

Where Is the Church in Pivotal Election Year?

NBC News reports that the Biden campaign plans to mark the second anniversary of the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*—which in 1973 guaranteed the federal right to abortion—by bombarding the country with messaging and events aimed at contrasting the president's views with those of former President Donald Trump.

Planned Parenthood must have been throwing its hat in the air in jubilant celebration of its ruthless termination of million unborn lives between 2019 and 2021 and, what counts for even more, receiving \$ billion in taxpayers' dollars. Conservatives should denounce former Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (2015-2019) for this outrageous act.

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The self-willed, stubborn organization misnamed Planned Parenthood has been receiving federal goodwill tax dollars since 1970.

Christians will by now have had enough of the doublespeak of moderate establishment Republicans who run as conservatives and then govern following the Obama model. If Russell Kirk (1918-1994), the father of modern American conservatism, is correct that "politicians are actors performing a script that is written by the audience," the question remains: Where, then, is the church?

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On June 24, 2022, evangelical and Catholic Christians showed

their delight in the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision—the overturning of Roe vs. Wade and returning the decision to the states. But I cautioned in an email:

Evangelicals ought to think through what's coming soon to their surroundings and prospects. Specifically, with the U.S. Supreme Court looking as if it may overturn Roe vs. Wade in the Dobbs vs. Jackson case, tremendous pressure will now be applied to state legislators and courts.

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