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The 2016 Right to Life Banquet Speaker will be Sheila Harper, the President of SaveOne organization helping men, women, and families recover after abortion.

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Judge Neil Gorsuch Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court Despite Strenuous Opposition from Democrats, Planned Parenthood, and Pro-Abortion Groups

By Steven Ertelt of LifeNews.com

The Senate voted on Monday April 12, 2017 to confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch's Supreme Court nomination despite strenuous opposition from pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood and a filibuster from pro-abortion Democrats. Senators voted 54-45 for Gorsuch with a few Democrats voting with all Republicans for his nomination. Manchin of West Virginia,

Donnelly of Indiana, and Heitkamp of North Dakota joined Republicans. Senator Todd Young of Indiana also voted to confirm Neil Gorsuch.

Republicans successfully used the so-called "nuclear option" to set up the vote on Gorsuch. The vote to employ the nuclear option and change the number of votes needed to cut off



debate and move to approve a Supreme Court nominee from 60 to a simple majority came after Democrats successfully filibustered the nomination.

Most Senate Democrats voted Thursday to block the nomination while all Republicans voted for cloture. Then the Senate voted 52-48 to eliminate the 60-vote threshold to end debate and proceed to a vote. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called the opposition against Gorsuch a “radical move,” and an unprecedented bipartisan filibuster of a high-court nominee who has been praised as well qualified for the job.

“But then again, this isn’t really about the nominee,” McConnell said. “The opposition to this particular nominee is more about the man that nominated him and the party he represents than the nominee himself.” With only 55 votes for cloture, Republicans then employed the nuclear option after defeating delaying votes to adjourn.

After the Senate vote, pro-life groups applauded Gorsuch’s confirmation. National Right to Life called the vote “the capstone on yesterday’s landmark victory, when united Senate Republicans put an end to the ability of Senate Democrats to

utilize the filibuster to deny confirmation to Supreme Court nominees of Republican presidents.”

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias added, “All too often, our efforts to protect unborn children and other vulnerable humans have been overridden by judges who believe they have a right to impose their own policy preferences. Judge Gorsuch appears to believe that judges are constrained to enforce the text and original intent of constitutional provisions and on all other matters should defer to democratically elected lawmakers – this heartens us, and alarms those who have relied on activist judges to impose their radical pro-abortion policies.”

“Pro-abortion ideologues like Senator Schumer who have stood in the way of Gorsuch’s confirmation and urged others to do so will only cause political hurt for vulnerable Democrats up for re-election in 2018,” she added. “I thank President Donald Trump for nominating a man of such stellar credentials for the Supreme Court. I urge Democrats to put aside their animosity and come together to confirm Neil Gorsuch without forcing the Republicans to change the rules,” added Operation Rescue President Troy Newman.

State of Daviess County Right to Life *By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

I am asked every now and then: Are we making any progress on the war against abortion? After the last election, no one should have to ask that question. When I first started in this movement back in 1978, when someone ran for public office such as congress or senate, nobody asked them how they felt on the abortion issue (except Right to Life Organizations); and none of the media seemed to care about the abortion issue. Then Fox News came on the scene and that all seemed to change.

We now have individuals on Fox News who give the pro-life viewpoint a fair shake, and it has changed how all the media covers everyone running for public office. One of the main questions asked of each individual running for public office is the candidate’s stand on abortion. Now that does not mean the liberal media is fair and balanced in their reporting of pro-life candidates, but it is easier to find out how a candidate stands on abortion. The liberal media have always tried to portray the freedom of choice as a women’s issue; but when the question was put to Hillary Clinton during the presidential debate in 2016 and she said she supported abortion up to the time of birth, a gasp was heard from American voters throughout the country. That was one of several factors that led to her defeat by President Donald Trump, and it shows the power of getting the candidates’ views on abortion out to the voting public.

Now that is how it has evolved here in Daviess County Right to Life and all the surrounding counties that we work with in southern Indiana. We started with a desire to get out our message that “Abortion is Wrong” and it is harmful to those who have an abortion and to their families. It is something they may never get over.

Donna Gentry, while serving as President of Daviess County Right to Life, led the way in starting the Washington Pregnancy Care Center. And how it has grown over the years! Donna also helped to start the Women’s Resource Center which works

hand in hand with the PCC to care for women’s needs when an unexpected pregnancy occurs. The Daviess County Right to Life supports these efforts financially and with our vocal support as well. Many of our members help both the Daviess County Right to Life and the Washington Pregnancy Care Center.

The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on January 22, 1973 and pretty well gave free rein to mothers to kill their unborn child. Since that time the Right to Life across the country and here in Daviess and Martin counties has been trying to do everything we can to slow down the abortion rate. For years we have tried to get this message out to the churches and tried to give presentations in the churches; but because Right to Life is so involved in changing laws and working to elect pro-life individuals, the churches have been reluctant to work with us on this issue. Another factor is that liberal groups have told them they will lose their tax exempt status and have made all kinds of threats trying to silence the church. This does not mean that all churches submit to these threats, but many do. Because of this, we have turned the educational efforts on the evil of abortion over to the Pregnancy Care Center. We have our job and they have theirs.

Right now I can tell you that Daviess County is doing very well and the morale is very good. Yes, it is true we can always use younger help in whatever we do; but we will just have to keep working with the older and more experienced help that we have. Financially we are doing fine, but the more financial help we have, the more highway signs we can put up, more radio and newspaper ads we can run. Daviess County is also very supportive to our neighboring Right to Life County Groups. So if you are thinking about doing something for Right to Life, whether it is volunteering or donating money, it is always appreciated. We never know what life we may touch with one ad or one person we reach. If we may save one child from abortion, we may make a big difference not only to that child but to that mother.

Why is the Liberal Media taking their Talking Points from the Democrats?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

For weeks after President Donald Trump was sworn into office, there were protests in the streets, snowflakes openly-crying, Hollywood people telling anyone who would listen that Donald Trump is not their president. Well folks, it's time to put the crying towel away and stand up and take it like a man (or woman, however you prefer).

We now see the major media (except Fox News) like NBC, MSNBC, CBS, ABC and CNN and the liberal press working in conjunction with the democrat party in trying to bring down President Trump and his administration. The major media seems to be getting their talking points from the democrat party as they stack their news panels with officials from previous democrat administrations or anti President Trump people, and they just go on and on with never-ending negative news stories and in most cases distorted or downright lies—all to bring the Trump administration down or to destroy it. When will it all end?

From the pro-life viewpoint, this president has delivered on the pro-life agenda more than any republican president since abortion became a full blown issue. Note I said any “republican president,” because we know that we never stood a chance of getting any pro-life measures passed under a democrat president. To be truthful, it was clear sailing for the pro-abortion agenda under the democratic administrations of Clinton and Obama. Under President Reagan and President Bush I and II, the pro-life movement made gains; but in the first 100 days of the Trump administration there have been monumental gains. This has been helped along by who the president has put in key positions in the administration, and his executive orders have rolled back the damage done by the Obama administration. President Trump just recently cut off 68 million dollars to the UN Population Agency and hopefully there is more to come, especially the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Many states have already tried to defund PP but have been blocked by liberal judges.

A real problem for the pro-life movement and the Trump administration is liberal judges that legislate from the bench, either on the state or the federal court system. The Trump administration found this out when President Trump tried to protect United States citizens from immigrants coming into this country that would do us harm. The president did this by his executive orders which would screen immigrants more closely than the “open door policy” that has taken place over the past eight years. It is a new immigration policy. The liberals went shopping for their favorite liberal judges to block both his executive orders. Liberal groups, along with misguided clergy, are putting our nation at risk with their open door policy, welcoming anyone who wants to come to the United State. It has been reported that immigrants flowing across the Mexico/U.S. border have slowed 70% since President Trump has stepped up security. We can only hope that President Trump can do some things to protect us without interference from those who want open borders.

So what is the long range forecast for our country? I do not think this president will back off if he believes it is the right thing to do. It does not matter whether it is the pro-life agenda or stopping illegal immigrants from coming into our country. Concerning the issue of defunding Planned Parenthood, this organization spent 30 million dollars trying to defeat President Donald Trump, and I do not think he will forget that. I think he will get it done in spite of liberal judges who continually try to block his every move.

So in spite of roadblocks that are thrown in the way of President Trump or the roadblocks thrown our way by the pro-abortion judicial system, it is full steam ahead for the pro-life movement. As the saying goes, the more they throw at us, the more determined the pro-life forces are. We are moving in the right direction. God bless America!

Roe v. Wade is Not “Settled Law.” Someday the Abortion Abomination Will be Overturned. Here’s Why.

Clarke D. Forsythe, J.D.

It’s a tragedy for the Supreme Court and the American people that Supreme Court confirmation hearings have been so terribly skewed for 45 years by undue emphasis on one case, *Roe v. Wade*. We should hope that one day *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, and the abortion issue returned to the people, so that the range of important constitutional and federal issues can be given proper treatment in the assessment of Supreme Court nominees. But that is not where we are today.

In her opening statement on day one of the Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Judge Neil Gorsuch, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) singled out *Roe v. Wade*—the Supreme Court’s 1973 decision that legalized abortion for any reason, at any time, in every state—as the most important Supreme Court

decision that she wanted the judge to keep, saying it was “super precedent” because it had been affirmed in 39 cases.

That false claim cobbles together cases in which *Roe* was merely cited or applied, not reaffirmed on the merits. (The actual number of decisions in which *Roe* was “reaffirmed” is 3, not 39.) More importantly, Senator Feinstein’s claim ignores many other factors that show that *Roe* is the most unsettled constitutional decision of the past 50 years. *Roe* is unsettled by the Justices’ own inconsistency in their application of *Roe*’s abortion doctrine, and its detailed standards, over the past 44 years. That, in turn, has sown inconsistency and confusion among the lower federal courts.

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Cecile Richards: Women Members of Congress Who Vote to Defund Planned Parenthood Aren't Real Women

By Micaiah Bilger

Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards issued a scathing criticism of pro-life female lawmakers on Thursday ahead of a scheduled vote to defund Richards' abortion chain.

During a press call, Richards said any congresswoman who votes to defund Planned Parenthood is "betraying every woman in America," according to *Newsweek*. Congress scheduled a vote on the American Health Care Act, a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood. A provision in the bill would prohibit states from using "direct spending" on "prohibited entities" with federal funds allocated from the legislation; and those entities include any entity that "provides for abortions." That means the nation's biggest abortion corporation — Planned Parenthood.

Richards, who earns nearly \$1 million a year, blasted the bill and the women lawmakers who support it.

The Following Poem is a 2nd Poem submitted to Right to Life by Donna Cox of Washington, Indiana

Innocents Forgotten

Once was a case "Roe versus Wade"
with which an evil path was laid.
The court of the land made a rule;
dark forces use that rule as fuel,
and death marches on.

Some states' laws protect unborn;
the evil view these states with scorn.
With Supreme Courts the decisions rest;
The elite build their campaign chests,
while death marches on.

Some will vote for a billionaire Trump;
some will vote for a millionaire frump,
they raise their war chests, state their case;
each fighting to be in first place;
while death marches on.

We vote based on each candidate's boasts.
We choose the one who gives us the most.
For innocent lives there's no concern;
shame on the lessons that we learn
while death marches on.

We should all fight; we should demand
a change to the law of our land.
Each preoccupied with his own life;
we don't see the innocents' strife;
still death marches on.

Donna Cox, June 28, 2016

Pro-life Bill Given Final Approval in the Indiana Senate

INDIANAPOLIS – Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 404, which protects minor girls, increases parental rights and helps victims of sex trafficking, earned final approval in the Indiana Senate yesterday by a vote of 31-10. Author Sen. Erin Houchin (District 47) filed a motion to concur with the Indiana House's change on Monday.

SEA 404 protects young pregnant girls by changing abortion reporting requirements to the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Child Services from "less than 14 years of age" to "less than 16 years of age."

It also increases parental rights by providing civil recourse if a parent or guardian discovered someone fraudulently posed as them to help their minor daughter get an abortion. Abortion businesses will be tasked with obtaining identification for their records from the adult giving permission for the minor. SEA 404 also requires judges who give a minor permission for an abortion to notify the minor's parents, unless the judge has a valid reason to forgo notification.

Finally, SEA 404 assists victims of sex trafficking and those being coerced into an abortion by providing help information.

"We're pleased to see SEA 404 will soon head to Gov. Holcomb for his signature," said Sue Swayze Liebel, Indiana Right to Life Vice President of Public Affairs. "Indiana is a state that values life. Policy makers have a valid interest in protecting minors, recognizing parents' rights and helping victims forced into abortions. We urge Gov. Holcomb to sign SEA 404 into law."

Pro-Life Ron Estes Defeats Pro-Abortion James Thompson in Kansas Special Election

By Kathy Ostrowski, Legislative Director, Kansans for Life

Kansans for Life (KFL) congratulates the fourth district for selecting pro-life State Treasurer Ron Estes to replace outgoing Congressman Mike Pompeo, who is now director of the CIA.

On Tuesday April 11, Estes defeated pro-abortion attorney James Thompson, who was strongly supported by pro-abortion organizations such as Planned Parenthood, 53% to 46%. Libertarian Chris Rockhold received 1%. Pro-life Kansans clearly provided the margin of victory for Estes, maintaining an all pro-life representation for Kansas in the U.S. House and Senate.

Preliminary results from the Kansas Secretary of State's office show Estes taking every county except Sedgwick (where the city of Wichita is located) which he lost by about 1,800 votes to Thompson. The Kansas seat was the nation's first special election since President Trump's election. There are more to come, primarily because President Trump selected a number of sitting Republican office holders to be part of his administration. Thompson said he will run again in 2018.

Obama Gave \$68 Million to Pro-Abortion UN Population Control Agency, Trump is Giving Zero! *National Right to Life*

The Trump administration reinstated a policy Monday evening directing United States foreign assistance dollars away from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the basis that its activities in China are complicit with that nation's coercive population control program, the implementation of which includes forced abortion and involuntary sterilization. United States funding will be directed instead to other family planning and health programs not involved in China's population control program.

"We congratulate President Trump and his administration for making it abundantly clear the United States will not support a United Nations agency that cooperates in China's brutally repressive population control policies," said National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. "I heartily applaud what we at National Right to Life are seeing from this pro-life administration."

The State Department memorandum issued Monday determined that the UNFPA was in violation of the Kemp-Kasten anti-coercion law. The amendment prohibits giving U.S. "population assistance" funds to "any organization or program which, as determined by the President of the United States, supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization."

The Kemp-Kasten Amendment was originally enacted in 1985 in response to the UNFPA's extensive involvement in China's coercive program. In 1985, the Reagan administration determined that UNFPA was in violation of the law. That determination was challenged in a federal lawsuit by the Population Institute, a U.S. advocacy group receiving substantial funding from the UNFPA.

In 1986, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld the cutoff. In a ruling written for a unanimous three-judge panel, Judge Abner Mikva upheld the Reagan administration determination that "the UNFPA's activities in China aid the aspects of China's program that Congress condemned."

Under the administrations of President Clinton and President Obama, the Kemp-Kasten anti-coercion law was essentially not enforced. Nevertheless, the law has been renewed each year by Congress, and it flatly prohibits funding of any organization that either (1) "supports" or (2) "participates in the management of" a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. During fiscal year 2016, the Obama Administration gave \$67.88 million to UNFPA. But that has now changed with the new administration.

President Donald Trump to Sign Bill to Overturn Obama Rule Forcing States to Fund Planned Parenthood *By Steven Ertelt*

President Donald Trump will sign into law today a bill to overturn a rule pro-abortion President Barack Obama put in place preventing states from defunding the Planned Parenthood abortion business. The rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) prevented states from blocking Title X funding to abortion companies like Planned Parenthood. After the House first passed the measure, the Senate voted 50-50 for the bill, with a couple of liberal pro-abortion Republicans joining Democrats in supporting the abortion giant and Republicans voting pro-life. The tie vote made it so pro-life Vice-President Mike Pence cast the tie-breaking vote to approve the measure.

Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser will be at the bill signing and talked with LifeNews.com about it. "This week the pro-life movement had two huge victories: first, the swearing-in of Justice Gorsuch and now, President Trump will undo former President Obama's parting gift to the abortion industry. The resolution signed today simply ensures that states are not forced to fund an abortion business with taxpayer dollars. Rather, states have the option to spend Title X money on comprehensive health care clinics that better serve women and girls," she said.

"We thank President Trump, Vice President Pence, who cast the tie breaking vote last month, as well as the women who led this effort in Congress, Rep. Diane Black and Sen. Joni

Ernst. Prioritizing funding away from Planned Parenthood to comprehensive health care alternatives is a winning issue. We expect to see Congress continue its efforts to redirect additional taxpayer funding away from Planned Parenthood through pro-life health care reform after the spring recess," she added.

In recent years, several states receiving Title X family planning grants have opted to direct those funds to county health departments, community health centers, or other types of providers, in preference to organizations engaged in objectionable activities, such as Planned Parenthood, a mega-marketer of abortion that has also been involved in selling aborted baby parts. H.J. Res. 43, once Trump signs it, would mean that states, if they chose, could continue to attempt to redirect Title X funds away from objectionable organizations like Planned Parenthood.

"President Obama's parting gift to the abortion industry was in keeping with his administration's actions over the last eight years. At every turn, then-President Obama thwarted efforts by state and local authorities – who were acting on the will of the people – to prioritize taxpayer funding away from Big Abortion," said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. "Obama's legacy of forcing Americans to finance the abortion industry is being steadily dismantled by our new pro-life president and the pro-life Congress. We look forward to swift passage of this resolution in the Senate so that it can receive President Trump's signature."

Elections Have Consequences: Trump Defunded UNFPA and Gave Us Gorsuch, Hillary Clinton Never Would Have

By Carol Tobias, *President of the National Right to Life Committee*

Wow! If you didn't believe that elections have consequences, the past few weeks should have been able to convince you otherwise. In a nine-day period, the Senate (following House action in February) voted to overturn an Obama administration rule that prevented states from withholding tax funding from Planned Parenthood through the Title X program; the Trump administration notified Congress that, because the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) violates the Kemp-Kasten amendment by supporting a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization in China, UNFPA would no longer be eligible to receive foreign aid funds from the United States; and to top it all off, the Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch to the United States Supreme Court.

I really wish we could have this string of victories at least once a month!

The confirmation of now-Justice Neil Gorsuch was the high point of everything that has happened so far this past week. The Senate defeated an attempted filibuster by pro-abortion Democrats. Justice Gorsuch, a man who strongly believes in the primacy of our Constitution, is 49 years old and will hopefully be on the High Court for many, many years to come.

During the campaign last year, then-candidate Donald Trump said, "We have a very clear choice in this election. The freedoms we cherish and the constitutional values and principles our country was founded on are in jeopardy. The responsibility is greater than ever to protect and uphold these freedoms and I will appoint justices who, like Justice Scalia, will protect our liberty with the highest regard for the Constitution." True to his word, President Trump nominated someone of outstanding caliber. In the Rose Garden swearing-in ceremony, the president said, "Americans are blessed to have in Neil Gorsuch a man who will [like Justice Antonin Scalia] be a devoted servant of the law."

We are deeply grateful to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) for holding firm last year, after the death of Justice Scalia. McConnell properly said that it should be the next president elected by the voters who should nominate the next Supreme Court Justice. McConnell's efforts showed wisdom, strength, determination, and leadership.

Along with the passage of pro-life legislation around the country and the defeat of assisted suicide legislation in many states, everything appears to be going well. But these kinds of victories could only have happened because of the day-in-and-day-out dedication you and millions of right-to-lifers like you have shown: educating your communities, working with pregnant women so they realize that there are options other than abortion, and electing candidates who will pass/sign pro-life legislation. These recent successes are the culmination of many years of hard work.

But much as we might want otherwise, there are no permanent victories or defeats, only permanent battles. Nothing

can be taken for granted. Our opponents are loud and forceful. They have virtually limitless resources and a media that loathes pro-lifers. They will not back down or slow down. But we won't, either.

Planned Parenthood, NARAL, EMILY's List, and many other organizations are already working on next year's elections, recruiting candidates and raising money. Their goal, of course, is to put Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer back in charge of the House and Senate, respectively. We can NOT let that happen. What can we do to make sure that doesn't happen?

Continue to talk about the almost one million unborn babies that die every year. Continue to talk about how the pro-life movement, not the abortion industry, helps women through a crisis pregnancy. Continue to educate your neighbors and co-workers about why it's important that we pass laws to protect these children and their mothers.

Continue to work with legislators, helping them plan how best to protect innocent human life, from unborn children to the elderly and those with disabilities. And continue to inform voters about why it's important that they elect candidates who believe in the civil and human rights of all human beings born and unborn.

In 1942, after England had been fighting Nazi Germany for several years and just one year after America had joined the fighting, Winston Churchill stated, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end, but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Thanks to you, we are much farther along than the end of the beginning. But I also know we still have a tough road ahead of us. If you need to take a break, focus on family concerns, or just step back and catch your breath, that's not only okay, it's a great way to recharge your batteries. But don't stay away too long. We have a battle to win!

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Roe v. Wade Is Not Settled Law...

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In fact, *Roe 1.0*—the original opinion including the original rationale for *Roe*—is defunct, discarded in the *Casey* decision of 1992. The historical *rationale* for *Roe*—the legal justification for its connection to the Constitution—was replaced by a new sociological rationale created in *Casey*—the assumption that *women have come to rely on abortion as a back-up to failed contraception*.

Roe is unsettled because the original opinion and rationale have never been persuasive. The Court abandoned the original rationale by 1989. Abortion-rights activists have spent the past 44 years looking for a new constitutional hook for *Roe*—the equal protection clause? the Nineteenth Amendment that gave women the vote in 1920? Or (my favorite) the cruel and unusual punishment clause?

Roe is unsettled in public opinion. Public opinion polls periodically show majority “support” for *Roe*, but only when *Roe* is intentionally distorted and mischaracterized as only legalizing abortion in the first three months of pregnancy. A majority of Americans oppose abortion after the first trimester.

A February 2017 poll, commissioned by the Human Family Research Center and conducted by the Polling Company, found that Americans were almost evenly divided when they were told that overruling *Roe would leave the abortion issue to the states* (45% reconsider, 49% continue to follow, with 5% undecided).

The abortion rate, according to 2014 figures, has dropped to its lowest level since 1973. Women still seek approximately 900,000 abortions or less a year, but more than half of these are *repeat abortions*, and millions of women haven’t had an induced abortion and never will. If women “rely” on anything, it’s contraception, not abortion.

Roe is unsettled in medical practice. Ultrasound came on the commercial market a few years after *Roe* and permanently changed medical practice and public understanding. *Roe* is unsettled because American doctors have abandoned abortion. Few will do it. Women go to an abortion provider for an abortion but another gynecologist for everything else. It’s long been a myth that abortion is “between a woman and *her* doctor.”

Roe is unsettled by its extremely narrow focus. It has nothing to do with contraception (which is independently protected by other decisions of the Court) or with women’s health-care. It’s about a “right” to “terminate pregnancy” and nothing more.

Roe is unsettled by state protection for prenatal human beings in property, prenatal injury, wrongful death, and fetal homicide law. Despite *Roe*, the states have moved ahead with state legislation and judicial decisions that treat the unborn child as a human being from conception, creating considerable schizophrenia. Twenty-five states now have a fetal homicide law that treats the killing of an unborn child (outside the context of abortion) as a homicide—*from conception*.

Roe is unsettled by a growing body of international medical data finding increased risk of pre-term birth, mental trauma, and breast cancer after abortion. And, in recent years, statistical studies from Ireland and Chile have provided evidence that abortion prohibitions do not compromise women’s health and that legalizing abortion does not positively impact women’s health.

Roe is unsettled because the Justices cannot perform their self-appointed role as the national abortion control board, created when the Justices in *Roe* drafted a new, detailed national abortion law, which binds every state and local government in the country.

Roe is unsettled because other nations have not followed its sweep. The U.S. is one of only 4 nations of 195 across the globe which allows abortion for any reason after fetal viability, and one of only 7 that allows election abortion after 20 weeks.

The mere passage of time does not settle a Supreme Court decision. *Roe* is 44 years old. But *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) (which affirmed racial segregation) was 58 years old when it was overturned in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). Several other decisions were older when they were overturned.

Roe is unsettled in politics. One major party has opposed the decision in its party platform since the 1970s. And just last year, the nation elected a presidential and vice-presidential candidate who promised to appoint “pro-life” justices and to “overturn *Roe v. Wade*.”

Dozens of other decisions by the Supreme Court were not mentioned during the Gorsuch hearings because they are so unquestionably settled that no one needs to raise the question. To ask the question, “Is *Roe* settled?” is to answer it.

LifeNews Note: Clarke D. Forsythe is Acting President & Senior Counsel at Americans United for Life and author of Abuse of Discretion: The Inside Story of Roe v. Wade (Encounter Books 2013). This originally appeared at Daily Caller.

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