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Not Roe vs. Wade: This Supreme Court Case is Why America Has Abortion on Demand



Abortion really is legal through all nine months, in every state, for any reason, and has been since 1973. Either by design or by accident, our law is confusing in the extreme. The Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* made it seem as if only early abortion was legal, saying that the states, if they wished, could make late abortion illegal. They can't. The moderate-sounding threads of the *Roe* opinion are completely unraveled in *Doe*.

Roe said the states could make third trimester abortion illegal unless the woman's "life or health" was endangered. The *Roe* opinion says that it should be "read together" with *Doe*—and in *Doe*, the Supreme Court defined "health" as "all factors, physical, emotional, psychological and familial," including the woman's marital status and age.

So to recap, the states can prohibit late abortion... except when "one or all factors" comes to pass. Which is a really convoluted way of saying that the states cannot prohibit late abortion.

In recent years, several states, working together with pro-life legal scholars, have passed laws banning abortions after 20 weeks. One or more of those laws will surely find its way to the High Court, and when it does, we must take full advantage of the opportunity to educate the public. Because for over 40 years, the media has consistently failed to accurately report on the reality of American abortion law. If it had, people would know that *Doe* instituted legal abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. As it stands, many Americans have never even heard of *Doe*!
LifeNews.com 8/1/14

Bill to Combat Human Trafficking Becomes Law

July 2, 2014, Governor Corbett signed Senate Bill 75 (now Act 105 of 2014), which will help combat human trafficking in Pennsylvania.

Human trafficking is modern day slavery — one person profiting from the exploitation of another. It can take the form of prostitution, slave labor, pornography or other abuses. A leading human trafficking hotline reported over 2,100 calls to report suspected human trafficking in Pennsylvania alone. Act 105 provides Pennsylvania's first ever comprehensive definition of human trafficking, which will make it easier for law enforcement to prosecute traffickers. Further, the new law provides other tools to help combat this modern day slavery.

Pope Francis said that we "must not allow these women, men and children to be treated as objects, to be deceived, raped, often sold and resold for various purposes, and in the end either killed or left devastated in mind and body, only to be finally thrown away or abandoned. It is shameful."

Some observers speculate that, within 10 years, human trafficking will surpass drugs and weapons trafficking to become the most profitable activity in the world,
<http://www.pacatholic.org/bill-to-combat-human-trafficking-becomes-law/#sthash.vMeUBj8f.dpuf>

Mishaps Carrying Out Executions Spur Renewal of Death-Penalty Debate

In the wake of the July 23 execution of convicted murderer Joseph R. Wood III — who took nearly two hours to die after the start of his lethal injection procedure — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has ordered a review of the state's execution process. But while the incident has focused national attention on the issue of execution by lethal injection and the problems associated with the protocols for administering such drugs effectively, Catholics involved with the issue note it was only the latest in a string of recent executions with similarities to Wood's.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. "If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person."

Opposing the death penalty in no way suggests that activists condone the crimes committed by the convicted.
National Catholic Register 7/25/14



Church Response to Refugees Is Part of the Pro-Life Call



Answering the needs of refugee migrants is one component of a truly pro-life view, said U.S. Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh announcing a new initiative to aid children who have fled Central America for the United States.

"The Catholic Church responds to humanitarian crises here at home and all across the world because we are pro-life," said Bishop Zubik. "Being pro-life requires we protect and care for vulnerable persons from conception to natural death," he emphasized in a July 19 statement.

The bishop announced that Holy Family Institute, a ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, in Emsworth, Pa., will be offering aid to young children fleeing Central America. This aid will be provided for about 30 days, until the children receive a hearing date that will determine if they fit the criteria of refugees fleeing grave danger. EWTN News 7/27/14

Amazing New Video Details Babies' Lives Before Birth

It isn't often that National TV airs a video celebrating the humanity of preborn babies, but the *Today Show* did just that recently. Check out their report about babies' amazing abilities at: <http://www.lifenews.com/2014/07/31/>



The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference supports H.R. 5285, the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2014, also called The Inclusion Act.

The Inclusion Act is needed because long running child welfare service providers are being subjected to unjust discrimination due to their sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions. For example, Catholic charitable agencies across the country have been forced out of adoption and foster care services simply because those agencies believe a child should be placed in a home with a mother and a father.

The Inclusion Act does not prevent any service provider from participating. The Act ensures that a provider will not be excluded in any manner (e.g., contracts, grants, licensing) on the basis of its religious and moral beliefs. In 2012, Catholic Charities helped complete over 3,000 adoptions and foster care placements, including permanent homes for over 1,600 special needs or "hard-to-place" children.

Pa Conference of Catholic Bishops 8/4/14



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Microsoft has been on *The Boycott List* for a number of years now. We last wrote to them in September 2003. Let's remind them that we have not forgotten their support of Planned Parenthood. Please see their website for a complete list of all of their websites. Thank you!

Pro Life News Briefs

- A new **CDC** study shows only 1.6% of Americans identify as gay or lesbian
- PA **Congressman Scott Perry** introduces bill to legalize medical marijuana
- **Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald** announced same-sex domestic partner benefits for "gay" county employees would end on July 31st. His reasoning was that since these employees could now "marry" they no longer needed them. However, the eleven homosexual county employees complained and Fitzgerald is extending the deadline until June 30, 2015.
- The **US House** voted 225-201 to sue President Obama over his use of executive action to delay the employer mandate in Obamacare.
- **Johnson and Johnson** has a national campaign called "Care With Pride" that delivers thousands of dollars to homosexual organizations
- A bill has been introduced in the **State Senate** that would legalize online poker making it legal to participate in interactive poker with other PA residents and those from other states where it is legal.
- In a 5-4 decision the **US Supreme Court** (SCOTUS) concluded that one legal gun owner may not acquire a firearm on behalf of another — a practice known as "straw" purchasing - handing a huge win for supporters of stricter gun control.

American Family Association of PA 8/4/14