

Election 2024: Should Pro-Life Leaders Urge Boycott?

Frank Anthony Pavone is a former Catholic priest and anti-abortion activist who was defrocked by the Vatican in 2022 for placing an aborted fetus on an altar. Pavone said abortion was the “single-most issue” in the 2004 George W. Bush and John Kerry presidential election. Few if any have matched his relentless 50-year battle to save unborn babies.

Pavone was asked last week about his reaction to a high-profile pro-life leader’s announcement of withholding support from Donald J. Trump in the fall election. He said though that position is “politically blind,” the moral position is that “no abortion can be justified.” He has also defined the Democrat Party as God-hating and America-hating.

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Does it make any sense under such circumstances for America’s prominent pro-life leaders to urge constituents to sit out this election? Leaders who do so, argues Pavone, are absolutely “clueless about how politics works.” The Nov. 5 presidential election is not only about Trump and his stance on abortion but between Trump and the most radically pro-abortion presidential ticket the U.S. has ever seen.

American Christendom pastors and spiritual leaders should likely be encouraging Christians to double down on their prayer lives regarding the election, along with asking God for mercy for the 65 million babies’ merciless deaths in the American holocaust. Trump, seemingly, is but the bulwark against an increasingly hostile and caustic culture threatening to take the nation down into the abyss of corruption and degeneration.

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Pavone says the pro-life movement needs Trump to do just one thing: “get elected.” Then he asks:

Has President Trump ever said that his appointment of hundreds of pro-life judges between 2017 and 2021 was a political blunder? Has he said reinstating the Mexico City Policy [thereby banning American taxpayer money from funding abortion] was a mistake?

Was depriving Planned Parenthood access to \$63M per year from Title X programs by Trump not enough? Has he ever said that it was a mistake to have the Office of Conscience and Religious Rights—that he established under HHS to protect doctors and nurses from being forced to participate in abortion—a mistake? Or to get the United States into the Geneva Consensus, an alliance of pro-life countries? He hasn’t gone back on any of that, and he’ll do that all again.”

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