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A Labor of Love

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Evidence of the greatest magnitude indicates *Roe v Wade* is living on borrowed time. From the beginning it was cringeworthy jurisprudence, criticized by individuals on both sides of the abortion issue. Former Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg called it a “heavy-handed judicial intervention [that] was difficult to justify and appears to have provoked, not resolved, conflict.”

It inflicted a death toll nearing 64 million babies and an unknown number of women who perished by botched abortions. Millions more silently struggle with profound grief and shame, including fathers.

Roe gave birth to a pro-life grassroots movement without rival. It began on kitchen tables in cities and small towns and evolved into the highly professional and effective movement it is today.

Now thousands of pregnancy help centers provide free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, and a myriad of baby items to women facing unexpected



pregnancies, empowering them to say yes to life. More recently, those resources have grown exponentially to include, mentoring, job training, even financial assistance with schooling, housing and more. Some of these resources extend years after the birth of their babies.

Thousands of pro-life Americans came forward to work for

and elect pro-life candidates. Many donated their time and talents to lobby Congress, state legislatures, school boards, and city councils to show mercy on America’s unborn babies through pro-life legislation. And when they did, more often than not the Supreme Court extinguished their hopes and dreams of ending the violence of abortion. Progress was incremental and painfully slow.



Other citizens became pro-life educators, packing 16mm films, projectors, and materials from house to house, schools, churches, and anyone who would listen.

Now websites, digital videos, and social media have dramatically changed the delivery, but not the message that abortion is a brutal answer to unexpected pregnancies.

Thanks to President Donald Trump, we have a majority on the Supreme Court and today we’re on the cusp of what would be our greatest victory to date, the “termination” of *Roe v Wade*.

However, there will be no rest for this massive grassroots movement. The battlelines move to each state where pro-lifers will work tirelessly to elect pro-life candidates and lobby for pro-life legislation.

Pregnancy centers will redouble their efforts to ensure that women without access to abortion will not be abandoned. Educators will continue to be windows to the womb, revealing the beauty of unborn life and exposing the monstrosity of abortion.



The pro-life movement’s work is far from complete. It’s been a labor of love for over 49 years...and counting. 

Abortion Advocates' Deadly Plans for the Future

Extreme advocates of abortion have proudly touted states that have passed legislation legalizing abortion until birth, however, they are hoping to keep parts of these laws under the radar. Pro-abortion politicians have set their sights beyond abortion and have newborn infants in their crosshairs.

Most can recall those casual, yet haunting words spoken by then Governor Ralph Northam of Virginia. Words that sent a chill up the spine of scores of Americans when he described allowing a baby to die who had survived a late-term abortion.

Blue states are now quietly enshrining this scenario into law. California often stands out as the ringleader when it comes to malevolent legislation. But they are not alone. Other states are taking an alarmingly emboldened stand to advance an extreme agenda that extends beyond abortion. California's recent bill AB2223 brutally targets newborn infants. It reads:

“Notwithstanding any other law, a person shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or penalty, or otherwise deprived of their rights under this article, based on their **actions or omissions** with respect to their pregnancy or actual, potential, or alleged pregnancy outcome, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion, or **perinatal death** due to a pregnancy-related cause.” (emphasis added)

The words “actions or omissions” give legal cover to those who would by neglect or deed cause the death of an infant who survived a late-term abortion. The window of opportunity to carry out these deaths is referenced as “perinatal death,” a term that has been interpreted widely as a few days after birth to four, even six weeks later. Qualifying reasons for legally ending the life of a newborn fall under a “pregnancy-related cause” which is not defined and open to broad interpretation.

These types of laws are state-sanctioned infanticide.

They are meant to protect guilty parties such as women who take chemical abortion pills well beyond the legal limit,

deliver a live baby and end that child's life by abandonment or active means. Also protected is anyone who “aids or assists a pregnant person.” A mother or boyfriend who grows frustrated with a crying infant and shakes the helpless baby, causing lethal injuries could be protected. A baby's death within the “perinatal” timeframe could thwart any investigation.

Not only are investigations stymied, but a woman would also

be allowed to sue the police or other authorities in response to an otherwise legitimate arrest or criminal charge.

In the works are laws designed to protect the abortion industry and block accountability for hack abortionists injuring women. Thanks to a Governor-led activist group, The California Future of Abortion Council [outlines](#) what is to come. California's AB2223 legislation is just the first of eight priority bills Planned Parenthood wants passed. Here's what we can expect to see.

Funding the Abortion Industry

Fund staff of organizations that provide practical support for abortions

Reimburse abortionists for providing abortion services to individuals who can't pay for them

A raise for abortionists. Medi-Cal accounts for half of all abortions in the state, so update and increase reimbursements rates

Supplement the pay for abortionists who have a high volume of Medi-Cal abortions

Wave school loans if medical students become abortionists

Pay for professional liability insurance of abortionists and abortion facilities

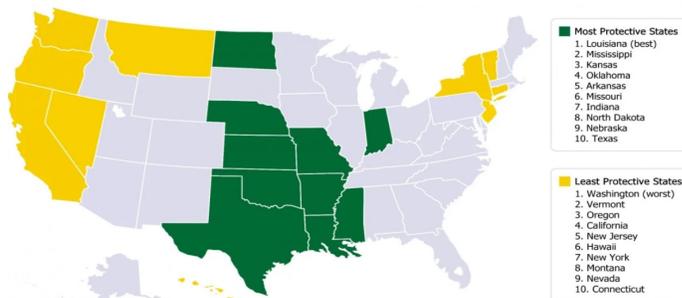
Establish a grant program for abortion training

Protecting the Abortion Industry

Pay for advanced security measures at abortion facilities

Protect abortionists and staff from criminal, civil, or administrative liability when an abortion is botched

Protect abortionists from civil, criminal, or disciplinary actions in California and other states if they botch an abortion or commit a criminal offense



States in green are the Top 10 States protecting life.
States in yellow are the Top 10 States protecting abortion

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Abolishing Conscience Protections and Censoring Free Speech

Force primary care and family medicine education programs to include abortion training

Force religiously affiliated hospitals and health systems to provide abortion

Take “meaningful action” against pro-life pregnancy help centers for “harmful or misleading information,” i.e., abortion hurts women

The good news is that many states will end or severely restrict abortion in a post-Roe America. However, the aggressive nature by abortion advocates and their success in passing expansive pro-death legislation shows that our work will be far from over if the US Supreme Court overturns *Roe v Wade*. 🌀

Scientific Data Supports Abortion Pill Reversal

Chemical abortion has transformed the abortion industry, aided by a president and administration eager to do their bidding. Recently, the FDA rescinded important safeguards for women who take these dangerous pills. Fearing the reversal of *Roe v Wade* and states passing far reaching legislation to protect babies and their mothers, advocates of abortion are increasingly looking to abortion by mail. Without medical supervision, women are more vulnerable to the dangers of



chemical abortion.

Mifepristone, the first of a two-drug protocol, blocks a woman’s progesterone receptors, which prevents the baby from receiving nutrients. 24-72 hours later, a second drug, misoprostol is taken to cause uterine contractions with the goal to expel a dead baby.

In 2007 a woman who had taken the first of a two-pill regimen but changed her mind contacted Dr. Matthew Harrison who surmised that doses of bioidentical progesterone may outcompete mifepristone. His protocol for abortion pill reversal was successful for this woman.

Independent of Dr. Harrison’s success, Dr. George Delgado was also approached on behalf of a woman desperate to reverse her chemical abortion. He too developed a progesterone protocol that was successful. Since then, over 3,000 babies have been saved by Abortion Pill Reversal (APR).

The abortion industry and its supporters were quick to attack APR. It claimed that the treatment was junk science and not effective. However, scientific evidence and research have proven this claim false.

That hasn’t diminished the attacks. Last September Google banned all ads promoting APR which was the main source of awareness for women wanting help to protect their babies.

One of the critics of APR is the pro-abortion American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). In an article it erroneously [declared](#) that APR “is not supported by science.”

A team of PhDs at Charlotte Lozier Institute published an analysis of the scientific evidence which confirmed APR is

indeed effective and it’s ACOG’s claim that is not supported by science.

Progesterone has been used to support pregnancies since the 1950s and received FDA approval in 1998. It is frequently used to protect against recurring miscarriage and to reduce the risk of premature birth. It is also used with IVF pregnancies.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute [analysis](#) included two 2020 studies, both published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Both concluded that progesterone improves the chances for a healthy pregnancy for women with a history of miscarriage or bleeding.

Dr. George Delgado published a peer-reviewed study in Issues in Law and Medicine that showed the APR protocol resulted in a 64-68% success rate in saving unborn babies. It also revealed a zero increased risk of birth defects or premature births.



Rebecca and Zachariah - successful abortion pill reversal story

The pro-abortion ACOG speaks with a forked tongue when it comes to the effectiveness of progesterone’s impact on protecting pregnancies. While it claims APR “is not supported by science,” ACOG Practice Bulletin 225, published in October 2020 cautioned abortionists not to administer progestin-only birth control the same day they give mifepristone. They warned that the progestin reduces the effectiveness of mifepristone by four times.

This is significant in proving APR’s effectiveness because progestin less effective than natural progesterone, and its dosage is considerably lower than the bioidentical progesterone given in the APR protocol. Yet ACOG acknowledged progestin’s significant role in the survival of an unborn child.

Additional research data is available in the [CLI analysis](#).

Evidence continues to mount that Abortion Pill Reversal is a welcomed and needed protocol to assist women who change their minds about having a chemical abortion. Please visit their [website](#) for more information. 🌀



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Life Issues Institute's Educational Blitz Phase One a Success!

Life Issues Institute's first phase of our nationwide educational blitz exceeded expectations. We produced a half-hour radio program titled *The Faces of Roe: Women and Men Victimized by Abortion*, that focused on the upcoming *Dobbs* late-term abortion case. Two of Brad's guests were a mother and a father who each shared riveting accounts of losing children to late-term abortion. You can listen to the full program at www.FacesofRoe.com

He also interviewed a former late-term abortionist who shared eye-opening information about what really happens behind closed doors at abortion centers. And a representative from Her PLAN shared exciting news of how her organization is building a safety net, state by state, that provides a wealth of resources for women and their babies that extend long after birth. Women without access to



abortion will not be abandoned in America. The *Faces of Roe* program aired over 1,500 times on radio stations across the nation! Our primary target audience was secular talk format stations in major metropolitan areas. Prior to the airings, Brad was interviewed on many of the stations.

A four-week educational campaign on social media to strategically targeted audiences began at the same time. Brief video clips of the radio show guests reached millions more. Both radio listeners and social media audiences were directed to a custom website landing page, FacesofRoe.com, that provided additional information and many resources. You can watch these videos on that webpage.

Phase two is scheduled to begin in early June and will focus on the abortion landscape in a post-Roe environment. 