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Web sites for Pro-life current events: nchla.org/issues.asp, usccb.org/, firstthings.com, frcblog.com, <http://powellcenterformedicalethics.blogspot.com/>, <http://stoptheabortionagenda.com/>, capwiz.com/nrlc/issues/, <http://pregnancyline.com/>

Paul replied, "I am Speaking Words of Truth and Reason." (Acts 26:25)

Dobbs v Jackson

Oral arguments for the Mississippi case, Dobbs v Jackson are complete. Supreme Court Justices have formed their initial opinions. Now comes discussions between Justices, preparing responses to position statements from opposing Justices, and then final opinions for publication.

The next five months will be a time of media speculation, condemnation of opposing opinions, and recriminations and threats of violence if the decision is not to the liking of some groups.

For us it is a time of prayer and fasting that the Justices come to a life-giving decision.

26 States

What will the States do when Roe v Wade is overturned? If we look back into history we see much of the groundwork has been laid.

At least 26 states have laws on the books. They range from "Pre-Roe bans" to constitutional prohibitions of abortion rights.

The Guttmacher Institute has provided us with [a great summary](#) of what we can expect.

Free Will

"[Religious defenders of abortion](#) frequently make this kind of argument. They appeal to choice or to the moral agency of women."

"Our free will—our ability to make choices—doesn't mean that every choice we make is good or morally acceptable. Some choices aren't. Choices to mistreat other human beings, for example, are not good choices."

"Merely appealing to free will, therefore, doesn't justify anything. It does nothing to show why abortion is morally permissible or why it should be permitted under the law."

"The question isn't whether we are free moral agents. We are. The question is whether using our agency to kill human beings in utero is a just thing to do. It's not."

The Innocent

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone makes a very good point. "[Abortion is at the same level of lynching](#) because they both involve the killing of innocent human beings."

Recognizing the connection between lynching and abortion should tell us that we should all rise-up again, as a society, against abortion as we finally did against lynching.

And, Planned Parenthood opens clinics in or near black population centers in their effort to "service" one of their largest customers. That action is also a blatant act of eugenics.

World Record

"[An Alabama boy](#) who weighed less than a pound at birth after his mother went into labor at only 21 weeks and one day of gestation has been certified as the world's most premature baby to survive."

10 Images

However true and accurate [these images](#) are, they are, to say the least, difficult to see.

They are also mind changing. These images are truly each worth a thousand words.

Anyone with even the remotest sense of justice will be moved if not persuaded that no abortion is a benefit, a good, or a right.

Ignoring the Obvious

While [these statements](#) contain lies and distortions, all ignore the primary issue, they all result in a dead baby.

"Abortion is a family value," "Abortion is hope," "Abortion is liberty," "Abortion is life-saving," "Abortion is normal," "Abortion is a blessing," "Abortion is sacred," "Abortion saved my career," "Abortion saved my education," "Abortion saved my happiness," "Abortion saves my hopes and dreams".

All about "me" and ignoring "he or she".

Equity vs. Equality

Equity, [according to this definition](#), requires people in governmental agencies to make judgements based on perceived needs or desired outcomes rather than actual needs.

This leaves open the likelihood that personal or institutional bias can leave equality concerns on the shelf while equity concerns move in a direction favoring a desired outcome.

The ends, however noble, do not justify the means. Such is the case with abortion. The president and his administration are committed to abortion from conception until birth for any reason or no reason. So, they are opening all the doors they can find to increase Planned Parenthood funding and to remove any restrictions on abortion.

Ethics

"Perhaps the most helpful framework I know of in wrestling with moral issues comes from T.S. Eliot. Before we can know what to do with something, we must know what that something is for. For example, before we decide what we should do with human life (whether we should take it, make it, or remake it), we should know what human life is for."

This quote is from [an article on Right and Wrong](#) which draws its thoughts from a book by Notre Dame Professor O. Carter Snead.

In a [podcast from Breakpoint](#), Professor Snead discusses his book *What it means to Be Human*.

The podcast (38 min) redefines the basis for modern Ethics as it applies to abortion and euthanasia and to new life and old age.

It sounds heavily academic, but the podcast makes it easily understandable.

Why Should I be Pro-life

Unborn babies are human, alive, persons, dependent, responsive, family members, our future, a blessing, loved by God.