



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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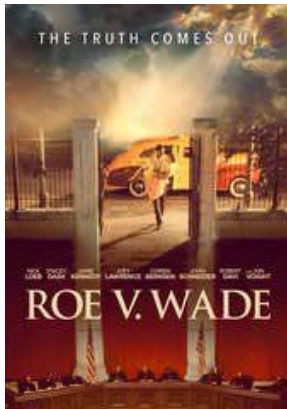
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## How SCOTUS Changed the Law of the Land in Roe v. Wade

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**Education:** This Supreme Court case did not come about because someone felt that a lower court's decision wrongly deprived them of justice, but because certain people wanted to legalize abortion, and it would take way too long to do it state by state in the legislature. They looked for a pregnant girl who was denied abortion who could be their pawn. When she asked if the lawyers knew of anywhere she could get an abortion, they lied and said no. (The lawyer herself had obtained one in Mexico, and abortion was then legal in New York and a few other states, including Colorado and New Mexico, at least in the case of rape, which Jane Doe claimed.

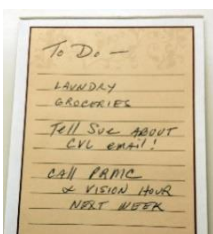
The movie is based on the true story of how politics, family pressure, and fictional statistics contributed to the decision. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the doctor who was very instrumental in pushing the issue, had first arranged and paid for an illegal abortion for his girl friend in medical school, and later performed two abortions on his own children when his girlfriend, later his wife, became pregnant. After the introduction of ultrasound technology however, Dr. Nathanson was able to see the moving image of the child inside the womb while he performed an abortion. He later stated in his memoir, *Hand of God*, that he was "shaken to the very roots of my soul by what I saw"; that it was a *child* inside the womb. He became an outspoken figure in the prolife movement, seeking to reverse the decision that he was instrumental in obtaining. See <https://www.roevwademovie.com/factchecks> for documentation of various elements of the movie.

What the movie does not strongly present is that Roe simply has no basis in the Constitution. Yale Law School professor John Hart Ely spoke for many when he stated: Roe v. Wade "is bad because it is bad constitutional law, or rather because it is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be". (1)

1. "The Wages of Crying Wolf: A Comment on Roe v. Wade," Yale Law Review, vol. 82, no. 5, at 947 (1973)



**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, please help our nation to understand that the Roe v Wade decision was not only morally wrong but was an example of the court creating legislation rather than interpreting the constitution. Help lawyers, doctors and politicians all open their hearts to the truth that ending a child's life before birth has no moral difference from ending it after birth. Help everyone in our nation understand that all of our rights are limited by the rights of others, and that the fundamental right to life of a child should be protected by law.



**Action:** See the reference (2) below for a better understanding of the legal reasons to overturn Roe v. Wade. View the film, which may be rented for as little as \$3.99, or purchased for online viewing, or purchased on DVD through various sources, including Google Play, iTunes, Walmart, Best Buy, etc.(See <https://www.roevwademovie.com/>). Ask your friends what they think about the Roe v. Wade decision, and begin a conversation about abortion and why it is wrong.

2. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/ten-legal-reasons-to-reject-roe>