

Retired Pentecostal Pastor: Voters Must Decide on Medieval 'Anytime Abortions'

The recent Roe v. Wade reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court in June returned the issue of abortion to the individual states. Kansas was the first state to vote on the issue in its August primary, where an initiative to allow greater restrictions on abortion was not upheld.

Now, in November's midterm elections, four states have abortion-related constitutional initiatives to be decided. These states are California, Kentucky, Michigan and Vermont.

Voters in these four states are being asked to decide whether to join with a small number of infamous nations, like North Korea and China, which are among a small number of nations to permit late-term abortions, right up to the moment of birth. These "anytime abortions" could occur even when the mother's life is not in danger and when the healthy baby could survive outside the womb.

Existing California law restricts abortion after the age of viability, usually about 24 weeks, unless a doctor determines the abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. Conflicting poll results are touted by Pro-Choice and Pro-Life advocates. But even some Pro-Choice supporters are not in favor of the harsh and extreme methods used in late-term abortions. Are you among them?

Pro-Life supporters contend that all human life is valuable and worthy of protection by our laws—from conception through natural death. While many in our culture reject this traditional standard, most Californians increasingly indicate they want abortion limited at some point before birth. Are you among them?

Brittany Clingen Carl, vice president of Illinois Right to Life, has written about this “scientific and scriptural” tension at .”

“Scientific and technologic advancements in the fields of embryology and neonatology have made clear to laypeople what pro-life leaders have been saying for decades: A fertilized egg, complete with its unique and distinct set of DNA from the moment of conception, is a human just as deserving of rights, protection and care as any person fighting for his or her life in a COVID-19 hospital ward.”

Not only is abortion a moral tragedy; it is a strategic tragedy, as well. These anti-life politicians and adherents have, by now, short-circuited millions of potential citizens, voters and taxpayers, who could have productively replaced the aging “surplus population,” to borrow a phrase from Scrooge.

The Democrat-controlled California Legislature has already committed over \$200 million this year to expand abortion and reproductive services, including tens of millions to pay the expenses for abortion seekers from other states. With an estimated 3,000% increase in the number of people from other states coming to California for abortions, millions of dollars more will be required to meet soaring demand. Those vast sums will have to come from new taxes on a dwindling population of taxpayers in California.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed 13 bills, including an “infanticide” bill as California continues to tout itself as an “abortion sanctuary state.”

The state’s socially extreme and costly proposal does nothing to advance women’s health. Instead, it destroys precious human lives, each made in the image of God. King David confessed to our Father God:

“You brought my inner parts into being; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will praise you, for You made me with fear

and wonder; marvelous are Your works, and You know me completely. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret and intricately put together in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed, yet in Your book, all my days were written before any of them came into being. (Ps. 139:13-16; MEV).

The use of personal pronouns in these verses indicates that there was a *person* present before the psalmist's birth.

Voters in California, Kentucky, Michigan and Vermont must determine *now* to say "No" to late-term "anytime abortions" by carefully voting on these critical state initiatives. {eo}

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