



# Red states with abortion bans could 'lose economic edge,' warns New York Times

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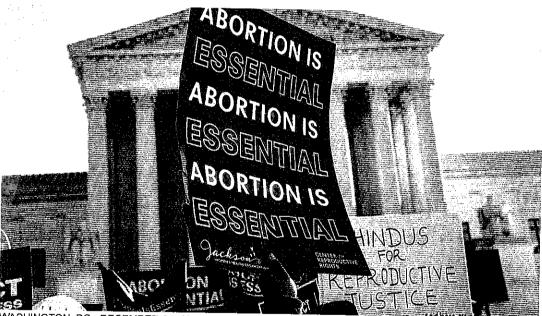
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A New York Times article warned red states that banning abortion, following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, could have the negative economic consequence of driving workers and businesses to blue states.

Politics writer Alexander Burns wrote, "[A] Supreme Court decision that abolished the right to an abortion is now threatening to reshape the lines of economic competition between conservative and liberal states."

He highlighted Democratic governors pushing forward the message that protecting abortion rights was essential to making their states appealing to workers, particularly younger workers who are more concerned about social issues.

But for companies in red states, the fallout from "the rollback of women's rights" could prove to be "dangerous" to their economies.



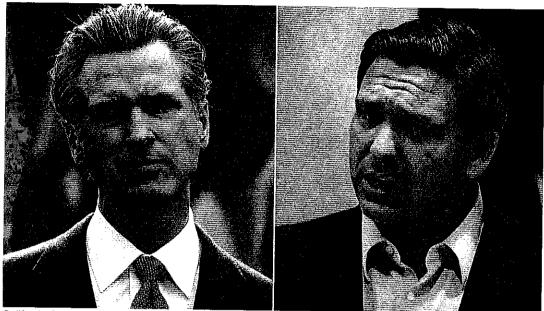
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## NBC REPORTER SAYS 'ECONOMIC IMPACT' OF 'BIRTHING PEOPLE' NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE ABORTIONS IS 'DEVASTATING'

"in states like Texas and Georgia, Republican lawmakers are effectively wagering that the local business environment will remain appealing enough to overcome concerns about women's rights. And to some conservative politicians, the risk of alienating business investment is a price worth paying to eradicate abortion. The fallout of the Supreme Court's ruling could be more dangerous for states that share Texas' economic and social policies but lack its longstanding status as an economic powerhouse — states like Arkansas and Oklahoma, which have passed some of the most restrictive abortion bans in the country," he wrote.

The Times also cited several Democrats, such as U.S. Secretary of Commerce and former governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo, predicting that it was a foregone conclusion that states with abortion bans would suffer economically.

Democratic governors have been trying to use the recent Court ruling to their political advantage. For instance, California Gov. Gavin Newsom recently released an attack ad in Florida encouraging residents to move to his state, saying their freedom was "under attack."

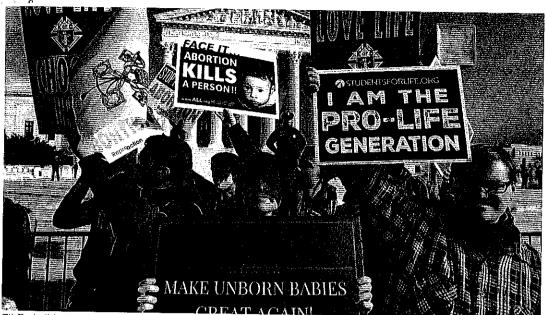


California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during a bill signing ceremony at Nido's Backyard Mexican Restaurant on February 09, 2022 in San Francisco, California. California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation to extend COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for workers. (Getty)

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Republicans and nonpartisan business groups told the Times reporter however, that they expected states like Texas to keep thriving despite abortion bans because of their pro-business policies such as lower taxes and less regulation. Still, the Times expressed skepticism.

"There is no recent precedent, however, for a rightward lurch in state-level policy on the scale of the crackdown on abortion that is now underway across much of the United States. The full impact of new restrictions is still uncertain in many states, and some bans are riddled with questions about how they will be enforced. A few, like Oklahoma's total ban on abortion, appear to be so sweeping that they could imperil other kinds of reproductive care, including certain fertility treatments," Burns cautioned.



FILE - In this Jan. 18, 2019, file photo, anti-abortion activists protest outside of the U.S. Supreme Court, during the March for Life in Washington. A committee in Texas considered a bill this week that would have opened the door to put women to death for their abortions. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana, File)

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Even after the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, abortion lags far behind general economic concerns, gun issues, immigration and education, according to the poll.

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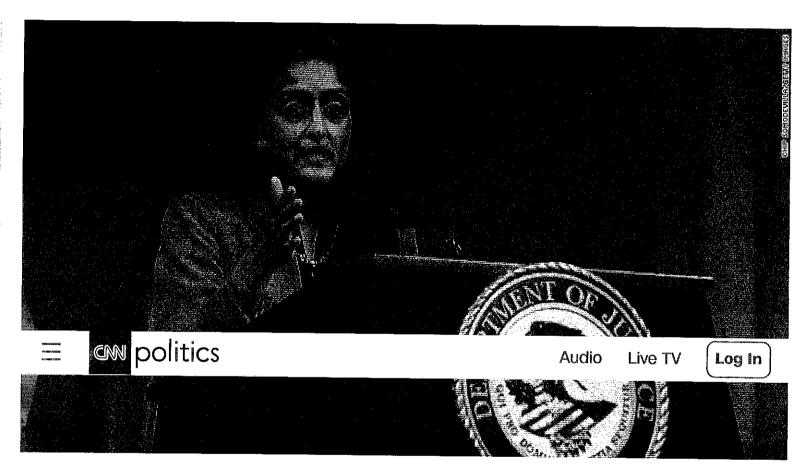
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# Justice Department announces Reproductive Rights Task Force





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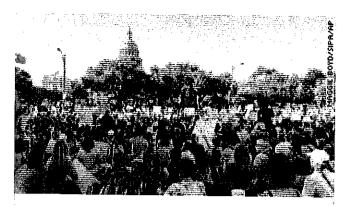
US Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta delivers remarks at the Department of Justice Robert F. Kennedy Building on May 20, 2022, in Washington, DC.

(CNN) — The Justice Department on Tuesday announced a task force aimed at identifying ways to protect reproductive rights in the wake of the Supreme Court decision that struck down the federal right to abortion.

Called the Reproductive Rights Task Force and chaired by Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta, the group will "monitor and evaluate" state and local legislation and enforcement that might infringe on a person's ability to seek reproductive care, ban abortion-inducing drugs or impose criminal or civil consequences on federal employees who provide reproductive health services that are legal under federal law.

"The Court abandoned 50 years of precedent and took away the constitutional right to abortion, preventing women all over the country from being able to make critical decisions about our bodies, our health, and our

futures. The Justice Department is committed to protecting access to reproductive services," Gupta said in a statement.



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The announcement comes after Biden signed an executive order Friday aimed at protecting abortion rights and called on the the Justice Department, "much like they did in the civil rights era, to do something, to do everything in their power to protect these women seeking to invoke their rights." The DOJ announcement formalizes existing efforts by the department to support access to reproductive health care.

The Biden administration has worked across multiple federal agencies to respond to the Roe v. Wade reversal -- the Department of Health and Human Services, for example, issued guidance Monday clarifying a health care provider's duty and protections when providing abortion care for life/health-saving measures. But the White House has so far dismissed several progressive ideas to protect abortion access, including using federal lands for abortion services and expanding the Supreme Court.

Biden's executive order attempts to safeguard access to medication abortion and emergency contraception, protect patient privacy, launch public education efforts as well as bolster the security of and the legal options available to those seeking and providing abortion services.

Still, there is no action the President can take to restore the nationwide right to an abortion in the wake of the high court's ruling, and Biden has acknowledged publicly his options to expand abortion access remain limited.

As Democrats and advocates pressure the White House to take a stronger stance to codify abortion access, Biden recently said he would support making an exception to the filibuster -- the 60-vote threshold in the Senate needed to pass most legislation -- in order to codify abortion rights, a position he had previously been reluctant to support.

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Gestational Limits on Abortion in the United States Compared to International Norms

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Abstract: The United States is one of only seven countries in the world that permit elective abortion past 20 weeks. Upholding laws restricting abortion on demand after 20 weeks would situate the United States closer to the international mainstream, instead of leaving it as an outlying country with ultra-permissive abortion policies.

This report compares gestational limits in United States abortion law with gestational limits in the abortion law of the international community. The goal is to determine where the United States stands in comparison to international norms, with its federal policy enshrined in *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion past 20 weeks and without restriction until fetal viability.

The sample group for this project included a total of 198 countries, independent states, and semi-autonomous regions with populations exceeding 1 million. Of these 198 countries, independent states, and regions worldwide, 59 allow abortion without restriction as to reason, otherwise known as elective abortion or abortion on demand. The remaining 139 countries require *some* reason to obtain an abortion ranging from most restrictive (to save the life of the mother or completely prohibited) to least restrictive (socioeconomic grounds) with various reasons in between (e.g., physical health, mental health).

Currently, the United States permits abortion on demand through viability, which is usually marked around 24 weeks. For this report, it is appropriate to compare the United States with the other 58 countries that allow abortion on demand up to some point in pregnancy. The remaining 139 countries require some reason to obtain an abortion (that is to say, they do not permit abortion on demand) and are, by definition, more restrictive than the United States on the issue of gestational limits. To require some reason before obtaining an abortion is inherently more restrictive than not requiring any reason at all.

This report finds that the United States is one of only seven countries in the world that permit elective abortion past 20 weeks. This finding suggests that current proposals in the United States to restrict elective abortions past 20 weeks would move the United States from the fringe, ultra-permissive end of the spectrum to a position closer to international norms.

#### Terminology and Method of Comparison

Not all countries or statutes use the same terminology when drafting restrictions on late-term elective abortion. When drafting a restriction on elective abortion past 20 weeks of pregnancy, the most common measurement of "weeks of pregnancy" is gestational age, or in short form "gestation." Gestational age marks the duration of pregnancy, which is most commonly and medically measured from the date of the

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Of the 59 countries permitting elective abortionvii:

- 9 countries limit elective abortion before the 12<sup>th</sup> week of gestation<sup>3</sup>,
- 36 countries limit elective abortion at 12 weeks gestation 4 5 6,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this study, Puerto Rico is not included as a separate "country, independent state, or semi-autonomous region with population exceeding 1 million" as it follows the elective abortion policy of the United States and is subject to the constitutional determination of *Roe v. Wade* on elective abortion permissiveness. Center for Reproductive Rights, "The Legal Right to Abortion in Puerto Rico," July 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other studies have counted 60 countries in the category of abortion without restriction as to reason. This study discovered that Bahrain could not be considered a country allowing elective abortion, as it permits abortion only to save the life of the mother in practice, although the country's statutory language is vague.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Three countries (Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro) limit elective abortion past 10 weeks from conception. Converting this statutory language to gestational age, Croatia, Macedonia, and Montenegro limit elective abortion past 12 weeks gestational age. Using gestational age, Croatia, Macedonia, and Montenegro belong in the category of limiting abortion "at 12 weeks."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Two countries (Belgium, Germany) limit elective abortion past 12 weeks from conception. Converting this statutory language to gestational age, Belgium and Germany limit elective abortion past 14 weeks gestational age. Using gestational age, Belgium and Germany belong in the category of limiting abortion "between 12 and 20 weeks."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Two countries (Mongolia, Tunisia) limit elective abortion past 12 weeks of "pregnancy" without defining how pregnancy duration is measured. This study measures 12 weeks of "pregnancy" as 12 weeks gestational age, therefore Mongolia and Tunisia are included in the category limited "at 12 weeks." However, if Mongolia and Tunisia measure "pregnancy" from the date of conception or fertilization, then they would belong in the category "between 12 and 20 weeks."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Luxembourg recently broadened its abortion policy in 2013 to allow women to decide if they are "in distress" for purposes of obtaining an abortion within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. This broadening of the law effectively allows elective abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Luxembourg does not specify whether "weeks of pregnancy" are measured by gestational age or from conception or fertilization. "Restrictions on abortion in Luxembourg to be relaxed," November 2013, http://www.wort.lu/en/view/restrictions-on-abortion-in-luxembourg-to-be-relaxed-

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- Canada (no restriction in law)<sup>xii</sup>
- China (no restriction in law) xiii
- Netherlands (24 weeks)
- North Korea (no restriction in law)
- Singapore (24 weeks)
- United States (viability)<sup>9</sup>
- Vietnam (no restriction in law)<sup>xiv</sup>

The United States is within the top 4% of most permissive abortion policies in the world (7 out of 198) when analyzing restrictions on elective abortion based on duration of pregnancy.

#### **Implications for Current Policy in the United States**

Under U.S. law, abortion on demand is permitted without restriction through viability. Viability can vary, and is decreasing in terms of weeks of gestation as perinatal medicine advances, but normally occurs no earlier than 24 weeks.

Recently, in the United States, there has been great interest in restricting abortion on demand after 20 weeks.xv xvi Two states have had 20-week laws on the books since before *Roe v. Wade*. Eleven more states have enacted 20-week laws in recent years. A proposed 20-week law in Albuquerque, New Mexico failed to gain majority support in 2013 but was notable for the engaged citizen activism that resulted in the proposal being put on a municipal ballot for a direct vote. xvii

There is also interest at the federal level in restricting elective abortion after 20 weeks. In 2013, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a 20-week law. $^{xviii}$  A similar law has been introduced in the U.S. Senate. $^{11}$   $^{xix}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Puerto Rico is not considered a separate country for purposes of this study, as it follows U.S. elective abortion policy, permitting abortion on demand through fetal viability without restriction. Puerto Rico is included under the United States as a special jurisdiction that allows elective abortion past 20 weeks. Center for Reproductive Rights, "The Legal Right to Abortion in Puerto Rico," July 2009 <sup>10</sup> Twenty-week laws have been challenged in court. To date, Arizona, Georgia, and Idaho have been involved in litigation defending their 20-week restrictions on elective abortion. Although the U.S. Supreme Court recently declined to hear a case involving a 20-week law, it will likely consider the issue at some point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Five states have enacted or attempted to enact 20-week laws using gestational age. Nine states have enacted or attempted to enact 20-week laws using conception or fertilization. One state has enacted a 20-week law using pregnancy. The federal House bill, the Pain- Capable Unborn Child Act, and the similar law introduced in the U.S. Senate, measure the 20-week restriction using fertilization.



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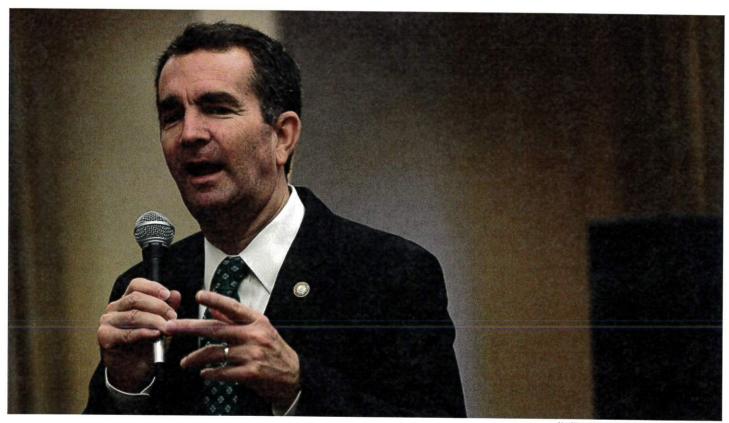
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#### Virginia governor faces backlash over comments supporting late-term abortion bill

By <u>Devan Cole</u>, CNN Published 9:46 AM EST, Thu January 31, 2019



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Washington (CNN) — Virginia Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam is facing backlash after he voiced his support for a state measure that would significantly loosen restrictions on late-term abortions.

"[Third trimester abortions are] done in cases where there may be severe deformities. There may be a fetus that's nonviable. So in this particular example, if a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen," Northam, a pediatric neurosurgeon, told Washington radio station WTOP. "The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired. And then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

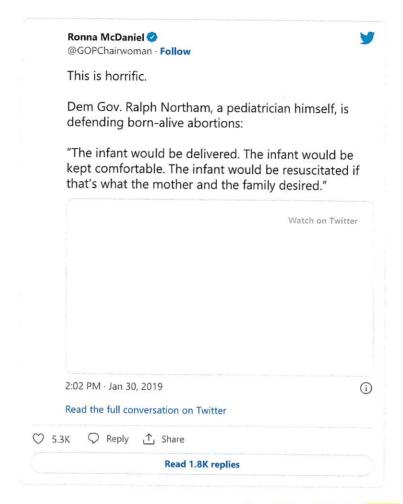
The bill – which among other things would end a state rule that requires at least three physicians confirm "that a third trimester abortion is necessary to prevent the woman's death or impairment of her mental or physical health" and ends "the need to find that any such impairment to the woman's health would be substantial and irremediable" – is currently tabled in Virginia's legislature.

Northam said he supports the bill's measures, telling WTOP that "we want the government not to be involved in these types of decisions.

We want the decision to be made by the mothers and their providers."

Shortly after Northam's interview, several prominent Republican leaders sharply criticized the governor's comments, accusing him of being in favor of infanticide.

"This is horrific," Republican National Committee chairwoman Ronna McDaniel wrote on Twitter, adding that Northam "is defending bornalive abortions."



Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, also took to Twitter to address Northam's comments, writing that he "never thought I would see the day America had government officials who openly support legal infanticide."

Later Wednesday, President Donald Trump weighed in on Northam's comments in an interview with <u>The Daily Caller</u> when asked for comment by a reporter, though he said he hadn't heard the remarks himself.

"I'm surprised that he did that. I've met him a number of times," Trump said of the governor's comments.

"This is going to lift up the whole pro-life movement like maybe it's never been lifted up before," he told the outlet. "The pro-life movement is very much a 50-50, it's a very 50-50 issue, actually it's gained a point or two over the years."

"I think this will very much lift up the issue because people have never thought of it in those terms," Trump added.

Northam's office said in a statement on Wednesday that his comments were taken out of context and that Republicans "are trying to play politics with women's health."

"No woman seeks a third trimester abortion except in the case of tragic or difficult circumstances, such as a nonviable pregnancy or in the event of severe fetal abnormalities, and the governor's comments were limited to the actions physicians would take in the event that a woman in those circumstances went into labor," Ofirah Yheskel, Northam's spokesperson, wrote in the statement.

"Attempts to extrapolate these comments otherwise is in bad faith and underscores exactly why the governor believes physicians and women, not legislators, should make these difficult and deeply personal medical decisions," Yheskel said in the statement.

In a tweet posted later Wednesday, Northam wrote, "I have devoted my life to caring for children and any insinuation otherwise is

shameful and disgusting."					
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# Elizabeth Warren Calls To 'Shut Down' Crisis Pregnancy Centers Amid Pro-Abortion Attacks



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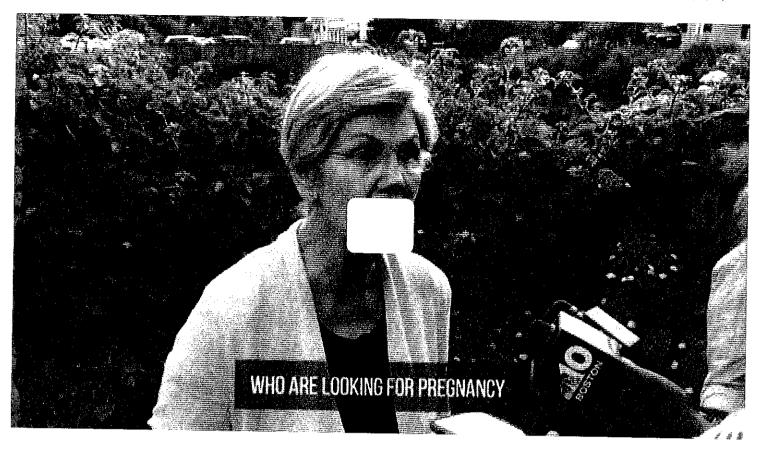
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Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren called on crisis pregnancy centers to be "shut down" across the country Tuesday as pro-abortion groups vandalize and commit arson on centers throughout the nation.

The senator claimed the centers "fool" and "torture" women into carrying their pregnancies to term as they seek abortion access. She lamented that the centers outnumber abortion clinics in Massachusetts by 3 to 1.

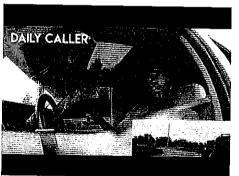
"In Massachusetts right now, those crisis pregnancy centers that are there to fool people who are looking for pregnancy termination help outnumber true abortion clinics by 3 to 1," she said. "We need to shut them down here in Massachusetts and we need to shut them down all around the country," she told NBC 10 Boston. "You should not be able to torture a pregnant person like that."



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Warren's criticisms of crisis pregnancy centers follow multiple attacks on the centers facilitated by pro-abortion activists since the Supreme Court draft majority opinion leaked in May.

Surveillance footage showed a suspect spray painted the words "If Abortions Aren't Safe, You Aren't Either" and broke the windows of the Next Step Pregnancy Center in Lynwood, Washington, in late May. An unknown proabortion group splattered the Capitol Hill Crisis Pregnancy Center with red paint and marked the words "Jane Says Revenge" in graffiti.

Police arrested 10 pro-abortion protesters for allegedly throwing smoke bombs at an Oregon pregnancy center on June 27. The activist group Jane's Revenge allegedly firebombed crisis pregnancy center in Amherst, New York, overnight on

June 7, while arsonists attacked Wisconsin Family Action in Madison. The Oregon Right to Life offices in Keizer, Oregon, were also firebombed with Molotov cocktails.

The centers offer free or low-cost pregnancy testing, education on adoption services, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, prenatal and parenting lessons, after abortion recovery counseling and sexual risk avoidance education, according to the Charlotte Lozier Institute. (RELATED: NBC News Joins The Fight Against Crisis Pregnancy Centers)

The Massachusetts senator has repeatedly called for the construction of abortion clinics on federal lands and national parks since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, handing states the right to regulate abortion. She suggested that tents and trained medical personnel be set up on federally funded property to allow women to access abortion.



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In a New York Times op-ed, she and Democratic Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith advocated the use of "federal property and resources to protect people seeking abortion services locally."

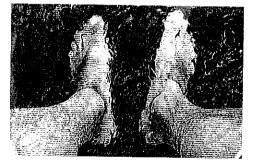
Warren and several prominent Democratic lawmakers signed a letter urging President Joe Biden increase access to medication abortion and establish a medical ombudsman at the Department of Human Health and Services and Department of Justice to analyze data on the types of reproductive services needed and provide that on federal lands.

"The Department of Justice and all relevant agencies could analyze the types of

reproductive health services that could be provided on federal property, especially in states where such services are limited by state law or regulation," the letter stated.

The senator's push for clinics on federal lands is currently prevented by the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding toward abortions except in cases endangering the mother's life. Many activists estimate that the Hyde Amendment prevents at least 60,000 abortion per year.

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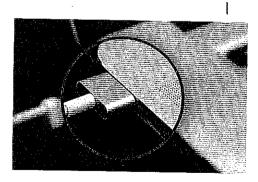
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# NY Times op-ed tells Democrats to 'embrace the politics of fear' on abortion: 'Party needs to scare voters'

Writer Ana Marie Cox explained how using anger over the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade could help Democrats in the midterms

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Beyond Words

Ana Marie Cox wrote a guest essay in the New York Times suggesting that fear could be a winning strategy for Democrats in an op-ed on Friday.

In light of Republicans being favored to take back Congress in the 2022 midterm elections, Cox recognized the need to inspire both moderate and progressive Democrats. Using the Dobbs abortion decision from the Supreme Court as an example, she claimed "fear can drive them to the polls."

"When it comes to abortion rights, the Democrats need to lean into the politics of fear," Cox opened.

She explained that while America after the overturning of Roe v. Wade already feels like a "worstcase scenario," Republicans regaining power should cause further "panic."



Protesters shout as they join thousands marching around the Arizona Capitol after the Supreme Court decision to overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion decision Friday, June 24, 2022, in Phoenix. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

## FEARING GOP MIDTERM GAINS, WAPO COLUMNIST WARNS: PARTY WILL ALLOW DISCRIMINATION, A 'GUN FOR EVERY POCKET'

She claimed, "[E]veryone should be [terrified], not just those who might want or need an abortion in the future," and went on to count gay marriage, sexual privacy, contraception and in vitro fertilization as items that could be threatened.

"To meet the urgency of the moment and save their razor-thin and often nonexistent hold on the Senate, Democrats must talk about that future, giving voters across the country, in every state, a reason to vote. Lives are on the line. At the same time, Democratic leaders have to understand that the politics of fear can run both ways," she urged.

"The party needs to scare voters and show that they, too, are scared: scared of the voters themselves," she continued. "Democratic politicians watched Republicans roll back abortion

rights for decades — and when Roe fell, they had no plan. Now, they need to demonstrate that they are willing to put themselves at the mercy of those they failed — making specific promises and letting the voters know that if they fail again, it will be more than a fund-raising opportunity. It will be a reckoning."



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., speaks as she joins abortion-rights activists as they demonstrate following Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in Washington, Friday, June 24, 2022. ((AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin))

## RED STATES WITH ABORTION BANS COULD 'LOSE ECONOMIC EDGE,' WARNS NEW YORK TIMES

She called for an "Abortion Access Pledge" with action items for candidates to commit to.

"I am honestly unsure if it matters what those action items are; I do know Democrats will have to throw out any concern for the appearance of moderation. Right now, all the ideas about bridging the gap to abortion access sound extreme. But so did [Grover Norquist's] tax pledge at one point. So did overturning Roe v. Wade," Cox wrote.

Progressive politicians such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., have suggested that the government and President Biden <u>allow abortions on federal land</u> to circumvent state laws. Cox acknowledged these ideas and advocated for them despite any difficulties, saying, "Democrats who want to save the lives of those in need of an abortion can't fall back on 'it's complicated' as an excuse to not even try."

"Embracing a politics of fear on reproductive rights unites two of the constituencies the Democrats need to edge out the G.O.P. in key narrow races," she said, while pointing to contests in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Georgia. She hoped "hammering home the danger of a national ban may sufficiently alarm moderate voters in the suburbs" while "addressing the widespread sense of betrayal among progressive voters will help keep them activated."



Abortion-rights protesters gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday, June 24, 2022. The Supreme Court has ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years, a decision by its conservative majority to overturn the court's landmark abortion cases. ((AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana))

While pushing for Democrats to "take real political risks," Cox claimed that "it's worth the gamble"

to take "bold action."

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She closed, "Fear often divides, but it can also unite. When you have a common threat, there is an opportunity for a common mission. This threat is no longer beyond the horizon — it's at the door. Now, Democrats, decide on a mission."

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Mississippi's 15-Week Gestational Limit on Abortion is Mainstream Compared to European Laws

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Abstract: In 2018, Mississippi passed the Gestational Age Act, limiting elective abortion to 15 weeks. Mississippi's 15-week law was invalidated by the lower federal courts and will be considered by the United States Supreme Court during their next term, which begins in October 2021. A comparative analysis between Mississippi and European abortion laws finds gestational limits on elective abortion—terminations performed without restriction as to reason—prior to 15 weeks, and more often at 12 weeks, are common and the norm for the majority of European countries. This comparison found 47 out of 50 European countries analyzed in this report either do not allow elective abortion (8) or limit elective abortion to 15 weeks or earlier (39), whereas, other than Texas, no state in the U.S. limits elective abortion to 15 weeks.

This report compares gestational limits in Mississippi's Gestational Age Act with gestational limits in the abortion laws of the European community. The goal is to determine how Mississippi's late-term abortion restriction stands in comparison to European norms.

The sample group for this project included a total of 50 European countries, independent states, and semi-autonomous regions with populations exceeding 1 million.<sup>1</sup>

Currently, United States Supreme Court precedent allows for elective abortions through all nine months of pregnancy, and only permits states to enact limitations on abortion on demand after viability, a legal definition which has not kept pace with science and is usually marked around 24 weeks.<sup>2</sup> Various states have passed legislation seeking to place gestational limits on elective abortion, including Mississippi, where in 2018 the legislature passed the Gestational Age Act, which limited elective abortion to 15 weeks.<sup>3</sup> Challengers to Mississippi's 15-week law were successful in invalidating the law at the district court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed. The Supreme Court of the United States recently agreed to review the invalidation of Mississippi's 15-week law and more broadly will consider whether *all* pre-viability limitations on abortion are unconstitutional.

This report finds that Mississippi's law limiting elective abortion to 15 weeks is among the mainstream in comparison to European limitations on elective abortion. The majority of European countries that allow elective abortion limit it to 12 weeks. This finding demonstrates that Mississippi's law limiting elective abortion to 15 weeks is neither extreme nor outside the norm in comparison to European practice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are discrepancies among global governments and organizations on the exact number of European countries and the definition of a European country geographically, politically, and culturally. Various sources count between 44 and 51 European countries. This study analyzed 50 European countries, independent states, and regions and addressed the abortion policies of the United Kingdom separately, as Northern Ireland's abortion law differs from Great Britain's.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The majority opinion of Justice Blackmun in Roe v. Wade stated, "Viability is usually placed at about seven months (28 weeks) but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks." https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/410/113/#tab-opinion-1950137. Survival at 22 weeks, due to advanced standards and methods of care, is now recognized as achievable. See https://www.bbc.com/news/health-50144741.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Miss. Code Ann. § 41-41-191



- 5 European countries limit elective abortion to 14 weeks' gestation
  - Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Romania, Spain

Only 3 of the 42 European countries that allow elective abortion, permit elective abortion after 15 weeks' gestation. The three European countries that permit elective abortion past 15 weeks are:

- Iceland (22 weeks)
- Netherlands (24 weeks)
- Sweden (18 weeks)

#### Conclusion

No European country allows elective abortion through all nine months of pregnancy as is permitted in the United States, where Supreme Court precedent only allows states to regulate it after viability. In comparison, 47 out of 50 European countries analyzed in this report either do not allow elective abortion (8) or limit elective abortion to 15 weeks or earlier (39), whereas, other than Texas, no state in the U.S. has a currently enforceable law limiting elective abortion to 15 weeks. The Mississippi late-term abortion restriction at 15 weeks is not extreme by any measure when compared with European law.

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Lithuania	12	Order No. 50, Section 1.1 (1994).
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Malta	None: abortion is entirely prohibited.	Criminal Code, Articles 241-243. According to the Maltese Government: "Should the mother's life be in danger, all efforts are made to save both lives, and the double effect principle applies, such as in ectopic pregnancy."

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#### Abortion Laws Around the World

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on abortion quickly led to bans in at least eight states, a shift toward criminalization that runs counter to recent easings in countries that had longstanding bans.

#### By The New York Times

Published July 3, 2022 Updated July 4, 2022

The Supreme Court's elimination of the constitutional right to abortion, after nearly a half-century, has made the United States one of the few countries actively strengthening abortion restrictions.

Abortion is now banned in at least eight states, a shift toward criminalization that runs counter to the longstanding policies of some close allies, like Canada, and to recent easings in several nations that had long imposed bans, like Ireland, Mexico and South Korea.

But no nations share the same history regarding abortion, nor does any part of the world have uniform laws: Women seeking abortions everywhere must navigate distinct rules, in a variety of health care systems, if access is available at all. The following examples, while not comprehensive, illustrate the diversity of those laws — and how they're changing.

#### Canada

No laws restrict abortion in Canada, where it is covered by provincial and territorial public health care systems as an essential medical procedure within 20 weeks of conception and, under some circumstances, after that point, such as when a pregnancy threatens the mother's life. Access and exceptions vary by province, and sometimes by hospital.

Until 1988, criminal laws allowed abortions only if approved by committees of physicians. That year, the Supreme Court struck down the laws in a landmark case. Most legal scholars agree that if the issue were to reach the court again, it would make the right to abortion explicit.

Ian Austen

#### Mexico



A march in Guadalajara, Mexico, that was part of a nationwide protest against the decriminalization of abortion in October. Ulises Ruiz/Agence France-Presse - Getty Images

Before a court ruling last year, abortion was largely restricted, with Mexico City and only three of 31 states permitting the procedure up to 12 weeks of fetal gestation. But the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in the fall that penalizing women who undergo abortions was "nconstitutional, and in the months since, five more states have moved to legalize abortions.

ne justices did not specify how far into a pregnancy abortion was permitted, leaving the details to the states. For the states that still ban abortion, legislatures will need to change laws to permit the procedure.

— Maria Abi-Habib



Protesting Poland's abortion ban last November in Warsaw. Wojtek Radwanski/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Soviet-era Poland offered some of Europe's broadest abortion access, and it became a destination for women seeking abortions. But after the Soviet Union's collapse, and under the influence of the Catholic Church, the Polish Parliament in 1993 passed one of Europe's strictest bans, asserting that "every human being shall have an inherent right to life from the moment of conception."

It allowed three categories of exception: danger to the mother's health or life; rape or incest; severe fetal abnormalities.

Despite mass protests, the ban was tightened last year by the nationalist Law and Justice Party, eliminating the most-used exception — fetal abnormalities — which accounted for almost all of the roughly 1,000 legal abortions a year. An estimated 100,000 to 150,000 illegal abortions take place every year in the country, activists say.

The remaining exceptions are problematic for abortion seekers. Rape victims face a deadline of the 12th week of pregnancy, and they quire a certificate from a prosecutor, which takes a long time to acquire. And the definition of what constitutes a "serious" risk to a woman's health is too vague for doctors to always act decisively. In a small number of cases, women have died of sepsis after doctors refused to intervene while the fetus's heart was still beating.

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Women cannot be punished for taking an abortion pill or undergoing an abortion abroad.

Anyone deemed to have aided or abetted an illegal abortion faces up to eight years in prison.

- Katrin Bennhold

India



A protest against an abortion agenda at the International Conference on Population and Development in 2019 in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital. Simon Maina/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Under the 2010 Constitution, abortion is permitted if a trained health professional determines a need for emergency treatment, or if the pregnancy endangers the life or health of the mother. In other circumstances, abortion providers can face up to 14 years in prison under Kenya's penal code.

In practice, many women who could obtain a legal abortion cannot because of poverty, lack of access to health services or a lack of information about their rights.

Matthew Mpoke Bigg

### Benin

Last fall, Benin joined South Africa and Mozambique as one of the few African countries to broadly legalize abortion within 12 weeks.

Under the new law, abortion will be allowed "when the pregnancy is likely to aggravate or cause a situation of material, educational, professional or moral distress incompatible with the interest of the woman and/or the unborn child." In doing so, Benin became the third country in Africa, along with Ethiopia and Zambia, to allow abortion based on the social or economic needs of the woman.

The previous law authorized abortion only if the pregnancy endangered the woman's life or was the result of rape or incest, or if the fetus was malformed. The new law will take effect after the authorities detail how it will be applied, which could take months.

Elian Peltier

### **Egypt**

A strict anti-abortion law has been on the books for 85 years, derived from the French Penal Code of the colonial era that bans the procedure under nearly any circumstances. The woman and doctor face imprisonment if convicted.

It does have one loophole, which is based on the medical code of ethics: Doctors are allowed — but not legally obligated — to terminate a pregnancy if it puts the woman's life at risk and she signs a document saying the procedure was lifesaving.

Though convictions are uncommon, the law and social stigma have pushed abortion practices out of public sight, where the woman's safety cannot be protected and the procedure can be prohibitively expensive.

— Nada Rashwan

### Turkey





## Ohio Right to Life says offices targeted twice by pro-abortion vandals with rocks, spray paint

By Emma Colton

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Fox News

Dozens of pro-life centers have been targeted across the country since a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion signaled Roe V. Wade would be overturned in May, followed by the nation's highest court ultimately ruling as such in June.

For one pro-life organization in Ohio, it has been targeted twice since last month.

"As pro-lifers, we know that our work might cost us something and that very well could be our physical safety," the executive director of the Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Allie Frazier told Fox News Digital. "I think that it's important in moments like this for the pro-life movement to be really clear that we're not going to be intimidated. We will save babies. We will protect women. And we're not going to let threats of violence stop us from doing that."

Offices for the Right to Life of Northeast Ohio were most recently targeted on July 8, Frazier said, when at least one suspect was caught on camera lobbing rocks at the building, breaking windows and spray-painting menacing messages.

### LETTER SIGNED BY RADICAL ABORTION GROUP JANE'S REVENGE DECLARES 'OPEN SEASON' ON PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS

"If abortion isn't safe, neither are you," the suspect, who was seen wearing a face mask, scrawled on the sidewalk of the offices. The phrase has been spray-painted at similar offices across the country, often by members of pro-abortion extremist group Jane's Revenge.

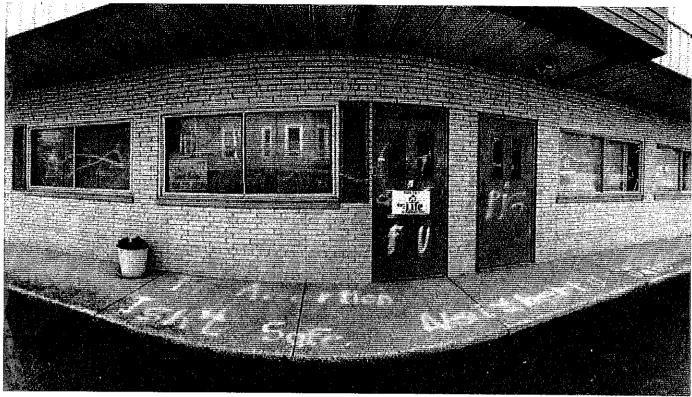
Frazier said it's likely that Jane's Revenge is behind this attack, noting that among other spray-painted messages, the name "Jane" was written on the ground.

"I think it would be easy for a situation like this to be a copycat scenario. But as far as I'm concerned, if any pro-abortion individual decides to take that next step, to take that bad step, and use violence against pro-lifers, that is something that I am going to work hard to protect my staff against," she said.

### PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER CEO SLAMS DEM SILENCE AFTER ALLEGED FIREBOMBING, CALLS IT A 'HATE CRIME'

The incident was reported to the Akron Police Department, Frazier said. The Akron Police Department has not responded to multiple Fox News inquiry requests on the matter.

Frazier said that the damage caused by the vandalism was "significant," but "undoable," noting that repairs were being made to the broken windows as she spoke to Fox News Digital.



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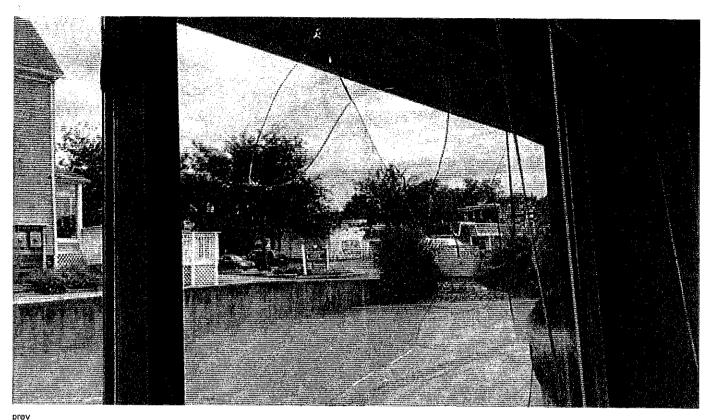


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The Right to Life of Northeast Ohio was targeted by a vandal last week, leaving broken windows and graffiti with menacing messages. (Right to Life of Northeast Ohio)

"I know that the intention of this attack was to stop us. It was to stop our peaceful activism. It was to stop the ways that we are impacting women and babies in this community for a positive. And they didn't even stop that. I was already back to work in my office within a few hours," she said.

It was the second time the offices were targeted, Frazier said. Activists posted pro-abortion posters at the office on June 24, the day Roe was officially overturned, hung a coat hanger on an office door knob, and rang a Ring security camera before flashing a middle finger to the camera, according to Frazier.

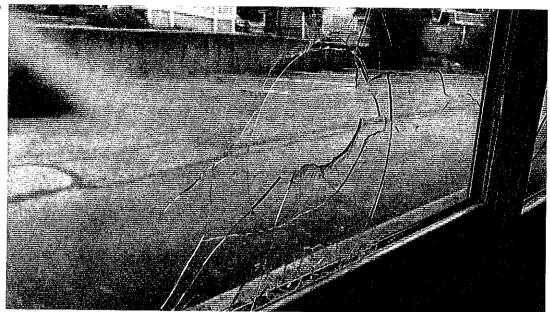
She said that the attacks pro-life centers have recently faced should "100%" be investigated as hate crimes.

"[Pro-abortion vandals] are not afraid of using violence to get what they want. This is absolutely a threat against the peaceful pro-life movement. And we do ask that law enforcement and local, state, and federal leaders continue to lead the way and say, 'Hey, violence is never okay,'" she said.

### PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CLINIC HIRED 24-HOUR SECURITY, SHUT DOWN MOBILE CLINIC, DIRECTOR SAYS IN SENATE HEARING

Pro-life activists have repeatedly called on President Biden to forcefully condemn the attacks on pregnancy centers and churches, including Frazier who called on the president to not "be complicit in this violence."

"Regardless of how people feel on the issue of abortion, everybody should be able to condemn acts of violence against peaceful nonprofits. Whether that's an advocacy organization like Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, or a pro-life pregnancy center that are literally meeting the needs of women and babies in crisis," she told Fox News Digital.



The Right to Life of Northeast Ohio was targeted by a vandal last week, leaving broken windows and graffiti with menacing messages. (Right to Life of Northeast Ohio)

The White House has previously condemned the violence at pro-life centers but has come under scrutiny for not doing more.

"Instead of supporting and defending more pro-life pregnancy centers that provide health care and support to women at every stage of life, President Joe Biden and the Left are working to dismantie the work of these amazing centers. They won't strongly condemn the violence and threats pregnancy centers are facing," the Republican House Energy and Commerce Committee posted on Tuesday, demanding Biden "MUST condemn the violence and threats."

Dozens of pro-life centers have faced attack since May, including a pro-life Christian pregnancy center in Buffalo, New York, that was allegedly "firebombed," and a pregnancy center in Dearborn, Michigan, that saw every "window and door along the front face of our building" smashed.

Jane's Revenge has taken responsibility for a handful of the attacks and declared "open season" on pro-life pregnancy crisis centers in a letter published last month.

"We offered an honourable way out," the letter read. "You could have walked away. Now the leash is off. And we will make it as hard as possible for your campaign of oppression to continue."

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But to Frazier, the pro-life movement will remain unchanged and committed to protecting women and babies.

"We must be willing to do what it takes to protect women and babies and be ready to take any backlash from that. ... Don't be afraid. We got this," she said of her message to pro-life Americans, adding that pro-lifers can also reach out to their local pregnancy centers to check in on staff and see if they need any additional resources.

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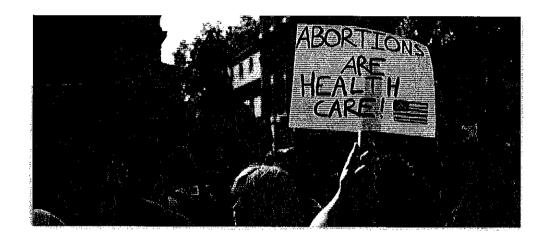
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## Democrats Launch Ads In Lifestyle Mags In All Out Push For Abortion



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The Democratic National Committee (DNC) launched a digital ad campaign Tuesday in several lifestyle magazines telling readers that Republicans want to outlaw abortion nationwide.

The DNC purchased at least \$10,000 in digital ads in over 20 lifestyle publications to focus on abortion rights issues as the midterms approach, the Associated Press reported.

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Magazines like Teen Vogue, Elle, Refinery29, Essence, GQ, Esquire, Men's Health, Cosmopolitan and Glamour, hosted the DNC's ads, reported the AP.

The ad showed Republican Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell next to blue, pink, and white lettering that read: "Republicans are pushing to ban abortion nationally. Join us in fighting back," according to the report.

The DNC is looking to launch a separate abortion-centered ad campaign with plans to spend six figures, reported the AP. (RELATED: 'An Emergency For Women': Democrats Demand Biden Declare Public Health Emergency Over Abortion Ruling)

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The DNC's ads promoting a "week of action" to defend abortion are in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, sending abortion law-making back to the state legislatures.

"With this Defend Choice Week of Action, we're giving people across the country a chance to turn their anger into action by holding anti-choice Republicans accountable and helping to elect Democrats," DNC chair Jaime Harrison said, according to the AP.

The DNC held a virtual launch for its "all-hands-on-deck effort to defend choice" on Tuesday night, according to the DNC website.



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"This fight isn't over and we need all hands on deck. This event will serve as the kickoff for our Week of Action, which we'll highlight how to get involved with on the call," The DNC event description stated.

The latest Associated Press-NORC poll released Friday showed that only 16% of Americans feel abortion is the biggest issue facing the U.S. In comparison, 40% of U.S. adults said they were more worried about inflation and 33% said gas prices, according to the poll.

The survey polled 1,053 adults nationwide from June 23-27 with a margin of error of  $\pm$  4.0%.

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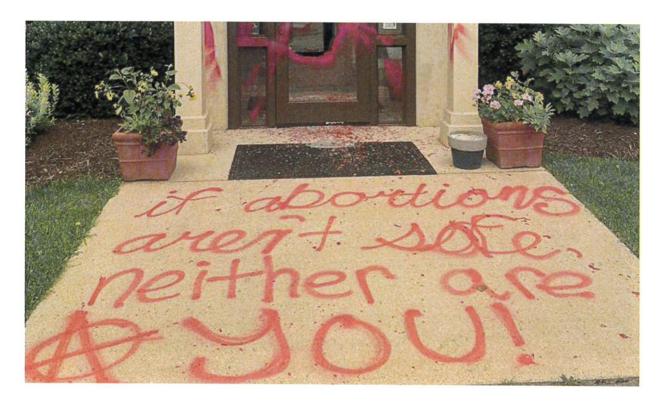
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# Summer of Rage: Tracking Attacks on Pregnancy Centers & Pro-Life Groups

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## Attacks Since Supreme Court Leak: 56

CV NEWS FEED // More than 50 pregnancy resource centers and offices of pro-life groups have been attacked and vandalized since a draft Supreme Court opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade* was leaked in early May. Pro-abortion domestic terrorists have claimed responsibility — and are promising more attacks in a "summer of rage".

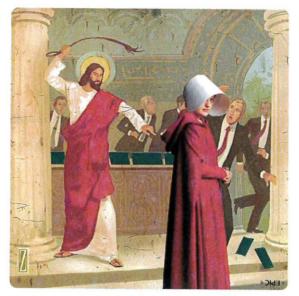


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We will remain outraged after this weekend, so keep praying.

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Pregnancy centers are bracing for more attacks and acts of vandalism after the Supreme Court issued its final ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* on June 24, 2022. The Department of Homeland Security issued a **memo** the same day warning that "domestic violent extremists" would exploit the decision to commit acts of violence against various targets, specifically naming Jane's Revenge. Various terror groups have issued threats against them on social media since the decision was made, with one group **urging** its followers to "mask up, stay dangerous".

Some attacks are going unreported because pregnancy resource centers want to protect their clients. This post covers attacks which have been reported in the news media, sent as tips directly to CatholicVote, or uncovered from terrorist groups online. If you know of an attack which is not covered here, please email <code>info@catholicvote.org</code>. All tips are anonymous and your identity will not be revealed.

The map and this post will be updated as the news develops.

This list covers attacks on pregnancy centers and offices of pro-life organizations. Attacks on Catholic churches are covered here.

List of attacks:

- 1. Austin, Texas Trotter House (May 3, 2022)
- 2. Frederick, Maryland CareNet Frederick (May 4, 2022)
- 3. Portland, Oregon Southeast Portland Pregnancy Resource Center (May 5, 2022)

- 39. Concord, California Options Health (June 25, 2022)
- 40. Iowa City, Iowa Informed Choices Clinic (June 25, 2022)
- 41. Portland, Oregon First Image (June 26, 2022)
- 42. Winter Haven, Florida LifeChoice Pregnancy Center (June 26, 2022)
- 43. Burlington, Vermont BirthRight (June 26, 2022)
- 44. Everett, Washington Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid (June 27, 2022)
- 45. Dayton, Ohio Women's Centers of Ohio (June 27, 2022)
- 46. Littleton, New Hampshire Pathways Pregnancy Center (June 28, 2022)
- 47. Nashville, Tennessee Hope Clinic for Women (June 29, 2022)
- 48. Yuba City, California A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic (June 29, 2022)
- 49. Hialeah, Florida Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic (July 3, 2022)
- 50. St. Paul, Minnesota BirthRight of St. Paul (July 5, 2022)
- 51. Kenmore, Washington Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound (July 5, 2022)
- 52. Moab, Utah Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center (July 5, 2022)
- 53. Oreland, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia (July 6, 2022)
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ter·ror·ism - the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

While all this is going on, seemingly unopposed, the Biden administration wants the Justice Department to investigate as terrorists parents who show up at school board meetings.

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Osumashi Kinyobe → Donald Hennen • a month ago

People cheated for this tyranny.

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stop this domestic terrorism!

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Osumashi Kinyobe A Jaime M Spicker a month ago

The pro-abortion cult doesn't recognise moderation, nuance or sanity.

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jediliz → Jaime M Spicker • a month ago

You do know that she made comments that sound like she supported eugenics? I don't know how much of an Orthodox Jew she was if she was orthodox Jews she never would've supported abortion at all in any case because orthodox Jews do not support abortion.

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RN1984 > jediliz • 13 days ago

That is also my understanding about Jewish orthodoxy. However, I've also heard that even among devout Jews there is some difference in opinion as to when 'quickening' and entrance of the soul to the body begins in utero.

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Thomas Lorenz → Jaime M Spicker • a month ago

Excellent point!

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Princess of Power • a month ago

Please add with another symbol, the churches that have been attacked.

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Joyce Sellitti • a month ago

Isn't this disgusting? The government supports these groups who attack Catholics and where is Merrick Garland and Nancy Pelosi (Catholic in name only)?

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Donald Hennen → Joyce Sellitti • 13 days ago

Pelosi was asked if she condemns this violence and gave a nearly unrelated, canned pro-abortion speech.

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Truthseeker41 • a month ago • edited

I know Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Who else? The number of people burned at the stake is minuscule compared to the millions of tender, innocent babies stabbed to death inside the womb, just to satisfy the selfish desires of the parents. How does that make us a more loving society? If you have suffered an abortion, remember God loves you and he has provided numerous sources throughout the United States to help your healing. Just Google "pro-life help after an abortion."

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Thomas Lorenz → Truthseeker41 • a month ago

Actually the Roman Catholic Church has been responsible for many deaths (in the millions) of what they call pagans, witches, and anyone who expressed a religious opinion different than the corrupt pope. Just ask Martin Luther how the pope felt about his 99 Treatise that he nailed to the church door. The pope tried to have him whacked but the King of Austria saved Luther. This pope sums it up nicely, ""Anyone who attempts to construe a personal view of God which conflicts with Church dogma must be burned without pity."— Pope Innocent III. Read more at https://churchandstate.org....

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Osumashi Kinyobe → Thomas Lorenz • a month ago

Yes, about that:

"In the last 20 years virtually all reputable secular historians have revised witch death rates to 40,000 - 60,000, and that less than 500 of those deaths were caused directly by the Church through the Inquisition."

In honesty, I don't spend too much time on here, but pop on now and again. When I do, I seek to ask questions and to offer slight correction. It has always been my hope that, by doing so, I might help some of these hardened hearts. The world in which we live is a complicated one that is seldom as easy as vitriolic "I told you so's" on the internet would have it. To truly love our neighbor, we need to embrace them where they are. We are all of us sinners, and we cannot heal the sin of others. But we can love others for the person that God made them to be, and work together. We can pray for them, most certainly, and we can engage in dialogue with them. I would rather live in that world of trying to construct a better world together than a world based on hate, anger, fear, and vitriol. There is too much of that these days.

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#### Donna Jorgenson Farrell • a month ago

If these groups were solely about protecting their rights to kill babies in the womb, the extraneous violence around the country wouldn't be happening. Obviously, they don't understand that overturning Roe and Casey won't result in a prohibition of their "right" to murder children in the womb. The "right" will just be coming from the states (or not) rather than some nebulous ruling by the Supreme Court in 1973. Supreme Court decisions have been overturned in the past even though they stood for decades (think Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954 overturning the 1896 decision in Plessy vs. Ferguson) because the original decision was deemed to be wrong. The difference is that Brown didn't turn the ruling over to the states to allow "separate but equal" segregation to be locally decided, making it illegal for anyone in the country to discriminate against another because of the color of their skin.

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Osumashi Kinyobe → Donna Jorgenson Farrell • a month ago
They are fanatics willing to die on the hill of genocide.

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SK • 13 days ago
Why aren't you tracking the attacks on Catholic churches?

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Barb Yagley → SK • 12 days ago
They are:
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SK → Barb Yagley • 12 days ago

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Thank you!

### Jane • 13 days ago

These anti-life "humans" are untamed, violent, intolerant animals. They want us to accept their killing babies, yet are intolerant of those of us who want to help women and babies who want to LIVE. Totally Satan's work (and Soros) and they are the minions carrying out this evil.

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### jediliz • a month ago

I'm glad that the women's care center (A Catholic-based pregnancy resource Center) in my city has escaped this violence so far, but I'm sure they are aware what's going on, so hopefully they have security cameras that are safe from vandals.

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### PackerBackerable • a month ago

We need to pray for these disturbed and misguided people. Only with love can we hope to change their hearts. We cannot fight hate with hate. Pray also for pregnant women who are scared and do not know where to go. They need to know that they are very much loved and that there are many resources out there to help them with their pregnancy and birthing.

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### Fred Bloggs • a month ago

The article states that it is unclear who is funding these groups. I think we can be fairly certain that the funding is coming

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### Attacks on Churches, Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers Continue

A pro-life sign at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, about 50 miles northwest of Wichita, was vandalized over the weekend.



Grafitti on a sign for All Saints Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon, June 25, 2022. (photo: Courtesy photo / All Saints Catholic Church)

Since the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision on Friday, attacks on Catholic churches and pro-life pregnancy centers have been reported in West Virginia, Washington, Virginia, Louisiana, Colorado, California, Texas, Florida, New York, and Indiana.

Below are the latest recorded attacks since the decision.

Matt Vainer, a spokesperson for the Diocese of Wichita, said that the perpetrator was followed by a witness who called the police. The perpetrator was arrested, he said.

he pastor of St. Teresa of Avila, Father Aaron Spexarth, placed the sign underneath a crucifix in the church, as he believed it was most appropriate to place it at Christ's feet, Vainer confirmed to CNA.

All Saints Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon had its sign defaced with pro-abortion graffiti June 25.

A photo of the vandalism shows the words "If abortions aren't safe, neither are you! -XOXO Jane." The FBI is investigating, Barbara Custer, a parish secretary at the church, told CNA.

A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic in Yuba City, California was vandalized June 27.

The clinic had one of its windows smashed by what seems to be one perpetrator according to video footage, the clinic's executive director Kristen Bird told CNA.

Video shows the perpetrator throwing three rocks at the window until it broke. Repairs will cost anywhere between \$700 and \$900. The FBI is investigating, Bird said.

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Someone threw a rock through a front window at St. Brendan the Voyager Orthodox Church, in the 2000 block of Commercial Way. The church's priest-in-charge, Fr. Mark Hodges, said he believed the vandalism was in response to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade.





## Pastor: Vandalism was in response to Roe v. Wade decision



By BILL McMILLEN
The Daily News

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BULLHEAD CITY — A Bullhead City church was vandalized last week, with the pastor claiming that the damage was in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the Roe v. Wade abortion case.

Fr. Mark Hodges of St. Brendan the Voyager Orthodox Church called the incident "the wrath of 'Jane's Revenge'-type vandalism."

"St. Brendan the Voyager Orthodox Church had its window smashed by someone throwing a rock at the church this week " Hodges said

possible targets," the DHS said in a statement. "These targets could include public gatherings, faith-based institutions, schools, racial and religious minorities, government facilities and personnel, U.S. critical infrastructure, the media and perceived ideological opponents. Threat actors have recently mobilized to violence due to factors such as personal grievances, reactions to current events and adherence to violent extremist ideologies, including racially or ethnically motivated or anti-government/anti-authority violent extremism."

Hodges said the St. Brendan congregation gathered Thursday night "not only to thank God for his protection but to pray for those who hate us so much that they destroy our property."

"We also pray for the enlightenment of all Americans to the sanctity of innocent human life, for the healing of our nation and for those who have been involved in abortion to experience forgiveness and peace," he said. "For 2,000 years, the way of Orthodox Christianity is to love our enemy and pray for those who persecute us.

"It's tragic, but not surprising, that those who support the brutal violence of abortion seek to intimidate through violence," he added. "But violence isn't the answer; Jesus is."



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