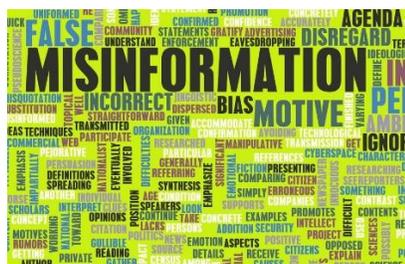




Recent Polls Showing Support for Roe v. Wade are Misleading



***Education:** With a new nominee to the Supreme Court, there has been lots of talk about the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Three recent polls asked Americans if they wanted to see the Roe v. Wade decision overturned, and 60 – 65% of the respondents said no. (1) That sounds like a large majority support the decision. The problem is that most Americans don't know the details of the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalizes abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. While

abortions in the third trimester can be done only to protect the health of the mother, the companion Doe v. Bolton decision says the health of the mother includes her mental health. With only one doctor (the abortionist) needed to verify the health need, abortion was legalized essentially for any reason. (2)

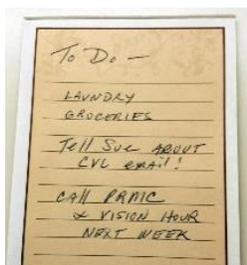
When you ask Americans whether abortion should be available in all circumstances, in most circumstances, in only a few circumstances, or in no circumstances, **53% of Americans think abortion should be illegal in all or most circumstances, quite a difference from the requirements of Roe v. Wade.** (3) In a separate question about the morality of abortion, 48% of the respondents said abortion was immoral, with 43% saying it was moral. (3) Some people may also believe that if Roe v. Wade is overturned, then abortion will immediately become illegal throughout the U. S. Rather, the issue is most likely to be returned to each state to decide; some will allow abortions and other will not. The idea of many women dying from illegal abortions is also false; only 39 women died from illegal abortions in 1972, the year before Roe v. Wade. (4)

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1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/07/10/seen-polls-claiming-americans-support-roe-v-wade-theyre-false-heres-why/>
2. www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/documents/2015/1/The_Decision_Roe_v_Wade.pdf
3. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/06/11/gallup-poll-53-of-americans-want-all-or-most-abortion-made-illegal/>
4. www.christianvoicesforlife.org/documents/2018/7/Truth-re-Illegal-Abortions-1.pdf



Prayer: Dear Father God, please touch the hearts of all Americans to understand that every human life begins at conception, and that every life has value as Your child, created by You in Your image. Help them to understand the immense harm brought upon women by abortion, and that pro-lifers offer loving and practical help with alternative solutions to whatever their problems may be. Help everyone to understand that You call us to love both women and their children, to help both of them find other means to cope with their situation than simply giving women permission to kill their own children.



Action: If you hear others claiming that Roe v. Wade should be upheld, since the large majority of Americans support it, give them the facts that 53% of Americans actually believe that abortion should be illegal in all or most circumstances. Also make sure they realize that Roe v. Wade had no real basis in the Constitution. (1) Before that decision, abortion was allowed in only a few states, largely because most people believed that only a few women would turn to abortion, in very difficult circumstances. It was also not understood at that time the devastating effect that abortion has on

women and men, or that Christians would come forward to help women with better alternatives.

1. www.christianvoicesforlife.org/documents/2018/7/Supreme-Court-Nominee.pdf