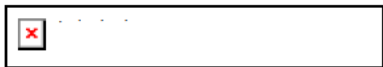


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Meeting Date: 02/11/25

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Scott Latimer

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Henry Hyde name removal

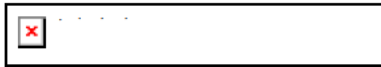
Comment: As someone who considers themselves very Liberal and actively follows politics I say NO. Do not remove his name. This is exactly why we got smoked in last election. Concentrate on issues that directly effect DuPage citizens. Remember that the Hyde amendment was considered a moderate compromise at the time, and was one of the reasons that abortion access remained available. NO to name removal !

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Meeting Date: 02/11/25

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Jennifer Johnson

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Aurora, IL 60504

**Daytime
Phone:** [REDACTED]

Subject: February 11, 2025, DuPage County Board Meeting

Comment: I am compelled to encourage members of the DuPage County Board to vote in favor of removing Henry Hyde's name from the county courthouse. The vote is on Tuesday, Feb. 11. I am alarmed to know Mr. Hyde is in favor of restricting access to essential healthcare, disproportionately harming marginalized communities and violating reproductive rights. I highly encourage members to remove Hyde from access to any elected official position.

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	R Kaba
Organization:	
Address:	Downers Grove, IL 60515
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Henry Hyde
Comment:	Henry Hyde name on building must not be changed. Keep Henry Hyde name on building.

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Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Jerry Evans
Organization:	
Address:	Warrenville, IL 60555
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Henry Hyde - Courthouse
Comment:	<p>Hi. My name is Jerry Evans, I'm a resident of Warrenville with my wife and children, and I own and operate a music school in Wheaton. I would like to express my support for continuing to have Henry Hyde's name on the county courthouse.</p> <p>The days of "cancel culture" are over, and it is time to move on from hyper partisanship and petty politics. Henry Hyde was a very accomplished US Congressman, and did a significant amount for the Dupage county community for many years. His name should remain on the courthouse, and I would like to ask the Dupage County board to retain his name on the county courthouse</p>

today.
Thank you.
-Jerry Evans

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Sandra Mueller
Organization:	
Address:	 Downers Grove , IL 60516
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Removal of Henry Hyde's name
Comment:	Please consider removing Henry Hyde's name from the public spaces. His legacy of harmful action is not who we are here in DuPage County. Thank you for your consideration.

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Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Jennifer Peckenpaugh
Organization:	
Address:	Downers Grove, IL 60515
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Name Removal
Comment:	I would like to record that as a resident of DuPage County, I am in favor of the removal of "Henry J. Hyde" from the name of the courthouse.

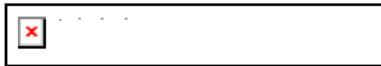
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Submitted at 02/11/25 11:02 AM

Meeting Date: 02/11/25

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Andrea Bruce

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Lombard, IL 60148

**Daytime
Phone:**

Subject: Removal of Henry Hyde's Name

Comment:

Hi there.

I am submitting a comment to the DuPage County Board that I am in support of the removal of Henry Hyde's name from the county courthouse. As a member of this community, I do not support providing accolades to individuals who were in favor of stripping access to healthcare for marginalized communities and demographics. As a woman, as well, anyone who tries to make decisions about my personal reproductive health is violating

my rights and does not properly represent over 50% of the population of this country and that is an abhorrent abuse of power.

By removing Henry Hyde's name, you will be signaling that you support EVERY individual that is represented in this community by refusing to honor someone who felt fine with discrimination against vulnerable populations.

Thank you.

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Meeting Date:	02/25/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Concerned Citizen
Organization:	
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Limited Public Comment
Comment:	Shame on each and every board member that voted to limit the Public Comment at the 2.11.25 County Board Meeting! Regardless of the topic, the public should ALWAYS be heard. What are these board members so afraid of?? Shameful!

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Todd Baebler
Organization:	
Address:	 Wheaton , IL 60189
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Decision to remove Henry Hyde's name from County Court Building
Comment:	Putting it on record that I disagree with today's decision to remove Henry Hyde's name from the county court house. I believe that your priorities are misaligned. I have lived in Dupage County for the past 30 years. It has been a wonderful place to raise our family. I expect much more from our elected officials than such expressions of intolerance and pettiness towards opposing views to your own. We should have the freedom to express and debate our views in a civilized manner while continuing to work together.

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Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Allan Fenske
Organization:	
Address:	[REDACTED] Elmhurst, IL 60126
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Remove H. Hydes name from court house
Comment:	This man's racist and anti-choice history makes him unfit for such an honor.

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Carol Davis
Organization:	
Address:	 Carol Stream, IL 60188
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	County Courthouse + Henry Hyde
Comment:	We the People are sick of seeing our "public servants" wasting time and our taxpayer dollars on ridiculous and frivolous issues! We are sick of "cancel culture" and the "outrage machine"! Leave the name of the Dupage County Courthouse alone. Stop this revisionist history nonsense. We have far more urgent and important issues which require attention. STOP THIS NONSENSE!

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Daniel Caudy
Organization:	the office of daniel c c audy llc
Address:	 Elmhurst, IL 60126
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Remname from DuPage County Buildingove Henry Hyde's
Comment:	I am totally in favor of removing anything having to do with the now dead Republican Party since President Pro Tem Elfin Muck and ""47" have taken over the once proud name of a political party. May they all rot in Hell.

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Michael Reich

Organization: self

Address: [REDACTED]
Glendale Heights, IL 60139

**Daytime
Phone:**

Subject: Removal Of Henry Hyde's Name On Dupage Courthouse

Comment:

I fully support the removal of Hyde's name from the Courthouse and want to thank those of you who voted to do so on 2/11/25. Henry Hyde did not represent ALL Dupage residents when he served in Congress and there's no reason his name was placed on the Courthouse in the first place. This is not "cancel culture," a term rendered meaningless by the proponents of right-wing politics. This is reflecting that it is no longer needed or appropriate to name the Courthouse in his honor.

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Meeting Date:	02/11/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Val O'Dea
Organization:	
Address:	 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Remove Henry Hyde's name from the county courthouse
Comment:	<p>Please vote to remove the name of Henry Hyde from the county courthouse. I believe it is inappropriate for our courthouse to bear the name of someone who favored restricting access to basic healthcare, especially when it would be harmful to marginalized communities, in violation of their reproductive rights.</p> <p>Our courthouse should be renamed in honor of someone who has made significant contributions that are to the benefit of all DuPage County residents.</p>

Hyde used his political power to restrict care to those who made need it most. This is not responsible leadership. It is an honor to have a building named after one. Hyde did not earn this. On the contrary.

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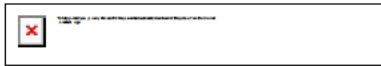
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Meeting Date:	02/12/25
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Gail Peironnet Hinkle
Organization:	American Citizen
Address:	[REDACTED] Wheaton , IL 60189
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	The Honorable Henry Hyde
Comment:	I wanted to express my feelings regarding the removal of Henry Hyde's name. I am appalled and disgusted how the Board has reacted to a genuine American patriot. YOU are in office to serve the people of this County. Why did you not bring this up for a referendum vote that we as taxpayers have a right and privilege to participate in. You are cowards and disgraceful to our County,State and Country. Gail P. Hinkle

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Meeting Date: 02/11/25

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Val O'Dea

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Daytime
Phone:** [REDACTED]

Subject: Remove Henry Hyde's name from the county courthouse

Comment:

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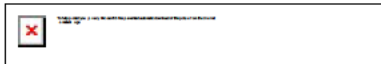
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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Gary Vician

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Naperville, IL 60540

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Henry Hyde Judicial Center vote

Comment: On Tuesday, the DuPage County Board surprised no one when it voted 10-5 to remove the late congressman Henry Hyde's name from the Wheaton courthouse. What had been the Henry J. Hyde Judicial Office Facility since 2010 will now be known as the offensive-to-no-one DuPage County Judicial Office Facility. The vote was along party lines; 10 Democrats agreed, five Republicans disagreed and two Democrats — Lucy Chang Evans of Naperville and Lynn LaPlante of Glen Ellyn — abstained, saying it was an issue the board

didn't need to take on.

Democrats, led by Board Chair Deborah Conroy, pushed the removal over Hyde's namesake legislation from 1977, the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funds from being used to pay for elective abortions through Medicaid. (It was later amended to pay for abortions in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.) They argued that because the Amendment restricted health care to poor women, Hyde's name did not belong on the face of the courthouse, a building that stands for equal justice for all.

Unfortunately, the removal of Hyde's name says a great deal more than the Democrats intended. To begin with, it reduces a great — yes, great — conservative thinker to a one-issue caricature. Yes, Hyde was opposed to abortion his entire adult life. He didn't arrive at that opinion because it was politically expedient; he believed abortion was wrong. But he also walked the walk that his point of view required by pushing for expanded childcare and family leave legislation. Moreover, in 1981 he rejected the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee's "hit list" of pro-choice congressmen and senators to target for defeat, saying it would create unhelpful discord among members who work best when they work together.

A renowned conservative, Hyde nevertheless was an original supporter of the Brady Bill, which called for background checks for gun buyers, and in 1994 supported a ban on semi-automatic weapons.

Over the years of his long public life, this editorial board didn't hesitate to disagree with Hyde on proposed legislation that we felt was too conservative for the suburbs at large. But we also endorsed Hyde repeatedly, as a man of integrity who was respectful and willing to listen to the other side. He was truly an institution in DuPage County, a sincere and conscientious representative for his values and for his constituents, especially at that time. He and the late liberal senator Paul Simon were genuine friends — polar opposites in politics but with a mutual respect for the character each found in the other.

Naming buildings, schools, expressways and more for public servants of stature is a time-honored tradition in this nation. Besides honoring them, it keeps their legacy alive for future generations. Pulling Hyde's name off the courthouse because his point of view on abortion is no longer the majority view in DuPage

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County feels petty. Names have been removed because the honoree was found to be corrupt, an unabashed racist or an abuser of children, to name a few. Hyde was none of those things.

DuPage Democrats wanted to send a message with the move, and they did. They just sent the wrong one.

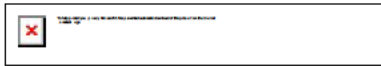
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Naperville, IL 60540

**Daytime
Phone:** [REDACTED]

Subject: Henry Hyde Judicial Center

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U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde confers with his chief of staff Thomas Mooney, right, and other

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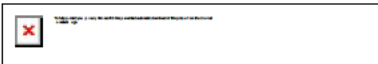
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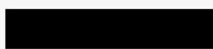
Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Sarah Wagner

Organization: Independent

Address: IL 60188

**Daytime
Phone:**



Subject:

Comment:

As a lifetime resident of Dupage county, I am super disappointed in Deborah Conroy and she is no way represents me. Deborah Conroy is a firm supporter of women being able to kill their innocent preborn babies in the womb. As a state representative, she regularly votes to make it easier for Illinois residents, and others, to kill their babies. For example, she voted for a law that made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy and also voted to repeal the state's parental notification law.

Deborah Conroy is opposing a great American hero and has no right to remove

Henry Hyde's name from the iconic Dupage County courthouse.
I motion to put Henry Hyde's name back on the courthouse and remove Deborah Convey from her chair position for her radical views of cancelling heroes and killing babies.
Her divisiveness has no place in DuPage County. I also motion to launch a full investigation into her funding. Such egregious behavior, indicates a corrupt moral compass and lends to other malice. I motion to report her to DOGE to fully investigate her agenda and who is setting her up to such blatant acts of divisiveness.

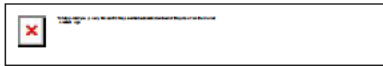
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Name: Michelle Hennessy

Organization:

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Subject: The overt rewriting and canceling on Henry Hyde

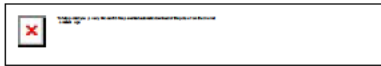
Comment: I object tonremoving Henry Hydes name from the judicial center in DuPage County. I have lived in Dupage and Kane county my whole life and i have never seen such a defamation of charter and trying to erase and rewrite history. As elected officials, you have to be better than that.

I place my objections clearly before this board.

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Jim Zay

Organization: self

Address:

**Daytime
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Subject: Henry Hyde editorial - Chicago Tribune

Comment: I had many requests from supporters; including the Hyde family to have the Chicago Tribune editorial added to the record of the County Board.

Opinion: Why Henry Hyde's name should stay on the DuPage County courthouse
Chicago Tribune

History often is complex and resistant to simple narratives. So are people.

So it is a needlessly divisive mistake for DuPage County Board Chair Deborah Conroy to push for her fellow board members to remove the name of the late Henry J. Hyde, longtime Republican congressman, from the county courthouse. The board is scheduled to vote Tuesday on the issue.

Hyde represented DuPage, which until recent years was a Republican power center, in Washington for more than three decades, retiring in 2007. During that time, Hyde wasn't some low-profile lifer in Congress. He was one of the House's most prominent members, even when he was serving in the minority, which is to say most of his career there.

Conroy's rationale for removing Hyde's name from the court building is that the staunchly anti-abortion politician was responsible for the Hyde Amendment, the provision in federal law that for decades barred spending federal taxpayer money on abortions with exceptions for rape, incest or endangerment to the life of the mother. "It's strictly because of the Hyde Amendment, and it's very difficult for so many women to walk into the courthouse and see (his name)," she told the Tribune.

Abortion rights is an issue that only has grown more intense since Hyde died 10 months after his retirement. We understand the symbolic argument. But to strip his name from the building would be akin to removing Richard J. Daley's name from the courthouse in the heart of the Loop over a single issue — say, the police beating of protesters at the 1968 Democratic convention on his orders, the culture of corruption that the Daley machine fostered or his brutal segregationist policies.

Even many ardent Daley critics wouldn't suggest doing so. Why is that? Because Daley is a singularly important figure in the history of Chicago and to rename the Daley Center or Daley Plaza would be to try to negate that history.

Like Daley, Hyde was a complicated figure and far more than the name adorning a famous (or infamous, depending on your point of view) piece of legislation. Memories are short, of course, but for most of his career Hyde was an intellectual heavyweight on the Republican side of the aisle. Agree or disagree, but when Hyde took the floor to speak, people listened.

And for good reason. He was a thoughtful conservative. Consider this: Hyde stepped down in 1981 from the advisory board of the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee after Executive Director Peter Gemma Jr. identified incumbent lawmakers the group planned to work to defeat. Hyde objected to targeting officeholders over a single issue.

Much the way the DuPage board is considering doing Tuesday.

Would the Democratic majority on the DuPage board consider themselves in favor of reasonable gun regulation? If so, against the consensus of his party,

Hyde in 1994 voted for President Bill Clinton's ban on assault weapons, demonstrating that he could be persuaded to change his mind on a monumental issue of the day. Just three years earlier, he had voted against the same ban. Hyde reversed himself after reading detailed accounts of gun victims in Chicago, provided by Democratic Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois. "At the end of reading this list of bloody crimes, I had to conclude these guns have no purpose but to kill a lot of people very rapidly," Hyde said. "It wasn't like falling off a horse on the road to Damascus. But like many things complicated and emotional, you don't dwell on them unless forced to."

Hyde's change of heart induced Illinois Rep. Bob Michel, then GOP minority leader, and dozens more Republicans to vote for the ban. Such political courage is almost impossible to imagine on today's Capitol Hill.

Of course, four years later Hyde led Clinton's impeachment proceedings on behalf of the House before the Senate, leading critics to disclose Hyde's years long extramarital affair decades earlier and accusing him of hypocrisy. Hyde admitted to cheating on his wife but claimed Clinton's alleged wrongdoing was about Clinton's cover-up attempts rather than his actual affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The public didn't buy it, and Hyde paid a reputational price in the process.

All of this is to say that Henry Hyde was complicated. Just like most people.

But what is indisputable is that he was one of the most important political figures to emerge from DuPage County. Ever. His name should stay on that courthouse.

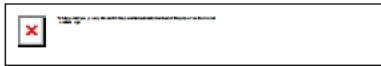
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Name: Jim Zay

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Subject: Daily Herald Hyde editorial

Comment: I have been requested by many supporters and the Hyde family to have the Daily Herald editorial added to the record.

Daily Herald opinion: Removing Henry Hyde's name from Wheaton courthouse feels petty. Because it is.
Daily Herald

On Tuesday, the DuPage County Board surprised no one when it voted 10-5 to

remove the late congressman Henry Hyde's name from the Wheaton courthouse. What had been the Henry J. Hyde Judicial Office Facility since 2010 will now be known as the offensive-to-no-one DuPage County Judicial Office Facility. The vote was along party lines; 10 Democrats agreed, five Republicans disagreed and two Democrats — Lucy Chang Evans of Naperville and Lynn LaPlante of Glen Ellyn — abstained, saying it was an issue the board didn't need to take on.

Democrats, led by Board Chair Deborah Conroy, pushed the removal over Hyde's namesake legislation from 1977, the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funds from being used to pay for elective abortions through Medicaid. (It was later amended to pay for abortions in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.) They argued that because the Amendment restricted health care to poor women, Hyde's name did not belong on the face of the courthouse, a building that stands for equal justice for all.

Unfortunately, the removal of Hyde's name says a great deal more than the Democrats intended. To begin with, it reduces a great — yes, great — conservative thinker to a one-issue caricature. Yes, Hyde was opposed to abortion his entire adult life. He didn't arrive at that opinion because it was politically expedient; he believed abortion was wrong. But he also walked the walk that his point of view required by pushing for expanded childcare and family leave legislation. Moreover, in 1981 he rejected the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee's "hit list" of pro-choice congressmen and senators to target for defeat, saying it would create unhelpful discord among members who work best when they work together.

A renowned conservative, Hyde nevertheless was an original supporter of the Brady Bill, which called for background checks for gun buyers, and in 1994 supported a ban on semi-automatic weapons.

Over the years of his long public life, this editorial board didn't hesitate to disagree with Hyde on proposed legislation that we felt was too conservative for the suburbs at large. But we also endorsed Hyde repeatedly, as a man of integrity who was respectful and willing to listen to the other side. He was truly an institution in DuPage County, a sincere and conscientious representative for his values and for his constituents, especially at that time. He and the late liberal senator Paul Simon were genuine friends — polar opposites in politics but with a mutual respect for the character each found in the other.

Naming buildings, schools, expressways and more for public servants of stature is a time-honored tradition in this nation. Besides honoring them, it keeps their legacy alive for future generations. Pulling Hyde's name off the courthouse because his point of view on abortion is no longer the majority view in DuPage County feels petty. Names have been removed because the honoree was found to be corrupt, an unabashed racist or an abuser of

children, to name a few. Hyde was none of those things.

DuPage Democrats wanted to send a message with the move, and they did.
They just sent the wrong one.

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Naperville, IL 60540

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Subject: Henry Hyde Judicial Center

Comment:

The Wall Street Journal, Saturday, February 22, describes the "Cancel Culture" of the democrats on the DuPage County Board. Also how Henry Hyde was a thoughtful principled Member of Congress.

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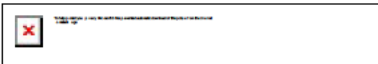
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Subject: Wass Street Journal Editorial

Wall Street Journal

Comment:

If you think the end of the Biden Administration means the end of cancel culture, alas, no. This month board members in DuPage County in Illinois voted 10-5 to remove former Rep. Henry Hyde's name from the county courthouse.

Was the late Congressman a closet Confederate who supported slavery or fought against the union? Nope. The highly regarded Republican, who

represented his suburban Chicago seat in Congress from 1975 to 2007, will have his legacy expunged because he opposed abortion.

In 1976 he led the fight for what became known as the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal funding for women seeking to terminate their pregnancies. The amendment doesn't ban abortion. It merely says taxpayer dollars shouldn't fund the procedure given the profound matter of conscience implicated in having or paying for an abortion.

One hundred and seven Democrats voted for the Hyde Amendment when it came up for a standalone vote in 1976. And for years it enjoyed strong bipartisan support, including from the likes of Joe Biden until he flipped on the issue to run for President again in 2020.

If opposing abortion is grounds for cancellation, that rules out naming buildings for nearly every Republican lawmaker, since the party platform included a pro-life plank from 1976 until the 2024 election when Roe v. Wade had been overturned. It also could cancel pro-life Democrats who weren't rare in the party before support for abortion became a progressive litmus test.

Ending federal funding of abortion still has bipartisan support among voters. But if progressive de-namers intend to broaden the categories of unacceptable political positions, what about gay rights and LGBTQ? Barack Obama's name adorns dozens of schools and roads. Should his name be removed because until his second presidential term he opposed same-sex marriage?

Henry Hyde was the kind of thoughtful, principled Member who used to be far more common in Congress. It's a sign of the rotten times, and perhaps the rot in Illinois, that DuPage County Democrats want his name banished from public memory.

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