

AMERICANS REJECT ROE V. WADE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a new Gallup poll on abortion:

The American people are against *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion. In a Gallup poll released today, a clear majority—54 percent—say abortion should be illegal or legal in only a few circumstances. That is a stark rebuke to *Roe v. Wade*, which effectively legalized abortion through term, and for any reason whatsoever.

By a margin of 49 percent to 43 percent, Americans believe that abortion is “morally wrong.” That is also testament to the support for the pro-life position. While slightly more Americans identify as pro-choice (49 percent) than pro-life (46 percent), it is more telling that almost half consider abortion to be “morally wrong” (self-identification is largely a function of social pressure, an outcome shaped by cultural elites).

Lawmakers in the states are tapping into this pro-life sentiment. Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently signed legislation that bans D&E (dilation and evacuation) abortions, and Missouri Governor Eric Greitens has called back lawmakers to work on new pro-life measures. This is an example of the Trump Effect, a welcome change from the pro-abortion policies of President Obama.

This battle in the culture war must continue, and pleas to become passive must be resisted. There is too much at stake—the kids need our defense—to do otherwise.