

## **Democrats' Limitless Abortion Policy**

- -Most people don't realize that America is only <u>one of seven countries</u> in the world that has elective late-term abortions, sharing the same abortion law standards as human rights abusers like China and North Korea.
- -Abortion laws take two approaches, in wording, to allow for abortion until birth. And it is important to note that abortion organizations like NARAL, Planned Parenthood and others are vocal that the term viability is not what they want. Proponents of abortion do not support laws that establish abortion limits.
  - The first type of law allows abortion for any reason at any point with no reference to viability. This is the case in **6 states and D.C., which <u>do not have any limits</u> on abortion:** Washington, D.C., Alaska, Colorado, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont
  - The second type of law, like the federal Women's Health Protection Act, advertises having a viability limit, but with health exceptions after viability. But rather than defining viability and health they expressly say those definitions are left to be defined by the profiting abortionist. And it is vital to note that in the United States, 90% of Ob-gyns do not perform abortions.
  - Note: All pro-life laws have a life-saving exception for the mother. It's important to note that late term abortions are not quick procedures and take place over many days. Inducing a delivery or performing a c-section are quicker and safer over a late abortion that lethally injects the child and delivers their body.

#### In their own words:

**-Dr. Colleen McNicholas, Chief Medical Officer for Planned Parenthood** for the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, <u>during her testimony</u> before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee summed up the Democrats' understanding of viability well when she said,

"There is no particular gestational age. There are some pregnancies in which the fetus will never be viable..." Later she affirmed, "My practice includes abortion care through the point of viability and as we previously discussed that could be at any point."

- **-Dr. Warren Hern** has been performing late-term abortions for half a century. You can read his <u>profile piece</u> where he touches on late-term abortions.
  - o **VIABILITY:** "The reason doesn't really matter to Hern. Medical viability for a fetus—or its ability to survive outside the uterus—is generally considered to be somewhere from 24 to 28 weeks. Hern, though, believes that the viability of a

- fetus is determined not by gestational age but by a woman's willingness to carry it."
- SEX SELECTIVE: Hern said he had done abortions for sex selection twice: once for this woman; and once for someone who'd desperately wanted a girl. It was their choice to make, he explained.
- o **HEALTH:** "So if a pregnant woman with no health issues comes to the clinic, say, at 30 weeks, what would you do?" I asked Hern once. The question irked him. "Every pregnancy is a health issue!" he said. "There's a certifiable risk of death from being pregnant, period."

# **-NARAL** and Planned Parenthood say no limits and the Left thinks *Roe* never went far enough.

- Rewire News, "Roe v. Wade was never enough."
- In a quote shared with <u>Politico</u>, Medical Students for Choice: "We would never advocate for a false or politically determined limit on abortion, viability is an arbitrary line. It's a legacy of Roe that we don't need to resurrect."
- **Planned Parenthood** echoed, "We have long said that Roe was never enough, especially for marginalized communities..." Planned Parenthood Action Fund President Alexis McGill Johnson refused to list any abortion limits when pressed in her recent interview with **NYT's The Run Up podcast.**
- NARAL's president shared, "We're going to go for the most expansive, most broad access that we can get..."

### **Doe v. Bolton:** How health has been legally interpreted as social, economic and emotional

• Historically, a health exception has encompassed abortion for any reason. In <u>Doe v.</u>
<u>Bolton</u>, decided by the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) on the same day as <u>Roe v. Wade</u>, SCOTUS defined a health exception for abortion to include virtually any reason: "physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the wellbeing of the patient. All these factors may relate to health."

#### Fact-check: FALSE.

# Claim: The majority of late-term Abortions are performed in cases of threat to the mother's life/fetal abnormality.

- Defenders of late-term abortion frequently make the claim that late-term abortions are
   "almost always" carried out in cases of severe fetal abnormality or danger to the mother's
   life. In reality, the concept of "medical necessity" in the context of late-term abortion is
   misleading, and many late-term abortions are elective, frequently complicated by
   coercion, indecision and partner abandonment.
  - o In reporting on the results of a study of late-term abortions in 2013 (Foster, Kimport) in the journal Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, a publication of the pro-choice Guttmacher Institute, the authors <a href="acknowledge">acknowledge</a> that "data suggests that most women seeking later terminations are not doing so for reasons of fetal anomaly or life endangerment."

The Women's Health Protection Act is an extreme abortion bill that goes further than *Roe v. Wade*.

- The abortionist, whose payment is dependent on whether the abortion can be performed, is the sole decider of what "viability" means. Based on Warren Hern and Colleen McNicholas, that could be at any time during pregnancy.
- WHO definition of health: Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.
- Even the two GOP Senators, who supported *Roe*, said the WHPA went too far and voted against it as did Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin.
  - o **Manchin**: "they're trying to make people believe that this is the same thing as codifying *Roe V. Wade*. And I want you to know, it's not. This is not the same. It expands abortion."
- From Rich Doerflinger: Even Roe treated abortion as a conflict of interests between two parties, the pregnant woman and the child she carries, though it claimed that the woman's choice of abortion generally must prevail. In the WHPA, the unborn child isn't acknowledged and portrayed as if they do not exist.