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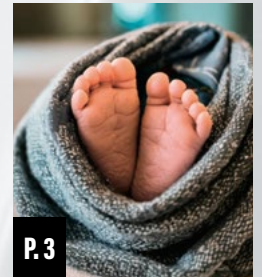


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## Charting a Pro-Life Course in the Shifting Waters of Post-Roe America 2024 *By Mat Staver*

**A** bortion is the leading cause of death in America and around the world, with more than 44.6 million abortion deaths worldwide in 2023. The most tragic part about this staggering statistic is that each of these deaths was unnecessary and entirely preventable.

January is Sanctity of Human Life month, as well as the anniversary of January 22, 1973, the day the United States Supreme Court handed down the infamous *Roe v. Wade* opinion that led to the death of around 64 million unborn babies in America. This legal precedent that lasted nearly half a century was sanctioned by a nation founded on the promise of *life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

How can a country founded on these principles deem infanticide a constitutionally protected "right"?

Nearly 50 years later, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court made right such a grave wrong by declaring in its *Dobbs* decision that *Roe* was "egregiously wrongly decided from the start." This was the starting line for a new phase of the pro-life movement as the fight for life shifted to the states.

Since *Roe* was overturned, we celebrate the many lives saved as a result of pro-life policies enacted in life-affirming states. A [study](#) found around 32,000 babies' lives were saved in states with abortion bans in the first six months of 2023, and births rose

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## As the World Economic Forum Prepares for "Disease X," WHO Urges Nations to Sign Pandemic Treaty

**I**nternational leaders gathered at the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland, January 15-19, 2024, to discuss topics of global importance. The agenda included such topics as climate change, artificial intelligence, and "[Disease X](#)," a placeholder name given to a hypothetical virus with a fatality rate "20 times higher than that of COVID-19." This unidentified virus could result in [50 million fatalities](#) worldwide, according to public health experts.

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by 2.3% on average in states with abortion bans. Pro-life laws save lives, and data shows an increase in births in each state with an abortion ban.

## The State of a Post-Roe America

In most states where abortion is still legal, however, abortion rates [increased](#), according to research from the [Guttmacher Institute](#). In pro-abortion states that border states with abortion bans, the increase in abortion rates was even more apparent. These increased rates reflect a trend of women in pro-life states crossing state lines to abort their children. The *New York Times* cited how Illinois' estimated abortion rate rose by nearly 70% in 2023 compared with 2020. In its neighboring state of Indiana where abortion is more restricted, the estimated rate of abortion decreased.

Some women are increasingly turning to [abortion pills](#), which are incredibly dangerous, especially when administered at home. Abortion pills are now responsible for the majority of abortions in America, and the United States Supreme Court will rule on limits to the abortion drug mifepristone this year.

It certainly doesn't help that the Biden administration is the [most pro-abortion administration](#) in U.S. history, as it tries to force taxpayer-funded abortion, appoints pro-abortion extremists to top positions, endorses "abortion until birth" legislation, and repeals pro-life policies. The Biden White House is also finding backdoor ways to fund and facilitate abortion, such as paying for service members and their family members to travel out of state to obtain abortions.

I am not sharing these facts to discourage but rather to inform Americans of the reality of the pro-life fight in a post-Roe America. We're navigating uncharted waters, and in order to see life win, we need to know what we're up against and how to approach this new and shifting landscape in the fight for life.

## Abortion on the Ballot

In some ways, the pro-life movement has lost ground since the *Dobbs* decision as certain states have enshrined radicalized abortion access into law in their state. In November, Ohio was the first red state to codify abortion in its state constitution. Since the *Dobbs* decision in 2022, the pro-life movement is [zero-for-seven](#) in

abortion referenda nationwide, with losses in California, Michigan, Vermont, Kentucky, Montana, Kansas, and Ohio.

While Ohio, California, Michigan, and Vermont are the only states that voted to [codify abortion](#) in their state constitutions, states like Kentucky, Montana, and Kansas



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failed to support pro-life protections in ballot initiatives. States like Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, and South Dakota are currently being targeted by activists for abortion to appear on the ballot in 2024.

What is most frustrating about abortion ballot measures is that they're often vague, misleading, and deceptively worded, which is confusing and causes even moderately pro-life voters to side with abortion. That's why we are fighting back against this strategy.

In February, I am representing Liberty Counsel at the Florida Supreme Court, arguing against the deceptively worded abortion amendment that could appear on Florida's ballot in November.

This amendment would codify unrestricted abortion access in Florida's constitution.

The amendment on the ballot is unlawful because it violates Florida law that a voter initiative must be clear and unambiguous, not deceptive, and limited to a single subject.

The Florida proposed amendment intentionally leaves undefined critical words such as "necessary," "health," "healthcare provider," and "viability," and includes pre-viability abortions and "health" in the same proposal. These two distinct issues cannot be put into a single ballot initiative.

The bottom line is that this abortion ballot initiative is unlawful and must be rejected. I am hopeful the Florida Supreme Court will rule against the amendment. Liberty Counsel is also working with states nationwide to prevent abortion from appearing on state ballots in misleading ways like the tactics used by pro-abortion activists in Florida.

## The Path Forward

While the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was a huge win for life, it opened the door to the dark agenda of pro-abortion activists and how they will stop at nothing to allow the killing of unborn children and gaslight voters into supporting abortion. This is an issue that Christians simply cannot keep silent about if we believe the "clump of cells" in the womb is truly a human life (because it is).

Are we to stand idly by and let the genocide of the unborn continue? Or are we to advocate for life by promoting pro-life policies, voting for pro-life candidates, pursuing legal action against anti-life laws, educating others on the gruesome reality of abortion, encouraging a culture of life, pushing back on pro-abortion lies, supporting pregnancy resource centers, and caring for pregnant and new mothers and their babies?

The path forward to establishing pro-life protections and a culture of life in America starts with each and every one of us. And the fight for life in a post-Roe America has only just begun. **LC**



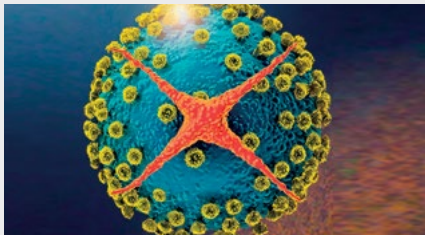
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Whether the fearmongering of these dire predictions is grounded in sound science is beside the point. Already, the World Health Organization (WHO) is leveraging the statements from WEF's annual meeting to push its yet-to-be-published international pandemic treaty.

Speaking at WEF on January 17, 2024, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called on all member nations to sign onto the pandemic treaty by May so the world can better be prepared for the next global pandemic. His comments came in the same discussion that laid out plans to help with "equity" issues in preparedness.

To help solve "preparedness" and "equity" issues that surfaced during COVID, the World Health Organization has established a pandemic fund for pandemic preparedness, an mRNA technology transfer hub in South Africa to increase equity, and the WHO BioHub to share samples and improve surveillance. Besides these initiatives, Tedros reported that a "pandemic collaborative intelligence hub" is also up and running. He ended his talk with a plea for all nations to sign onto the "new and improved" pandemic agreement.

"The key is the capacity we build in each and every country," Tedros says. "And then the other key, to ... address Disease X is the pandemic agreement. The pandemic agreement can bring all the experience, all the challenges we have faced and all the solutions into one. So, for our children and grandchildren's sake, I think we have to convert all



the lessons we have learned into this pandemic agreement and prepare the world for the future."

Tedros' request carries one glaring problem: There's no new draft text of the pandemic agreement to vote on

## Making the Case for Life

### Mat Staver Argues to Keep Abortion Amendment Off Florida Ballot

In a contentious move, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU say they have gathered enough signatures to introduce a destructive pro-abortion amendment on the Florida ballot in November. Sponsored by Floridians Protecting Freedom Inc. with support from the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, the American Civil Liberties Union, and other pro-abortion groups, the proposed amendment, misnamed "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," aims to codify unrestricted abortion as a constitutional right in Florida.

Scheduled for oral argument on February 7, 2024, at 9 a.m. ET, Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, argued before the Florida Supreme Court against allowing the amendment to appear on the Florida ballot.

The actual text of the proposed amendment states: "No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider."

However, the ballot summary — what the voter will read when casting the vote — states something different: "No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion."

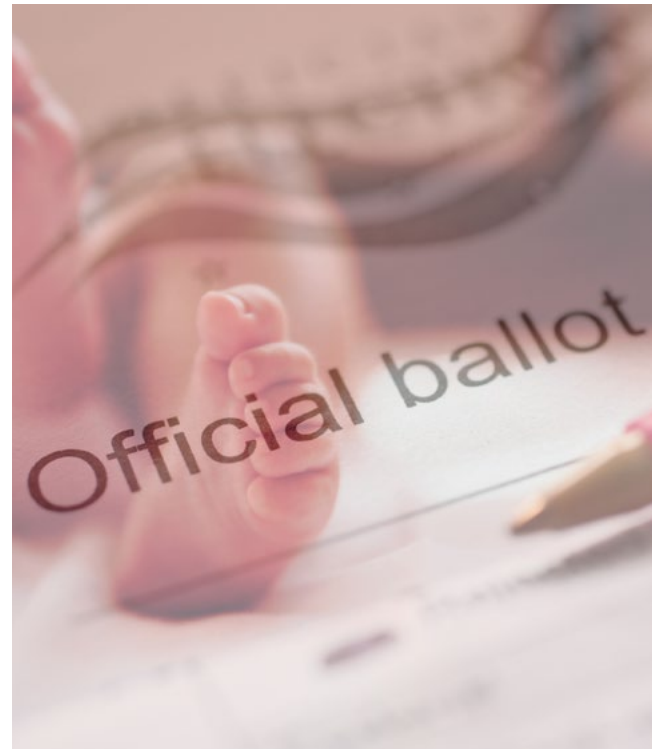
While the first sentence is the same as the actual text, the ballot summary adds: "This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion."

This is misleading. The amendment WILL override every parental consent law because any such consent law will "restrict," may "delay," or even "prohibit" an abortion.

Deliberately undefined terms, such as "necessary," "health," "healthcare provider," and "viability" could lead to significant loopholes, allowing abortions for any reason up to birth. For example, leaving "healthcare provider" undefined authorizes a wide range of professions with no medical training to determine if a baby is viable and whether an abortion is "necessary" for the patient's "health."

Under Florida law, there are 58 categories of "healthcare" practitioners. They include Tattoo Artist; 911 Operator; Orthotic Fitter and Assistant; Electrologist; Audiologist; Hearing Aid Specialist; Speech-Language Pathologist; Dental Hygienist; Massage Therapist, Occupational and Physical Therapist; Dietician; and the list goes on.

Until July 2021, a Septic Tank Contractor was also a "healthcare" practitioner.



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as of January 26, 2024. According to researcher, author, and activist James Roguski, the "Pandemic Treaty" is currently being rewritten, and its text has not been published. Many member nations are "still unhappy" that their previous submissions of text have been ignored and left out of the negotiating text, despite repeated claims that the drafting process is "member nation led." According to Roguski, the 208-page pandemic treaty "Compilation Text" has not been released to the public despite Tedros' black-and-white plea to sign it by May.

Adding to his remarks, Tedros emphasized that "this [being prepared for the next pandemic] is a common global interest, and very narrow national interests should not come into the way." That's quite a statement for an unelected nongovernmental figure to make, unless, of course, he is being backed by entities more powerful than himself and the WHO.

"The United States must stop cooperating with globalists who are bent on tyranny at the expense of personal and constitutional freedom," says Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. The WHO fully intends to be in control when — not if — the next pandemic hits, and a signed international pandemic agreement is the means by which they will ensure control."

If the 2024 version of the pandemic treaty isn't altered much from the [last](#) one, the United States should in no way sign it. From controlling the global supply of pharmaceutical products to rebranding lockdowns as protected "human rights," as well as policing social media to manage "infodemics," the WHO has more than played its hand during COVID to spell out the clear and present danger to freedom its plans entail.

Whether WEF or WHO, both three-letter globalist organizations envision a dystopian future for humanity that is neither fair nor free. Adds Staver, "We say no to this Orwellian authoritarianism, no to vaccine passports, no to another COVID-esque 'lab-leak,' and no to the nefarious plans from Davos." **LC**

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The proposal's conflict with the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act is also a disqualifying factor. State law cannot conflict with federal law.

"The ballot summary language would wipe out all restrictions on abortion," Staver says. Furthermore, the amendment violates the Florida Constitution's single-subject requirement by addressing pre-viability abortions and "health" in a single proposal. The broad definition of "health" adopted from the World Health Organization's (WHO) guidelines could open the door to unrestricted abortions.

"The deceptive abortion ballot initiative in Florida is duplicating a strategy that pro-abortion activists have already used in other states to deceive Americans into enshrining a radical abortion agenda into law. We are working to expose this deceptive strategy and stop the pro-abortion agenda in its tracks, especially in Florida, as the abortion ballot initiative is illegally written and cannot stand," Staver adds.

If passed, the amendment would eliminate any laws aimed at protecting preborn lives, including parental consent and safety regulations. This amendment would allow abortion for any reason at any time up to birth.

As a champion for life, which includes the pro-life role Liberty Counsel played in the

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*Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, as well as many other pro-life briefs filed in other states, Staver believes this ballot initiative is just one more attempt by Planned Parenthood and other abortionists to protect their bloody but highly lucrative business of killing preborn children. And they're trying to trick Floridians into voting this deception into the state constitution.

As the legal battle unfolds, Liberty Counsel will vehemently fight this terrible amendment. Staver is urging the Florida Supreme Court to not approve it for the ballot because it violates Florida law for voter initiatives. It is a deceptive amendment designed to fool the voters. **LC**



## Liberty Counsel at Work

On January 19's snowy morning, Liberty Counsel joined thousands of marchers in our nation's capital at the annual March for Life to build upon the ongoing pro-life fight to protect life in the womb.

"Liberty Counsel has been doing the work to preserve life in this country, so every life is equally loved, equally protected, and equally recognized as deserving to live under the law," said Jonathan Alexandre, senior counsel for governmental affairs (pictured on the right).