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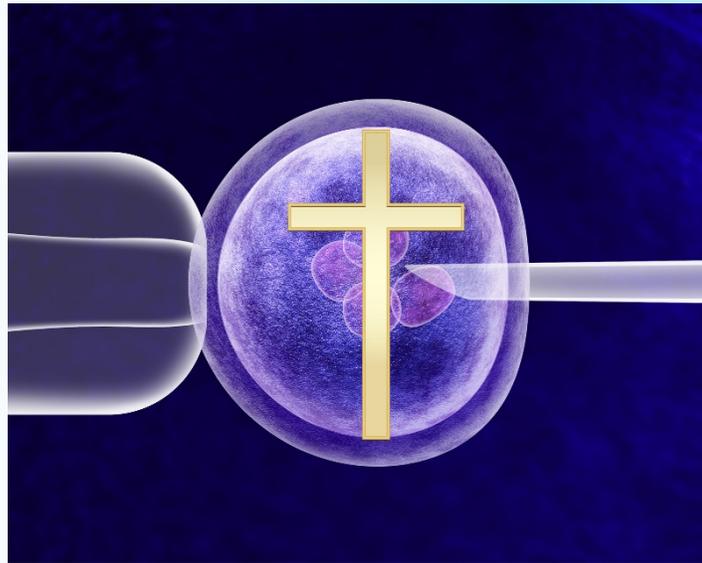
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ARIZONA'S VOICE FOR
SECULAR GOVERNMENT

**Can Arizona
require
insurance
companies to
cover infertility
treatment?**

**Not if Center for
Arizona Policy
has its way.**



Phoenician Elizabeth Marshall needs pre-conception progesterone treatment to ensure a healthy pregnancy. Her insurance company will cover treatment after Marshall conceives, but she needs it several weeks before conception to increase the odds of a successful pregnancy.

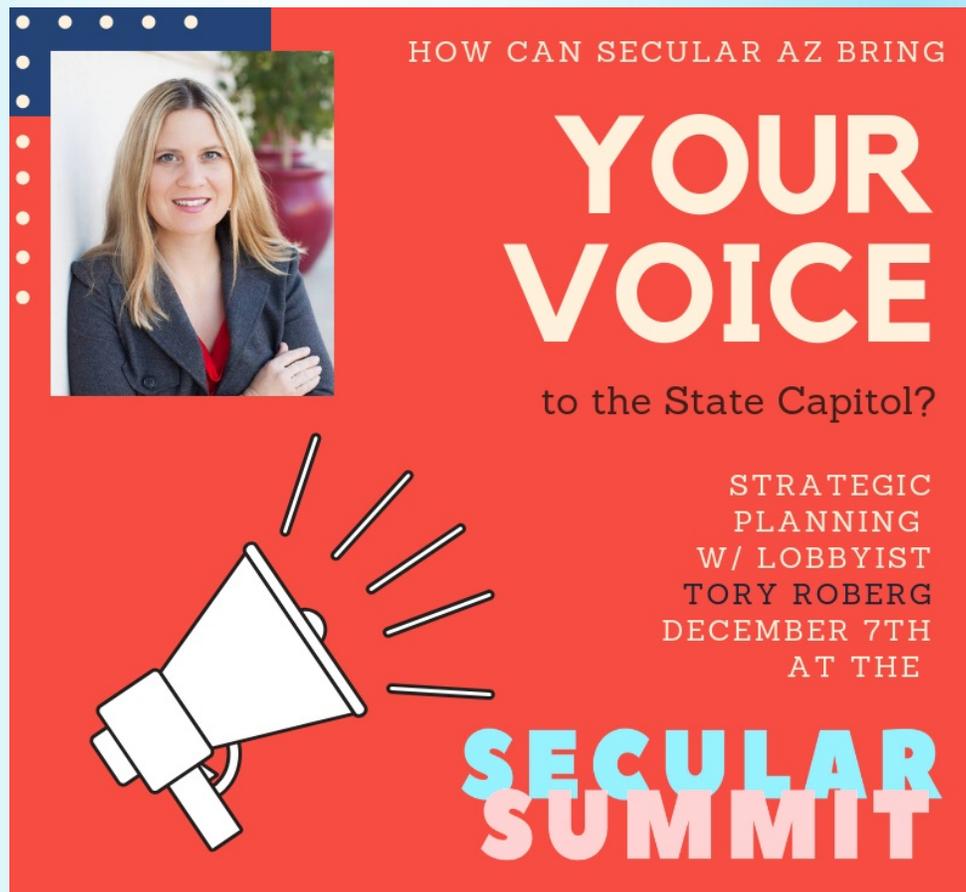
17 states now require insurance companies to cover infertility treatment. Arizona does not. Marshall is fighting to change that law and she's likely to run into tough opposition at the Legislature.

Why? Because some Christians oppose any requirement that insurance companies cover IVF. For some, their religious beliefs allow infertility treatment through fertility drugs, but describe IVF and other forms of artificial insemination as immoral.

Earlier iterations of IVF resulted in unused embryos being thrown out. Technology has advanced to the point where they're frozen rather than discarded, but Cathi Herrod, president of the uber-conservative lobbying juggernaut Center for Arizona Policy, said that still isn't acceptable. "Creating embryos is creating a human life," she said. "It's a pro-life concern. We're concerned about creating embryos that will basically be

left in a frozen safe in a clinic forever."

Read more at the [AZ Capitol Times](#).



HOW CAN SECULAR AZ BRING
YOUR VOICE
to the State Capitol?

STRATEGIC
PLANNING
W/ LOBBYIST
TORY ROBERG
DECEMBER 7TH
AT THE
**SECULAR
SUMMIT**

What are your policy priorities? Tell us at the Secular Summit.

Join secular supporters from around Arizona at our annual **Secular Summit** for presentations, networking, education, advocacy and more.

Every year, a portion of the summit is dedicated to finding out what matters most to Secular AZ's constituency, so that we can focus on these issues at the Legislature.

Is your top issue reproductive rights? Religious displays on public property? Religious endorsements in public schools? Come tell us and impact our agenda for 2020.

The strategic planning session will be held by Tory Roberg, Secular AZ's Director of Government Affairs, who acts as your voice at the Legislature. Tory will also provide Legislative updates and insights into how to best make your voice heard at the Capitol.

We'll also have updates on the upcoming legislative session, Secular AZ's many legal activities, and additional speakers to be announced

soon!

This is a members-only event; tickets are just \$15, or you can support Secular AZ by being a host, super host, or an event sponsor.

(Not a member yet? It just takes a minute to [become one!](#))

Please join us on Saturday, December 7 at the Humanist Center of Greater Phoenix in Mesa.

Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.



Amplify your voice.

Because federal surveys do not gather data about secular Americans, there's a lack of information about atheists, agnostics, and the nonreligious. But you can change the situation! Take the United States #SecularSurvey and make yourself heard!

Please act now. Visit [SecularSurvey.org](https://www.secularsurvey.org) to

complete the survey. And if you have already taken it, then please ask other atheists, secularists, and nonreligious people that you know to do the same!

Other Events:

Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix presents

An Evening With



An Evening with Matt and Seth: Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix is hosting an evening of conversation and interaction with Seth Andrews (The Thinking Atheist podcast) and Matt Dillahunty (The Atheist Experience).

The event at the Doubletree Hilton in Tempe will include tabling by secular-friendly organizations, networking, cash bar, book signings, and the option of a VIP dinner with Matt and Seth before the show! Get tickets and more info at HSGP's website [here](#).

12 Steps, 0 Gods: The Arizona Secular Alcoholics Anonymous Conference is coming November 9th at the 24th Street Conference Center in Phoenix. Secular AA is a movement within Alcoholics Anonymous that seeks to widen the gateway to 12 Step-based recovery so that all who suffer may find long-term sobriety regardless of their belief or lack of belief in a God. Panel topics will include Dogma & Ritual in AA, Raising Secular Awareness through Service Work, How to Survive Conventional AA Meetings, and Tolerance Within Secular AA.

Visit azsecularaa.org for more information or to register.

End of Life planning: An open "End of Life Options" Community Meeting will take place November 3rd 2:00 - 3:30 in Central Phoenix. Learn how to lend your voice and volunteer your time to help make medical aid in dying a legal end of life option in Arizona. [Click here for details and to RSVP.](#)

National stories of interest:

[Donald Trump and Bill Barr Are Setting a Religious War Trap](#)

[Conversion Therapy Ban on Track in Utah Despite Proposed Amendments From Church of Latter-Day Saints](#)

[Naval Academy midshipmen seek Satanic Temple space](#)

[American Atheists Opposes HUD's Plan to Rollback Housing Protections for Nonreligious Americans](#)

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