

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: This prompt is a political ad that was sponsored by the Mobile Baptist Association, Mobile, Alabama.

LEGALIZED BINGO--VOTE NO!

Legalized bingo is not the answer to the needs of our senior citizens.

Vote No on Amendment 1 and then work with community leaders to develop creative programs for our senior citizens.

Reasons to vote NO:

1. County administrative costs cannot be determined in advance. Will taxes have to be raised?
2. Bingo is the number one form of gambling in America on the basis of amount of money gambled.
3. Organized crime has infiltrated and corrupted bingo operations in other states.
4. Bingo educates persons in the potentially addictive practice of gambling.
5. Gambling hooks one out of ten persons who begin, according to Gambler's Anonymous.
6. Bingo is another step down the road toward other forms of legalized gambling in Alabama, including a state lottery, betting, and Las Vegas-type casinos.
7. Gambling says that life is ruled by chance or luck. The Bible teaches that God directs human events.
8. Gambling promotes selfishness, recklessness, and poor stewardship. Christians are directed to use their possessions for the good of others.
9. Gambling encourages getting something for nothing. The Bible teaches that man should work.
10. Gambling seeks personal gain and pleasure at another man's loss and pain. Christians are commanded to love God and their neighbors.
11. The Bible denounces covetousness, greed, and materialism.

The end does not justify the means. Bingo sponsored for charitable causes is merely a method for extracting cash from persons who would not contribute for the love of God or man unless tempted by prizes and rewards.

ESSAY TOPIC (Write on one).

1. How persuasive is this ad in arguing against legalized bingo? (You need not address every argument present in the ad.)
2. Write an essay in which you argue for legalizing bingo.