



ON OVERTURNING ROE

In case you missed it: someone leaked a draft copy of the Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson*. Although its not finalized, it appears the majority opinion will overturn *Roe v. Wade* - the decision which legalized abortion in 1973. The reaction has been violent, loud and **deceitful**. So here's what you need to know.

If someone tells you overturning *Roe* will make abortion illegal -- they are LYING. It literally and specifically returns the decision to the states. Some states will keep and even expand abortion services within their borders, and others will limit or restrict them.

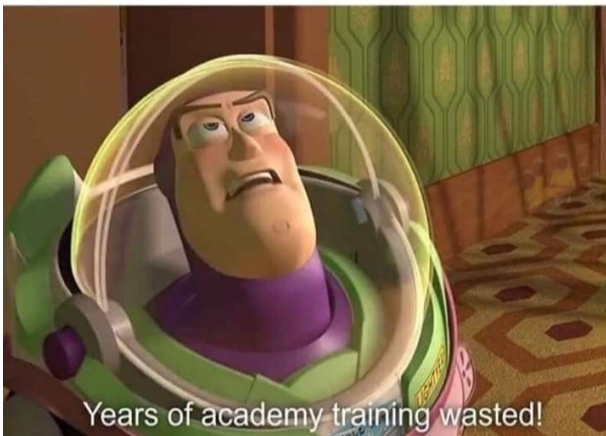
If someone tells you overturning *Roe* means all previous "right to privacy" decisions will be invalidated -- they are LYING. The leaked draft SPECIFICALLY states it would not apply to any other decisions which rest on the "right to privacy" established by *Griswold*, such as *Obergefell* (the same-sex marriage decision).

If someone tells you overturning *Roe* means "thousands of women will die in back-alley abortions" -- they are LYING. In the years before *Roe*, when abortion was illegal in most states, the number of women who died from illegal abortions was less that 50 (Abortion advocates publicly admitted they made the "back-alley deaths" statistic up.)

Overturning *Roe* means ONE thing -- those who advocate FOR abortion-on-demand will have to persuade their fellow citizens to vote for it in their state, instead of cramming their beliefs down on everyone else.

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When you're taught to use "sir" and "ma'am" your entire childhood and then it becomes impolite to assume gender



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THIS?

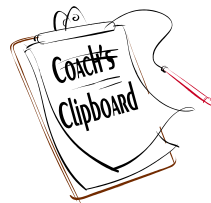
In case you are not aware, June is "Pride Month." Most K12 public schools will have classroom and assembly activities to promote various sexual orientations, gender ideologies and sexual behaviors. They are not required by law in many places to notify parents of guest speakers, video presentations or LGBTQ services which are offered or promoted on campus.

We encourage parents to ask what your children will be exposed to, and follow-up with **positive** conversations that present your values. Your voice must be louder and more frequent to override the thousands of social and media messages your child hears in the course of a week.

There is one thing this decision does NOT do: Give a baby in the womb protection under the Equal Protection clause of the 14th amendment. That amendment prohibits states from declaring that a class of persons — ANY class — is without the protection of the rule of law. If the baby in the womb is a person, all state laws against homicide must protect her.

Until the court declares unambiguously that a being in the womb is a PERSON protected under the Constitution, elected representatives of each state will have the power to decide which lives are worthy of protection and which are not.

Dobbs is a giant leap forward in defense of the voiceless, but it still means that whether someone has the Right To Life or not, will depend mostly on **where they live**.



COACH'S CORNER

A disturbed person with a gun kills elementary school children, like Uvalde, TX. A 17 year old boy, sends a nude to someone he thinks is a girl, then discovers its a cybercriminal demanding \$5,000 or the photo goes public and to his family and friends. By 2 a.m. the distraught teen had taken his life, leaving a suicide note describing how embarrassed he was for himself and the family.

This month's Coaching Tip: Explain horrific events to your child, without causing them to be fearful.

A general rule of thumb is *if your child has seen or heard about it, you MUST address it*. For very small children, "A very disturbed person hurt some children, but he can't hurt anyone else now and lots of adults are going to make sure no one else gets hurt," is probably enough.

But preteens and teens need their parents to account for evil, whether its from a religious or historical perspective. Your kids need to know, yes, they're being launched into a dangerous world, but you as their parent, will equip them to be able defend themselves. That might include gun safety or self-defense classes. It should absolutely include your life wisdom on how to judge character.

Most teens are certain they're a "good judge of character" when in actuality, teens are very trusting, and prone to conforming. Now is the time, Coach, to provide some opportunities to see how good they are. Help them set up a test to see if someone they trust can be relied on to keep their word or do the right thing when it may have a negative cost.

Remember, their sound judgment is all they have when you aren't there!

Q: "What is a disturbing fact most people are unaware of?"

A: "There's a reason people get ultrasounds rather than mri's of their babies"



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