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Pope Francis: 'Abortion is more than a problem. Abortion is homicide.'



January 23, 2022 WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden pledged to defend a so-called right to abortion and reaffirmed his commitment to the widespread availability of the procedure in a Jan. 22 statement marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

"The constitutional right established in *Roe v. Wade* nearly 50 years ago today is under assault as never before," reads the statement, which was co-signed by Vice President Kamala Harris. "It is a right we believe should be codified into law, and we pledge to defend it with every tool we possess. We are deeply committed to protecting access to health care, including reproductive health care—and to ensuring that this country is not pushed backwards on women's equality," the statement continues.

The statement was released one day after tens of thousands of pro-life advocates gathered in Washington for the annual March for Life. Biden and Harris condemned efforts by pro-life lawmakers to enact restrictions on abortion, saying that "in Texas, Mississippi, and many other states around the country, access to reproductive health care is under attack." "These state restrictions constrain the freedom of all women," they wrote, adding that such restrictions are "particularly devastating for those who have fewer options and fewer resources, such as those in underserved communities, including communities of color and many in rural areas." In addition to support of codifying a right to an abortion throughout the entirety of a pregnancy, Biden and Harris wrote that they will "continue to work with Congress on the Women's Health Protection Act."

The Women's Health Protection Act would establish "a statutory right for health care professionals to provide abortion and the right for their patients to receive care, free from medically unnecessary restrictions that single out abortion care." If passed, the bill would also eliminate requirements including mandatory waiting periods and ultrasounds before the procedure can be performed. Biden and Harris wrote that it is important to "ensure that our daughters and granddaughters have the same fundamental rights that their mothers and grandmothers fought for and won on this day, 49 years ago."

Knights of Columbus Tim Will, Michael Daigle and Pete Siviglia faced the winter challenges and went to the March for Life. Thank you for your journey.

Pray ~ Pray ~ Pray

It's a solemn day in America. 49 years ago, the Supreme Court manufactured a "right" to kill an unborn baby – abortion. What was murder, became legal – a supposed constitutional right found NOWHERE in the Constitution itself. More than 62 million babies have lost their lives in the wake of *Roe v. Wade*. **An earth-shattering report shows that abortion is now responsible for 42% of all deaths worldwide.** But right now we have the BIGGEST opportunity in a generation to overturn *Roe*, defeat abortion, and save countless babies at the Supreme Court. But President Biden is pulling out all the stops for the abortion industry, **defending abortion at the Supreme Court and forcing you to pay for abortions with your tax dollars.** The ACLJ and YOU are needed now more than ever for the lives of unborn babies. **We are the last line of defense in court. THIS is the moment. Let's make this the LAST anniversary of *Roe*.**



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Between now and some time in June when the Supreme Court will publish their decision that COULD also be the end of Roe vs Wade, we have a lot to pray for. But we also have a lot to be thankful for.

Sadly, there are many who worry about the future of our country, the future morality of our country, the ability of Christians to openly practice their faith, and to be able to talk about our faith openly.

But have faith in our young people. There is

a large group out there that is absolutely awesome, and have set a standard for all of us to follow. They are the Pro-Life Generation that has been inspired by the Students for Life. **"Students for Life has grown up to become one of the leading pro-life advocacy organizations in the world,** driving the narrative for the entire movement and leading by example. The organization's staff size and budget is one of the largest in the entire pro-life movement. And their reach and success are recognized movement-wide. A pro-life advocate cannot go to a pro-life march or any other event without witnessing their legacy of joyful, hopeful, young people proudly waving their signature black-and-white "I am the Pro-Life Generation" signs.



Here is some information from one of the organization's recent emails.

"Fox News just released a poll showing what you and I already knew, Americans REJECT abortion-on-demand through all nine months of a pregnancy (*the Democrat Party's official position*).

And even though pro-abortion politicians like Vice President Kamala Harris (D) have spewed the outrageous lie that "women will die" if *Roe v. Wade* is reversed, a whopping 69% of Democrat voters support restricting abortions that are currently allowed under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 decision.

In the same poll, 61% of voters said that abortion should be made completely illegal or determined by each state.

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to release a landmark ruling on the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case – which deals with Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban – in June. This case could be the one that finally reverses the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. If the Court decides to do the right thing and reverse their horrific 1973 decision, then the question of abortion immediately falls back to the states.

And the Abortion Lobby is already gearing up for a fight in state legislatures across the nation.

Students for Life Action is prepared to fight like never before at the state level should the Supreme Court make the right decision.

The truth is, pro-abortion politicians like President Joe Biden (D), U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) are scared. They've threatened to abolish the Senate filibuster, pack the U.S. Supreme Court (*to nullify President Trump's appointments*), force taxpayer funding of all abortion through the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, and codify *Roe v. Wade* into law...But their entire radical pro-abortion agenda will come crashing down if they lose their razor thin majorities.

November could be setting up to be a tidal wave for pro-lifers."

We can support the work of Students for Life. Not all of us can offer financial support. BUT...we can all pray for the young people who have bravely taken on the fight. We can all read up on the pro-life views of our candidates who will be running in the primaries in June, and subsequently in the elections in November.

Wouldn't it be great to say that you were also a part of the Pro-Life Tidal-Wave?

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