws that sound like they will do one thing but result in something completely different.

There are two different kinds of propositions in Arizona:

1. **Propositions submitted by the legislature**. These have gone through the legislative process and come out of that process as well-written law that usually accomplishes what it claims to and is never extremist in nature.
2. **Propositions submitted by petition**. These are written by special-interest groups and ALMOST ALWAYS contain deceptive language and ALWAYS result in supporting extremist positions. Those organizations spend a lot of money lying to Arizona citizens to get them to vote for what seems reasonable, but turns out otherwise.

Check the heading of each proposition. If it doesn't say it was referred by the house of representatives and senate, DON'T VOTE FOR IT. And when those petitions come around, don't sign: You haven't read and considered the whole law, and most of the voters won't either. **They will fall for the "sound bite"** and vote for the bad law – extremist law.

Some past deceptive extremist propositions the public voted into Arizona law:

Marijuana: The lie: "You are voting for medical marijuana only – this law will not permit recreational use." Actual result: Anyone could get marijuana by paying $100 to a "marijuana doctor," and the "marijuana dispensary" system got locked into Arizona law, allowing a few powerful organizations to control marijuana in Arizona – a state-sponsored drug cartel. This was voted for by people who thought they were just allowing marijuana to medical patients who needed it. Now we have mobsters getting rich selling drugs.

School funding: The lie: "You are voting for a tax on the rich to support Arizona schools." Actual result: The rich didn't end up paying more total dollars, and the schools got the same amount of money they had been getting. Teacher pay did not increase and in some cases went down. Many rich people switched their income to another state, and we lost businesses and jobs. Worse, we created a system where high-bureaucracy "public" schools are supported in preference to low-bureaucracy "charter public" schools. The best teachers don't like to work for the high-bureaucracy schools, so many of them stopped teaching or went to other states. Quality of

education went down. Only the public-school bureaucrats and AEA union bosses won. Arizona children lost.

Minimum wage: The lie: "You are voting to help reduce poverty." Actual result: Businesses replaced their lowest-paid workers with automation. Lower-skilled workers now have a hard time finding and keeping a job. Businesses passed their higher wage expense on to their customers, resulting in the price of everything (especially fast food) going way up. Poverty increased as employment decreased and buying power dwindled. Only the union bosses won – they got more powerful because the law created an exception for unions.

There are more I could cite. The "bad law" (petition process) propositions this election are:

- Proposition 139: Constitutional amendment. Lie: "Legalizes abortion within limits." Fact: Already legal, with safeguards. Actual result if passed: Extremist position of totally voluntary abortion through 9 months, no limits, legislature can't regulate in any way. Sneakiness: "judgment of a treating health care professional .. protect … mental health." Anyone who does abortions (not just doctors) can make their own judgment. The mother wants an abortion? Then for her mental health we'll give her one. As with "medical" marijuana, some will certify **any** abortion as being for the mother's mental health. All protections removed. Far, far, far beyond Roe v. Wade.[1]

- Proposition 140: Constitution amendment. Lie: "Makes elections fair." Fact: Concentrates power in the hands of a few. Actual result if passed: Jungle primaries, where the critical decisions are made at a stage where voters can't focus in on a few candidates. When a party has several good candidates and the other party has only two, the party with two similar candidates will always win the general election, even if both their candidates are extreme. The result is special interests inside each party will start hand-picking candidates. Very bad!

I encourage you to vote NO to all "bad law" (petition process) propositions **in this election and every one in the future**. If good law can be written for a goal, the legislature we elect will do so if we as their constituents let them know we want a change. Example: If Arizonans think 15 weeks is the wrong cutoff for elective abortions, we can contact our legislators and they WILL act. The good news is, the legislature will almost never take any extreme position: They can't, or they won't be re-elected. The power is in our hands, through representatives who will create good law to implement the will of the people of Arizona. Let's keep it that way and not let special-interest extremists take over.

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