

Pro-Life Voters' Challenge: The New Trump Platform

There is a new challenge for pro-life voters as we approach the 2024 elections. On the one hand, I believe it is impossible for a truly pro-life voter to vote for a Democratic presidential candidate given the radical, pro-abortion stance of that party. That holds true as well for the positions of President Biden and Vice President Harris, which continue to lurch farther to the left. But now that the Republican National Committee has affirmed the watered-down platform crafted by the Trump team, do we simply acquiesce, voting Republican? Do we refuse to cast our vote and insist on a return to righteousness? Or is there another way?

For those unfamiliar with the ongoing debate, since 1984, the Republican Party's platform has contained language that supports an "amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth." Its pro-life plank has been extensive and strong.

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In contrast, not one of the 20 promises listed in the new GOP platform mentions abortion, and the paragraph discussing abortion in the new platform simply says:

"We proudly stand for families and life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied life or liberty without due process, and that the states are therefore free to pass laws protecting those rights. After 51 years because of us, that power has been given to the state and to a vote of the people. We will oppose late term abortion while

supporting mothers and policies that advance prenatal care, access to birth control, and IVF.”

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Senator Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., hoping to reassure pro-life GOP voters, said, “The Republican Party is a pro-life party. It’s a pro-family party. It is always going to be that.”

Many will surely respond, “Seriously? That is supposed to be a pro-life statement?”

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