



Fact Sheet Regarding the *Dobbs* Decision

Overview:

The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision has been officially released. In the decision, the majority opinion of the court decided to officially overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and return the issue of abortion back to individual states. The decision comes out after a draft of the opinion was leaked to Politico in an unprecedented fashion on May 2nd.

The justices that ruled in favor of the majority were Chief Justice John Roberts, Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

What does this decision mean?

This decision unfortunately does not end abortion in the United States, nor in the state of Ohio. Now that the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the ability to outlaw abortion simply returns to each individual state. The *Dobbs* decision—while stating that abortion is not a constitutional right—does not outlaw the practice. However, states now have the ability to develop their own policies concerning abortion. Here in Ohio, we will work until every life conceived is given the first fundamental right, the right to life, and abortion is abolished for good!

What comes now?

Legislatively:

At Ohio Right to Life, we are working to end all legal abortions by the end of 2022.

As of Friday, June 24th, The Heartbeat law is officially in effect and being enforced. The Heartbeat Law ends abortion the moment a heartbeat is detected, which is roughly around 7-10 weeks. The Telemedicine Abortion Ban is currently enjoined in federal court and blocked from being enforced. The Telemedicine Abortion Ban prohibits the distribution of chemical abortions (the abortion pill) via the phone, internet, or any other remote means.

Currently, Ohio does not have a law that ends abortion from conception. Ohio Right to Life is working on passing the **Human Life Protection Act**, which will effectively end *all* abortions from the moment of conception. Right now, the bill is working its way through the House and with your help will be passed after the November Election and sent to Governor DeWine to sign before the end of 2022.

In the Community:

There will be an abundance of fathers, mothers, and babies that will be in need and will require community support. Our focus, as it has always been, will be to support these families and show them that there is true hope for their future. There is light at the end of the tunnel. The work currently being done by local crisis pregnancy centers will more than likely increase in volume. They will need both our financial support and that of volunteers.

Education:

The issue of abortion stems much deeper than simply *Roe v Wade*. This issue is deeply rooted in society and our morality surrounding family, sex, and the creation of children. The nation has bought into the pervasive lie that the sexual act can be completely separated from the creation of a new human life. Our society preaches that sex is merely for pleasure and only *sometimes*, if you really plan for it, for children. The purpose of sex has completely been flipped on its head, and we need to combat this. Sex has both a unitive and procreative purpose, and we need to educate the public about this scientific reality.

Beyond educating about the beauty of the family, we need to proclaim the dignity of the human person and the blessings that every child brings. Every child conceived is made in God's image and likeness, and his or her worth is beyond measure. Our society has forgotten the value of life. It is up to us to share just how amazing the human person is, as well as actively reject the attitude that children are a burden.

Fighting for life and the family is the only way we can truly win in the long run. Share the **truth** boldly in love without fear of retaliation. We cannot be silent while our culture is destroyed from the inside out.

Ohio Right to Life will continue to engage with high schools, colleges, and churches to proclaim the dignity of the human person and the beauty of sex, marriage, and the family!

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