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Democrats' Limitless Abortion Policy

Most people don't realize that America is only **one of seven countries** 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. Pro-abortion organizations like NARAL, Planned Parenthood and others are vocally against including the term viability. Pro-abortion activists do not support laws that establish abortion limits.

The first type of law allows abortion for any reason at any point with **no gestational limits**. This is the case in seven states plus **Washington, D.C.:** **Alaska, Colorado, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, and 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 abortionist who stands to profit. And it is vital to note that in the United States, **about 90% of OB-GYNs don't perform elective abortions.**

Note: All state 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 than a late abortion in which the child is given a lethal injection and the mother must give birth to his or her dead body.

In their own words:



Dr. Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer for Planned Parenthood for the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, **during her testimony** 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] 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 **profile piece** where he touches on late-term

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."

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 **Politico**, 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..."

Democrats on abortion limits:

Fox News host Shannon Bream recently pressed **Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)** on whether he supports any limits on abortion prior to a baby's due date. **His answer: "No."**

Other leading Democrats who have **voiced support for no abortion limits** include **Sen. John Fetterman (PA), Stacey Abrams (GA), Sen. Mark Kelly (AZ), Mandela Barnes (WI), Tim Ryan (OH), Beto O'Rourke (TX), Sen. Patty Murray (WA), Gov. Katie Hobbs (AZ), Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT) and others.**

Democrats in Congress are captured by the abortion industry and refuse to list any limits or boundaries on abortion.



Doe v. Bolton: Health has been legally interpreted as social, economic and emotional.

Historically, a health exception has encompassed abortion for any reason. In *Doe v. Bolton*, decided on the same day as *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court 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.

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 Guttmacher Institute (which is a former research arm of Planned Parenthood), the authors **acknowledge** 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*.

It says 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.

The **World Health Organization** defines health as "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.



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 Richard Doerflinger, bioethicist and longtime "point man" on life issues for the U.S. Catholic bishops: "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 simply does not exist."