

National Right to Life President: 40 Years of Legalized Abortion Is Too Many

Abortion-on-demand, which has claimed the lives of more than 55 million unborn children, has remained the law of the land for 40 years. *Roe v. Wade* is a sad commentary on our society's attitudes toward women and their unborn children. Instead of helping and empowering mothers, our society funnels them to the nearest abortion clinic.

In our society, no mother should ever feel like abortion is her only option and no unborn child should ever be considered 'expendable.' Yet every year, abortion takes the lives of more than 1.2 million unborn children, leaving their mothers susceptible to emotional and physical risks—and all of this is done under the banners of 'choice' and 'reproductive freedom.'

These terms, and their deadly consequences, not only degrade women, they dehumanize all humankind. *Roe* is an assault on the very foundation of our country—the principle that life is the most fundamental of all human rights.

The right-to-life movement remains more committed than ever to protecting unborn children and providing compassionate, life-affirming alternatives to their mothers.

Our humanity is not defined by the atrocities that have been committed throughout history, but by the shining light of those who recognize injustice and refuse to be complicit through silence. What profoundly scares abortion supporters gives us enormous confidence in the future: young people are more and more pro-life.

As the next generation stands up for mothers and their unborn children, we know that the days of *Roe* are numbered.

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