

CHAMPIONS OF WOMEN DESTROY THEIR RIGHTS

It is not the misogynists who are working hard to destroy the rights of women these days, it is those who fancy themselves as their greatest champions. They are not only placing women in danger, they are allowing men to eviscerate their hard-won freedoms, all in the name of women's rights.

Having non-doctors perform abortions places women's lives in danger, yet that is permitted in many states. They are not trained to deal with problems such as hemorrhaging, infection, uterine perforation, heart attacks, strokes, etc. By contrast, we don't allow dental assistants to do many things that dentists are trained to do (e.g., root canals)—and these procedures are a whole lot less dangerous than performing an abortion—so why do we cut corners for pregnant women?

There are 15 states, plus the District of Columbia, that allow non-physicians to perform an abortion: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and D.C.

Only two of the 16—Montana and West Virginia—voted for Trump. All of the others are known for championing women's rights. But not when it comes to safeguarding their health.

Another measure of women's rights is whether women, and women alone, are permitted to compete in women's sports. We don't allow adults to compete with children in sports—that would mean the end of Little League—yet it is fashionable in some places to allow men to participate in women's sports.

Allowing males to compete against females in girls and women's sports is the surest way to destroy women's rights in athletics. Moreover, allowing men to share the same showers

and locker rooms compromises the privacy rights of women.

Yet only two of the 15 states that allow non-doctors to perform abortions has a ban on males from competing in women's sports (Montana and West Virginia); D.C. is with the majority. The others either mandate that men can compete—California, Washington, Massachusetts, and Oregon—or allow them to do so. Lawmakers in four states (Maine, Hawaii, Illinois and Connecticut) introduced legislation to ban men, but they failed.

It should also be known that the Women's Sports Foundation, the National Organization for Women, Ms. Magazine and female athletes such as Billie Jean King, Megan Rapinoe and Candace Parker have all taken the side of biological men against women.

We have long known that single men are the greatest advocates of abortion-on-demand (they get what they want minus the baggage), and now they don't have to worry about a shortage of abortion doctors to finish the job—midwives can do it. Better yet, they can crash women's sports and walk away as champions, thanks to those who champion women's rights.

For these guys, it just doesn't get any better than this.

PSAKI SHOULD SAVE HER TEARS FOR REAL VICTIMS

Former White House Press Secretary and MSNBC host-in-waiting Jen Psaki broke down in tears recently when discussing parental rights legislation in the schools. She should instead save her tears for the real victims of transgenderism in the

schools—parents and their children.

In her April 19 podcast, Psaki bemoaned the right of states like Florida to pass laws which prohibit teachers from engaging little kids—pre-kindergarten through third grade—in discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity. She thinks it is A-OK for teachers to ask children 5-8 if they are satisfied being a boy or a girl. This is the first step toward “assisting” them to switch sexes. Next come the puberty blockers, the chemical castration and the genital mutilation.

Psaki’s endorsement of this practice is obscene. She calls attempts to protect parental rights and stop the sexual engineering of children “harsh and cruel.” Worse, she is claiming that the victimizers are the victims.

Here is what she said about responsible parents who want an end to child abuse in the classroom.

“They’re doing that in a way that is harsh and cruel to a community of kids, especially. I’m going to get emotional about this issue [that is when she started bawling] because it’s horrible! But it’s kids who are bullied, and all these leaders are taking steps to hurt them, and hurt their lives and their families!”

This is a bald-face lie. No kids are being bullied by legislation designed to safeguard the rights of parents and protect kids from being groomed by irresponsible teachers. She has it backwards—it’s parents and their kids who are being bullied by the ruling class.

Psaki is right about one thing. This is “an attempt to win the culture war.” She and her ilk, including her “devout Catholic” former boss, started this latest chapter in the culture war. Now our side is going to finish it.

BIDEN'S PRO-ABORTION CATHOLIC CABINET

We can tell a lot about a president just by knowing something about his Cabinet picks. This takes on special significance for Catholics when we have a Catholic president.

To begin with, we would expect a Catholic president to be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, especially on life and death matters. We would also expect that any Catholics who are chosen to be in his Cabinet would also be loyal sons and daughters of the Church.

Biden fails these tests. He is the most ardent defender of abortion rights ever to become president of the United States. That obviously means that his policies are in direct contradiction to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For the most part, his Catholic Cabinet picks also reflect badly on him. He has eight Catholics in his Cabinet.

Lloyd Austin is Secretary of Defense. He has no public record on the subject of abortion. Denis McDonough is Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He has an uneven record on abortion. The other six are all off-the-charts supporters of abortion rights.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is Xavier Becerra; Jennifer Granholm is Secretary of Energy; Samantha Power heads the U.S. Agency for International Development; Gina Raimondo is Secretary of Commerce; Tom Vilsack is Secretary of Agriculture; and the Secretary of Labor is Marty Walsh. All of them are abortion-rights extremists.

These are the Catholics who serve in Biden's Cabinet. Most of

them work to reinforce each other's animus against the Church's pro-life heritage.

THE ENIGMA OF MULTIPLE ABORTIONS

All abortions are tragic, both for the pregnant woman and her baby, but most pro-life people do not lump all women who have had an abortion together, treating them all the same. For example, while we cannot condone it, most understand that a 15-year-old girl who becomes pregnant, and is fearful of telling her drunken and violent dad about it, may elect to have an abortion. They are less understanding of women who have had multiple abortions.

On "The View," recently, Whoopi Goldberg said, "Getting an abortion is not easy. Making the decision is not easy. It's not something people do lightly." Who can argue with that? What's strange about her comment, however, is that she has admitted to having six or seven abortions by the age of 25. Six or seven—she's not sure.

If the decision to abort a baby is "not easy," it appears to become easier for those who have another. That's a serious problem which the media do not cover.

In 2008, 50% of all abortions were done on women who had a prior one. The most recent figure is 45%. This is an enigma. Why would approximately half of all women who have had an abortion go to a clinic again and again?

Abby Johnson, who was a director at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, described how "Angie," a recidivist, spoke to

clinic personnel. “‘Could y’all just Xerox my chart and I’ll fill in the dates?’ She would jest. Once the paperwork was in order, Angie would attempt to banter with the girls in the waiting room. ‘It’s no big thing,’ she assured them. ‘I’ve done it eight times before, and I have no regrets.’”

Irene Vilar’s mother committed suicide when she was eight-years-old; her brothers were heroin addicts. When she was a teenager she married a tyrannical 50-year-old professor. She wound up having 15 abortions in 16 years, admitting that women who have had multiple abortions show a certain “recklessness.” She was 15 times reckless.

“Mary” had three abortions when she was in her early twenties. After she was pregnant the third time, she wanted to have the baby but her boyfriend did not, so she had an abortion. “I felt like we were committing murder, that I was killing something I wanted.”

Dr. E. Joanne Angelo knows what Mary was going through. She is associated with Project Rachel, a Catholic support group that ministers to women—of any faith—who have had an abortion, and are seeking reconciliation. “When a woman finds herself pregnant in a crisis situation, she immediately calculates the date when her child would be born,” she says.

“After the abortion she may feel numb, her grief over the death of her child being blunted by her strong ambivalent feelings—her tender feelings for her child, and the defensive denial of these feelings which enabled her to submit to the abortion procedure,” Angelo writes. She further observes that “her inner life is often plagued by guilt and shame, nightmares of babies being sucked down tubes or dying in horrific accidents or violent crimes....Some may become seriously depressed and even suicidal.”

If this condition is commonplace among women who have had one abortion, why is it that at least some women who have had

multiple abortions take it in stride?

If, as it appears likely, *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned, the problem of women having multiple abortions will not go away. There needs to be more aggressive intervention on the part of the medical community and the clergy after a woman has had an abortion for the first time.

We need to end the enigma of multiple abortions. That also means we need to be just as aggressive in dealing with the impregnating men. They've gotten away with their irresponsible behavior for too long.

BIGOT HOSTED WHITE HOUSE MEDIA DINNER

On April 30, Comedy Central star Trevor Noah hosted the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner. It says a lot about those in the White House and the media that they would pick such a bigot.

On two occasions in the past few years, we contacted his bosses at Viacom (and ViacomCBS), and he initially tapped his brakes, only to start up again with his attacks on Catholics. We all know that if he had said anything like this about any other demographic group, he would not have been invited. In fact, he wouldn't even have a job—he would've been fired long ago.

The following are quotes from the "Daily Show with Trevor Noah."

- September 28, 2015—While commenting on the pope's visit to

America, Noah stated that the pope's car was small and that "somebody's compensating. I'm saying the pope has a huge c**k."

- June 27, 2016—After Noah made some humorous and inoffensive jokes about the pope's quips aboard the papal plane, he referred to the pontiff as that "mother*****."

- January 5, 2017—While commenting on a McDonald's opening near the Vatican, Noah stated that "it makes a lot of sense when you think about it—both the Catholic Church and McDonald's have served billions, they both make people feel guilty about themselves, *and both are historically bad for children*, so it makes sense (emphasis added)."

- March 23, 2017—While commenting on a three-year-old removing the pope's hat, Noah stated that "I can see why this made the news—a child undressing a priest for a change."

- September 5, 2018—While commenting on two Catholic priests performing lewd acts on each other, Noah stated, "that sounds like a good news story to me. Two adults having consensual sex, hallelujah! That's pretty dope." The comic went on to suggest that the pope was "pretty stoked" about the story and introduced a dubbed-over clip of the Holy Father saying, "You want to talk about a miracle? They are both over 18. Two adults, just a midday quickie in a PT cruiser. Thank you, Lord Jesus!"

- March 26, 2019—While commenting on the pope not wanting people to kiss his ring, Noah stated that "it's a nice change of pace to see a priest not want to touch people."

- May 29, 2019—While discussing an alleged Catholic group selling video games, Noah provided a platform to "Daily Show" correspondent Ronny Chieng to say that "I don't think an institution known for luring children should put out a game to lure more children. Where do you catch the final Pokémon Jesus—Father Garrity's tickle room?"

- June 11, 2019—While commenting on the Vatican's teachings on gender ideology, Noah stated that "the Catholic Church thinks that if you're a girl, you're a girl forever, and if you're a boy, they are going to f*** you." He then made several jokes

about “pedophile priests.”

- October 9, 2019—Noah questioned, “Why is the communion wafer so bland? Jesus was from the Middle East. How about a bowl of hummus to go with it? Body of Christ, tasty.”

- January 16, 2020—While commenting on the pope’s remarks on the issue of celibacy for priests, Noah mocked Pope Emeritus Benedict for publishing a book on celibacy stating that “the old pope wants the rules to stay the same. And I get that. I mean if I had been forced to be a virgin for 92 years, I would also be out there like, ‘guys come on! Those are the rules! We agreed!’”

- March 9, 2020—While commenting on Covid-19 restrictions, Noah stated that “it’s going to be hard to take Communion seriously when the priest has to throw wafers into people’s open mouths from across the room, the Body of Christ—from downtown!”

- April 13, 2020—While commenting on Covid-19 restrictions, Noah stated that Easter Sunday would be hard for many church-goers, “but for the Catholic Church, this is a good thing—keeping priests separate from the congregation might not be the worst idea.”

- May 18, 2020—While commenting on Covid-19 restrictions, Noah stated that a Detroit priest using a water gun to bless parishioners with holy water from a distance was “a great way for other Catholic priests to explain why they have a bunch of kid’s toys in their basements.”

- March 16, 2021—While commenting on the Jesuits providing reparations to African-Americans, Noah mocked the Sacrament of Baptism by calling it “waterboarding babies.” The comic went on to do a skit where he impersonates a priest offering money to a black man “for owning [his] great-grandfather.” Noah then takes on the role of the black man and replies that “I thought this was for you guys touching us when we were kids.”

When Obama was president, they never would have allowed a white racist to host this event.

Trevor Noah claims to be offended by the white racist history of his home country, South Africa. But his sensitivity to tolerance apparently ends when Catholic priests are the victims of bigotry. Indeed, he contributes to it, leaving him no moral high ground to complain about bigotry of any kind.

AMERICAN PEOPLE OPPOSE ROE V. WADE

Radio, TV, the internet and newspapers are all alive with stories saying that a majority of Americans do not want *Roe v. Wade* overturned. Those reports are totally misleading. While the actual text of the decision does not allow for all abortions, in practice it does: to perform a late-term abortion all the doctor has to do is invoke a “mental health” exception and bingo—he can legally abort the baby.

Importantly, the American people have never been in favor of abortion-on-demand, yet this is what *Roe* allows. Surveys almost never ask respondents if they would support this ruling if they knew that it would allow for abortions at any time during pregnancy, and for any reason whatsoever.

The latest survey on this topic, published by the Pew Research Center, is rich in detail. It is so rich that it easily makes the case that the public wants nothing to do with *Roe*. Did those who wrote the report come to this conclusion? Not at all. Indeed, they spun their narrative in a way that suggests most Americans are okay with *Roe*.

The Pew survey, “America’s Abortion Quandary,” says that “A majority of Americans say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, but many are open to restrictions; many opponents

of legal abortion say it should be legal in some circumstances.” There are other conclusions that can be drawn from the data, but Pew is reluctant to do so.

“A majority of Americans say they do not agree with *Roe v. Wade*.” That would be an accurate conclusion, drawn from the Pew data, though it is not one that Pew prefers to make.

Only 19% of Americans say abortion should be legal in all cases. This means that 81% are opposed to what *Roe* allows. That is the real story. But it is not the one the researchers chose to flag. There are other provisions in *Roe* that the public opposes.

The report found that a *majority of abortion supporters*—not just those who oppose abortion—say that “how long a woman has been pregnant should matter in determining legality of abortion.” Indeed, this seriously undercuts the narrative that most Americans do not want *Roe* overturned.

Roe allows women to abort their baby in the first 24 weeks. But that is not what the American people want. Pew found that 43% want it to be illegal at 24 weeks, approximately double the number of those who think it should be legal (22%).

Moreover, a *majority of abortion supporters*—nearly seven-in-ten—say that those who perform abortions should be required to notify the parent or legal guardian if the woman seeking the abortion is under 18. That’s a limitation that *Roe* does not honor. In other words, this is another reason why the public is not happy with this decision.

Most telling is a sentence that the Pew authors wrote that seriously compromises its pro-abortion tilt. They concluded that “nearly two-thirds of the public thinks abortion either should be entirely illegal at *every* stage of a pregnancy or should become illegal, at least in some cases, *at some point* during the course of a pregnancy (their emphasis).” That makes the definitive case against the ruling in *Roe*.

It should be noted that the Pew researchers only mention the *Roe* decision by name twice; they were descriptive remarks at the beginning of the report. But they had plenty of opportunities to say to respondents, “This is what *Roe* allows,” and then ask specific questions about it.

Pew deserves high marks for its methodology. Its interpretation of its own data, however, reveals a bias—it put the happiest face possible on a survey that more accurately supports the views of pro-life Americans.

BIDEN TO GUT HEALTHCARE CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

In May of 2019, President Donald Trump spoke from the Rose Garden about the conscience rights of healthcare workers. He addressed the final new rules that his administration posited, strictures, he said, that will protect “physicians, pharmacists, nurses, teachers, students and faith-based charities. Together, we are building a culture that cherishes the dignity and worth of human life.”

Trump’s new rules made it easier for those in the medical profession to refuse to participate in morally objectionable procedures, such as abortion and sex-transition surgery. On November 8, 2019, when Trump first made mention of the final rules, Bill Donohue said, “Kudos to President Trump for affirming religious liberty and conscience rights.”

Immediately, pro-abortion groups sued and their objections were sustained by the courts. However, there are still some two dozen federal rules on the books that provide protection for conscience rights.

President Biden is now set to rescind all the conscience rights protections afforded by Trump. His Department of Health and Human Services, which is an ardent defender of abortion-on-demand, is leading the charge. It is expected to soon make public its agenda to eviscerate the First Amendment rights of religious doctors, nurses and hospital staff who cannot in good conscience participate in death-inducing procedures, as well as other morally detestable acts.

The passion that Biden shows for killing unborn children is unparalleled. There have been pro-abortion zealots at the local and state level, and there are some in the Congress today, but never before in American history has there been a president more determined to force Catholic healthcare workers to violate their faith-based conscience. Our "devout Catholic" president wins first prize.