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Roe v. Wade

Years: 40 • Body count: 55,772,015

The following statement can be attributed to Barbara Meara, Chairman, NYS Right to Life Committee.

Forty years ago the US Supreme Court stripped the states of their right to protect children from abortion.

Despite 40 years of intentionally, violently killing more than 55 million children under Roe v. Wade, President Obama and Governor Cuomo continue to try to limit the “choice” in their “pro-choice” rhetoric.

President Obama is plowing ahead with his HHS mandate, insisting that choice does not mean that you can choose not to be involved with abortion.

Governor Cuomo, with his eyes on the 2016 campaign, has made an extreme abortion agenda a top priority. The wildly anti-choice “Reproductive Health Act” he is pushing would unleash new assaults on the consciences of those who oppose participating in abortion—health care professionals, hospitals, and health insurance providers.

Note the lack of choice already firmly embedded for babies who are mercilessly slain without even the benefit of anesthesia and for fathers who have no right to even be told their children exist.

This Friday, hundreds of thousands of Americans will March on Washington—making it clear that the pro-life movement is stronger than ever and the children are not forgotten. We mourn for them, their moms and dads, their families, and our nation.

One hundred years passed before the Emancipation Proclamation took on real meaning through the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Despite the tremendous strides made in advancing tolerance and equality, it only took eight years from the passage of this act to the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973, which has led to the death of 55.5 million babies in their mother's wombs. As we began to reap the benefits of a more integrated, inclusive society, we allowed our youngest citizens, unborn babies, to be removed from the protection of the Constitution.

Incredibly, the harsh impact of abortion has disproportionately fallen on the minority communities. The Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of the pro-abortion movement, reports that for every 1000 women aged 15 to 44, black women have 50 abortions, Hispanic women 28, and white women 11.

After forty years of nationwide abortion (43 years here in New York State), we need to rededicate ourselves and our country to the care and protection of all God's people from conception to natural death. Pro-life people are committed to that goal. *Hopefully it won't take 100 years.* And we are reinvigorated by the fact that young people are increasingly pro-life.

We look forward to the day when justice is restored and we view all children, planned or not, as precious and intentional gifts of God.

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