



Christian Voices for Life *Wednesday Word*

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More Political Parallels of Abortion and Slavery



Education: Abortion and slavery have been compared before: “Just because it’s legal doesn’t make it right.” Before the Civil War, slavery was a state issue. The 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U. S. constitution, however, passed after the Civil War, declared that

1. No human being can be a slave.
2. No human being can be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law, and
3. Every U. S. citizen has the right to vote.

Slavery, “life and liberty”, and voting were clearly established as national, not state issues. The nation has a right to protect ALL citizens from wrongful negation of those rights by individual states. The southern states came to depend on slavery to support their economy, and so refused those rights for African Americans.

With the Roe v. Wade decision, abortion became a national issue, not allowing individual states to ban abortion. Since the Dobbs decision, abortion has returned to being treated as a state issue. It is in fact, however, a national issue, but one to be decided in the legislature, not by a few men in the Supreme Court.

The story of Frederick Douglass is also interestingly parallel to today’s political situation. Douglass was a Republican who freely expressed his hatred of slavery, and considered Abraham Lincoln to be not strong enough in his opposition to slavery. When forced to choose between Lincoln and radically pro-slavery candidates, Douglass voted for Lincoln. Does this sound familiar? Many people have serious issues with former President Trump, and the Republican party has removed the Life Amendment from their platform and accepted abortion as a state issue. But Biden has shown us that the president has power to use federal agencies to use their authority to push his agenda. When the only other choice in the election of the President of our country is someone who is radically pro-abortion, don’t we have a clear choice, even if we consider it to be the lesser of two evils? Whatever we may feel about the positions of the candidates on other issues, what is more important to address than 800,000 to a million children being killed by abortion every year in the U. S.?

[Life Is Not a ‘State’ Issue \(washingtonstand.com\)](https://www.washingtonstand.com)



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help Americans to consider their moral obligation to make the best choice for the country in their voting, rather than the best choice for their own well-being. Provide every voter with the information and wisdom to make their voting choices those that will improve our country to maximize the well-being of ALL citizens. May the election process be fair in reflecting the choices of the people, with every citizen being given the motivation and means to participate in moving our country toward recognizing the rights of all citizens to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



Action: When discussing the election with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers, remind them that we all have a duty to participate in the formation of a just government for our country, to benefit the good of all, and not just our own interests. Ask them what they feel is the most important issue in the election. Tell them that the Democratic party has made abortion the primary issue, and you feel that the killing of so many children should take precedence over other factors that do affect the quality of life, perhaps in serious ways, but no issue concerns life and death itself the way abortion does.