

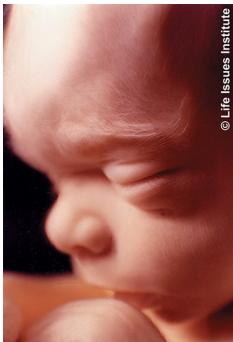
CONNECTOR

Dobbs Late-term Abortion Case

A time for optimism, action for Pro-Life Movement

By Bradley Mattes

President, Life Issues Institute



15 weeks

The US Supreme Court is expected to hear oral arguments on *Dobbs v Jackson*, Mississippi's late-term abortion case that will protect the state's unborn babies once they reach the age of 15 weeks.

All eyes are on the Court due to its new makeup and its historic potential for impacting *Roe v Wade*. As such, the pro-life community is presented with an exceptional educational opportunity. We can appeal to the majority of Americans who are

uncomfortable with abortion on demand throughout pregnancy and advocate for this commonsense protection for America's unborn children.

At a time when more Americans are focused on abortion, Life Issues Institute will be marshaling its resources and influence to reach millions of Americans using key, persuasive points that will turn more hearts and minds toward life.

One, we have extreme laws that allow abortions to be performed at any time during pregnancy for any reason. This is out of step with the rest of the world.

A recent analysis of abortion law in 50 European nations reveals:

- Nearly all these nations limit abortion before 15 weeks.

- Most of them limit abortion to 12 weeks.
- No European nation allows abortion throughout pregnancy like the US as evidenced in New York, Maryland, and California (and other states).

More than two-thirds of the world do more to limit abortion than the US. America is one of only a handful of nations that allows legal abortion throughout pregnancy. We are in the company of China and North Korea.

The central question surrounding *Dobbs v Jackson* is whether states can protect babies prior to viability. Viability isn't a distinction of humanity, but merely the milestone of man's ability to sustain life outside the womb.

The 15-week-old unborn baby is a stunning display of advanced fetal development. Each day her heart is beating 26 quarts of blood to sustain the function of all her body systems that are now present. She has eyelashes, fingernails, and fingerprints. She can feel pain.

Roe v Wade reflects outdated science and medicine and should be reversed and placed on the ash heap of history. However, most court watchers expect the likely outcome will be an incremental gain – the ability of states to protect babies prior to viability.

During a renewed focus on abortion, we can show our fellow Americans how extreme the nation's abortion laws are. We can also showcase the beauty and wonder of the developing unborn child. By being a window to the womb we will change more hearts and minds on abortion

and further advance our mission of protecting innocent human life from fertilization to natural death.



Pro-Life Response to Chemical Abortion

By Bradley Mattes

President Life Issues Institute

Chemical abortion has become the central focus of the abortion industry. It circumvents the shortage of abortionists; depending upon method of distribution it can eliminate the possibility of pro-life sidewalk counselors; and it affords higher profit margins for the abortion industry because of reduced overhead.

After decades of decline in America, the number of abortions has slightly risen during recent years. Research analyst, Dr. Michael New, attributes that to the considerable increase of chemical abortion procedures.

Its popularity grows despite the very real increased risks to women. According to a Finland study published by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, chemical abortion has a four-times higher rate of complications than surgical abortion.

During the pandemic, the United Kingdom allowed DIY chemical abortions at home, delivered by mail. In that time, Wales reported experiencing a 100% increase in ambulance calls to transport women who had taken the pills.

The abortion drug's increased popularity is in part due to the fact that women are not being told the truth

regarding the physical and emotional ordeal they face, nor are they or the public informed of the serious risks.

Research published in *Issues in Law & Medicine*, Volume 36, Number 1, 2021, revealed a serious problem with underreporting complications associated with chemical abortion. It

of their DIY abortion program, there were 23,061 chemical abortions performed without clinical supervision, and only one complication was reported.

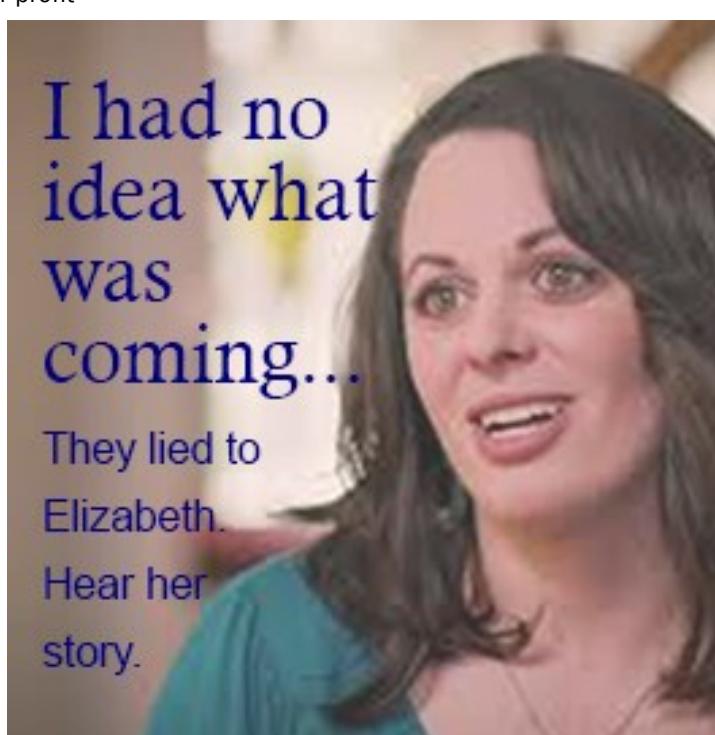
This contrasts with the past five years that chemical abortion procedures were conducted in the UK in a medical

environment with medical staff. During that time, it reported an over seventeen-times higher complication rate. This shows that there is a serious, likely willful, problem with reporting complications associated with chemical abortion.

The situation gave rise to other abuses. There were multiple instances where the abortion pills were provided to women beyond the 10-week gestational limit – one at 28 weeks and another at 32 weeks. An added danger is its easy access to sexual predators who force or trick women into consuming the abortion drug against their will.

Despite these numerous red flags, the FDA in America, encouraged by the Biden Administration, is poised to eliminate its risk evaluation and mitigation strategy requirements (REMS) for the drug. Because of the implicit health risks to women who take the chemical abortion pills, REMS were established by the FDA to

(Continued on page 3)



concluded that the FDA's Adverse Event Reports system is inadequate and significantly underestimates the drug's negative impact on women. It is a case of politics trumping women's health and safety.

Proof of this underreporting has been documented in the UK's experiment on women. During the first three months

[ACCESS LINKS IN OUR ONLINE VERSION AT LIFEISSUES.ORG](#)

P O Box 785 / Florence, KY 41022

Phone: 513.729.3600. Email: info@LifeIssues.org

Bradley Mattes President & Publisher

Kate McAuliffe Editor

The official publication of Life Issues Institute.

Vol. Number 1 / Subscriptions \$25

©Life Issues Institute Inc. 2021

Articles may be reproduced with acknowledgement of their source.

safeguard women's health. Those risks remain.

The FDA required that the drug be dispensed by or under the supervision of a healthcare provider who meets certain qualifications. It was also to be dispensed only in abortion facilities, medical offices, and hospitals by or under the supervision of a certified healthcare provider.

Chemical abortion's second dose is taken by the women 24 to 48 hours after the first drug is administered, usually while at home alone.

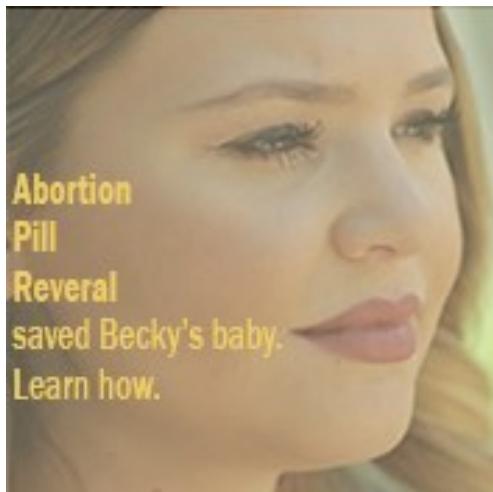
Profuse bleeding is an expected side effect, accompanied by often severe cramping or contractions.

Emotional trauma is likely to be compounded due its unique circumstances:

- The mother assumes the role of the abortionist because she takes the pills.
- She is often abandoned to fend for herself during this frightening and risky ordeal.
- She comes face-to-face with her unborn child after he or she passes from her body. This is a traumatic experience that she is unprepared for after being told it was only a mass of tissue by abortion center staff.
- Her home (bedroom and bathroom) become the abortion chamber, a visual memory that she is unable to escape.

State legislation regulating chemical abortion is essential to safeguard women's health and possibly protect the babies' lives. Thankfully, these bills are being deployed in several states. During 2021, [22 bills](#) have been introduced with seven enacted in six states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Montana.

Alabama banned chemical abortion completely. Provisions of



the other states included a variety of protections, some of which are:

- ✓ Require the abortionist to dispense the pills in person and be a licensed physician
- ✓ Have admitting privileges to a nearby hospital
- ✓ Perform an in-person exam
- ✓ Be credentialed to handle complications
- ✓ The drug cannot be provided by a courier, delivery, or mail
- ✓ Provide informed consent
- ✓ Establish reporting requirements
- ✓ Follow-up appointments
- ✓ Criminal penalties for violations
- ✓ Civil cause of action for parents of the aborted baby

Dr. New's research also revealed that educating women and the public to the truth about chemical abortion and its dangers along with state legislation to curb its growth are our best tools. He wrote, "It is imperative that pro-lifers continue educational and legislative efforts to combat this rise in chemical abortions."

Life Issues Institute has been at the forefront of producing pro-life educational resources to combat chemical abortion. Our [website](#) has a wealth of information including its impact on women and their babies. Our videos, articles and other

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CHEMICAL ABORTION PILL

SPECIAL PROGRAM OF LIFE ISSUES INSTITUTE

resources are free and can be easily shared with others.

We also work cooperatively with other pro-life groups to create awareness of Abortion Pill Reversal, a proven medical protocol for women who change their minds after taking the first pill.

Confronting chemical abortion and working to protect women and their babies from this deadly drug is a priority at Life Issues Institute. Please join us. [ACCESS LINKS IN OUR ONLINE VERSION AT LIFEISSUES.ORG](#)

Keeping You in the Loop

After considerable prayer and reflection, Life Issues Institute and Susan B Anthony List have decided to function independently. We believe this will enable us to pursue our educational and political goals more efficiently. However, we will continue to work together on many projects moving forward, which makes us stronger and more effective in saving the babies.



Communicating with you by email saves precious valuable resources and it enables us to reach you quickly as developments unfold. Please forward your email address to us at info@lifeissues.org. We will not share your personal information with anyone, and pledge not to flood your address with unwanted mail.



SAVING LIVES THROUGH PRO-LIFE EDUCATION

P O Box 785 Florence, KY 41022

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CONCINNATI, OH
PERMIT #7001

Life Issues Daily Radio Commentaries - Celebrating 30 Years of Pro-Life Education!

For 30 years
Life Issues
Institute has
used radio to
educate
millions of
Americans to



Life Issues
ONE MINUTE DAILY RADIO COMMENTARY

Host: Brad Mattes



the truth about abortion and related issues. Our daily radio commentary, *Life Issues*, airs on Christian radio stations in all 50 states, plus SiriusXM. The program has grown in popularity to over 1,270 radio outlets reaching 18 million actual listeners every week.

A new feature is a week of specially themed programming. We aired *Back to School* which offered basic pro-life education for students and parents, offering free website resources. Other themes included *Abortion on Trial* that revealed the ugly underbelly of the abortion industry, and *Fostering Love, Adopting Joy* promoted foster care and adoption. *God's Special Creations* directed parents and families with children who have Down syndrome to critically needed resources. *Forgotten Fathers*, focused on dads suffering from loss due to a past abortion. There is a special

place in Brad's heart for these struggling men. We featured a website designed exclusively for hurting men and

those who want to help them. Response has been very positive to our themed programming.

Each January we produce a half-hour radio special to be aired around Sanctity of Life Sunday. This year we celebrated the prominence of young people in the movement. *We Will Be Their Voice, the New Pro-Life Generation* aired on a record number 835 radio outlets with some airing it multiple times! We directed listeners to various youth-led organizations.

Your faithful support makes it possible to educate millions of people on important developments related to life issues. Brad's daily commentaries are available as a [free download](#) direct to your email account. Please visit our website lifeissues.org and click on the microphone icon.

Thank you for all that you do to support LIFE!