

Carter Calls on Democrats to Change Tune in Abortion Debate

Former President Jimmy Carter is calling on Democrats to minimize the need for abortion.

Carter appeared on *The Laura Ingraham Show* on Thursday to promote his new book *NIV Lessons from Life Bible: Personal Reflections with Jimmy Carter*.

Carter took the opportunity to address the **abortion** topic and encouraged Democrats not to focus so much on the issue. He would like to see adoption streamlined, however, he does not believe abortions should be illegal.

"I never have believed that **Jesus Christ** would approve of abortions and that was one of the problems I had when I was president having to uphold **Roe v. Wade** and I did everything I could to minimize the need for abortions," Carter said. "I made it easy to adopt children, for instance, who were unwanted and also initiated the program called Women and Infant Children, or the WIC program, that's still in existence now."

Except for the times when a mother's life is in danger or when a pregnancy is caused by rape or incest, Carter said he would certainly not or never have approved of any abortions.

Carter said he's signed a public letter calling for the Democratic Party at the next convention to espouse his position on abortion which is to minimize the need, requirement for abortion and limit it only to women whose life are in danger or who are pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

“I think if the Democratic Party would adopt that policy that would be acceptable to a lot of people who are now estranged from our party because of the abortion issue,” Carter said.