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**WITH YOUR SOUL!**



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Arkansas Democrat  Gazette

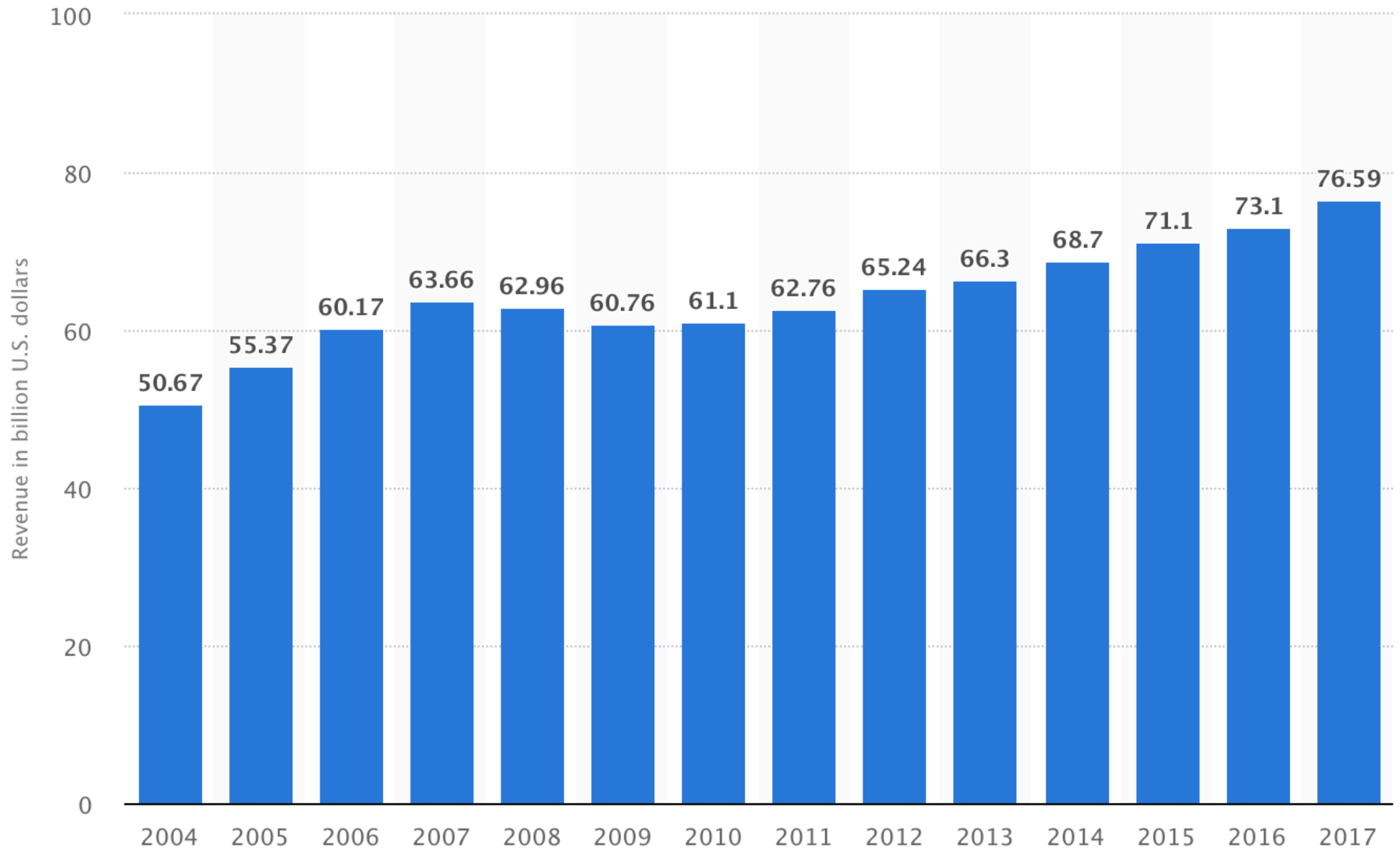
# Arkansas Casino Legalization Proposal Approved For Ballot

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“The group behind the measure, Driving Arkansas Forward, turned in more than 138,000 signatures. The proposal would allow casino gambling at Oaklawn, a Hot Springs horse track, and Southland, a greyhound track in West Memphis. The tracks currently offer video poker and other forms of electronic gambling. The proposal would also allow casinos in Pope and Jefferson counties.”

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U.S. casino gaming market revenue from 2004 to 2017 (in billion U.S. dollars)





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## Americans Lost \$116.9B Gambling In 2016: Report

*United States Sees About Double The Gambling As China*

by Brian Pempus | Published: Feb 14, 2017 | E-mail Author



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The amount of money people in America spent on gambling in 2016 was an estimated \$116.9 billion, according to data from H2 Gambling Capital. That's the amount won off of gamblers in areas including brick-and-mortar casinos, state lotteries and regulated online gaming sites.



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## The harm that casinos do

By David Frum, CNN Contributor

🕒 Updated 8:12 AM ET, Tue September 24, 2013

“Until the late 1980s, casino gambling was illegal almost everywhere in the country. Today, casinos are allowed in 23 states . . .

The industry as a whole targets precisely those who can least afford to lose . . .

The impact of casinos on local property values is "unambiguously" negative, according to the National Association of Realtors. Casinos do not revive local economies. They act as parasites upon them. Communities located within 10 miles of a casino exhibit double the rate of problem gambling. Unsurprisingly, such communities also suffer higher rates of home foreclosure and other forms of economic distress and domestic violence.

Is this really OK? Are Americans content to allow the growth of an industry that consciously exploits the predictable weakness of the most vulnerable people? 27 states still say "no." If yours is one such state, fight to keep it that way.



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## The HARM CASINOS DO



- **Bankruptcy** rates average approximately 18% higher in casino communities.
- Local **business**, especially restaurants, will show a significant **decrease in sales**.
- Gambling **addictions** will increase by approximately 10% within a 50 mile radius of casinos.
- **Social costs** of gambling consume at least \$3 for every \$1 generated by a casino.



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## The HARM GAMBLING DOES



- Addiction
- Poverty
- Crime
- Dishonesty
- Family strife / divorce
- Escape into alcoholism
- Exploitation of the poor



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## DRIVING FORCES of GAMBLING



- Materialism
- Greed
- Discontentment
- Exploitation
- Laziness vs. working
- Thwarting of charity
- Seeking to gain from the loss of others



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## GAMBLING DEFINED



- **Merriam-Webster**, - to play a game for money or property
- **American Heritage® Dictionary** - To bet on an uncertain outcome, as of a contest. - To play a game of chance for stakes. - To take a risk in the hope of gaining an advantage or a benefit.
- **World Book Encyclopedia**: "Gamblers usually bet money or something else of value as a stake on the outcome they predict. When the outcome is settled, the winner collects the loser's stakes."



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## Three Elements Of Gambling



- **1. The Uncertain Event -**  
It is arbitrarily determined.
- **2. The Stake -** Wager or bet that is deliberately chanced.
- **3. A Winner And Loser –**  
one loses a possession wagered while the winner takes it from him!



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## These Things Are NOT Gambling

- **The casting of lots** - was not gambling, but a means of making a decision. - Acts 1:26.
- **Taking a risk** – To cross a street - The farmer is not seeking to gain at the loss of another.
- **Buying and selling stock** - an investment, not gambling.
- **Buying insurance** - A honest business transaction – protecting self and family.
- **Prizes** - When one registers to win a prize that is given away for advertisement, PCH, etc.
- **Competition for a prize** – Not a wagered possession but won by skill and fair competition



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## Different FORMS Of Gambling



- Casino gambling ...
- Betting on **horses, dogs, sporting events -/ online betting**
- State Lotteries.
- **Bingo, raffles, Bazaar and fair booths** - paying to win a prize.
- **Amateur gambling** - poker games for money, Betting on the outcome of athletic events . . office pools,



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## Gambling Is Sinful BECAUSE ...



■ The “motor” for gambling is **SINFUL** – 1 Cor. 6:9,10; 1 Tim 6:9,10

- ▶ “Greed” eager desire for base gain – Ez. 22:12
- ▶ “Covetousness” - a “greedy desire to have more. - loving money.” – Eph. 5:5
- ▶ If winnings were removed - would Casino’s and lotteries still prosper?



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## Gambling Is Sinful BECAUSE ...



■ Violates The Principle of Stewardship -

- ▶ Must glorify God - 1 Peter 4:10,11;
- ▶ Faithful - 1 Cor 4:1,2
- ▶ Good stewards give, not take - Acts 20:35
- ▶ Good stewards will be blessed - Luke 12:42,43;



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### ■ Violates Golden Rule -

- ▶ For one to win at gambling, others must lose –
- ▶ Gambling is predicated on the losses, pain, and suffering of others - preys on desperation of the poor
- ▶ A Christian is NOT to take advantage of another –  
Prov. 14:31; 22:16; Hos. 12:7;  
Zec. 17:10; Phili 2:4; Mat.  
7:12; 22:39; Gal. 5:13,14



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### ■ Violates Means of Honest Gain -

- ▶ By honest work – Pro. 13:11
- ▶ By fair exchange – Eph 4:28
- ▶ By investment – Mt 25:14-30
- ▶ By gift – Acts 20:35

### ■ Gambling is the attempt to obtain the resources of others by taking advantage of the misfortune.



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## Gambling Is Sinful BECAUSE ...



### ■ Sets A Bad Example -

- ▶ Destroys One's reputation - Prov 22:1
- ▶ Could lead others into sin - Mat 18:6; Rom 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:13
- ▶ Destroys one's influence - Mat 5:13,14; Phil 2:15; Eph 6:1-4



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### ■ Destroys Families

- ▶ Material deprivation - financially burdened
- ▶ Domestic violence
- ▶ Child abuse and neglect
- ▶ Divorce



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“... it is family members who bear the brunt of the pain and misery that accompanies this addiction. In addition to material deprivations, family members frequently experience the trauma of divorce, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence.”

*Ronald A. Reno Gambling's Impact on Families* <http://www.family.org/cforum/research/papers/A0013772.html>



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## Association With Evil Companions



Gambling establishments are hosts to other corrupting vices,

- ▶ Prostitution -
- ▶ Drunkenness -
- ▶ Credit card fraud -
- ▶ Embezzlement -
- ▶ Tax Evasion -
- ▶ Drugs, Drunkenness -
- ▶ Organized crime -

**Christians are to avoid such environments - 1 Thes 5:21,22;  
1 Cor 15:33,34**



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- Supports an immoral, predatory and exploitative industry - Job 31:16-20
  - Associates with the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21
  - Instead of partaking we are to expose – Eph. 5:7,11
- “...by their fruits ye shall know them”

(Matt. 7:20).



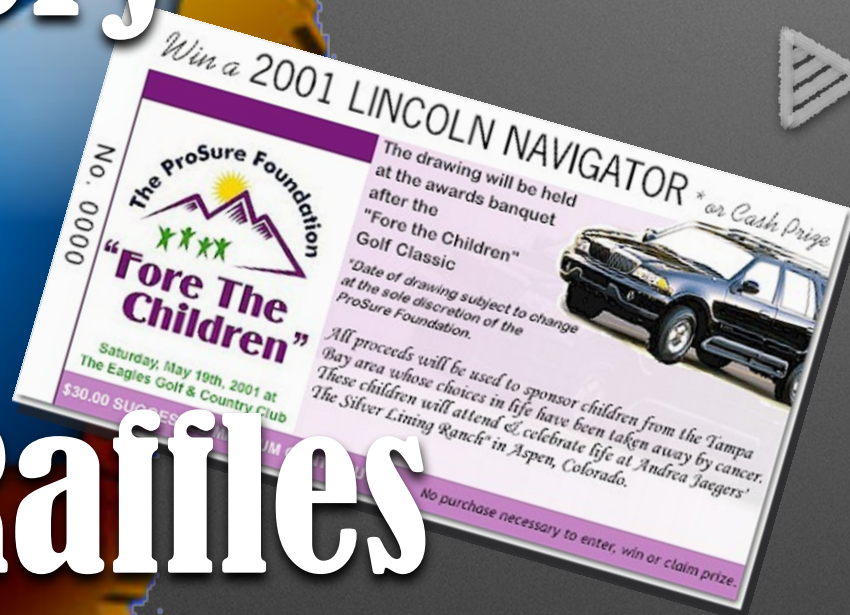
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## Not Determined By Amount Or Degree



# Lottery

# Raffles



■ “Just a **LITTLE** ....”

▶ The amount of money or the value of the thing risked does not alter the Biblical principles violated.

▶ For one to consistently object to another's gambling, he must totally abstain.

## It's For **GOOD**

*Should We Do Evil That  
Good May Come?*

Rom. 3:8



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## Not Harmless Entertainment.



- It is a greed-driven, predatory vice, scientifically designed to squeeze the maximum amounts of money possible from every single patron.
- It is by its very nature an enterprise wholly dependent on victims - James C. Dobson, Ph.D. 1999 Focus on the Family.



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- The spread of legalized gambling is exacting colossal social and economic costs.
- Gambling expansion brings with it increased crime, divorce and family disruption, and it creates a multitude of new addicts.
- Gambling also exploits the poor and youth.
- Legalized gambling is harmful public policy that should be vigorously opposed at all levels.



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A man in a dark suit is running away from a table. On the table are several large stacks of US dollar bills. A black briefcase is on the floor next to him. The scene is tilted at an angle.

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through with many sorrows.”

Tertullian said, "If you say that you are a Christian when you are a dice player, you say what you are not, because you are a partner with the world."



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**We MUST Deny Ungodliness & Worldly Lust!**



## **Titus 2:11-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,









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- 1 Timothy 6:10
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- Ecclesiastes 5:10
- Exodus 20:17
- Hebrews 13:5
- Luke 12:15
- Matthew 6:24
- Philippians 4:19
- Proverbs 13:11
- Proverbs 16:33
- Proverbs 23:5
- Proverbs 28:19