

Dobbs vs. Jackson, Synopsis and Christian Perspective

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1. A Mississippi bill (Dobbs-MS State Health Officer v. Jackson-Women's Clinic/Abortion Mill) to restrict abortions to 15 weeks (except in cases of medical emergencies) is being challenged in the Supreme Court. Oral arguments were heard at the US Supreme Court on 12/1/21. A decision is expected by June 2022.
2. In 1973 Roe v. Wade, reinforced in 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey, a "right" to take the life of an unborn child for any reason was created. This despite the right to life of all persons found in the Declaration of Independence. Further, the Tenth Amendment of the US Constitution reserves powers unmentioned in the Constitution to the states (aka the people). The basis for the 7-2 decision to federally legalize abortion in Roe v. Wade was the 14th Amendment being outlandishly interpreted. The due process clause in section 1 of that amendment was interpreted to include a right to privacy, notwithstanding the fact that a life is taken in this process. Here is the text from the Constitution: **"No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."**
3. What is the standard for deciding Dobbs v. Jackson? The Supreme Court must decide. Is it undue burden, viability, and/or at what point does the unborn baby have the right to life enshrined in our founding documents? Those who wish to uphold Roe and Casey seemed to be falling back upon "Stare Decisis", which means that legal precedent is the most weighty principle in deciding future cases. To do this (in practice) would mean not to look at the issues on their constitutional merits, which is understandable because they have no legal merits. Others may look at viability arguments. Only seven of world's countries, [with consideration (or lack thereof)of viability arguments] including the USA, China and North Korea, allow abortion after 20 weeks on demand.

4. We must pray for the Supreme Court. The current makeup of the US Supreme Court is (of the nine justices), five conservative, one centrist, and three liberal. Conservative is defined as one who takes the US Constitution literally and interprets it as literally as possible. Liberal is defined as one who sees the US Constitution as a “living document” that can be interpreted in light of changing times and circumstances.

Conservative: Brett Kavanaugh, Neil Gorsuch, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Clarence Thomas

Centrist: John Roberts

Liberal: Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, Stephen Breyer

5. As God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians, we believe that human life begins at conception, and that abortion is therefore murder and should be illegal. We support the chipping away of Roe and Casey, with the ultimate end that the hearts of our people will be softened, and our laws will reflect that in order to outlaw the evil process of abortion altogether.

“**And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD**” (Leviticus 18:21). The murder of babies is a great moral evil in God’s holy law, which forms the basis for our legal system.

The Psalmist affirms that life begins at conception. “**For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb**” (Psalm 139:13).

“**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity. And in sin my mother conceived me**” (Psalm 51:5).

The New Testament says of Elizabeth that “**the babe leaped in her womb**” at the greeting of Mary (Luke 1:41). According to God’s Word, life begins at conception, and there is a baby in the womb from that point until birth.

End of story.

May the Good Lord soften hearts and minds, and may justice be served, that perhaps the Lord may smile upon our nation.