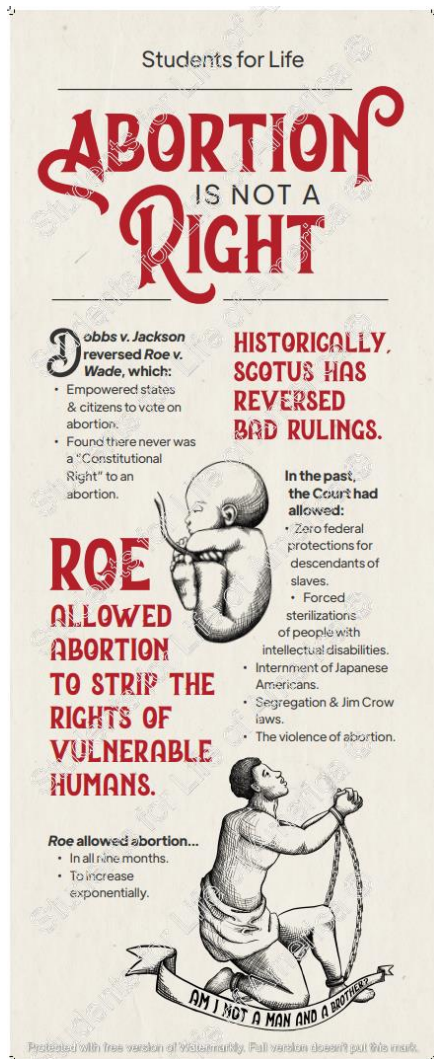


Students for Life of America
Abortion Is Not Right Campus Tour 2022





Panel 1: Abortion Is Not a Right

Talking Points & Sources:

- *Dobbs v. Jackson* reversed *Roe v. Wade*, which sent the abortion issue back to the states. It did not abolish abortion, it empowered states and citizens to vote on the abortions issue.

o *Dobbs v. Jackson* Opinion:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392_6j37.pdf

- *Dobbs* was as Justice Alito said was "egregiously wrong from the start." This position is one that is shared by legal scholars on both sides of the issue.

o *Roe v. Wade* "is bad because it is bad constitutional law, or rather because it is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be" - Yale Law School professor John Hart Ely

o <https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2022-05-03/how-ro-v-wade-went-wrong-broad-new-right-to-abortion-rested-on-a-shaky-legal-foundation>

- The U.S. among only 6 other countries that have extreme laws that allow abortion all nine months. Among those countries are human rights abusers China and North Korea.

o <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2017/10/09/is-the-united-states-one-of-seven-countries-that-allow-elective-abortions-after-20-weeks-of-pregnancy/>

o <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/jan/31/report-us-china-north-korea-have-most-permissive-a/>

- The Court has been wrong before, here are some examples:

o *Dred Scott v. Sanford* = SCOTUS ruled that descendants of slaves had no federal protection.

o *Buck v. Bell* = SCOTUS upheld forced sterilizations of people with intellectual disabilities.

o *Korematsu v. United States* = SCOTUS upheld internment of Japanese Americans during WWII.

o *Plessy v. Ferguson* = SCOTUS upheld segregation laws, allowing Jim Crow laws to continue.

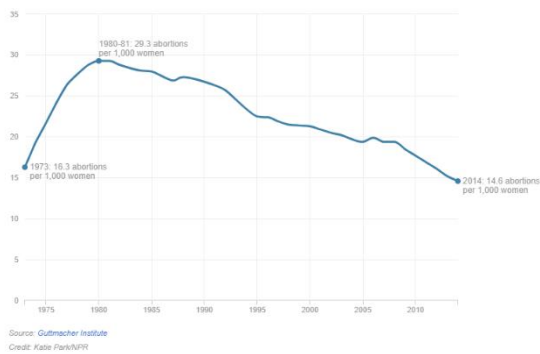
o *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* = SCOTUS upheld that the right to abortion superseded the fundamental human right to life of preborn human beings.

o <https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/supreme-court/13-worst-supreme-court-decisions-of-all-time/>

- Since *Roe*, over a million lives are lost each year to abortion. That increased exponentially in 1973.

U.S. Abortion Rate At Lowest Recorded Point

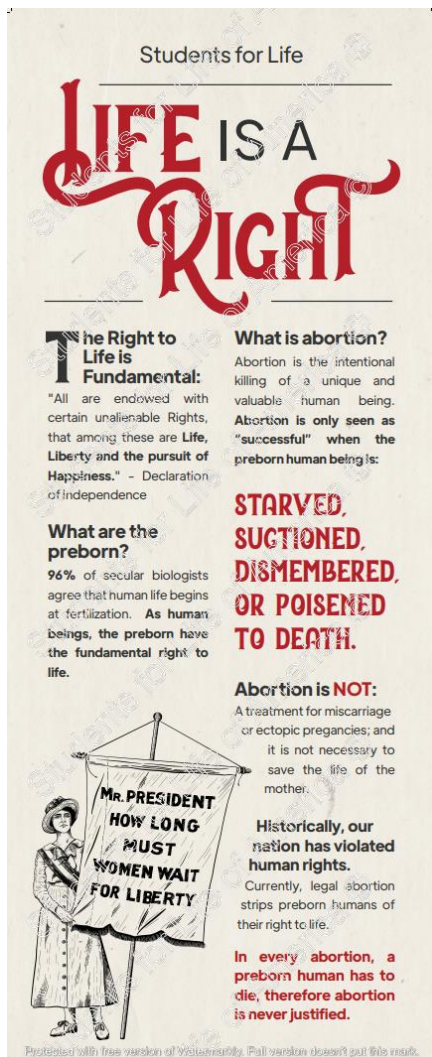
Number of abortions per 1,000 women ages 15-44



- This chart shows that abortion numbers increased exponentially after *Roe*. Numbers had been on the decline until predatory practices of the abortion industry during Covid which have led to an increase in abortions. <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/01/17/509734620/u-s-abortion-rate-falls-to-lowest-level-since-roe-v-wade>
- The abortion industry's predatory practice during Covid: <https://lozierinstitute.org/the-impact-of-chemical-abortion-by-mail/>
- Since *Roe*, the average number of abortions each year is over 1 million. This is an exponential increase from

pre-*Roe* numbers.

- About 63 million preborn human beings have been aborted since 1973.
- 62 million were counted at end of December 2020: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/abortions-since-roe-v-wade>
- With Covid, abortion numbers are on the rise: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-11-24/us-abortion-may-be-inching-up-after-decades-of-decline>



Panel 2: Life Is a Right

Talking Points & Sources:

- The question at the heart of the abortion issue is: what are the preborn? If the preborn are not unique, vulnerable human beings then abortion is just a simple medical procedure that should not be illegal. However, if abortion ends an innocent human life, then it is **never** justified.

- Life is a fundamental right in this country. According to the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

o <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

- 96% of biologists agree that human life begins at the fertilization. At that moment what is present is a unique, unrepeatable human being that has never existed before in history and will never exist again.

o <https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/life-begins-at-fertilization-96-of-liberal-pro-choice-and-non-religious-biologists-agree/>

o <https://ir.stthomas.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=1085&context=ustjpp>

- Abortion is the direct ending of innocent human life. An abortion is only successful when a life is ended. Abortion either starves, suctions, poisons, or dismembers a unique human being:

o <https://www.abortionprocedures.com/>

- Abortion is not a treatment for miscarriage.

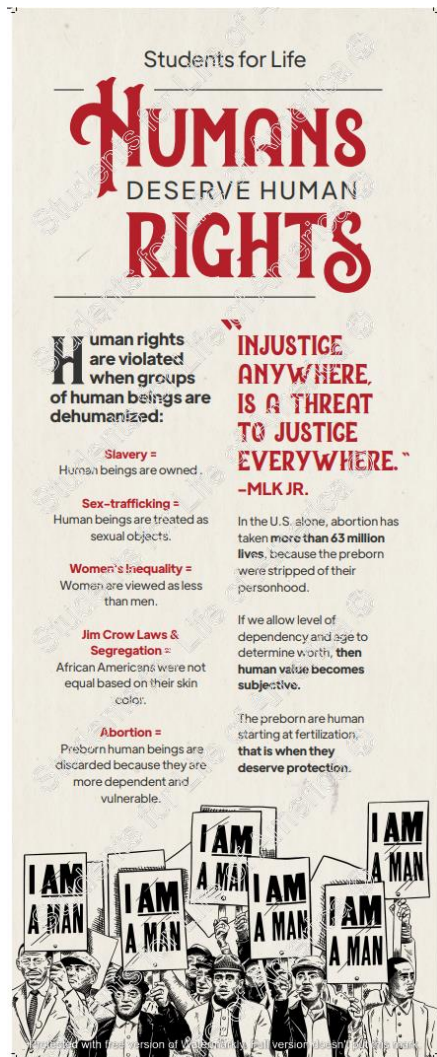
o <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/the-myth-about-pro-life-laws-and-miscarriage-treatment/>

- Abortion is not necessary for medical purposes. (More in-depth answer on pages 12-13)

o Abortion is the direct and intentional ending of life in the womb to end a pregnancy. In life threatening situations, the goal of high-risk doctors is to save as much life as possible. That is **NOT** the same as an abortion. Treatments for ectopic pregnancies, miscarriage, or serious issues such as cervical cancer may require early induction (which may result in the death of the preborn child), salpingectomy, salpingostomy, and other medical intervention that is focused on treating both the child and mother as patients.

o 35,000 OBY-GNs testified to Congress that abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of the mother. There are other, better options, to save her life.

- In addition, no pro-life law is attempting to restrict life saving medical intervention. They are seeking to end the life ending medical procedure and chemical drugs of abortion.



Panel 3: Humans Deserve Human Rights

Talking Points & Sources:

- Human rights are violated when groups of human beings are dehumanized. We have learned from history that egregious acts of inhumanity happen when human beings are viewed as less than or non-persons because of arbitrary characteristics such as skin color, ethnicity, religion, ability, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, and more.
- Currently, the preborn, who are unique human beings, members of the human family, are able to be killed legally simply because they are less developed and more dependent.
- We are all very different and there are millions of arbitrary distinctions that differentiate us; however, we have one thing in common: our humanity and we have that equally. That commonality is the basis of our equality. Since the preborn are living, human being like you and I, they should have the same fundamental rights that we do.



Panel 4: Women Have a Right to Support, Not Abortion.

Talking Points & Sources:

- Abortion is presented as a solution to difficult situations, however, if our solutions kill people then we need better solutions.
- Abortions harm women emotionally, psychologically, and physically. The greatest lie told to women is that abortion is a positive right and authentic solution to an unplanned pregnancy. Abortion ends lives and harms women; women deserve to know the truth.

○ <https://aul.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Summary-of-Known-Health-Risks-of-Abortion.pdf>

-Tonya Reaves died because of her abortion. On July 20, 2012, she “hemorrhage resulting from cervical dilation and evacuation due to an intrauterine pregnancy.” Her procedure was at 11 AM, the ambulance was not called until after 4 PM. She died later that evening at a local hospital. At the very least, this was grave medical malpractice, abortion facilities are not emergency medical centers that are equipped to save someone’s life. The delay in calling the ambulance is inexcusable.

○ <https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/barbara-boland/planned-parenthood-settles-2-million-case-after-botched-abortion>

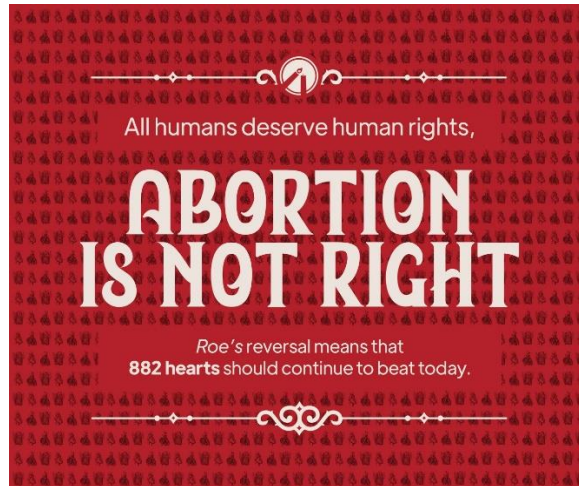
-Karna maya Mongar was killed in abortionist, Kermit Gosnell’s “house of horrors” abortion facility. She was overdosed on medication and died at his facility. Karna maya died because Gosnell’s staff gave her too much Demerol, which he used on patients, despite the higher risk, because it was cheaper. Gosnell tried to resuscitate her, but his defibrillator was broken due to severe lack of regulation and facility oversight. Her death was completely avoidable. The abortion facility went uninspected for 17 years due to Pennsylvania state administrator’s intentional oversight due to the political nature of abortion. They willingly turned a blind eye to the clear health code

violations and medical malpractice of Kermit Gosnell because of their political allegiance to abortion. Women and countless babies suffered and died as a result. In addition, Gosnell was accused on treating immigrant, minority, and low-income women differently than suburban white women.

- <https://www.businessinsider.com/karnamaya-mongar-died-in-abortion-clinic-2013-4>
- Despite the conflict of interest and stories like Karna maya Mongar, Oregon abortion facilities can inspect themselves and New York nail salons and other facilities like tanning salons are more inspected than abortion facilities.
 - <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-oregon>
 - <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2013/jan/26/gayle-atteberry/are-abortion-clinics-oregon-not-held-basic-health-/> Only 1 abortion facility in Oregon is inspected.
- Also in Washington state, **“The state allows Planned Parenthood to perform their own inspections for certification and accreditation.”**
- “A physician who performs a procedure under must ensure that the procedure is performed in a facility that is appropriately equipped and maintained to ensure patient safety through accreditation or certification and in good standing from one of the following: (e) Planned Parenthood Federation of America or the National Abortion Federation, for facilities limited to office-based surgery for abortion or abortion-related services.”

- WAC 246-853-650
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-853-650>
- <https://nypost.com/2014/04/07/health-department-fails-to-regularly-inspect-abortion-clinics/>
- In addition, we know that abortion can be used as a way to cover-up sexual crimes against women especially minor women. Brooke Bello is a survivor of sex trafficking and was forced to abort her children that resulted in the abuse, which covered up the predator's crimes allowing it to continue.
<https://www.illinoisreview.com/illinoisreview/2021/04/dr-brook-bello-pleads-with-illinois-lawmakers-to-keep-parental-notification.html>
- Illinois has two major abortion laws that put women at risk: the Reproductive Health Act & Repeal of Parental Notifications for abortion.
 - The Reproductive Health Act:
 - Allows abortions in all nine months
 - Allows non-physicians to perform abortions
 - <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=3987&ChapterID=64>
- Repeal of Parental Notification for Abortion
 - Puts minors at risk of medical injury and sexual abuse by removing parents from the decision process.
 - <https://abc7chicago.com/illinois-abortion-law-parental-notification-house/11175926/>
- Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities do not offer financial or material support for women when they choose life. The Pro-Life Movement has focused on supporting women for the past 50 + years. We love them both.
- Women have resources and support available to them! This fact sheet covers the resource and support available to women in 2022:
 - <https://lozierinstitute.org/fact-sheet-pregnancy-centers-serving-women-and-saving-lives-2020/#:~:text=In%202021%2C%20there%20are%20approximately,WHAT%20DO%20THEY%20DO%3F&text=centers%20improve%20health%20outcomes%20for,their%20children%2C%20and%20their%20families.>
- States that are passing pro-life laws are also focusing on supporting women. Abortion does not empower women, authentic support does.
 - <https://www.texastribune.org/2017/11/16/alternatives-abortion-funding-increases-more-100-percent/>
- Pregnant and parenting students are protected under Title IX against discrimination. We fight discrimination against pregnant and parenting people at school and in the workplace:
 - <https://www.standingwithyou.org/students-rights/> & <https://www.standingwithyou.org/your-rights-in-the-workplace/>
- For local support and resources:
 - <https://www.standingwithyou.org/>
- We are pushing a national campaign to Support Pregnant Student's Right:
 - <http://AbortionIsNotRight.com>

Mural: 882 Hearts Should Continue to Beat Because *Roe* Was Reversed!



Talking Point & Sources:

- According to the Guttmacher Institute's most recent numbers from 2020, there were 322,210 abortions performed in the 26 states that are likely to ban abortion.
- As such, because of the Supreme Court's decision on Dobbs decision, 882 lives could be saved.
 - o $(322,210/365) = 882$
- I want to make it clear that this is an estimate of the lives that *could be saved*
 - o Not every state will be able to protect the preborn. Subsequent litigation could delay the enforcement of pro-life laws.
 - o Some women will cross state lines and obtain abortion in states where the law is more permissive
 - o Some women will obtain chemical abortion pills through the mail.
 - <https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2022/06/long-term-decline-us-abortions-reverses-showing-rising-need-abortion-supreme-court>

Post-Roe Talking Points & Sources:

Q: Now that *Roe* is reversed, is abortion banned in all 50 states?

*Before *Roe* was reversed, many people are falsely claiming that abortion would be made illegal in all 50 states. We will continue to fight to protect innocent children from conception, because reversing *Roe* alone has not achieved that.*

- -With more than 3,000 pregnancy centers and 400 maternity homes, we are ready. **No woman will stand alone in a post-Roe America.**
- **This case is not the end of our work** – but the beginning – as we dedicate ourselves to protecting life in law and in service. That’s why, nearly 10 years ago Students for Life created our supportive services initiative [Standing with You](#), and why all kinds of organizations and churches have and will continue to provide real support.

Q: Will the reversal of *Roe* send America?



Talking Points:

- Most Americans wanted to reverse *Roe* when they understand how extreme the law really is. *Roe* and its sister case, *Doe* allow abortions in all nine months of pregnancy. The U.S. among only 6 other countries that have extreme laws that allow abortion in all nine months. Among those countries are human rights abusers China and North Korea.
 - The Court sent the issue of abortion back to the states. This will allow Americans to vote on the issue of abortion. This decision would allow our Republic to work as intended.
 - -Nearly 6 out of 10 young people, *the largest voting bloc in America*, opposed *Roe* when they know what *Roe* allows.
- -8 out of 10 young people support being able to vote on abortion policy in their state.
 - Only 12 states have trigger laws that “would be triggered if *Roe* were [reversed].” <https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/abortion-policy-absence-roe>

Q: What does America look like if *Casey* is reversed?

*Many abortion advocates are upset that the reversal of *Roe* also mean the reversal of *Casey*. However, the court must reverse *Casey* if it reverses *Roe* because both cases are based on the same faulty legal reasoning.*

Talking Points:

- *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* was the 1992 Supreme Court case that further restricted states' rights to limit abortion based on the precedent of *Roe*. This case asserted that states could not place an “undue burden” on a woman seeking an abortion. This limitation further diminished the voters voice in the abortion issue and stifled the rights of states to limit abortion to protect innocent lives. This case will allow states and voters the rights that *Roe* and *Casey* took from us.

Q: Why are we against exceptions for sexual assault?

Abortion in the case of sexual assault is another trending topic as tensions swirl. The consistent messaging of the Pro-Life Movement stands firm... We are against abortion in the case of rape because every single human being that is conceived is valuable regardless of the heinous acts of their father.



Talking Points:

- Human life is valuable because it is human, not because of the circumstances of someone's fertilization. We don't issue birth certificates in the United States with a ratings system based on how someone was conceived.
- Abortion in the case of rape is often portrayed as the most compassionate answer. This, however, fails to meet the needs of the woman and to respect the innocent life in her womb. Abortion is an act of violence that may further traumatize the woman after the violent act of rape. Women deserve healing and authentic support; abortion does not offer her either.
- We are against discrimination against people based on perceptions of their abilities, sex, race, or parents.
- What has been missing in conversations on the so-called exceptions is how children conceived in rape value and see their lives. We see them as valuable, worthy of love, and welcome.
- Clearly crimes must be fully prosecuted, and women helped. But we mourn as well for the preborn who also suffer. Two things can be true at once, the preborn can deserve life and sexual assault survivors deserve healing from the trauma and abuse of rape.
- We recommend promoting the stories of people conceived in rape, such as [Ryan Bomberger](#).

Read more about responding to challenges [about abortion and rape here](#).

Also, check out our blog, ["What About Abortion in the Cases of Rape?"](#)

Q: Do we need exceptions for the life of the mother?

With the reversal of Roe many people are focusing on extreme abortion cases to justify abortion in all nine-months. One of the issues that is often raised is the life and health of the mother.

Talking Points:

- "Health of the mother" and "Life of the mother" are two distinct conversations. The first has to do with general health (which is ill-defined) and the second, with whether abortion is medically necessary.



- “Health of the mother” is broad, and the language is drawn from the definition in the *Doe v Bolton* case that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy under this general “health” reason. The text from that case is: “the medical judgment [to abort or not] may be exercised in the light of all factors --physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age -- relevant to the wellbeing of the patient. All these factors may relate to health.”
- Most abortions are elective. More often than we realize, women report seeking an abortion for reasons outside of concern for their life or even ill-defined health. While we are sensitive to the reasons why women choose abortion because situations are complicated, the reality is that many abortions happen out of convenience such as “not being ready”. The [Guttmacher](#), the research wing of the abortion industry, has listed the top reasons

women choose abortion, none of them are life-threatening.

- “Life of the mother” is specific to a life-threatening issue such as ectopic pregnancy.

Is abortion ever medically necessary?

Life threatening circumstances during pregnancy is super scary and mothers in those circumstances need medical attention. Of course, all lives are valuable! However, we must remember that **abortion is never medically necessary.**

Talking Points:

- [Over 30,000 medical physicians](#) agree that abortion is never medically necessary to end the life of a child after the age of viability.
- The age of viability is currently cited at 22 weeks after last menstrual period and 20 weeks after fertilization. (It is rare for a threat to the mother’s life to occur prior to 20 weeks.) After this stage, when there is a legitimate threat to the mother’s life abortion cannot be used to save the mother’s life as abortion is typically a 2–3-day process. To save the life of the mother, immediate medical intervention, such as a c-section or induced labor, would be required. So, to prioritize the life of the mother, abortion would not be medically considered unless the goal is to jeopardize life in all circumstances.
- These facts are according to the testimony of doctors defending the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act*, which was voted down recently on the Senate floor, see their full testimony at The Public Discourse: <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2019/02/49619/>
- For more information on specific cases and responses, please visit: <https://aaplog.org/resources/position-statements/>.

Do we need abortion for ectopic pregnancies?

Yes, women with ectopic pregnancies will receive the medical care that will save their lives. This is a non-issue. If medical professionals are saying women cannot receive necessary medical care because of pro-life laws. They are political hacks because no pro-life law is preventing them from helping women. If it is brought up remember that the solution to ectopic pregnancies is not abortion.

Talking Points:

- The important thing to remember that in the situation where the child will certainly die, and the mother’s life is in danger, we have to save as much life as possible. You want a physician who views both patients as valuable human beings.

- There are three ways of dealing with an ectopic pregnancy; Salpingectomy, Salpingostomy, and Methotrexate. None of the ways of dealing with an ectopic are abortions.

Q: Will reversing *Roe* affect privacy rights?

*There is concern among some that reversing *Roe* will impact "privacy rights" like those that were identified in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (which allowed married couples to acquire contraception) and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (which legalized gay marriage).*



Those who are panicking about privacy, or simply trying to stir panic among others, are muddying the water by suggesting *Roe*'s reversal will have an effect on many other issues.

Talking Points:

- The language of the draft indicates that the *Roe v. Wade* decision is hyper-focused on abortion. They are very intentional about distinguishing abortion from an actual issue of privacy because abortion deals with "a critical moral question:" ending a human life. Neither abortion nor privacy appear in the Constitution, yet, in the context of a civilized society, we argue that privacy can't include ending someone else's life. Your rights cannot infringe, especially

lethally, on someone else's.

- *Roe v. Wade* itself deviated from its legal foundation in privacy with the 1993 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision. On page 51 [of the draft](#), it is written, "When *Casey* revisited *Roe* almost 20 years later, very little of *Roe*'s reasoning was defended or preserved. The Court abandoned any reliance on a privacy right and instead grounded the abortion right entirely on the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause."
- **-The Constitution does not include a right to abortion, written in invisible ink unseen until 1973.** But States' rights ARE in the Constitution. The ability of states to legislate on abortion should be respected and supported. Also missing in the Constitution, any mention of a "right" to privacy on which the invisible right to abortion was attached.

Q: Does reversing *Roe* take away bodily autonomy from women?

*With the reversal of *Roe*, the Pro-Life Gen can expect to hear and see "My Body, My Choice" near constantly. That mantra is just as off-base now as it's always been.*



Talking Points:

- It is 2022. The science of how mammals (i.e., humans) gestate offspring is pretty set in stone. There are two (or more) bodies in play during a pregnancy. Multiple sets of DNA, blood types, body parts, etc.
- Women should make all decisions concerning their bodies. But that cannot ethically involve killing a human being who resides within it.
- The draft decision which looks to reverse *Roe* says nothing of women's autonomy. It says that *Roe* was wrong, and states can set their own abortion laws.

- Your rights end where another person's rights begin.

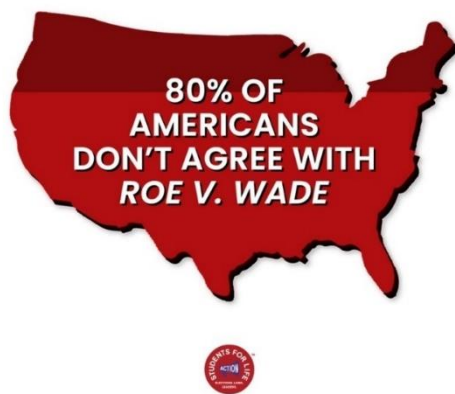
Read more about responding to [bodily rights arguments here](#).

Q: Are most Americans against what *Dobbs* did?

Many mainstream outlets and abortion supporters are arguing that the Supreme Court's decision to reverse Roe is widely unpopular. However, when American's are educated on Roe's extreme position on abortion, they are against it.

Talking Points:

-Nearly 6 out of 10 of young people, *the largest voting bloc in America*, oppose *Roe* when they know what *Roe* allows.



-8 out of 10 young people support being able to vote on abortion policy in their state.

From Students for Life of America's [Demetree Institute for Pro-Life Advancement poll](#) out this year:

Roe's Hijacking of all Public Policy Decisions has Little Support:

- More than ever, Millennials and Gen Z want a voice and a vote on abortion. An astonishing **8 in 10** want to vote on abortion policy in their states – UP from 66% last year.
- Standing firm in their desire for less abortion, once again **3 out of 4** Millennials and Gen Z want limits with more than **4 in 10** favoring either no abortion at all or abortion limited to the exceptions of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.
- While the economy is the political issue that most concerns a plurality of voters, **1 in 5** say abortion also motivates their vote (19%). (This compares with a [recent Associated Press poll](#) that found 13% of Democrats said that abortion was an issue they wanted the federal government to address, up from less than 1% in 2021)

and 3% in 2020.)

- In fact, after learning more about *Roe*, **almost 6 in 10** oppose *Roe*'s radical reach, of abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy.

The Universal Sign of Life – a Heartbeat – moves Millennials & Gen. Z.

- The universal sign of life – a heartbeat – matters to Millennials and Gen Z. Now **52%** indicated that after a baby's heartbeat is detected, they want either no abortion at all or abortion only with exceptions made for rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger. That is **up from 47%** in 2021.
- **MORE THAN HALF** of Millennials and Gen Z would support a ban on abortion when a heartbeat is detected (**52% to 48%**).
- And **2 out of 3 Millennials and Gen Z would support requiring a doctor** to check for a heartbeat before an abortion. (This year's 65% in support is **up from last year** at 60%).

Judges & Politicians are the **wrong people** to decide who is a human being.

- An individual's humanity should not be decided by those in power. When considering how devalued people have been treated historically by those in power, **65% of Millennials and Gen Z did not support allowing people in power** to decide who is fully human and deserving of legal rights.
- **About half believed** that determining when life begins is tied to early medical milestones and not individual opinions, including judges or politicians.

Education is key. After learning more about *Roe*, **most Millennials & Gen Z rejected its radical impact on mothers and their preborn children.**

- Once again, education on the true impact of *Roe v. Wade* changes hearts and minds.
 - Initially, 6 in 10 expressed some support for *Roe*, but those numbers flipped after learning more about *Roe*'s impact, ending with a 50-50 split — a 10% gain after some education on *Roe*'s true impact.
- After learning about the legal impact of *Roe*:
 - 67% oppose sex selection abortion
 - 60% were concerned about the disproportionate number of minorities lives lost
 - 58% oppose abortion through all 9 months, which *Roe* permits.
 - 55% oppose taxpayers funding abortion or underwriting abortion vendor costs.

Q: Will women be forced into back-alley abortions?

You can expect to see coat hangers and the typical talking point of "sending women back to the back-alleys."



Talking Points:

For those genuinely concerned that making abortion unavailable in many places will put women in danger, I advise using these talking points to help guide your response.

- The ramifications for the reversal of *Roe* are not fully known. However, ending innocent human life should always be illegal. We also do not know that thousands of women would break the law.
- This formula ("We have to keep it legal or else people will keep doing it anyway but more dangerously") does not work in the context of other crimes. If we were talking about bank robbery instead, advocates for robbery would not be able to argue, "We have to keep armed bank robbery legal or else the robber could be hurt," without being ridiculed. A crime that hurts other people cannot be legalized via the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" mentality.

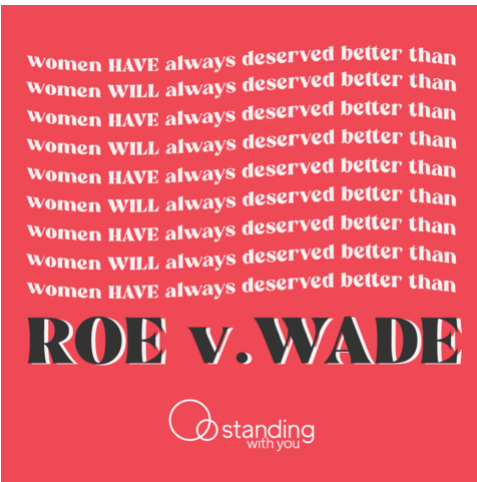
- Legalizing abortion didn't even make it safer. It just moved the "ABORTION" sign from the back door to the front. Read more about how dangerous [legal abortion has been here](#).
 - [Click here](#) to see the list of women who have been killed by legal abortion.
 - [A recent study fully debunks](#) the myth that legal abortion keeps women safer. Dr. Calum Miller, a British physician and ethicist, published findings this spring that actually proved the opposite.
 - Legalizing abortion didn't even reduce the number of women having illegal abortions – the number of illegal abortions actually increased, while the number of legal abortions skyrocketed.
 - The severity of the complications women had increased dramatically when abortion was legalized. The proportion of women admitted to intensive care tripled. And in the following years, there was a further 50% increase in severe complications, and the proportion of women with organ failure quadrupled.

Myth: Legalizing abortion was necessary to prevent thousands of women from dying of back-alley abortions.

Fact: In 1959, the medical director of Planned Parenthood, Mary Calderone, stated that "90 percent of all illegal abortions are presently being done by physicians." [The decrease in maternal deaths after Roe, are attributed to the development of Penicillin, not abortion.](#)

Q: Do we need legal abortion to keep women safe?

One of the oft repeated arguments from abortion supporters is that we need abortion to keep women safe. They may even go as far to say that we are not really pro-life because we do not care if women die. This of course is ridiculous...



Talking Points:

- The ramifications for the reversal of *Roe* are not fully known. However, ending innocent human life should always be illegal. We also do not know that thousands of women would break the law.
- The abortion industry has used their financial backing and political sway to decrease safety standards for women (see below).
- Chemical Abortion is 4 times more dangerous than other abortion procedures, regardless, the abortion industry has actively fought to make Chemical Abortion ubiquitous in America. Women

have died from legal, self-induced abortions at home, alone, with *Roe* in place. Chemical Abortions are dangerous drugs that used to be regulated by the FDA to ensure that women were at least **seen** by a medical doctor before being prescribed Chemical Abortion drugs. The abortion industry fought to remove those commonsense safety regulations. For more information, go to ThisIsChemicalAbortion.com.

Myth: Legal abortion keeps abortion safe.

Fact: Abortion is not safe now. The abortion industry has actively tried to decrease safety precautions for women. We do not want women to be harmed by abortion ever. That is why we are fighting to support women.

- o Here are a few concrete examples of laws the abortion industry has pushed for that have decreased the safety standards of abortion facilities. These laws have harmed women and allowed to abortion industry to continue their abortions without necessary medical oversight.

MISSOURI

"In ten years, at least 71 ambulances have been called to the St. Louis Planned Parenthood."

- The St. Louis Fire Department released a list of 58 emergency calls dating from January 1st, 2009, to April 6, 2016.
St. Louis Fire Department May 2016 Report
- 11 other ambulances were reported between May 2016 to March 2018
The Planned Parenthood Medical Emergencies Package by Team Play
- Two recent ambulance visits: January 18th, 2019 & November 2nd, 2018,
Photo evidence from Coalition for Life Saint Louis

"In addition, the Missouri Department of Health found multiple staff members handling bodily fluids while failing to practice basic hand washing procedures."

- "Staff JJ, Physician... performed a vaginal exam on the patient removed her right glove, failed to perform hand hygiene."
- "Staff LL, Physician... after the procedure was completed... removed her gloves but failed to perform hand hygiene before exiting the room."
- "Staff GG administered additional IV medication while wearing gloves, picked up a piece of trash from the floor, stood with her gloved hands on her hips, then documented in the electronic medical record. She failed to changer her gloves and perform hand hygiene."
- "Staff CC, Medical Director, Physician, questioned if hand hygiene between glove changes was a new standard; wanted to know whose standard it was."
- *Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Inspection Report dated May 25, 2017*

COLORADO

"A patient at the Rocky Mountains Planned Parenthood was forced to undergo an abortion without anesthesia. Following the procedure, the hospital found that the abortion had been botched and body parts of the baby were left inside of her"

- However, before the I.V. was inserted and before the Plaintiff received any anesthesia, the Planned Parenthood Doctor began the procedure to abort the pregnancy. At this time, Plaintiff immediately told the Planned Parenthood Doctor to stop... The Planned Parenthood Doctor did not stop.”
- “The abortion procedure had left particles of fetus inside Plaintiff’s body that had caused an infection.”
- *Ayanna Byer v. John Doe, M.D., Doctor for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Inc. and Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Inc.*,
Complaint and Jury Demand, page 3 -4

PENNSYLVANIA

“Planned Parenthood has failed 14 of 30 health inspections since 2017.”

- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Warminster 4/12/17
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Warminster 8/22/17
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Warminster 11/29/17
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Warminster 3/14/18
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Allentown 8/23/17
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Allentown 11/30/17
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Allentown 3/15/18
- Planned Parenthood Keystone – Harrisburg 3/21/17
- *Pennsylvania Department of Health Failed Inspection Reports*

“The Allentown Planned Parenthood was caught disposing of aborted babies down the drain.”

- “Interview with EMP1 on May 31, 2012, revealed the facility had no provision for the disposal of bloody body fluid waste. EMP1 was uncertain if the facility had approval from the Department of Environmental Resources for disposal of bloody body fluid waste down the sink in the soiled area.”
- “Further interview with EMP1 confirmed “we pour the bloody liquid from the procedure down the sink””
- *Pennsylvania Department of Health Inspection Results of Planned Parenthood Allentown, dated June 8th, 2012,*

“The Philadelphia Planned Parenthood failed to ascertain if several minors had been victims of sexual abuse.”

- Six Medical Records (MR) were discovered:
- Medical Records 1, 2, 3, and 6 stated “13-year-old unmarried pregnant patient... no documentation that the facility ascertained if the child had sexual intercourse with an individual who was four or more years older than the child.”
- Medical Records 4 and 5 stated “MR4...14-year-old unmarried pregnant patient... no documentation that the facility ascertained if the child had sexual intercourse with an individual who was four or more years older than the child.”
- *Pennsylvania Department of Health Inspection Results of Planned Parenthood Philadelphia Locust St, dated November 18th, 2013, pages 9-10*

ILLINOIS

“Tonya Reaves bled to death at the Chicago Planned Parenthood following a botched abortion. Her procedure began at 11:00am, and 91 wasn’t called until 4:30pm.”

- “The cause of death of this 24-year-old, black female, TONYA REAVES, is due to hemorrhage resulting from cervical dilation and evacuation due to an intrauterine pregnancy.”
- “At approximately 1100 hours, subject had an elective suction D&E at Planned Parenthood”
- Subject had post procedure bleeding and was transferred via Chicago Fire Department Ambulance to Northwestern Memorial Hospital at 1630 hrs.”
- *Report of Postmortem Examination of Tonya Reaves July 21, 2012*
- *Office of the Medical Examiner, County of Cook, Illinois* Page Break

WASHINGTON

“The state allows Planned Parenthood to perform their own inspections for certification and accreditation.”

- “A physician who performs a procedure under must ensure that the procedure is performed in a facility that is appropriately equipped and maintained to ensure patient safety through accreditation or certification and in good standing from one of the following: (e) Planned Parenthood Federation of America or the National Abortion Federation, for facilities limited to office-based surgery for abortion or abortion-related services.”
 - o WAC 246-853-650
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-853-650>

Q: Is abortion safer than childbirth?

Many abortion advocates argue that childbirth is more dangerous than abortion. As we move towards reversing Roe, it will be essential to understand exactly how dangerous abortion is for women, especially compared to childbirth.

Talking Points:

- There is only one study, [the Raymond and Grimes Study \(RG Study\)](#), that supports the claim that abortion is safer than childbirth. The study has not been replicated because it cannot be.



- The reason this study cannot be replicated is because it uses insufficient data and poor reasoning. The research does not support the claim it proports to.

- The main problem with this study is that it compares “apples to oranges” by using two different data scopes to compare maternal deaths to abortion related deaths.

- o **Low or unknown abortion related death numbers:** In the US, Maryland, California, New Hampshire, Washington DC, and New York City do have to report abortion numbers to CDC. With that alone, we do not know the exact number of abortion related deaths. Also, abortion related deaths are not reported to the same standard as maternal death rate.

- o **Inflated maternal death rate:** the study uses inflated maternal death rates that according to its own source, the CDC, are

inflated: “Maternal mortality is determined by dividing maternal deaths by live births, not by pregnancies...This will necessarily tend to inflate the mortality rate, as many pregnancies end in miscarriage or stillbirth” ([Gonzalez vs. Planned Parenthood 2004, pg. 4](#)).

- o In other countries (Finland and Denmark), where abortion death rates and maternal death rates are held to the standard of reporting, studies show that the abortion death rate is higher. [This peer review study clearly explains that the RG Study is insupportable](#). In addition, [here is an Ethiopian study that debunks the maternal mortality myth,](#).
- o Women deserve care during complicated pregnancies. Killing the children involved is not care. (See above talking points on life threatening situations)

Read more information on [whether abortion is safer than childbirth](#).

Q: Will women be jailed for miscarriages/abortions?

A common fear tactic around the ending of abortion is that women will be thrown in jail for abortions and even miscarriages. This is simply not true.



Talking Points:

- No major pro-life organization is advocating for jailing women for miscarriages or abortions. We have always held that women are the second victim of abortion.
- How much jail time?" is a contrived question that is both deceptive and desperate. It is deceptive because it ignores the fact that the American pro-life movement has consistently considered the woman as the second victim of abortion. The abortion ban enacted in South Dakota, as well as the abortion bans with [post-Roe activation clauses enacted in recently in Louisiana](#) and several other states, explicitly state: ["Nothing in this section may be construed to subject the pregnant mother upon whom any abortion is performed or attempted to any criminal conviction and penalty."](#) – Dorinda C. Bordlee

- The goal of laws limiting or banning abortion is to protect innocent children from abortion violence. The goal of enforcing pro-life laws is to ensure that lives are saved, which means that abortionists would be penalized for abortions. Going to the source of hundreds and even thousands of abortions will reduce the number of illegal abortions. Prosecuting individual women will not.

Q: Will reversing *Roe* lead to a pandemic of "unwanted" children?

Many proponents of abortion access will point to the potential suffering of the preborn or the difficulty of bringing new life into the world as a justification for abortion.



Talking Points:

- The most important question in the abortion debate is "what are the preborn?" If the pre-born are not human, then the pro-life movement is wrong. However, if the preborn are human ([96% of secular biologists agree that human life begins at fertilization](#)), then abortion is never justified.
 - Pointing to potential suffering should remind us of our responsibility to alleviate suffering and support human beings. It is inhumane to eliminate sufferers. No one would advocate to alleviate poverty by killing all poor people, so why is it justified to point to poverty as a justification to end an innocent life in the womb?
 - Labeling someone "unwanted" does not justify killing them. We are working to reform Foster Care and Adoption while fighting for the rights of the preborn. We can do both.
- This is a philosophical position and is one that is promoted in our understanding of human rights. [The UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) belongs to all human beings regardless of what governments have decided. Regardless of the distinction between born and preborn, the emphasis is on our common humanity as the source of our equality. So, if the preborn are a part of the human family, then they must be given basic human rights. Ironically, the declaration excludes pre-born humans even though we know that they are human from the moment of fertilization ([96% of secular biologists agree that human life begins at fertilization](#)).