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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IDAHOANS UNITED FOR WOMEN AND  
FAMILIES,

Petitioner,

vs.

RAUL R. LABRADOR, in his official  
capacity as the Idaho Attorney General, PHIL  
MCGRANE, in his official capacity as the  
Idaho Secretary of State, LORI WOLFF, in  
her official capacity as Administrator of the  
Idaho Division of Financial Management, and  
IDAHO DIVISION OF FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT,

Respondents.

Docket No. 52636-2025

**DECLARATION OF ANNE  
HENDERSON HAWS IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION FOR WRITS**

I, Anne Henderson Haws, declare and state as follows:

1. I am one of the attorneys for Petitioner Idahoans United for Women and Families Inc. (“Idahoans United”) and am familiar with the facts and issues related to the Petition for Writs.

2. From January 25, 2025 through January 29, 2025, I conducted and oversaw the conduction of searches by employees of my firm of the online archives of the following Idaho newspapers: Idaho Statesman, the Coeur d’Alene Press, the Lewiston Morning Tribune, the  
**DECLARATION OF ANNE HENDERSON HAWS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRITS**

Idaho Press Tribune, the Bonner County Daily Bee, the Idaho State Journal, the Post Register, the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, and the Twin Falls Times. The searches conducted of the archives were for any newspaper articles, opinion pieces or other published material specific to Idaho that contained the terms “fetus viability” or “fetal viability.” A search was also conducted for such materials that contained the term “abortion” and reviewed whether the term “fetus viability” or “fetal viability” was also included in published materials that included the word “abortion.” The searches of these Idaho newspapers’ online archive materials returned no published material from the last ten years wherein the term “fetus viability” was used. The term “fetus viability” was used once in a 2011 opinion piece published in the Idaho Statesman. True and correct copies of the search results from published materials specific to Idaho that included the term “fetal viability” or “fetus viability” are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

3. From January 25, 2025 through January 26, 2025, I conducted and oversaw the conduction of searches by employees of my firm of the online archives of the following national newspapers: The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Salt Lake Tribune, and the Las Vegas Sun. The searches conducted of the archives were for any newspaper articles, opinion pieces or other published material that contained the terms “fetus viability” or “fetal viability.” These searches showed no material published that used or included the term “fetus viability” in any of these newspapers’ online archive materials. True and correct copies of the search results from these national newspapers for the terms “fetal viability” and “fetus viability” are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. A search was also conducted for such materials that contained the term “abortion” to review whether the term “fetus viability” or “fetal viability” was also included in published materials that included the word “abortion.” This search only resulted in two articles

using the term “fetus viability” in the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, in 1997 and 1996, respectively.

4. From January 25, 2025 through January 26, 2025, I conducted and oversaw searches by employees of my firm of the online archives of the following national newspapers: the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, the Seattle Times, and the Washington Post. The searches conducted of the archives were for any newspaper articles, opinion pieces or other published material that contained the terms “fetus viability” or “fetal viability.” The term “fetal viability” is used far more frequently in these papers, far outnumbering the references to “fetus viability.” The number of times that each term came up in the search results is laid out in the below chart. True and correct copies of the search results from these national newspapers for the terms “fetal viability” and “fetus viability” are attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

	<b>“Fetal Viability”</b>	<b>“Fetus Viability”</b>
<b>Chicago Tribune</b>	80	4
<b>Los Angeles Times</b>	73	11
<b>Seattle Times</b>	33	2
<b>Washington Post</b>	488	19

5. On January 29, 2025, I entered the term “fetus viability” into the Google search engine. I reviewed the “All” search results and then also filtered the search results by “News.” True and correct copies of screenshots that I took on January 29, 2025, of the “All” search results and the “News” filtered search results are attached as **Exhibit D**.

6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** are true and accurate copies of public statements made by Attorney General Labrador concerning or touching on the topic of abortion and/or his position on the right to life.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: January 30, 2025

*/s/Anne Henderson Haws*

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Anne Henderson Haws

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of January, 2025, I caused to be filed, via iCourt, and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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*/s/ Anne Henderson Haws*

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## Results for: body("fetal viability")

### News

1. [Boise State survey shows majority of Idaho residents at odds with current abortion laws](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Jan 17, 2025 | 691 words | Nicole Blanchard

... allowed in the first six weeks, the first trimester, or through **fetal viability**," the survey report said. Analyzing the responses from that approach showed that a majority of Idaho residents -- 55% -- think the state should allow abortion through the first trimester. More than one-third -- 38% -- said they believe abortion should be accessible to the point of **fetal viability**. The question about exceptions to Idaho 's current abortion law also showed respondents favor regulations that are less strict...

2. [More Idahoans than not think state is on the 'wrong track,' want less strict abortion laws](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Jan 19, 2024 | 480 words | Ian Max Stevenson

... said they support Idaho 's bans as they are, 58% think the laws should be changed. Twenty-four percent think the exceptions should be expanded to allow exceptions for the health of a mother, or when a pregnancy is not viable. Fourteen percent think abortion should be allowed until **fetal viability**, at 22 to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and 19% think there should be no restrictions on abortion access....

3. [Update: Idaho may get to choose whether to protect abortion. 4 options floated for initiative](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Aug 15, 2024 | 1476 words | Nicole Blanchard

... ? Folwell said the group spent the last year drafting the petitions it submitted to the secretary of state. Three of them are similar and would create a "Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act" in Idaho law. The initiative would protect wide-sweeping reproductive rights that include pregnancy, contraception, infertility treatments, abortion and miscarriage care. The three petitions propose different limits on gestational cutoffs for abortion care: 20 weeks, 24 weeks or before "**fetal viability**." The fourth...

4. [Idahoans keep saying their representatives don't represent them. It's getting worse | Opinion](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Jan 23, 2024 | 706 words | Bryan Clark

... point of **fetal viability**, according to the survey. Only about a third of Idahoans support Idaho 's current policy, while about 58% of Idahoans want more exceptions to the ban. But no bill that reflects that preference has any hope of passing the Idaho Legislature as currently constituted. It wouldn't even get a

hearing. Idahoans are also deeply concerned about the pace of growth and about the lack of affordable housing. Nearly twice as many people said the workforce and affordable housing should be...

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5. [Idaho abortion cases came before state Supreme Court Wednesday. Here's what happened](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Aug 03, 2022 | 1049 words | Nicole Blanchard

... the cases. Typically those procedures fall to lower courts. The justices said questions about medical definitions, procedures and standards of care could be key in debating Idaho 's laws. "Don't those things cry out for medical testimony?" Moeller said in reference to arguments on **fetal viability** and heartbeats. Look to Dobbs decision, deputy attorney general urges Deputy Attorney General Megan Larrondo asked the court to allow the state abortion ban to take effect and lift an existing stay on the...

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6. [Idaho has spent millions defending controversial laws -- and more are in the pipeline](#)

The Idaho Statesman (Boise) | Apr 18, 2021 | 1860 words | Hayat Norimine

... earlier than when many women find out they're pregnant, and effectively ban most abortions. Blaine Conzatti, head of the Family Policy Alliance of Idaho, who crafted the bill, said it would help set up the question of when to define **fetal "viability."** Roe v. Wade in 1973 ruled that the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's right to an abortion before a fetus is viable. After the first trimester, a state could "regulate" abortions, the court ruled. The heartbeat bill in Idaho only takes effect if a...





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### Idaho group files four initiative proposals to restore abortion access to state

The Coeur d'Alene Press (Idaho) | Aug 15, 2024 | 575 words | Kelcie MoseleyMorris | NEWS

Body

... Three of the proposed policies that were submitted include the establishment of a fundamental right to contraception and fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization, to make decisions about pregnancy and childbirth, and legalizing abortion with differing limits, including: \* Before fetal viability, as well as preserving the right to abortion after viability in medical emergencies. \* Before 20 weeks and in cases to protect the life and health of the pregnant patient. \* Before 24 weeks. ... [View excerpt](#)

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### Idaho will ban most abortions after US Supreme Court ruling

The Coeur d'Alene Press (Idaho) | Jun 25, 2022 | 1065 words | KAYE THORNBRUGH | NEWS

Body

... It will negate Idaho 's current law allowing most abortions up to fetal viability, around 24 weeks. Gov. Brad Little, who signed the trigger law, said the ruling means Idahoans must "confront" the growing needs of those who will be unable to end their pregnancies in Idaho ... [View excerpt](#)

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### States move to protect abortion from prosecutions elsewhere

The Coeur d'Alene Press (Idaho) | Jul 06, 2022 | 1198 words | REGIONAL NEWS

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... Abortions are legal in North Carolina until [fetal viability](#) or in certain medical emergencies, making the state an outlier in the Southeast. "This order will help

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## In abortion fight, conservatives push to end all exceptions

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The Coeur d'Alene Press (Idaho) | May 06, 2022 | 1417 words | NEWS

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... That's because Idaho is one of at least 22 states with laws banning abortion at the 15th week or earlier, many of them lacking exceptions for [fetal viability](#), rape or incest, or even the health of the woman. Several of those bans would take effect if the U.S. Supreme Court issues a ruling overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, as a leaked draft of the opinion suggests. ... [View excerpt](#)

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### News

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1. [Reproductive freedom in Idaho is two years away](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Aug 18, 2024 | 857 words

... (iduwf.org/policies) unveiled four prototype initiatives, launching the process that would begin with petition gathering and then ultimately place a measure on the Nov. 3, 2026, election ballot. Among the concepts: Recognizing rights to contraception and fertility treatments such as in vitro fertilization. Restoring the rights of medical doctors to practice medicine when a crisis pregnancy jeopardizes a woman's health. Allowing women to make their own health care decisions prior to **fetal viability**...

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2. [Fact check: Some peculiar utterances](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Sep 12, 2024 | 1255 words | KFF Health News and PolitiFact

... judged false by PolitiFact and other fact-checking organizations that Democrats support abortions up to the moment of birth and the "execution" of babies after birth. ABC's Davis flagged Trump's statement, saying that willfully terminating a newborn's life is illegal in every state. In addition, the majority of Democrats support abortion access up to **fetal viability**, when the fetus is able to survive outside the womb, typically around 24 weeks of pregnancy. Harris brought up Project 2025, a policy...

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3. [Group files initiative proposals to restore abortion access Idahoans United for Women launched in mid-April with goal of qualifying ballot initiative for 2026 midterm election](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Aug 16, 2024 | 1381 words | Kelcie Idaho Capital Sun

... with differing limits, including: Before **fetal viability**, as well as preserving the right to abortion after viability in medical emergencies. Before 20 weeks and in cases to protect the life and health of the pregnant patient. Before 24 weeks. The fourth proposal does not include the rights to contraception and fertility treatments, and only establishes exceptions to the existing abortion policy, legalizing abortion in cases to protect the life and health of the pregnant patient, in a medical...

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4. [Some Idahoans think state is heading on the 'wrong track' Public survey reveled 58% of residents that took the survey are in favor of less strict abortion laws](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Jan 20, 2024 | 482 words | Ian Max Stevenson The Idaho Statesman

... said they support Idaho's bans as they are, 58% think the laws should be changed. Twenty-four percent think the exceptions should be expanded to allow exceptions for the health of a mother, or when a

pregnancy is not viable. Fourteen percent think abortion should be allowed until **fetal viability**, at 22 to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and 19% think there should be no restrictions on abortion access....

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5. [AG looks to aid emergency doctors Ferguson , others urge Supreme Court to preserve autonomy in abortion decisions](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Apr 02, 2024 | 886 words | Gloria Rebecca Gomez Arizona Mirror

... precisely the sort of harms that Congress designed and enacted EMTALA to avoid," wrote the attorneys general. 'Unnecessary health risks In Washington, abortions have been legal since 1970. Laws enacted in recent years aimed to make the state a haven for those seeking abortions since the Supreme Court 's Dobbs decision in 2022 overturning federal protections. Under Washington law, a pregnancy may be terminated up to the point of **fetal viability** as determined by a provider or to protect the life or...

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6. [Idaho is accelerating down the wrong track](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Jan 28, 2024 | 868 words

... Attorney General Raul Labrador to decide when a woman's health or a nonviable fetus justifies an abortion. Another 14.4% would allow abortions until the point of **fetal viability**, about 22 to 24 weeks. And 19.2% would leave the decision entirely to the woman, her family and her doctors. When asked, 69.2% trust their public librarians. But Republican legislators don't. For three years now, they have waged war on librarians threatening them with jail and fines with the result that many librarians are...

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7. [Abortion rights bill comes up short in Senate Failed with 49-51 vote](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | May 12, 2022 | 938 words | Jennifer Haberkorn Los Angeles Times

... abortion rights, supported Wednesday's procedural vote on the bill and said he would vote for final passage, if given the chance. Casey voted as recently as 2018 in support of advancing a bill that would ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy, along with other votes in support of antiabortion policy. His political career built on the legacy of his father, the antiabortion legislator named in the 1992 Planned Parenthood vs. Casey case in which the court reaffirmed abortion rights through **fetal viability**...

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8. [Life and death is not up for a vote](#)

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Idaho) | Oct 02, 2015 | 841 words | Chris Carlson

... **fetal viability** - but justified under her right to personal privacy. This is summarized by the phrase "right to choose." The insidious genius on the other end-of-life spectrum is that the proponents of physician-assisted suicide have largely succeeded in capturing the choice issue for their so-called death with dignity movement. Along the way they dropped the name Hemlock Society and adopted the name "Compassion and Choices." Recently, the California Assembly passed in a special session a law...



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### News

#### 1. [Guest opinion: Abortion should stay legal and safe and become rare](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Jun 15, 2019 | 191 words

...Abortion has been legal since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade that “unduly restrictive state regulation (of abortion) is unconstitutional.” This ruling was based on the right to privacy, i.e. “right to be left alone,” when a fetus is not viable. The court defined viable as “capability of meaningful life outside the womb.” The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology 2017 “Obstetric Care Consensus on Perivable Birth” is clear that no survival is expected in an under 20 weeks fetus because no obstetrical intervention is recommended for those fetuses if their mothers go into labor....

... State legislatures are ignoring both a Supreme Court ruling and expert opinion about viability when they ban abortion at 6 weeks. They are also ignoring that many women, especially those under 30, do not realize they are pregnant just two weeks after a missed period, which is a 6 weeks gestation. This lack of early pregnancy diagnosis is supported by data from 2015 which show that just 34.2% of abortions occur at 6weeks or less, while 57.3% occur between weeks 7 and 13 weeks. The overwhelming majority of abortions,91.5%, occur at 13 weeks or less...

#### 2. [House passes latest version of ‘fetal heartbeat’ anti-abortion bill, 53-16](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Apr 16, 2021 | 941 words

... After a long and impassioned debate, the House today has passed HB 366, the latest version of the "fetal heartbeat" anti-abortion bill, which seeks to ban abortions as soon as a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Similar legislation has been passed in 12 other states, but none has been upheld. "We want to save baby lives," sponsor Rep. Steven Harris, R-Meridian, told the House. "When does life begin? It begins at conception," he said...

#### 3. [Idaho House passes bills on free speech, abortion](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Apr 16, 2021 | 1514 words

... BOISE — The Idaho House on Friday passed bills on campus free speech, abortion and more, but made no firm steps forward in its deadlock over education funding bills caught up in a dispute about “social justice indoctrination.” The House Ways & Means Committee met Friday morning, and discussed a proposed bill from Rep. Greg Chaney, R-Caldwell, on “Ideological Freedom, Education.” The measure was designed to allay fears from some House Republicans, urged on by the Idaho Freedom Foundation, that Idaho’s public schools and colleges are attempting to indoctrinate students with leftist political ideologies, particularly around race and “social justice.”....

#### 4. [Many ‘pro-life’ activists want exceptions for life of the mother, countering Idaho GOP platform](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Jul 31, 2022 | 1749 words



... Earlier in July, the Idaho Republican Party proposed adding language to its platform to show support for life-of-the-mother abortion exceptions. Delegates rejected the language in a vote, and the Republican Party Platform, a guiding document for elected officials, will show support for a complete ban on abortions....

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5. [Idaho group files four initiative proposals to restore abortion access to state with ban](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Aug 15, 2024 | 1300 words

... The organizers of an Idaho ballot initiative to restore access to abortion and protect all other types of reproductive care have filed four proposals with the offices of state attorney general and secretary of state — the first hurdle the initiative needs to clear before gathering signatures....

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6. [Missouri lawmakers are going after voter-approved abortion rights. Voters will likely reelect them](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Jan 18, 2025 | 918 words |

... JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Voters in Missouri last election approved a constitutional amendment that promised to undo the state's near-total abortion ban. The same day, they reelected a Republican supermajority to the state Legislature, including several of the same lawmakers who passed the abortion ban in 2019....

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7. [Survey: More Idahoans think the state is on the right track. But disagree on some policy ideas.](#)

Idaho Press (Nampa) | Jan 27, 2025 | 898 words |

... For the first time in six years, more Idahoans — nearly half — believe the state is on track, according to the annual Boise State University Idaho Public Policy Survey. And hope for Idaho's economic conditions to improve also rose, up to almost 44% this year....

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1. [Idaho will ban most abortions after US Supreme Court ruling](#)

Bonner County Daily Bee (Idaho) | Jun 25, 2022 | NEWS | 1065 | KAYE THORNBRUGH

... COEUR d'ALENE The U.S. Supreme Court 's 6-3 vote to overturn Roe v. Wade will trigger a 2020 Idaho law criminalizing all abortions, except in cases of reported rape or incest or to save the mother's life. The law takes effect 30 days after the court's decision, which is expected soon. It will negate Idaho 's current law allowing most abortions up to **fetal viability**, around 24 weeks. Gov. Brad Little, who signed the trigger law, said the ruling means Idahoans must "confront" the growing needs of...

... of the state's border with Idaho . Washington Gov. Jay Inslee noted Friday that his state's law which allows abortion up to the point of **fetal viability** is unchanged. " Washington state remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting the ability and right of every patient who comes to our state in need of abortion care and we will fight like hell to restore that right to patients all across the country," Inslee said in a news release. The Idaho Academy of Family Physicians said Friday that...



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### News

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1. [Justice finally achieved -- no thanks to state of Idaho](#)

Idaho State Journal | Jun 21, 2015 | 867 words

... choose to abort a fetus. PCUCP (18-505 ) also violates the standard of **fetal viability**, which is usually estimated to be 24 weeks. The law requiring hospitalization for second trimester abortions (18-608 (2)) has twice been struck down by the U.S. Supreme...

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2. [Justice finally achieved -- no thanks to state of Idaho](#)

Idaho State Journal | Jun 21, 2015 | 868 words

... 's right to choose to abort a fetus. PCUCP (18-505 ) also violates the standard of **fetal viability**, which is usually estimated to be 24 weeks. The law requiring hospitalization for second trimester abortions (18-608 (2)) has twice been struck down by...

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3. [Two men on two coasts, one tough issue](#)

Idaho State Journal | Sep 29, 2015 | 861 words

... , hopefully before **fetal viability**, but justified under her right to personal privacy. This is summarized by the phrase "right to choose." The insidious genius on the other end of the life spectrum is that the proponents of physician-assisted suicide have...

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4. [Two men on two coasts, one tough issue](#)

Idaho State Journal | Sep 29, 2015 | 862 words

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## News

1. [Survey: More Idahoans think the state is on the right track. But disagree on some policy ideas.](#)

The Times-News (Twin Falls, Idaho) | Jan 20, 2025 | GOVERNMENT POLITICS | 882 | KYLE PFANNENSTIEL Idaho Capital Sun

... , compared to 36% of Independents and 12% of Democrats who supported it. That is likely to be one of the most contentious policy debates in the Legislature this year. Most 55% of Idahoans say they favor allowing abortions through at least the first trimester of pregnancy, while 38% say they believe abortion should be allowed through **fetal viability**. Here's Idahoans' top priorities for the Idaho Legislature to address: Education remains Idahoans top priority for the Idaho...

2. [Abortion-rights effort gets chance at appeal](#)

The Times-News (Twin Falls, Idaho) | Sep 08, 2024 | NEWS | 156 | Staff Writer

... will consider constitutional amendments enshrining abortion rights this fall: Arizona , Colorado , Florida , Maryland , Montana , Nebraska , Nevada and South Dakota . Most would guarantee a right to abortion until **fetal viability** and allow it later for the health of the pregnant woman, which is what the Missouri proposal would do. New York also has a ballot measure that proponents say would protect abortion rights, though its impact is disputed....



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... part of the conservative ascendancy. In 2022, he wrote the opinion overruling Roe v. Wade, which in 1973 had recognized women's right to abortion before **fetal viability**. People who know Alito say he is in good health, enjoys his work and has more to...

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... six weeks of pregnancy was too short, and suggested he would vote for a ballot initiative that would allow abortion until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy. His campaign walked back the comments, and Trump a day later said...

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4. [U.S. News: Trump Will Oppose Abortion Rights Vote](#)

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... access through **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy, effectively invalidating the six-week ban. Some antiabortion leaders argue that it may be difficult to motivate religious conservative voters who care deeply about abortion in...

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... in higher rates of infection for both mother and child. Induction or augmentation of labor for midtrimester PPROM, regardless of **fetal viability**, may result in better maternal outcomes. The intent when managing PPROM is to balance the needs of mother...

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6. [Why Trump Is the Abortion Moderate](#)

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... about his role in ending Roe v. Wade, which protected abortion access through **fetal viability**, or about six months into pregnancy (23 or 24 weeks). Yet he also has repeatedly criticized Florida's law restricting abortions at six weeks. "Six weeks is too...

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7. [U.S. News: Melania Trump Backs Access to Abortion --- 'Individual freedom is a fundamental principle that I safeguard,' she says](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 04, 2024 | 515 words | By Joseph De Avila

... the states to decide. Trump, a Florida resident, said in September that the state's current ban on the procedure after six weeks of pregnancy was too restrictive and suggested he would support a ballot initiative allowing abortion until **fetal viability**...

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8. [U.S. News: Voters Are Poised to Reshape States' Abortion Access](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 04, 2024 | 802 words | By Laura Kusisto and Jennifer Calfas

... amendment would cement those rights. Some 17 states now ban abortion after the earliest weeks of pregnancy. Most of the ballot measures would restore access through **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy -- although opponents argue...

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9. [U.S. News: Trump Gives Mixed Signals on Florida Abortion Measure](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Aug 30, 2024 | 528 words | By Laura Kusisto and Alex Leary

... abortion ban in Florida is too restrictive and doesn't give women enough time to access the procedure. A measure on the ballot in November in his adopted home state would protect abortion access through **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical...

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10. [The Battle for Red Nebraska's 'Blue Dot'](#)

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... against it. Two competing abortion measures will be on the ballot next week: Initiative 439 would establish a right to abortion until **fetal viability**, while Initiative 434 would prohibit abortions after the first trimester (with exceptions for rape, incest...

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11. [U.S. News: How Candidates' Stances Have Changed Over Time](#)

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... allowing the procedure until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through most pregnancies. He later said he wouldn't support the ballot measure. In October, he said he would veto a national abortion ban. SALT Cap While president, Trump passed a tax bill that...

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12. [Abortion Ban, Ballot Initiative Put Florida In Spotlight](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Apr 02, 2024 | 846 words | By Laura Kusisto

... access in the state through **fetal viability**, or more than halfway through a typical pregnancy. If passed, the measure would effectively restore to Floridians protections that were afforded to women nationwide under the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which the...  
... justices ruled that the meaning of the abortion ballot measure, which protects a right to the procedure until **fetal viability**, was sufficiently clear. The measure allows healthcare providers to determine whether a fetus is considered viable, which falls...

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13. [U.S. News: Some GOP Groups Favor Abortion Rights](#)

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... procedure after six weeks of pregnancy was too short, and suggested he would vote for the initiative, which would allow abortion until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy. His campaign walked back the comments, and Trump a day later...

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14. [U.S. News: Abortion Rights Get Fresh Cash Infusion --- Karlie Kloss, Phoebe Gates are among young advocates donating millions](#)

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... initiatives in Florida and Missouri that would add a right to abortion until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy, to those states' constitutions. "What's going to happen in November is a very important front line on so many state...

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15. [U.S. News: Arizona House Advances Repeal of 160-Year-Old Ban](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Apr 25, 2024 | 535 words | By Eliza Collins And Christine Mai-Duc

... records in other circumstances. Regardless of what ends up happening with the ban, Arizona voters are expected to consider a ballot measure in November that would expand access to abortion until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy...

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16. [How Antiabortion Movement Lost Its Candidate --- It rode high after Roe was overturned but now faces losses in state ballots as Trump and GOP see it as a liability](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 02, 2024 | 2036 words | By Laura Kusisto

... antiabortion movement's troubles on ballot initiatives have reached even deep-red Missouri , which has a ban on abortion with only limited exceptions for medical emergencies. The ballot measure would constitutionally protect abortion through **fetal viability**, or...

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17. [U.S. News: Men Step Up, Join Battle for Abortion Rights --- Pro-choice women get help in Florida , where the issue is on November ballot](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 01, 2024 | 891 words | By Scott Calvert

... until **fetal viability** -- around 23 weeks -- or when medically necessary. Before the six-week ban took effect in May, Florida law barred most abortions after 15 weeks. Bocian said while voters typically list abortion as a midtier concern, a March Journal...

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18. [Draft Ruling Suggests High Court to Allow Emergency Abortions](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 27, 2024 | 1072 words | By Jess Bravin and Laura Kusisto

... end unwanted pregnancies before **fetal viability**, which it recognized in 1973. That decision, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, also was disclosed prematurely. Earlier in June, the court unanimously rejected a suit filed by antiabortion...

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19. [U.S. News: Florida 's Six-Week Curb Begins, Following Georgia 's](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 02, 2024 | 806 words | By Laura Kusisto

... detected. For Georgia , the limits have reduced abortions by about half, compared with activity before the ban. Before the Supreme Court withdrew the federal constitutional right to an abortion, women had a right to choose the procedure until **fetal...**

... **viability**, or around 23 weeks of pregnancy. While very few abortions happened that late, the six-week deadline comes soon after many pregnant women miss their first period. Florida 's Republican-led legislature passed the six-week abortion ban a year ago...

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20. [U.S. News: Republicans Uphold Arizona Abortion Ban --- Two tries to repeal 160-year-old law in state House fail as GOP feels pressure](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Apr 18, 2024 | 870 words | By Eliza Collins

... of Roe v. Wade. Abortion-rights groups have been gathering signatures to put a measure on the ballot in November that would expand access to abortion until **fetal viability**, or about halfway through a typical pregnancy. The coalition of groups has said...

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21. [U.S. News: Ohio Votes Yes on Access To Abortion --- Ballot measure was latest test of where voters stand on reproductive rights](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 08, 2023 | 521 words | By Kris Maher and Jon Kamp

... protections in a solidly Republican-leaning state. The measure establishes a state constitutional right to make one's own reproductive decisions, including about abortion. It allows the state to ban abortion after **fetal viability**, typically around 22 to 24...

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22. [Arizona 's Top Court Revives Ban on Abortion --- Ruling that 1864 law overrides recent one boosts stakes in key presidential state](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Apr 10, 2024 | 1005 words | By Laura Kusisto, Eliza Collins and Catherine Lucey

... continuing to do so if the ban takes effect. The measure that could be on Arizona 's ballot in November would allow abortion access through **fetal viability**, or more than halfway through a typical pregnancy. Abortion-rights groups already have collected more...

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23. [U.S. News: Funding of Pregnancy Resource Centers Is Latest Abortion Battleground](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jan 02, 2024 | 727 words | By Stephanie Armour

... save taxpayers many millions of dollars. A Woman's Concern, a pregnancy resource center in Lancaster, Pa. , has nurses and a fetal medicine doctor. Executive Director Jill Hartman said they provide a free ultrasound to confirm **fetal viability** and...

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24. [Probe Zeroes In on Suspects In Supreme Court Opinion Leak](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jan 14, 2023 | 734 words | By Jess Bravin and Sadie Gurman

... right, which women had held since the 1973 Roe decision, to end unwanted pregnancies before **fetal viability**. Following the leak, the court issued a statement asserting that the draft opinion, which bore a February date, did "not represent a decision by...

... conservatives joined him in the majority, while three liberal justices dissented. Chief Justice Roberts filed a concurring opinion agreeing that states should be permitted to restrict abortions prior to **fetal viability**, but arguing it was unnecessary in the...

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25. [Skeptical Justices Question Abortion Pill Curbs --- Court expresses doubt that doctors who brought case have right to sue](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Mar 27, 2024 | 1219 words | By Jess Bravin and Jan Wolfe

... the Supreme Court after it overruled Roe two years ago, rescinding women's constitutional right to end unwanted pregnancies before **fetal viability** the justices had recognized in 1973. While the 2022 decision made abortion regulation largely a matter of...

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26. [U.S. News: Abortion Battleground Shifts To Arizona Supreme Court](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Dec 11, 2023 | 785 words | By Eliza Collins and Laura Kusisto

... **fetal viability** and potentially open the door for abortions even later than that if a mother's life or health is in danger. Their campaign is called "It Goes Too Far." "Just because someone says they are pro-choice that does not mean that they want [no...

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27. [U.S. News: House Passes Measure On Abortion Rights](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 25, 2021 | 383 words | By Eliza Collins

... WASHINGTON -- The House passed legislation on Friday that would ban abortion restrictions before **fetal viability**, a response by Democrats to a recently enacted Texas law that bans the procedure after about six weeks of pregnancy. The Women's Health...

... Protection Act would stop states from enacting restrictions on abortion before **fetal viability**. It would also halt requirements for tests or procedures, such as ultrasounds, that are deemed medically unnecessary before abortions. Doctors generally consider...

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28. [Ohio Is Another GOP Abortion Warning](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Aug 10, 2023 | 578 words

... now can pass with a simple majority. "Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," the amendment says. If approved, the state couldn't unduly "burden" this right. "Abortion may be prohibited after **fetal**...

... **viability**," except if a physician believes it's necessary "to protect the pregnant patient's life or health." That would be an abortion right more extreme than what prevailed under Roe v. Wade. Ohio has a law generally requiring parental consent for a minor...

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29. [U.S. News: Democrat Casey, in Shift, Backs Abortion-Access Bill](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 11, 2022 | 240 words | By Siobhan Hughes

... WASHINGTON -- Pennsylvania Sen. Bob Casey, a self-described pro-life Democrat, said that he would back his party's measure to affirm the right to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**, citing the new uncertainty surrounding abortion access as...

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30. [U.S. News: Ohio Rejects Change Backed by Abortion Foes](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Aug 09, 2023 | 688 words | By Kris Maher

... **fetal viability**, which typically occurs around 22 to 24 weeks. Abortions would be allowed after that cutoff if a healthcare provider determines the procedure is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. Supporters will need to gather 383,923...

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31. [Swing States: Arizona Booms, Yet Voters Are Glum --- Concerns about costs, immigration unsettle Biden's coalition from 2020](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 06, 2024 | 1928 words | By Eliza Collins

... , hoping that an expected ballot measure that would guarantee access to abortion until **fetal viability** -- about 23 weeks -- will turn out voters in November who will also support Biden and other Democrats. Biden won Arizona in 2020 by just over 10,000 votes...

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32. [Schumer's Radical Abortion Bill](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 10, 2022 | 743 words

... time prior to **fetal viability**," about 23 weeks. Women seeking such services could not be asked to "disclose the patient's reason." Some states have tried to prohibit sex-selective abortion, the practice usually of terminating a girl merely because a boy...

... is desired. The WHPA appears to protect that choice. After **fetal viability**, the WHPA would assure a right to an abortion whenever the physician's "good-faith medical judgment" is that "the pregnancy would pose a risk to the pregnant patient's life or...

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33. [Democracy Vindicates Alito on Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 24, 2023 | 694 words

... Parenthood v. Casey, stopped states from restricting abortions before **fetal viability**, about 23 or 24 weeks, which is almost the third trimester. This isn't the patriarchy talking. Among women, 52% oppose legal abortion in the second three months, while 40...

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34. [Biden's Top 2023 Priority: Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 19, 2022 | 393 words

... year. That bill is more permissive than the Roe v. Wade regime the Supreme Court struck down in late June. The Democratic bill allows abortion on demand through what it calls "**fetal viability**," or about 23 weeks. After that an abortion would still be...

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35. [U.S. News: Abortion-Rights Bill Fails in Senate --- Women's Health Protection Act falls short of 60 votes needed to advance](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 12, 2022 | 811 words | By Siobhan Hughes and Eliza Collins

... day earlier, Sen. Bob Casey (D., Pa. ), a self-described pro-life Democrat, said he would back his party's measure to affirm the right to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**. That marked a shift in his position and left Mr. Manchin as the only...

... pregnancy before **fetal viability**, and allowing states to impose restrictions after the fetus is viable unless ending the pregnancy is necessary to protect a woman's life. That approach is designed to lock in the status quo because the "undue burden" standard...

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36. [U.S. News: Arizona Asks Supreme Court To Restore Its Abortion Law](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Dec 15, 2021 | 363 words | By Jess Bravin

... abortion cases reaching the Supreme Court , where a recently expanded conservative majority has expressed deep skepticism of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision recognizing women's right to end unwanted pregnancies before **fetal viability**. In 2011, Arizona...

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37. [U.S. News: Court Asked To Allow Suit On Texas Law --- Abortion clinics in the state want the Supreme Court to help their case proceed](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jan 04, 2022 | 340 words | By Jess Bravin

... providers argued that a federal appeals court overseeing the case is obstructing their challenge with superfluous proceedings. The Texas law, known as SB 8, violates existing Supreme Court precedent that allows women to end pregnancies before **fetal viability**...

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38. [U.S. News: High Court to Hear Mississippi Case](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 21, 2021 | 342 words | By Jess Bravin

... unconstitutional because it directly conflicts with Casey," which prohibits officials from imposing undue burdens on women who wish to end pregnancies before **fetal viability**, the New Orleans-based Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in December 2019...

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39. [U.S. News: Graham Defends His Bill on Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 19, 2022 | 534 words | By Alex Leary

... . Mr. Graham, who had previously said the matter should be left to the states, said his bill was needed as a response to legislation passed earlier this year by House Democrats that would ensure a right to an abortion through **fetal viability**, or around...

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40. [U.S. News: Pelosi Plans Vote On Abortion Rights](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 03, 2021 | 338 words | By Eliza Collins and Aaron Zitner

... Protection Act backed by Mrs. Pelosi would ban abortion restrictions before **fetal viability**. The legislation could pass the Democratic-controlled House with a simple majority, if the party remains united. But its path in the Senate is more difficult, where a...

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41. [U.S. News: Weighty Docket Awaits High Court As Term Begins](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 03, 2022 | 635 words | By Jess Bravin and Jan Wolfe

... , polls show, particularly among Democrats distressed by decisions such as Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the landmark opinion last June overruling Roe v. Wade and eliminating women's constitutional right to abortions before **fetal viability**...

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42. [How Abortion Could Upend Michigan](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Aug 31, 2022 | 564 words

... . Have Republicans devised a better strategy since this month's blowout referendum in Kansas ? Michigan 's proposed constitutional amendment would create a right to "reproductive freedom," including abortion access through **fetal viability**, which is...

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43. [U.S. News: Abortion Pill Stays on Market for Now](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Apr 15, 2023 | 923 words | By Jess Bravin and Laura Kusisto

... overturning Roe v. Wade, which set out women's constitutional right to end pregnancy before **fetal viability**, the court said it was ending a 49-year effort to impose a nationwide settlement on a divisive question of public policy and personal morality. "We do...

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44. [U.S. News: Hearing Is Set for Bid To Block Abortion Law](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 16, 2021 | 382 words | By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

... in effect for at least another two weeks, even though its substance conflicts with current Supreme Court precedents, which limit restrictions of abortion prior to **fetal viability**. SB 8 employs an unusual procedural mechanism devised to frustrate court...

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45. [Abortion, Persuasion and the Middle Ground](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 02, 2022 | 538 words

... explored that freedom, my friends and I never confused abortion with birth control. We recognized an overriding priority to control our reproductive capability through responsible contraception, not termination. Abortion, although legal until **fetal**...

... **viability**, remained the most desperate of last resorts because intentionally aborting our fetus felt like murdering our baby -- tragic, traumatic, life-changing and a somber choice grieved regardless of rationale. Five decades later, I still feel abortion...

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46. [U.S. News: Democrats Weigh New Legislation To Counter Ruling](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 29, 2022 | 546 words | By Siobhan Hughes

... access. Democrats have tried twice this session to pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which would establish a nationwide right to abortion before **fetal viability**, usually around 23 to 24 weeks. But versions of the bill drew too little support to...

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47. [Democracy Is the Issue in the Mississippi Abortion Case](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 20, 2021 | 932 words | By Clarke D. Forsythe

... have two interests in limiting abortions -- in prenatal lives and maternal health -- which are "not strong enough" before **fetal viability** to justify a broad limitation. Mississippi is challenging those factual assumptions by pointing to evolving...

... performed in the second trimester were significantly more likely to die of abortion-related causes." Many Americans might be surprised to know that since Roe in 1973, the Supreme Court hasn't addressed an actual abortion prohibition that applied before **fetal**...

... **viability**. (The Congressional ban on partial-birth abortion, which the Court upheld in 2007, prohibited one very narrowly defined abortion procedure.) Many scholars on both sides of the abortion issue agree that the high court has never given an adequate...

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48. [U.S. News: U.S. Watch](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Mar 01, 2022 | 544 words

... bar restrictions on abortions before **fetal viability** or when a health provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's health. All Republicans and Sen. Joe Manchin (D., W.Va. ) voted against the bill in the 50-50 Senate, with 46 Democrats voting...

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49. [U.S. News: Appeals Ruling Keeps Texas Abortion Law in Place](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jan 19, 2022 | 532 words | By Jacob Gershman

... . Wade -- the 1973 precedent that recognizes women's constitutional right to end unwanted pregnancies before **fetal viability** -- in a separate case involving Mississippi 's ban on abortions after 15 weeks. "The unresolved questions of state law must be...

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50. [U.S. Weighs Suit Over Texas Abortion Law](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 09, 2021 | 466 words | By Sadie Gurman

... asked the Justice Department to explore ways to challenge it. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D., Calif. ) said the chamber would vote later this month on legislation that aims to protect abortion rights by banning restrictions before **fetal viability**...

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51. [U.S. News: Mississippi Loses Water Dispute](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 23, 2021 | 518 words | By Jess Bravin

... , principally by contending that Roe v. Wade and other cases recognizing a woman's right to end a pregnancy before **fetal viability** should be overruled. In that case, Tennessee is supporting Mississippi's position. The Middle Claiborne Aquifer, discovered in...

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52. [Roe v. Wade Overturned: Ruling Fuels Passions of Both Parties](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 25, 2022 | 689 words | By Siobhan Hughes and Alex Leary

... Democrat to vote against a bill last month providing a federal guarantee to an abortion before **fetal viability**. He was the only Democrat to vote for confirming Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh . He has opposed adding new seats to the Supreme Court in order...

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53. [EXCHANGE --- Business News: Corporate News Briefs](#)

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... **fetal viability**." Walmart said it would defer to the woman's doctor in determining whether those conditions are met. Previously, Walmart's health plan said the company would cover the procedure "when the health of the mother would be in danger if the...

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54. [The Contradictions of Abortion Polling](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 10, 2022 | 662 words

... . The Roe line of precedent enshrines a fundamental right to abortion until **fetal viability**, about 23 or 24 weeks. That's almost the third trimester. In practice under Roe, however, abortion is legal right up to the day before birth and for any reason if...

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55. [Cross Country: Michigan Republicans Show How to Lose on Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 29, 2022 | 973 words | By Nicholas Tomaino

... trimester -- yet 58% opposed overturning Roe v. Wade, which required it to be available on demand. Although Proposal 3 would allow the state to regulate abortion after **fetal viability**, it also says it shall be available when "an attending health care...

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56. [U.S. News: Abortion-Access Bills Pass House But Face High Hurdles in Senate](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 16, 2022 | 821 words | By Eliza Collins

... heading into the midterm elections. The Democrat-led House voted 219 to 210, with one Democrat, Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas , joining all Republicans in opposition, on a bill to stop states from enacting restrictions on abortion before **fetal viability**...

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57. [U.S. News: Roe v. Wades Fate Stirs Clash in Congress](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 09, 2022 | 725 words | By Siobhan Hughes

... over guaranteeing access to abortion before **fetal viability**, including whether to allow exceptions for rape or incest, has put a new weight on Congress as it is trying to appropriate more money for Ukraine and work out differences over pandemic-related...

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58. [U.S. News: Newsom Falls Short in Progressive Eyes](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 04, 2022 | 989 words | By Christine Mai-Duc

... being written, however, his staff pushed legislators to limit the amendment to specifically exclude abortions past the point of **fetal viability**, people familiar with the talks said. Antiabortion advocates have frequently criticized terminations of...

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59. [High Court To Review Limits on Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 18, 2021 | 1227 words | By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

... to build a Supreme Court with enough conservative justices to narrow, if not abandon, precedents dating to the landmark 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade that established a woman's constitutional right to choose abortion before **fetal viability**. Democrats...

... court in a bid to save the law, which isn't in effect because of the lower-court rulings. Mississippi 's law would allow abortions after 15 weeks only in cases of medical emergency or severe fetal abnormality. The state argues that **fetal viability**...

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60. [U.S. News: High Court Blocks Torture Evidence](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Mar 04, 2022 | 770 words | By Jess Bravin

... current Supreme Court precedent protecting women's rights to end pregnancies before **fetal viability**. After a 2020 ruling from the federal circuit court in Cincinnati, the Democratic administration of Gov. Andy Beshear declined to pursue further appeals...

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61. [U.S. News: Justices Let Texas Abortion Ban Continue --- Order leaves challenge to law in limbo while state high court weighs procedural issues](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jan 21, 2022 | 673 words | By Jess Bravin

... Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan . The Texas law, known as SB 8, bans nearly all abortions after about the sixth week of pregnancy, a restriction at odds with current Supreme Court precedent allowing women to obtain abortions prior to **fetal viability**, which...

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62. [U.S. News: Hot-Button Issues Fill Supreme Court Docket](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 04, 2021 | 638 words | By Jess Bravin and Brent Kendall

... will argue to reinstate its law banning abortions after 15 weeks, which lower courts struck down under Supreme Court precedents that allow women to end pregnancies before **fetal viability**, or the ability to live outside the womb. Mississippi argues that...

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63. [U.S. News: Biden Leads Party Push to Block Abortion Restrictions](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 29, 2021 | 686 words | By Catherine Lucey

... before **fetal viability**. Mr. Biden's administration is challenging a Texas law that effectively bans abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. Mr. Biden, a practicing Catholic, described his position on abortion as "middle of the road" in the past. But he...

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64. [U.S. News: High Court May Allow Appeal of Kentucky Abortion Case](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Oct 13, 2021 | 690 words | By Jess Bravin

... suction and instruments to remove fetal material through the patient's dilated cervix. Those laws have been struck down by federal courts for violating Supreme Court precedents that protect women's right to end pregnancy before **fetal viability**. Kentucky 's...

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65. [U.S. News: Michigan Gears Up for Abortion Fight --- Democratic governor and GOP leaders get ready for a possible overturning of Roe](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 07, 2022 | 909 words | By Laura Kusisto

... the 1931 law. "The only reason we cannot fully enforce that is because of Roe v. Wade." Currently, abortions are relatively easy to obtain in Michigan up to about 24 weeks of pregnancy, the point of **fetal viability** -- reflecting the protection of the...

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66. [Has Roe v. Wade Met Its Match?](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 30, 2021 | 707 words | By David J. Garrow

... than ever. A Stanford Law School graduate who clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas , Mr. Stewart is most immediately targeting the court's 48-year reliance on **fetal viability** (approximately 24 weeks of pregnancy) as the decisive point prior to which...

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67. [U.S. News: Congress Returns With Time Running Short to Pass Bills](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 11, 2022 | 996 words | By Natalie Andrews and Richard Rubin

... Republicans are threatening to block. House Democrats also are set to roll out legislation responding to the Supreme Court ruling ending federal abortion protections. The push could include legislation to write into law the right to an abortion before **fetal**...

... **viability**, as well as a bill intended to block any state attempts to criminalize travel for the purpose of getting an abortion. The bills wouldn't have enough support to pass the Senate. The three-week work period may be the last chance lawmakers have for a...

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68. [U.S. News: Abortion Scrambles Voting Calculus --- For suburban women, Supreme Court ruling looms large but isn't their only consideration](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 02, 2022 | 1028 words | By Aaron Zitner in Washington, Scott Calvert in Folsom, Pa., and Daniella Cheslow in Woodbridge, Va.

... abortion access too severely, in her view, given that some state leaders believe there should be no exceptions for **fetal viability**. But she also says inflation and pocketbook issues are more important to her. "That's something I'm dealing with on a daily..."

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69. [U.S. News: Supreme Court Justices Question Abortion Law](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Nov 02, 2021 | 828 words | By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

... before **fetal viability**. Justice Samuel Alito, another member of the court's conservative wing, voiced resistance to the abortion providers' challenge. He suggested that traditional legal rules under the Texas Constitution already could effectively...

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70. [U.S. News: Parties Sort Strategies After Leak --- Draft Roe v. Wade opinion prompts push for legislation, alters calculus for midterms](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 05, 2022 | 1000 words | By Siobhan Hughes and Lindsay Wise

... a woman's life. The Collins-Murkowski measure would bar states from imposing "an undue burden" on a woman's ability to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**, potentially leaving some room for state restrictions. In their approach, they also...

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71. [Justice Alito 's Originalist Triumph](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 05, 2022 | 1104 words | By David J. Garrow

... history and traditions" -- allows him to assert that "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start." Then his opinion takes particular aim at Roe's core holding, that **fetal viability** -- the ability to survive outside the womb, currently at about the 23rd week...

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72. [U.S. News: DOJ Sues Texas Over Its Abortion Law --- Attorney general says the Constitution takes supremacy and tactic puts other rights at risk](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 10, 2021 | 899 words | By Sadie Gurman and Brent Kendall

... abortion providers and patients scrambling. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D., Calif. ) said the chamber would vote later this month on legislation to protect abortion rights by banning restrictions before **fetal viability**. The legislation is unlikely to pass...

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74. [U.S. News: Roberts Struggles to Guide High Court --- With five conservative justices to his right, chief no longer casts swing vote in big cases](#)

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... slated for argument in the coming months. At issue there is a state law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, far earlier than current precedent, which is before **fetal viability**, or about 24 weeks. Based on those precedents, a federal appeals...

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75. [Texas Abortion Law Is Opened To Suits --- Supreme Court gives clinics a narrow legal path, but restrictions remain in place for now](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Dec 11, 2021 | 1024 words | By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

... federal rights, "the Constitution itself becomes a solemn mockery," he wrote, quoting from an 1809 ruling. Under current high court precedent, women have a constitutional right to terminate their pregnancies before **fetal viability**, considered to be...

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76. [ROE V. WADE OVERTURNED --- Supreme Court ends constitutional right to abortion after nearly 50 years and allows states to ban the procedure](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jun 25, 2022 | 1361 words | By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

... support rescinding the right to an abortion altogether. "Both the Court's opinion and the dissent display a relentless freedom from doubt on the legal issue that I cannot share," the chief justice wrote. Allowing states to ban abortion before **fetal**...

... **viability** without deciding whether to overrule Roe was a more prudent and responsible course, he argued. The court's decision to overrule Roe and a 1992 case reaffirming abortion rights, Chief Justice Roberts wrote, "is a serious jolt to the legal system..."

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77. [U.S. News: Texas Law Offers A Glimpse Into Post-Roe World --- With abortions all but banned, women travel to end pregnancies or seek out other options](#)

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... give the court a direct opportunity to revisit Roe v. Wade and later rulings that established and maintained a woman's constitutional right to an abortion before **fetal viability**. Texas and several other states have passed laws that would outlaw nearly...

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The Wall Street Journal | Jun 25, 2022 | 2366 words | By Jess Bravin

... terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**, or the capacity to live outside the womb. The decision followed a line of cases that had steadily removed the government from regulation of family life and sexual practices. In the Roe opinion, Justice Harry...

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79. [U.S. News: U.S. Judge Blocks Mississippi Abortion Law](#)

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... right to the procedure before **fetal viability**. Mississippi is among a half-dozen states this year to enact strict prohibitions on abortion and the latest slapped with an injunction. Mississippi 's law is among the so-called heartbeat bills -- also...

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... exact language had yet to be drafted, but the governor wants to codify current protections that guarantee a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy prior to **fetal viability**, and throughout pregnancy when necessary to preserve the mother's life or health...

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81. [U.S. News: Louisiana Lawmakers Pass Curb on Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 30, 2019 | 373 words | By Arian Campo-Flores

... observers. Last week, U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves blocked Mississippi from enforcing a heartbeat law enacted earlier this year, saying it violated Supreme Court precedent establishing a woman's constitutional right to the procedure before **fetal**...

... **viability**. Louisiana 's law is scheduled to take effect only if the Mississippi measure is upheld by a federal appellate court. The heartbeat bills are part of growing efforts by abortion opponents to seek to challenge the legality of the procedure frontally...

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... representing Dr. Gosnell, said he was in the process of reviewing the allegations. "I would ask that there be no rush to judgment in this case," Mr. Brennan said. Though the time of **fetal viability** varies, 24 weeks is sometimes seen as a typical average under...

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83. [Letters to the Editor: My Views Distorted On `Viable' Abortion](#)

The Wall Street Journal | May 15, 2000 | 285 words

... laws that ban abortions after **fetal viability**. These laws stand unchallenged. They are, for the most part, constitutionally sound and morally defensible. Likewise, while I explicitly explained the differences between "live" and "viable," Ms. Merrick...

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85. [U.S. News: Measure Curbing Abortion Is Close to Passing in Texas](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Jul 13, 2013 | 568 words | By Nathan Koppel

... conditions. --- Legal Landscape Some of the ways abortion laws vary across the U.S. -- 41 states prohibit some abortions after a certain point in pregnancy. -- 22 states impose prohibitions at **fetal viability**. -- 4 states impose prohibitions in the third...

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The Wall Street Journal | Jun 06, 1997 | 1297 words | By Stephen C. Meyer and David K. DeWolf

... defined health exemption. There is little doubt that the Daschle bill is constitutional: In the 1992 case of Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the Supreme Court held that Roe's blanket protection of abortion ends at **fetal viability**. If Mr. Daschle's bill...

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The Wall Street Journal | Jun 30, 1992 | 1422 words | By Hilary Stout Staff Reporter of The Wall Street Journal

... hospitals from performing abortions and requires doctors to test for **fetal viability** before performing abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, is "relatively minor in impacting the number of abortions," says James Bopp Jr., general counsel of the National...

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88. [Split Decision: Supreme Court Curbs, But Won't Overrule, Right to Abortion - -- Three Conservative Justices Join Surprising Majority That Backs Roe vs. Wade --- Stakes Rise for Candidates](#)

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... which imposes an undue burden on the woman's decision before **fetal viability** could be constitutional," they wrote. "The answer is no." Justice Blackmun called the joint opinion "an act of personal courage and constitutional principle." He approvingly...

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89. [U.S. News: Graham Bill Seeks Ban After 15 Weeks](#)

The Wall Street Journal | Sep 14, 2022 | 172 words | By Katy Stech Ferek and Lindsay Wise

... response to a bill passed earlier this year by House Democrats that would ensure a right to an abortion through **fetal viability**, or around 21 to 24 weeks. Neither measure has a chance of passing into law, but Mr. Graham drew a straight line to the election...

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The Wall Street Journal | Sep 25, 2021 | 182 words

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... live birth negligible. A vast majority of abortions in the United States occur in the first trimester, before the point of **fetal viability**, which is currently at about 23 weeks. Policy organizations supporting abortion rights said the measure was an effort to discourage women from seeking abortions and doctors from performing them. Democrats said it was a disgrace that Republicans were using the first week of Mr. Trump's presidency to escalate their attacks on women's reproductive freedom. "It...

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11. [Bacon Wins in Nebraska , Holding Republican Seat](#)

The New York Times | Nov 10, 2024 | 598 words | By Karoun Demirjian

... Republican of trying to undermine access to the procedure and highlighted Mr. Bacon's past support for a bill that would have recognized fetal personhood at the federal level, criminalizing abortions. Mr. Bacon said he supported Nebraska 's law banning abortions after 12 weeks, with exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. Nebraska faced two ballot questions about abortion this year: one that proposed a state constitutional amendment to guarantee abortion rights until **fetal viability**, and...

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12. [Bacon Defeats Vargas in Nebraska , Holding a Key House Seat for Republicans](#)

The New York Times | Nov 09, 2024 | 624 words | Karoun Demirjian &p>Karoun Demirjian covers Congress with a focus on defense, foreign policy, intelligence, immigration, and trade and technology.&lt;/p>

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13. [Senate Democrats Betting On Abortion Boost](#)

The New York Times | Sep 07, 2024 | 1794 words | By Jonathan Weisman

... **viability**, while the other would limit abortion to the first trimester. "Everywhere I go, I hear from Nebraskans who agree that it's not the job of a politician to promote or ban abortion," Mr. Osborn said in a statement. His aides said he would vote for the referendum protecting abortion up to **fetal viability**. Underdog Democrats are all in. In Missouri, Mr. Kuncie's campaign pointed to Kentucky, a Republican state where 52 percent of voters rejected an anti-abortion referendum in 2022 and where a...

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14. [Democrats Hope Abortion Will Save the Senate, but It Might Not Be Enough](#)

The New York Times | Sep 05, 2024 | 1834 words | Jonathan Weisman Jonathan Weisman is a politics writer, covering campaigns with an emphasis on economic and labor policy. He is based in Chicago.

... they support Amendment Four, the legalization of abortion up to the point of **fetal viability**, as well as Amendment Three, a referendum to legalize marijuana. (Mr. Scott opposes both.) Former President Donald J. Trump has been inconsistent, suggesting recently that he might vote against Florida's six-week abortion ban, and then saying that he would oppose the referendum to overturn it. "We have to make sure that they don't go out and just put the yes on Three and yes on Four," Ms. Mucarsel-Powell...

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15. [How Missouri Republicans Tried to Stifle a Citizen Vote on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Sep 25, 2024 | 547 words | David Firestone & David Firestone, a former reporter and editor for the Washington bureau and the Metropolitan and National desks of The Times, is a member of the &#34;

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... most recent poll showed that 52 percent of state residents support the amendment, which would allow abortions until the point of **fetal viability**. (That includes a third of the Republican respondents, meaning that many of the people who will vote for Donald Trump and other Republicans in a few weeks will also vote for abortion rights.) Missouri is one of 10 states with abortion rights measures on the ballot this fall. Abortion opponents in Missouri are clearly worried that the amendment will pass...

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16. [Republicans Shift Abortion Message, Sounding More Like Democrats](#)

... -abortion groups. The Times survey showed that while Republicans are notably focused on what they will not do on abortion at the federal level, their Democratic opponents are talking about what they will do to protect abortion rights. Nearly all the Democratic candidates said they supported restoring the protections of Roe v. Wade, which would allow access to abortion until **fetal viability**, or around 24 weeks, in every state. In attack ads, Democrats are pointing to their opponents' voting records or...

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17. [Who Do You Hope Will Win the 2024 Presidential Election? Student Opinion](#)

The New York Times | Oct 29, 2024 | 1009 words | Natalie Proulx & Natalie Proulx joined The Learning Network as a staff editor in 2017 after working as an English language arts teacher and curriculum writer.

... . Donald Trump: Mr. Trump denies established climate science, disparages renewable energy and champions unlimited production of fossil fuels. His administration rolled back more than 100 environmental protection regulations, and he plans a similar agenda if elected again. Abortion Kamala Harris: Ms. Harris supports a federal right to abortion and wants to prevent states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**. She has regularly spoken out in favor of abortion rights, including making the...

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18. [What One Tossup District Says About the Trump-Harris Battle for the Suburbs](#)

The New York Times | Nov 03, 2024 | 1246 words | Kellen Browning & Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona.

... also send him back to Washington could do both . The ballot proposition would enshrine access to abortion until **fetal viability** — about 24 weeks — in Arizona 's Constitution, a change from the state's current 15-week ban. "I'm no longer your proxy for how you feel about that issue," he said. Still, at voters' doors, Democrats were working to cut into his support. In Phoenix, Larry Faudskar, 61, said he was a Republican who had voted for George W. Bush and Mr. McCain. Mr. Schweikert, he said, had...

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19. [In Montana , Step Cleared To Put Abortion on Ballot](#)

The New York Times | Jun 23, 2024 | 635 words | By Kate Zernike

... Ohio in 2023 and Michigan in 2022. Those measures succeeded by comfortable margins, with polls showing that voters crossed party lines to support abortion rights. The Montana amendment is similar to the ones in Michigan and Ohio . It would establish an express right "to make and carry out decisions about one's own pregnancy," including abortion. It would prohibit the government from "denying or burdening the right to abortion before **fetal viability**." After viability, the state could not deny or...

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20. [Support Falls for Florida Abortion Effort](#)



The New York Times | Oct 10, 2024 | 1243 words | By Kate Zernike

... an abortion." The Times used different, briefer language, asking likely voters whether they would vote yes or no on the amendment, "that would if passed legalize abortions up to the point of **fetal viability**, or generally acknowledged to be the 24th week of pregnancy." In polls in other states, voters were more likely to support questions that refer to "viability" than those that say "24 weeks," a reflection of confusion surrounding pregnancy and the language of abortion. The earlier polls...

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21. [In Montana , Abortion Rights Groups Submit Signatures for Ballot Measure in November](#)

The New York Times | Jun 21, 2024 | 634 words | Kate Zernike Kate Zernike is a national reporter at The Times.

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22. [An Abortion Rights Vote May Not Be Enough for Biden in Florida](#)

The New York Times | Apr 02, 2024 | 375 words | Michelle Cottle Michelle Cottle writes about national politics for Opinion and is a host of the podcast &#8220;Matter of Opinion.&#8221; She has covered Washington and politics since the Clinton administration.

... Just when you thought it was safe to ignore Florida politics, up pops the state Supreme Court with an abortion-rights decision seemingly designed to provoke electoral turmoil this year. The court allowed a six-week abortion ban to go into effect while ruling that Floridians can vote in November on a state constitutional amendment to protect abortion access before **fetal viability** (around 24 weeks). The combined rulings immediately shoved reproductive rights to the political front lines. But how...

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23. [Poll Finds Support for Florida 's Abortion Ballot Measure Is Falling Short](#)

The New York Times | Oct 08, 2024 | 1281 words | Kate Zernike &#8211; Kate Zernike is a national reporter at The Times.&#8211;

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24. [Into the Gender Gap](#)

The New York Times | Oct 16, 2024 | 1252 words | Jess Bidgood &#202; Jess Bidgood is a managing correspondent for The Times and writes the &#202;https://www.nytimes.com/spotlight/on-politics&#34;&#202; On Politics&#202; newsletter, a guide to the 2024 election and beyond.&#202;

... of Arizona . There, Proposition 139 would enshrine abortion access in the state’s constitution and extend protections from 15 weeks until **fetal viability** around 24 weeks. My colleague Alexandra Eaton , a senior video journalist, spoke with Republican women about the measure . Here, she shares what she found. During last month’s record heat wave in Arizona , we went to the Phoenix suburbs and, in between glasses of iced tea, sat down with longtime Republican women to talk with them about their...

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25. [DeSantis Couldn't Win on Abortion, So He's Trying to Cheat](#)

The New York Times | Sep 22, 2024 | 1228 words | By Jessica Grose

... Florida Republicans couldn't keep an abortion amendment off the ballot -- they lost that fight in the State Supreme Court in April. So Gov. Ron DeSantis is using other means to dissuade people from voting yes on Amendment 4, which would allow abortion until **fetal viability** (typically around 24 weeks). The state's current law, passed by the Florida Legislature in April 2023, bans abortion after six weeks, which is before many women even know they're pregnant. The Tampa Bay Times has reported on...

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26. [What Do Liberals Believe About Late-Term Abortion? Ross Douthat](#)

The New York Times | Oct 11, 2024 | 1444 words | Ross Douthat &#202; Ross Douthat has been an Opinion columnist for The Times since 2009. He is the author, most recently, of &#202;The Deep Places: A Memoir of Illness and Discovery.&#202;

... sincere pro-lifer trying to grapple with the best pro-choice arguments. The phrase “late-term” itself is contested, but for the purposes of this discussion I’m talking about abortions that take place around or beyond the threshold of potential **fetal viability**, which (thanks to medical advances) currently sits somewhere in the range of 22 weeks to 25 weeks of pregnancy. One possible liberal position on post-viability abortions is that they’re no different morally or legally from pre-viability abortions...

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27. [A Guide to Election Night](#)

The New York Times | Nov 04, 2024 | 1712 words | David Leonhardt and Ian Prasad Philbrick &#202; David Leonhardt runs &#202;https://www.nytimes.com/series/us-morning-briefing&#34;&#202; The Morning&#202;, The Times&#202;’s flagship daily newsletter. Since joining The Times in 1999, he has been an economics columnist, opinion columnist, head of the Washington bureau and founding editor of the Upshot section.&#202;

... voter referendums: • Will abortion rights remain undefeated in the post-Roe era? Ten states will vote on the issue . Six red and purple states — Arizona , Florida , Missouri , Montana , Nevada and Nebraska — are considering measures that would allow abortion until **fetal viability**. Florida ’s version needs 60 percent

support to pass. • Will marijuana’s winning streak continue despite new evidence of harms? Florida , North Dakota and South Dakota will vote on whether to legalize recreational marijuana...

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28. [Polls Show Lake Trailing In Arizona Senate Race](#)

The New York Times | Oct 10, 2024 | 1434 words | By Kellen Browning

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29. [When a Republican Governor Couldn’t Win on Abortion, He Tried to Cheat](#)  
[Jessica Grose](#)

The New York Times | Sep 18, 2024 | 1213 words | Jessica Grose & p&g; Jessica Grose is an Opinion writer for The Times, covering family, religion, education, culture and the way we live now.& t;/p&g;

... Florida Republicans couldn’t keep an abortion amendment off the ballot — they lost that fight in the State Supreme Court in April . So Gov. Ron DeSantis is using other means to dissuade people from voting yes on Amendment 4, which would allow abortion until **fetal viability** (typically around 24 weeks ). The state’s current law, passed by the Florida Legislature in April 2023, bans abortion after six weeks , which is before many women even know they’re pregnant. The Tampa Bay Times has reported...

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30. [Harris and Trump Trade Gender Attacks as He Floats Kennedy for](#)  
[‘Women’s Health’](#)

The New York Times | Oct 31, 2024 | 1754 words | Katie Rogers, Michael Gold, Kellen Browning and Reid J. Epstein & t;p&g; Katie Rogers is a White House correspondent. For much of the past decade, she has focused on features about the presidency, the first family, and life in Washington, in addition to covering a range of domestic and foreign policy issues. She is the author of a book on first ladies.& t;/p&g;

... lines squarely back onto her opponent. “This is the same man who said women should be punished for their choices,” Ms. Harris said at her rally in Phoenix on Thursday afternoon. “He simply does not respect the freedom of women or the intelligence of women to know what’s in their own best interest and make decisions accordingly. But we trust women.” She urged Arizonans to vote for a proposition that would enshrine access to abortion until **fetal viability** — about 24 weeks — in the state’s Constitution...

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31. [Harris Rides Momentum to Arizona , for What Campaign Says Is Largest](#)  
[Rally Yet](#)

The New York Times | Aug 09, 2024 | 929 words | Kellen Browning and Shane Goldmacher &p&gt;Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona .&lt;/p&gt;

... banned after 15 weeks, and voters will have a chance to enshrine the right to an abortion until **fetal viability** in the state's Constitution through a ballot measure in November. The speakers who preceded Ms. Harris on Friday made a number of appeals to independents and moderate Republicans, another segment she will need to win over. "I do not recognize my party," said John Giles, the mayor of Mesa , Ariz. , who is a prominent Republican backing Ms. Harris. "We need to elect a ticket who will be the...

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32. [It's Crunchtime for Kari Lake in Arizona 's Senate Race](#)

The New York Times | Oct 09, 2024 | 1466 words | Kellen Browning &p&gt;Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona.&lt;/p&gt;

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33. [Republican Candidates Keep Straying Into a Dangerous Area: Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Sep 27, 2024 | 1449 words | By Jonathan Weisman

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34. [Republican Candidates Keep Straying Into Dangerous Territory: Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Sep 26, 2024 | 1493 words | Jonathan Weisman &p&gt;Jonathan Weisman is a politics writer, covering campaigns with an emphasis on economic and labor policy. He is based in Chicago.&lt;/p&gt;

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35. [A Splintered Nation In Suspense As Millions Of Votes Are Tallied](#)

The New York Times | Nov 06, 2024 | 2103 words | By Jim Tankersley and Michael Levenson

... . Republicans hold a slim advantage, and several races in California and New York , where Republican House members are trying to hold on to seats in swing districts, could determine the outcome. Abortion was on the ballot in 10 states, where voters were given the opportunity to guarantee a right to the procedure two years after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. The most closely watched vote was in Florida , where a proposed measure would allow abortions up to the point of **fetal "viability"**...

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36. [Nevada Residents to Vote On Abortion in November](#)

The New York Times | Jul 01, 2024 | 882 words | By Isabelle Taft

... : Florida , Colorado , New York , Maryland and South Dakota . Similar initiatives are also underway in states like Arizona , Arkansas and Nebraska -- which all face deadlines to submit signatures this week -- and come November, voters in as many as 11 states could get a chance to weigh in. In Nevada , abortion is legal through 24 weeks of pregnancy. But organizers of the ballot initiative are seeking to amend the State Constitution to protect abortion up to the point of **fetal viability** -- also around 24...

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37. [Nevada Residents Will Vote on Abortion Rights in November](#)

The New York Times | Jun 30, 2024 | 910 words | Isabelle Taft

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38. [‘Unborn Child’ or ‘Fetus’: Parsing Word Choices on Abortion at the Supreme Court](#)

The New York Times | Apr 24, 2024 | 695 words | Kate Zernike Kate Zernike is a national reporter at The Times.

... fetuses the same legal rights and protections as any person, in the hopes that it would establish that abortion at any point in pregnancy is murder. Roe v. Wade stood in their way for five decades, prohibiting states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, or roughly 24 weeks. But since the Supreme Court overturned that decision in June 2022, laws establishing fetal personhood have taken effect in Georgia and other states. And anti-abortion lawmakers in Congress and in state legislatures have...

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39. [What did Roe v. Wade say?](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 498 words | Adam Liptak

... The 1973 decision said states could not ban abortions before **fetal viability**, the point at which the fetus can survive outside the womb. By a 7-to-2 vote, the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 established a constitutional right to abortion, striking down laws in many states that had banned the procedure. The court said states could not ban abortions before **fetal viability**, the point at which the fetus can survive outside the womb. That was around 28 weeks at the time; because of improvements...

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#### 40. [The State of the War in Ukraine](#)

The New York Times | Sep 13, 2024 | 1674 words | Andrew E. Kramer and Josh Holder Andrew E. Kramer is the Kyiv bureau chief for The Times, who has been covering the war in Ukraine since 2014.

... . “Trump is someone who fails to act, time and time again, in accordance with the rule of law,” he wrote in Politico . More on Politics • Alabama has mailed the first absentee ballots of the general election . North Carolina was supposed to mail ballots last week, but delayed them to remove Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s name. • A judge overturned North Dakota ’s near-total abortion ban , saying that the State Constitution protected the right to an abortion until **fetal viability**. • Speaker Mike Johnson faces...

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#### 41. [Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Sep 10, 2024 | 1823 words | By Maggie Astor

... Ms. Harris supports a federal right to abortion and wants to prevent states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**. She has regularly spoken out in favor of abortion rights, including making the first official visit to an abortion clinic by a president or a vice president. Mr. Trump's Supreme Court appointees enabled the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, ending federal protections for abortion. He has said that he would not sign a federal abortion ban but that states should be allowed to...

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#### 42. [Trump to Focus on Border as Democrats Eye Boost From Florida Abortion Ruling](#)

The New York Times | Apr 02, 2024 | 672 words | Chris Cameron and Maggie Astor Chris Cameron covers politics for The Times, focusing on breaking news and the 2024 campaign. Maggie Astor covers politics for The New York Times, focusing on breaking news, policies, campaigns and how underrepresented or marginalized groups are affected by political systems.

... constitutional amendment to guarantee abortion rights until **fetal viability** could go on the ballot in November. That means Floridians will be voting directly on abortion after living with a near-total ban for several months — which Democrats hope will increase turnout and give them a fighting chance in a state that has become increasingly favorable to Republicans. Wisconsin is one of several states with presidential primaries on Tuesday, and its voters will also decide on two ballot measures after the state...

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#### 43. [What Did Roe Say? No Ban Before Viability](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 476 words | By Adam Liptak

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44. [Kennedy Exits, Giving Support To Trump Team](#)

The New York Times | Aug 24, 2024 | 1638 words | By Rebecca Davis O'Brien, Simon J. Levien and Jonathan Swan

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45. [Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Endorses Trump and Suspends His Independent Bid for President](#)

The New York Times | Aug 23, 2024 | 1651 words | Rebecca Davis O'Brien, Simon J. Levien and Jonathan Swan  
Rebecca Davis O'Brien covers campaign finance and money in U.S. elections. She previously covered federal law enforcement, courts and criminal justice. Simon J. Levien is a Times political reporter covering the 2024 elections and a member of the 2024-25 Times Fellowship class, a program for journalists early in their careers. Jonathan Swan is a political reporter covering the 2024 presidential election and Donald Trump's campaign.

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46. [Backed by a Revived Party, Harris Fights an Uphill Battle in Arizona](#)

The New York Times | Aug 10, 2024 | 1501 words | By Kellen Browning and Nicholas Nehamas

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47. [Harris Fights Uphill Against Trump in Arizona , Backed by a Revived Party](#)

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48. [What is Roe v. Wade? Here’s a short history of the case.](#)

The New York Times | May 04, 2022 | 463 words | Derrick Bryson Taylor

... the point at which a fetus can survive outside the womb. That point, known as **fetal viability**, was around 28 weeks when Roe was decided. Today, because of improvements in medicine, most experts now estimate **fetal viability** to be about 23 or 24 weeks . What led to the landmark case? In 1970, a woman in Texas named Norma McCorvey was five months pregnant with her third child and wanted to have an abortion. Two Dallas lawyers, Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee , represented her in challenging the...

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49. [Quick Facts You Should Know About Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | May 03, 2022 | 463 words | Derrick Bryson Taylor

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50. [Ohio Woman Who Miscarried Faces Charge That She Abused Corpse](#)

The New York Times | Jan 03, 2024 | 1278 words | Remy Tumin &lt;p&gt;Remy Tumin is a reporter for The Times covering breaking news and other topics.&lt;/p&gt;

... , or “community sensibilities,” resulting in a felony charge. “From a legal perspective, there’s no definition of ‘corpse,’” Ms. Timko, Ms. Watts’s lawyer, said in the interview with The Associated Press. “Can you be a corpse if you never took a breath?” Ohio law determines **fetal viability** starts at 22 weeks. Ms. Watts arrived at the hospital at 21 weeks and 5 days. Joshua Dressler, a former criminal law professor at Ohio State University, said the statute being used by prosecutors was “rarely...



51. [Biden Criticizes Ruling In Florida on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Apr 03, 2024 | 916 words | By Katie Rogers

... Supreme Court ruled on Monday that a 15-week abortion ban enacted in 2022 was constitutional. That ruling will allow a six-week ban championed by Ron DeSantis, Florida's Republican governor, to take effect by May 1. Mr. Trump previously called the six-week ban a "terrible mistake." At the same time, the court also ruled that a proposed constitutional amendment guaranteeing abortion rights until **fetal viability**, usually around 24 weeks, could go on the November ballot. Democrats say curtailing...

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52. [Biden Assails 'Outrageous' Florida Abortion Ruling as His Campaign Blames Trump](#)

The New York Times | Apr 02, 2024 | 911 words | Katie Rogers Katie Rogers is a White House correspondent. For much of the past decade, she has focused on features about the presidency, the first family, and life in Washington, in addition to covering a range of domestic and foreign policy issues. She is the author of a book on first ladies.

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53. [What to Watch in the Supreme Court Oral Arguments on the Right to Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 453 words | By Adam Liptak

... revised Roe but retained its core holding, that women can choose to have abortions until **fetal viability**. Neither side supports a third possible outcome, one in which the court upholds the Mississippi law but does not overrule Roe in so many words. That would require the court to do away with the **fetal-viability** cutoff and replace it with a different standard, a task legal experts say presents a daunting challenge. Why is this important? Without Roe, abortion would probably become illegal in 22 states...

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54. [Why the Supreme Court could overturn Roe v. Wade.](#)

The New York Times | May 03, 2022 | 663 words

... a constitutional right to abortion. Roe struck down laws barring abortion in several states, declaring that they could not ban the procedure before the point at which a fetus can survive outside the womb. That point, known as **fetal viability**, was around 28 weeks when Roe was decided. Because of improvements in medicine, most experts now estimate **fetal viability** to be about 23 or 24 weeks. The case is sometimes colloquially referred to simply as "Roe," the plaintiff's listed name. It was actually...

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55. [What to Watch in the Supreme Court Oral Arguments on the Right to Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 484 words | Adam Liptak

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56. [Five States Have Abortion Referendums on the Ballot.](#)

The New York Times | Nov 08, 2022 | 571 words | Joshua Needelman

... Oklahoma and Georgia , where stricter abortion laws are in place, and recently signed a package of 12 bills meant to strengthen abortion rights in the state, where the procedure is permitted up to **fetal viability**. Kentucky voters will be asked to approve a revision to the state Constitution to make clear it does not protect the right to abortion. It is a safeguard against potential legal challenges to the state's existing law restricting abortion , which went into effect over the summer...

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57. [Taking Heat For Voting To Repeal Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | Apr 27, 2024 | 1144 words | By Jack Healy

... volunteers and voters spiked after the court upheld the 1864 ban. The abortion-rights activists' measure would prevent Arizona from restricting abortions before **fetal viability**, and allow for abortions after viability if they were necessary to protect a patient's "life or physical or mental health." Representative Tim Dunn, a Republican from the farming county of Yuma, said he voted for a repeal in the hopes that doing so would complicate the abortion options for voters in November. If the 1864 law is...

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58. [Arizona Republicans Who Supported Repealing an Abortion Ban Face Blowback](#)

The New York Times | Apr 25, 2024 | 1219 words | Jack Healy Jack Healy is a Phoenix-based national correspondent who focuses on the fast-changing politics and climate of the Southwest. He has worked in Iraq and Afghanistan and is a graduate of the University of Missouri's journalism school.

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59. [In Embryo Opinion, a Chief Justice Cites the Law -- and the 'Wrath of a Holy God'](#)

The New York Times | Feb 23, 2024 | 1030 words | By Rick Rojas

... successfully challenged Roe v. Wade, which established a constitutional right to abortion and blocks states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, which most experts estimate at about 23 or 24 weeks. "He picked apart Roe's logic when it came to viability," Mr. Clark wrote in an essay published by 1819 News, a conservative digital outlet in Alabama, referring to a concurring opinion in a case related to a wrongful-death lawsuit involving a fetus that was lost before it had reached the point...

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60. [In a Pivot, Maryland 's Republican Governor Says He Is 'Pro-Choice'](#)

The New York Times | May 17, 2024 | 1454 words | By Luke Broadwater

... "sensible" starting point for legislative discussions should he win election to the Senate. That measure would outlaw any restriction that would put an "undue burden" on a woman's right to obtain an abortion. It borrows language from the 1992 Supreme Court decision in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which affirmed what it called the essential holding in Roe: that states may not prohibit abortions before **fetal viability**. But Democrats and abortion rights advocates have dismissed Ms. Collins's bill as...

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61. [The Alabama Chief Justice Who Invoked God in Deciding the Embryo Case](#)

The New York Times | Feb 22, 2024 | 1040 words | Rick Rojas Rick Rojas is a national correspondent covering the American South. He has been a staff reporter for The Times since 2014.

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62. [Hogan Backs Codifying Roe, Tacking Left on Abortion Ahead of a Tough Race](#)

The New York Times | May 16, 2024 | 1484 words | Luke Broadwater Luke Broadwater covers Congress with a focus on congressional investigations.

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63. [Grand Jury Declines to Indict Ohio Woman Who Miscarried at Home](#)

The New York Times | Jan 11, 2024 | 873 words | Remy Tumin & Remy Tumin is a reporter for The Times covering breaking news and other topics.

... health in this country,” she said. Ms. Watts’s “punishment started the moment” the hospital’s ethics board “had to debate what to do with her rather than provide her with medical care.” Those punishments have historically targeted poor, women of color, Ms. Bach said. In November, Ohio voters enshrined in the State Constitution the right to abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, 22 weeks in the state, as well as the right to contraception, fertility treatment and miscarriage care. At a hearing...

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64. [Walmart Expands Employee Abortion Coverage and Will Include Travel Expenses](#)

The New York Times | Aug 19, 2022 | 233 words | Emma Goldberg

... , miscarriage or lack of **fetal viability**,” according to a memo from Walmart’s chief people officer, Donna Morris, which was reviewed by The New York Times. Walmart would also assist in covering travel expenses for employees seeking health care services that were not available within 100 miles of their homes. The company is based in Arkansas , which has banned abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest. When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, dozens of companies came forward to announce...

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65. [Another Attempt to Repeal Arizona Abortion Ban Blocked](#)

The New York Times | Apr 18, 2024 | 1384 words | By Elizabeth Dias and Kellen Browning

... rights advocates have been gathering signatures for a ballot measure that would enshrine abortion access up until "**fetal viability**" in the state’s constitution. Jack Healy contributed reporting. Jack Healy contributed reporting....

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66. [Arizona Republicans Splinter Over Repeal of 1864 Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | Apr 17, 2024 | 1375 words | Elizabeth Dias and Kellen Browning Elizabeth Dias is The Times’s national religion correspondent, covering faith, politics and culture. Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona.

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67. [“Joe Biden and Kamala Harris support taxpayer funding of abortion all the way up to the moment of birth.”](#)

The New York Times | Oct 07, 2020 | 235 words | Sheryl Gay Stolberg

... easier for women to obtain abortions late in pregnancy if the mother's physical health or safety were at risk. The proposed legislation prompted Senator Ted Cruz, Republican of Texas , to falsely claim that Democrats support “abortion up until the moment of birth and even, horrifically, after that.” Other Republicans have echoed the claim. Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris support codifying Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision that held states could prohibit abortion after **fetal viability** — the point at...

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68. [Nevada Leans Trump's Way as Democrats Battle Economic Pessimism](#)

The New York Times | May 15, 2024 | 1590 words | By Kellen Browning and Nicholas Nehamas

... 's chances than abortion, an issue that has aided Democratic candidates since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, ending a constitutional right to the procedure. Even in conservative states, voters have turned out in droves to back abortion rights. Nevada is likely to have a measure on the November ballot that would enshrine access to abortion until **fetal viability**, or about 24 weeks, in the state's Constitution. "Nevadans have a choice between President Biden, who got our economy...

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69. [In Arizona , Potential Abortion Ban Could Lift Prospects of Democrats](#)

The New York Times | Mar 21, 2024 | 1277 words | By Kellen Browning

... Arizona are gathering signatures for a ballot measure that would enshrine abortion access until "**fetal viability**," or about 24 weeks, in the state constitution, returning to the standard set by Roe v. Wade. The coalition, Arizona for Abortion Access, announced in January that it had already collected 250,000 signatures. The effort needs close to 400,000 by July to get on the ballot and put the question to voters this fall. Opponents of the measure argue the proposed language is too broad and would...

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70. [Why One Trump-Leaning Battleground Is Especially Worrisome for Biden](#)

The New York Times | May 14, 2024 | 1642 words | Kellen Browning and Nicholas Nehamas  
Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona. Nicholas Nehamas is a Times political reporter covering the re-election campaign of President Biden.

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71. [Roberts Searches for Middle Ground in Abortion Case](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 1155 words | Charlie Savage

... challengers, whether it would make a huge difference to move up the deadline to make a decision from 24 to 15 weeks. "Are you suggesting that the difference between 15 weeks and viability are going to have the same sort of impacts?" he asked. But both Ms. Prelogar and Ms. Rikelman urged the court to keep the line at **fetal viability**, which Ms. Rikelman said was "objectively verifiable and doesn't require the court to resolve the philosophical issues at stake." Chief Justice Roberts also questioned...

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72. [Line of Questions Shows A Chief Justice Feeling For the Middle Ground](#)

The New York Times | Dec 02, 2021 | 1124 words | By Charlie Savage

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73. [In Arizona , Democrats Could See Opportunity in an 1864 Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | Mar 20, 2024 | 1311 words | Kellen Browning Kellen Browning is a Times reporter covering the 2024 election, with a focus on the swing states of Nevada and Arizona.

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74. [Bucking Trump, Anti-Abortion Drive Shows Deep Roots in Arizona](#)

The New York Times | Apr 22, 2024 | 1623 words | By Elizabeth Dias and Jack Healy

... Constitution, arguing it would allow abortion up to nine months. The proposed amendment would prevent the state from restricting abortion through **fetal viability**, and allow abortions after viability to protect the patient's "life or physical or mental health." As they walked through the suburban city of Mesa, the students said they were worried about the momentum behind the abortion measure, and by the shifting attitudes of politicians like Mr. Trump and Ms. Lake. "It's heartbreaking to see people..."

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... up to nine months. The proposed amendment would prevent the state from restricting abortion through **fetal viability**, and allow abortions after viability to protect the patient's "life or physical or mental health." As they walked through the suburban city of Mesa, the students said they were worried about the momentum behind the abortion measure, and by the shifting attitudes of politicians like Mr. Trump and Ms. Lake. "It's heartbreaking to see people abandon values they once held," said Kaylee...

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76. [What Did Casey Say? New Leeway to Place Limits on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 295 words | By Adam Liptak

... In Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992, the Supreme Court affirmed what it called the central holding of Roe v. Wade: that states may not prohibit abortions before **fetal viability**, the point when a fetus could survive outside the womb, which is now about 23 weeks. Three members of the court -- Justices Sandra Day O'Connor , Anthony M. Kennedy and David H. Souter , all Republican appointees -- collaborated on the controlling opinion. "The woman's right to terminate her pregnancy before...

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77. [With Roe at Risk, Justices Look to Sidestep Precedent](#)

The New York Times | Dec 14, 2021 | 965 words | By Adam Liptak

... the decision's reasoning." At the argument in the Mississippi case, concerning a state law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks, the chief justice refined that factor in an apparent attempt to dampen the jolt to the system. He suggested that the **fetal-viability** line established in Roe was not a crucial part of the decision's reasoning. "Was viability an issue in the case?" he asked. "I know it wasn't briefed or argued." In shifting the focus from what the court had done to what the parties...

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78. [With Roe at Risk, Justices Explore a New Way to Question Precedents](#)  
[Sidebar](#)

The New York Times | Dec 13, 2021 | 984 words | Adam Liptak

... seemed to shut down any effective way to challenge it in federal court. That law, which has been in place since Sept. 1, is flatly at odds with Roe, which established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability** , or around 23 weeks of pregnancy. A decision in the Mississippi case is not expected until late June. If the court overrules Roe, an increasingly real possibility, it will have to explain why it is departing from the principle of...



79. [Texas ' Near-Ban on Abortions Takes Effect After Supreme Court Fails to Act](#)

The New York Times | Sep 01, 2021 | 597 words | By Adam Liptak

... access in Texas , barring care for at least 85 percent of Texas abortion patients (those who are six weeks pregnant or greater) and likely forcing many abortion clinics ultimately to close." Supreme Court precedents forbid states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 22 to 24 weeks. But the Texas law was drafted to make it difficult to challenge in court. Usually, a lawsuit seeking to block a law because it is...

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80. [Lawsuit From Mississippi Is More Direct Challenge To Roe v. Wade Precedent](#)

The New York Times | Oct 30, 2021 | 1386 words | By Adeel Hassan

... allow. Most experts estimate **fetal viability** to be about 24 weeks. The law was enacted in 2018 by the Republican-dominated Mississippi Legislature but never went into effect because of an immediate legal challenge that led to a federal appellate court blocking its enforcement. The law bans abortions if "the probable gestational age of the unborn human" is determined to be more than 15 weeks, with narrow exceptions for medical emergencies or "a severe fetal abnormality." The state says that the...

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81. [What to Know About the Mississippi Abortion Law Challenging Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | Oct 28, 2021 | 1489 words | Adeel Hassan

... states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**. Here's a guide to understanding what is in the law and what is at stake in the case: What is in the Mississippi abortion law? The Mississippi law makes most abortions illegal after 15 weeks of pregnancy, about two months earlier than Roe and later decisions allow. Most experts estimate **fetal viability** to be about 24 weeks. The law was enacted in 2018 by the Republican-dominated Mississippi Legislature but never went into effect because of an...

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82. [The Supreme Court seems poised to uphold Mississippi 's abortion law.](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 681 words | Adam Liptak

... abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, or around 23 weeks. But the court's six-member conservative majority seemed divided about whether to stop at 15 weeks, for now at least, or whether to overrule Roe entirely, allowing states to ban abortions at any time or entirely. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. was the leading voice on the right for a narrow decision. "The thing that is at issue before us today is 15 weeks," he said. He repeatedly questioned whether...

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83. [Why Democrats Are Advancing a Bill That's All but Certain to Fail](#)



The New York Times | May 11, 2022 | 1374 words | By Annie Karni

... would enshrine those rights in federal law. But their measure lacks specifics and any enforcement. Here is a closer look at the Democrats' bill, the Republican proposal and the issues driving the debate. Roe v. Wade established the right to abortion. The landmark Supreme Court decision legalized abortion across the country, striking down laws in many states that had previously barred the practice. It held that laws banning the procedure before **fetal viability** -- that is, when a fetus could survive...

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84. [The Ad Wars Have Been Fierce. Here's What Voters Have Seen.](#)

The New York Times | Nov 07, 2023 | 1097 words | Rebecca Davis O'Brien

... misleading — the amendment explicitly allows the state to restrict the procedure after the point of **fetal viability**, around 23 weeks, unless the patient's doctor finds the procedure necessary to protect the patient's life or health.) Most of the "vote no" ads speak to the discomfort among voters with late-term abortions, which data shows are very rare and are usually performed in cases where doctors say the fetus will not survive. Ohioans United for Reproductive Rights, a coalition of abortion rights...

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85. [Republicans who support abortion rights have come up with their own bill.](#)

The New York Times | May 11, 2022 | 348 words | Annie Karni

... **fetal viability**, borrowing key language from Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the constitutional right to abortion established in Roe two decades earlier. But reproductive rights advocates have said it leaves too much unsaid and lacks clear guidance about what states can and cannot do, putting vital decisions in the hands of courts that have become increasingly hostile to abortion rights. The measure does not explicitly rule out bans on abortion before a fetus is viable...

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86. [Here's How Democrats in Congress Are Trying to Protect Abortion Rights](#)

The New York Times | May 10, 2022 | 1431 words | Annie Karni

... before **fetal viability** — that is, when a fetus could survive outside the womb — were unconstitutional. Today, that is at about 24 weeks of pregnancy. The draft Supreme Court opinion leaked last week would strike down the decision, moving the issue out of the courts and back into the hands of elected officials nationwide. Planned Parenthood v. Casey, another monumental case for reproductive rights that was decided in 1992, affirmed what it called the essential holding in Roe: that states may not...

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87. [Listen, and Hear More Than Talk](#)

The New York Times | Dec 10, 2023 | 1451 words | By Reggie Ugwu

... government as a near-bottomless font of stories about the biggest questions in our society: Who has power? Where does it come from? What makes our founding principles so hard to uphold? The show's

fourth season, led by Julia Longoria, spun captivating and timely narratives out of, among other topics, the conflict between religious freedom and the rule of law, the lives and jurisprudence of Clarence Thomas and David Souter and the slippery definition of **fetal "viability."** The court's growing reputation...

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88. [Best Podcasts of 2023](#)

The New York Times | Dec 04, 2023 | 1443 words | Reggie Ugwu & Reggie Ugwu is a pop culture reporter covering a range of subjects, including film, television, music and internet culture. Before joining The Times in 2017, he was a reporter for BuzzFeed News and Billboard magazine.

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89. [The justices will consider 2 challenges to a Texas law that bans abortions after about 6 weeks.](#)

The New York Times | Nov 01, 2021 | 328 words | Adam Liptak

... weeks and includes no exceptions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, has caused clinics in the state to turn away most women seeking the procedure. There is little question that the ban itself is unconstitutional under two key Supreme Court precedents, Roe v. Wade in 1973 and Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992. Those rulings prohibited states from barring abortions before **fetal viability**, or about 23 weeks. The question for the justices is whether abortion providers and the Biden...

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90. [Fetal Viability, Long an Abortion Dividing Line, Faces a Supreme Court Test](#)

The New York Times | Nov 28, 2021 | 1598 words | Adam Liptak

... line. The case concerns a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks, long before **fetal viability**. The court could overrule Roe entirely, allowing states to ban abortions at any point. But at least some justices may want to find a way to sustain the Mississippi law without overturning Roe in so many words, requiring them to discard the viability line and replace it with another standard that would allow a cutoff at 15 weeks. Lawyers for Mississippi, who mostly argued that there is no...

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91. [Scott Stewart, the lawyer representing Mississippi, was at the center of a 2017 abortion controversy.](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 362 words | Giulia Heyward

... abortion case, one that may lead to one of the most consequential rulings on reproductive rights in decades. Mr. Stewart, who was appointed the solicitor general for Mississippi in February, on Wednesday will defend the state's law prohibiting abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and directly challenge Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, both of which affirmed the right to abortion before **fetal viability**. "Roe and Casey are egregiously wrong," he wrote in the court brief . "The conclusion...

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92. [Other Significant Cases Chipping Away at Roe](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 522 words | By Victoria Kim

... restrictions on the procedure. The 5-4 ruling upheld part of a Pennsylvania law regulating access to abortions while finding that laws prohibiting all or most abortions are unconstitutional, with the majority writing that Roe v. Wade established a "rule of law and a component of liberty we cannot renounce." The decision also set the standard that it was unconstitutional for states to ban abortions before "**fetal viability**," estimated to be about 24 weeks into pregnancy. Gonzales v. Carhart, 2007 The 5-4...

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93. [Here are past cases that have upheld or chipped away at Roe v. Wade.](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 560 words | Victoria Kim

... restrictions on the procedure. The 5-4 ruling upheld part of a Pennsylvania law regulating access to abortions while finding that laws prohibiting all or most abortions are unconstitutional, with the majority writing that Roe v. Wade established a "rule of law and a component of liberty we cannot renounce." The decision also set the standard that it was unconstitutional for states to ban abortions before "**fetal viability**," estimated to be about 24 weeks into pregnancy. Gonzales v. Carhart, 2007 The 5-4...

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94. [We Can Now See the Playbook for Overturning Roe v. Wade Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Nov 03, 2021 | 1060 words | Mary Ziegler

... . S.B. 8 allowed the state to appease these activists by banning abortion well before the point of **fetal viability** — which is unconstitutional under Roe — without the risk of losing in federal court and having to pay attorneys' fees. At this week's arguments, it certainly sounded as if most of the conservative justices were no longer interested in such a deal . But it's not because they are sympathetic to abortion rights. There are strong reasons to believe that the justices calculated that they...

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95. [How They Stand](#)

The New York Times | Jun 26, 2024 | 8724 words | By Maggie Astor

... procedure before **fetal viability**, but his ability to do so hinges on having unified Democratic majorities in Congress . \_\_\_\_\_ Donald J. Trump Mr. Trump has said he would not sign a federal abortion ban, but thinks that states should decide on their own restrictions. His Supreme Court appointments enabled the

overturning of Roe v. Wade, ending federal protections for abortion. \_\_\_\_\_ Roe v. Wade Biden Roe v. Wade and its successor, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, affirmed a constitutional right to abortion...

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96. [Abortion Dividing Line Of Fetal Viability Faces A Supreme Court Test](#)

The New York Times | Nov 29, 2021 | 1588 words | By Adam Liptak

... line. The case concerns a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks, long before **fetal viability**. The court could overrule Roe entirely, allowing states to ban abortions at any point. But at least some justices may want to find a way to sustain the Mississippi law without overturning Roe in so many words, requiring them to discard the viability line and replace it with another standard that would allow a cutoff at 15 weeks. Lawyers for Mississippi , who mostly argued that there is no...

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97. [Justices Indicate They Will Uphold Curb on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Dec 02, 2021 | 1959 words | By Adam Liptak

... court's six conservative justices signaled they are comfortable with the Mississippi law, even though upholding it would be flatly at odds with Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, currently around 23 weeks. Moving that line to 15 weeks would discard decades of precedent. Several of the conservative justices appeared ready to go further and overrule Roe entirely, letting states...

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98. [Where Abortion Could Be Banned Or Strictly Limited](#)

The New York Times | May 04, 2022 | 653 words | By Allison McCann and Taylor Johnston

... Arizona , the governor, Doug Ducey, has said that a recent ban on abortion after 15 weeks would take precedence. And Alabama would probably seek to enforce a total ban on abortion, passed in 2019, instead. North Carolina had a pre-Roe ban that was modified in the late 1960s, and legal experts in the state said that a 20-week ban, passed in 2015 but currently unenforceable, would take precedence. 14 states would ban abortion earlier than **fetal viability**. Fourteen states would restrict abortion to 22...

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99. [The Blueprint](#)

The New York Times | Jun 02, 2024 | 7447 words | By Elizabeth Dias and Lisa Lerer

... standard set by Roe for legal abortion up to **fetal viability**, at about 24 weeks. Most of those bans had not been challenged by abortion rights lawyers -- who feared they might be upheld by the Supreme Court -- creating a new national standard, leaving them in effect in states where Republicans controlled the legislatures, like South Carolina , West Virginia and Wisconsin . Even when one of the new laws went before the Supreme Court in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt in 2016, the abortion rights...

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100. [We Can Now See the Playbook for Overturning Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | Nov 04, 2021 | 1172 words | By Mary Ziegler

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101. [Planned Parenthood Says Hacker Compromised Information for 400,000 Patients](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 570 words | Michael Levenson

... for its release. Planned Parenthood's disclosure that it had been the victim of such an attack came at a potentially critical moment for the future of abortion rights. On Wednesday, the Supreme Court seemed poised to uphold a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Such a decision would squarely conflict with Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, currently...

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102. [The Untold Story of the Network That Took Down Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | May 28, 2024 | 7543 words | Elizabeth Dias and Lisa Lerer Elizabeth Dias is The Times's national religion correspondent, covering faith, politics and values. Lisa Lerer is a national political reporter for The Times, based in New York. She has covered American politics for nearly two decades.

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103. [Supreme Court Seems Poised to Uphold Mississippi 's Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 2030 words | Adam Liptak

... court's six conservative justices signaled they are comfortable with the Mississippi law, even though upholding it would be flatly at odds with Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, currently around 23 weeks. Moving that line to 15 weeks would discard decades of precedent. Several of the conservative justices appeared ready to go further and overrule Roe entirely, letting states...

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104. [A Winning Streak](#)

The New York Times | Aug 09, 2023 | 1697 words | David Leonhardt and Ian Prasad Philbrick

... states appear likely to vote on abortion soon. Next up: the Sun Belt Ohio is the only state that will vote on the issue this year. Here's a state-by-state breakdown for 2024 and beyond: • The effort in Florida , where DeSantis signed a six-week abortion ban in April, is the furthest along. Organizers are on track to gather more than enough signatures to place the measure on the ballot next year. The measure would amend the state's Constitution to legalize abortion until **fetal viability** (typically...

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105. [Roe Overturned](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 1780 words | By Adam Liptak

... trimesters of pregnancy. In the first trimester, it allowed almost no regulations. In the second, it allowed regulations to protect women's health. In the third, it allowed states to ban abortions so long as exceptions were made to protect the life and health of the mother. The court discarded the trimester framework in 1992 in the Casey decision but retained what it called Roe's "essential holding" -- that women have a constitutional right to terminate their pregnancies until **fetal viability**. Two...

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106. [In 6-to-3 Ruling, Supreme Court Ends Nearly 50 Years of Abortion Rights](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 1838 words | Adam Liptak

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107. [Fears About the Future of Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Dec 03, 2021 | 608 words

... to obtain their position. How sad. Ross E. McDonaldBoynton Beach, Fla. To the Editor: Re "Abortion Dividing Line of **Fetal Viability** Faces a Supreme Court Test" (news article, Nov. 29): There is a more accurate way of testing viability. Integrity of brain stem function has been the medical gold standard for when all human beings are considered alive. The detection of a heart rate when a patient is unresponsive, intubated and ventilated is not very helpful in determining when a human being is...

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108. [What to Watch in the Supreme Court Oral Arguments on the Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Oct 31, 2021 | 588 words | Adam Liptak and Chris Cameron

... hour. What are the key arguments? Both challengers said the law is at odds with *Roe v. Wade*, which prohibits states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**, or around 23 weeks. They urged the justices not to let Texas effectively nullify the right to abortion in the state by authorizing members of the public to sue abortion providers and incentivizing them with a minimum award of \$10,000 if they win. Officials in Texas said that neither the federal government nor the providers were entitled...

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109. [We Need to Talk About Overturning the Dobbs Decision Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2023 | 1600 words | David S. Cohen, Greer Donley and Rachel Rebouché

... banning abortion until the point of **fetal viability**. But it also had significant shortcomings. It did not guarantee abortion access for people without financial resources, who are disproportionately people of color. It said little about the broader rights of pregnant people. And the interpretation the court gave it in later cases was too forgiving of states regulating abortion. Reproductive justice advocates have long envisioned a better abortion decision from the Supreme Court that addresses *Roe's*...

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110. [Woman in Texas Charged With Murder in Connection With 'Self-Induced Abortion'](#)

The New York Times | Apr 09, 2022 | 764 words | Sophie Kasakove

... with "the death of an unborn child." Most states instead target abortion providers when an abortion is deemed illegal. In most of the country, abortion is prohibited after **fetal viability**, generally 22 to 24 weeks, though several states are moving to ban abortions at much earlier stages in anticipation that *Roe* will be overturned. According to the statement by Major Delgado, Ms. Herrera was indicted on the murder charge after she "intentionally and knowingly" caused the death of an individual by...

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111. [Mississippi Asks Supreme Court to Reject \*Roe v. Wade\*](#)

The New York Times | Jul 23, 2021 | 594 words | By Adam Liptak

... Ginsburg, a proponent of abortion rights, who died in September. The new filing, from Attorney General Lynn Fitch, was a sustained and detailed attack on *Roe* and the rulings that followed it, notably *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the 1992 decision that said states may not impose an "undue burden" on the right to abortion before **fetal viability** -- the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 or 24 weeks. "The Constitution does not protect a right to abortion," Ms. Fitch...

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112. [Mississippi asks the Supreme Court to overrule \*Roe v. Wade\*.](#)



The New York Times | Jul 22, 2021 | 617 words | Adam Liptak

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113. [Risks to Patients as Doctors Deal With Abortion Exceptions](#)

The New York Times | Jul 21, 2022 | 1909 words | By J. David Goodman and Azeen Ghorayshi

... reality during that period was that decisions about abortions were left to a family's doctor. There was a degree of "flexibility" over what constituted a threat to the mother, Dr. Holland said, "especially if you had access to a sympathetic family physician." After Roe was decided in 1973, states began passing legislation that banned abortions after **fetal viability** but made exceptions for "life and health," said Elizabeth Nash, state policy analyst at the Guttmacher Institute, which supports...

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114. [Near-Total Ban on Abortion in Oklahoma](#)

The New York Times | Apr 06, 2022 | 743 words | By Michael Levenson

... constitutional right to abortion and that prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, or around 23 weeks. From Florida to Idaho , Republican-led state legislatures have been operating as though Roe has already been struck down, advancing restrictions that aim to make abortion illegal in as many circumstances as possible. "Obviously, I'm thrilled because we have the potential of seeing many lives of babies saved -- part of that depends on future court rulings" like the one in the...

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115. [Oklahoma Lawmakers Approve Near-Total Ban on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Apr 05, 2022 | 754 words | Michael Levenson

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116. [Conservatives Seek to Block Michigan Abortion Amendment, Citing Typo](#)

The New York Times | Aug 20, 2022 | 1004 words | By Maggie Astor



... includes the text of the proposed amendment, which would ensure abortion rights broadly until **fetal viability** and in cases where "the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual" was in danger after viability. On some lines, the text is squeezed tightly. In a 152-page challenge, Citizens to Support MI Women and Children, a group that opposes the amendment, argued that the lack of spacing was unacceptable. For instance, in a section that reads, "Every individual has a fundamental...

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117. [Women Face Risks as Doctors Struggle With Medical Exceptions on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Jul 20, 2022 | 1958 words | J. David Goodman and Azeen Ghorayshi

... were left to a family's doctor. There was a degree of "flexibility" over what constituted a threat to the mother, Dr. Holland said, "especially if you had access to a sympathetic family physician." After Roe was decided in 1973, states began passing legislation that banned abortions after **fetal viability** but made exceptions for "life and health," said Elizabeth Nash, state policy analyst at the Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights. Over the last decade , as state legislatures...

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118. [On Abortion Law, U.S. Is Different From Most](#)

The New York Times | Jan 23, 2022 | 1659 words | By Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz

... allow abortion without restriction until **fetal viability**, the cutoff set by Roe v. Wade, which was decided 49 years ago today. Because of medical advances, that is now around 23 weeks. And only around a dozen other countries allow abortions for any reason beyond 15 weeks of pregnancy, the threshold in the Mississippi law the Supreme Court is considering, which could overturn Roe. But in many countries, women can get an abortion after the gestational cutoff -- for a wide variety of reasons, like...

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119. [Judge Rules Against Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Dec 10, 2021 | 697 words | By J. David Goodman

... soon. The court has also been weighing arguments over a Mississippi law in a case seen as a direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that prevented states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**. The Mississippi law bans the procedure after 15 weeks, or about two months before viability. In Texas , abortion providers have said they were abiding by the new law because of the threat of legal action from any individual against someone who performs or "aids and abets" the procedure...

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120. [Citizen Enforcement of Abortion Law Violates Texas Constitution, Judge Rules](#)

The New York Times | Dec 09, 2021 | 723 words | J. David Goodman

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121. [Appeal for Intervention On Texas Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | Aug 31, 2021 | 674 words | By Adam Liptak

... . And many will not have the means to do so." In their application, the abortion providers wrote that the law "would immediately and catastrophically reduce abortion access in Texas, barring care for at least 85 percent of Texas abortion patients (those who are six weeks pregnant or greater) and likely forcing many abortion clinics ultimately to close." The Texas law is at odds with Supreme Court precedents, which prohibit states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, at about 22 to 24...

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122. [Group Seeks to Block Abortion Vote in Michigan, Citing Typography](#)

The New York Times | Aug 19, 2022 | 1014 words | Maggie Astor

... the text of the proposed amendment, which would ensure abortion rights broadly until **fetal viability** and in cases where "the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual" was in danger after viability. On some lines, the text is squeezed tightly. In a 152-page challenge, Citizens to Support MI Women and Children, a group that opposes the amendment, argued that the lack of spacing was unacceptable. For instance, in a section that reads, "Every individual has a fundamental right to...

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123. [Is there a popular backlash to the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision?](#)

The New York Times | Sep 17, 2023 | 4722 words | By Emily Bazelon

... initiative. The text provides for a broad right for "every individual" to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions" before a fetus is viable outside the womb (usually around 23 or 24 weeks). Only about one in five Americans think abortion should be allowed after that stage of pregnancy. The Ohio advocates tried to strike a balance in the initiative, writing that "abortion may be prohibited after **fetal viability**" unless, in the judgment of a treating physician, the procedure is...

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124. [Haley Misleads on Abortion, Trans Youth and Government Policy](#)

The New York Times | Jun 18, 2023 | 1842 words | By Linda Qiu

... . Trump to criticize current U.S. foreign policy. Here's a fact check of her recent remarks on the campaign trail. Sex and gender issues "Roe v. Wade came in and threw out 46 state laws and suddenly said abortion any time, anywhere, for any reason."-- in a CNN town hall in June This is exaggerated. Ms.

Haley is overstating the scope of the landmark ruling Roe v. Wade, which established a constitutional right to abortion. The 1973 decision also ensured that states could not bar abortions before **fetal...**

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125. [The Surprising Places Where Abortion Rights Are on the Ballot, and Winning](#)

The New York Times | Sep 12, 2023 | 4768 words | Emily Bazelon

... she was raped at the age of 19. “He’s a prime example of every excuse people give for saying women need abortions,” she says. “That’s what turned me from seeing this as a personal issue to 100 percent a human rights issue.” Historically, many pro-access advocates have viewed abortion bans after **fetal viability** — with exceptions for a patient’s life or health — as politically pragmatic. It’s a way to navigate between patients’ needs and voters’ declining support for abortion as fetal development...

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126. [Fact-Checking Nikki Haley on the Campaign Trail Fact Check](#)

The New York Times | Jun 17, 2023 | 1829 words | Linda Qiu

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127. [Texas to Drop Murder Charge in 'Self-Induced Abortion'](#)

The New York Times | Apr 11, 2022 | 811 words | By Giulia Heyward and Sophie Kasakove

... when an abortion is deemed illegal. In most of the country, abortion is prohibited after **fetal viability**, generally at 22 to 24 weeks of pregnancy. Several states, however, are moving to ban abortions at much earlier stages in anticipation that the U.S. Supreme Court will soon overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and that prohibited states from banning the procedure before a fetus is viable. The anti-abortion group Texas Right to Life...

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128. [Texas Will Dismiss Murder Charge Against Woman Connected to 'Self-Induced Abortion'](#)

The New York Times | Apr 10, 2022 | 840 words | Giulia Heyward and Sophie Kasakove

... deemed illegal. In most of the country, abortion is prohibited after **fetal viability**, generally at 22 to 24 weeks of pregnancy. Several states, however, are moving to ban abortions at much earlier stages in anticipation that the U.S. Supreme Court will soon overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that established a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion and that prohibited states from banning the procedure before a fetus is viable. The anti-abortion group Texas Right to Life supported Mr. Ramirez...

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129. [Arson Is Blamed for Fire At Clinic in Tennessee](#)

The New York Times | Jan 08, 2022 | 773 words | By Amanda Holpuch

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130. [Arson Destroyed Knoxville Planned Parenthood Clinic, Officials Say](#)

The New York Times | Jan 07, 2022 | 802 words | Amanda Holpuch

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131. [Supreme Court Asked to Block Texas Law Banning Most Abortions](#)

The New York Times | Aug 30, 2021 | 692 words | Adam Liptak

... will not have the means to do so.” In their application, the abortion providers wrote that the law “would immediately and catastrophically reduce abortion access in Texas , barring care for at least 85 percent of Texas abortion patients (those who are six weeks pregnant or greater) and likely forcing many abortion clinics ultimately to close.” The Texas law is at odds with Supreme Court precedents, which prohibit states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, at about 22 to 24 weeks. But it...

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132. [On Abortion Law, the U.S. Is Unusual. Without Roe, It Would Be, Too.](#)

The New York Times | Jan 22, 2022 | 1795 words | Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz

... more access than the law suggests ... Some of these countries, however, allow abortion after the cutoff if the woman has a valid reason, and law scholars say that in some of them , abortion until **fetal viability** is as accessible as it is in the United States under Roe. In Germany , for example, abortion is permitted on request until 12 weeks, and until 22 weeks if, in the woman’s view, it is necessary for her physical or mental health or for present or future living conditions. In Denmark , which...

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133. [Shift Suggested on Law in Texas](#)

The New York Times | Nov 02, 2021 | 1609 words | By Adam Liptak

... . Texas , No. 21-588 -- it put them on an exceptionally fast track. But the court said it would decide only the procedural questions of who is entitled to sue, not the constitutional one of whether the law violates precedents guaranteeing a right to abortion until **fetal viability**. In December, the justices will hear arguments in a separate case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, No. 19-1392, which takes on a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks. That case is a direct...

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134. ['Sister Senators' Unite to Block Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | May 07, 2023 | 1731 words | By Kate Zernike

... children or supported relatives or other young people through college, and they say their experience of pregnancy informs their views on abortion. All the women support the right to abortion, but with some restriction, though they vary on gestational limits: Senator Margie Bright Matthews, a Democrat, and Senator Mia McLeod, who left the Democratic Party this year, lean toward codifying Roe, which allowed some right to abortion up until **fetal viability**, around 24 weeks. Ms. Gustafson and Sandy Senn...

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135. [Supreme Court Hints That It May Allow Challenge to Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Nov 01, 2021 | 1665 words | Adam Liptak

... achieved. The law, which bans most abortions after about six weeks and includes no exceptions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, has caused clinics in the state to turn away many women seeking the procedure. There is little question that the ban itself is unconstitutional under two key Supreme Court precedents, *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in 1992. Those rulings prohibited states from barring abortions before **fetal viability**, or about 23 weeks. The question for the...

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136. [The Unexpected Women Blocking South Carolina 's Near-Total Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | May 07, 2023 | 1842 words | Kate Zernike

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137. [House Republicans Pass Bill to Send a Message on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Jan 12, 2023 | 1476 words | By Annie Karni

... majority of abortions in the United States occur in the first trimester, before the point of **fetal viability**, which is currently at about 23 weeks. In the exceedingly rare case in which a baby is born after an attempted abortion, it is highly unlikely that the infant would be able to survive outside the womb. In such cases, doctors would likely have induced labor as a means of terminating a nonviable pregnancy. Such cases present wrenching choices for women, and experts say they should be handled on a...

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138. [House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution](#)

The New York Times | Jan 11, 2023 | 1499 words | Annie Karni

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139. [The Week in Business: From Facebook to Meta](#)

The New York Times | Oct 31, 2021 | 806 words | By Sarah Kessler

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140. [De Blasio Ends Congressional Campaign](#)

The New York Times | Jul 20, 2022 | 1141 words | By Nicholas Fandos

... , a former federal prosecutor who helped build the impeachment case against Donald J. Trump; and Elizabeth Holtzman, the former congresswoman, district attorney and city comptroller. The contest has grown increasingly fractious, with the latest sign coming Tuesday afternoon in the aftermath of remarks Mr. Goldman made in an interview with Hamodia, the Orthodox Jewish news organization. Mr. Goldman initially said he would support limiting abortion past the point of **fetal viability**, after roughly 23...

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141. [I Worry That Pregnant Women Will Die If Tennessee 's Abortion Law Doesn't Change](#)

The New York Times | Mar 18, 2023 | 1781 words | By Sarah Osmundson

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142. [All-or-Nothing Abortion Politics Will Leave Women With Nothing Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Mar 16, 2023 | 1778 words | Sarah Osmundson

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143. [Court Refuses To Intervene In Challenge On Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Jan 21, 2022 | 931 words | By Adam Liptak

... constitutional rights," she wrote, referring to a series of rulings starting with one in September that let the law go into effect notwithstanding Supreme Court precedents that bar states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**, which is ordinarily around 23 weeks. "One month after directing that the petitioners' suit could proceed in part, the court countenances yet another violation of its own commands," Justice Sotomayor wrote. "Instead of stopping a Fifth Circuit panel from indulging Texas...

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144. [Abortion Leads Charged Docket In Court Return](#)

The New York Times | Oct 04, 2021 | 1765 words | By Adam Liptak

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146. [Back on the Bench, the Supreme Court Faces a Blockbuster Term](#)

The New York Times | Oct 03, 2021 | 1792 words | Adam Liptak

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147. [U.S. Asks Justices to Block Texas ' New Abortion Law, Opening a New Legal Front](#)

The New York Times | Oct 16, 2021 | 814 words | By Katie Benner and Adam Liptak

... prohibit states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 22 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy. That makes the Texas law unconstitutional under the controlling precedents. But it was written to make it difficult to challenge in court. Usually, a lawsuit seeking to block a law because it is unconstitutional would name state officials as defendants. But the Texas law bars state officials from enforcing it and instead deputizes private...

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148. [Justice Dept. to Ask Supreme Court to Block Texas ' Near-Total Abortion Ban as Legal Fights Continue](#)

The New York Times | Oct 15, 2021 | 834 words | Katie Benner and Adam Liptak

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149. [Opponents Of Abortion Believe Goal Is In Reach](#)

The New York Times | May 18, 2021 | 732 words | By Sabrina Tavernise

... term a case from Mississippi that would ban abortion after 15 weeks of gestation, with narrow exceptions. The case is a direct challenge to the 1973 ruling, which prevents states from banning abortion before **fetal viability** -- around 23 or 24 weeks of gestation. It is the first abortion case under the court's



new 6-3 conservative majority, and activists expressed hope that this case would be the one to remove federal protections for the procedure. Such a ruling would give the right to regulate...

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150. [Here are key passages from the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe.](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 1171 words | Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs

... ' gestation. But the characteristics of a fetus still prevent viability much earlier than that because important phases of development of the brain and other organs don't occur until well beyond the first trimester. There is no possibility of **fetal viability** at 15 weeks, the point at which the Mississippi law would outlaw most abortions in the state. Nor did Mississippi officials claim that a baby could survive at that stage. —Pam Belluck And to ensure that our decision is not misunderstood or...

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151. [Biden Vows to Protect Abortion Rights in Face of 'Extreme' Texas Law](#)

The New York Times | Sep 02, 2021 | 793 words | Katie Rogers

... rape or incest." The Texas law, known as S.B. 8 , makes it difficult for officials to enforce Roe v. Wade , a landmark decision that establishes the right to abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 22 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy. The law allows anyone to bring a court case against anyone else involved in obtaining an abortion — including taxi drivers, receptionists or relatives who provide money for the procedure — making...

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152. [Supreme Court Lets Texas Abortion Law Stay in Effect, for Now](#)

The New York Times | Jan 20, 2022 | 947 words | Adam Liptak

... rights," she wrote, referring to a series of rulings starting with one in September that let the law go into effect notwithstanding Supreme Court precedents that bar states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**, which is ordinarily around 23 weeks. "One month after directing that the petitioners' suit could proceed in part, the court countenances yet another violation of its own commands," Justice Sotomayor wrote. "Instead of stopping a Fifth Circuit panel from indulging Texas ' newest delay...

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153. ['Settled' or 'Barbaric'? What They've Said About Roe.](#)

The New York Times | May 04, 2022 | 1062 words | By Joon Yun and Jin Yu Young

... in 2020. In a concurring opinion, he identified what he said was the central principle of Roe v. Wade: that women have the right to end their pregnancies before **fetal viability**. In September 2021, he dissented when the court refused to block the Texas law banning most abortions after six weeks, voting with the court's three remaining liberals. Justice Sonia Sotomayor Justice Sotomayor has been the Supreme Court 's leading voice in support of abortion rights since the death of Justice Ruth Bader...

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154. [Facing Tepid Support, Bill de Blasio Drops N.Y. House Bid](#)

The New York Times | Jul 19, 2022 | 1166 words | Nicholas Fandos

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155. [The End of Roe Doesn't Need to Bring an Increase in Maternal Mortality Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Jul 09, 2022 | 1228 words | David Albert Jones

... accessible well beyond the time limit for elective abortion. Nevertheless, an overwhelming majority of these laws would be incompatible with Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which until recently protected abortion up to the point of **fetal viability** (around 24 weeks). Furthermore, several European states ( Andorra, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco and Poland ) ban abortion at every stage of pregnancy in all or almost all circumstances. After almost 50 years of U.S. law and policy shaped by Roe...

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156. [What's Next for Abortion Rights in New York ?](#)

The New York Times | Jul 08, 2022 | 1195 words | Karen Zraick and Hurubie Meko

... Dobbs v. Jackson decision overturning Roe was announced, the Legislature met in a special session and passed a measure to enact the Equal Rights Amendment, which would enshrine in the State Constitution the right to get an abortion and access contraception. Most New Yorkers support the right to an abortion, which is legal in the state to the point of **fetal viability**; a June poll by the Siena College Research Institute found that nearly two-thirds of New Yorkers supported enhanced legal protections...

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157. [‘A Great Sense of Inspiration’: Anti-Abortion Activists Express Optimism](#)

The New York Times | May 17, 2021 | 767 words | Sabrina Tavernise

... term a case from Mississippi that would ban abortion after 15 weeks of gestation, with narrow exceptions. The case is a direct challenge to the 1973 ruling, which prevents states from banning abortion before **fetal viability** — around 23 or 24 weeks of gestation. It is the first abortion case under the court's new 6-3 conservative majority, and activists expressed hope that this case would be the one to remove federal protections for the procedure. Such a ruling would give the right to regulate...

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158. [Democrats See Michigan Abortion Referendum as Test of a Strategy](#)

The New York Times | Sep 10, 2022 | 1418 words | By Jonathan Weisman and Nick Corasaniti

... decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. The amendment would allow the state "to prohibit abortion after **fetal viability** unless needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health." Christen Pollo, a spokeswoman for the coalition, conceded that the number of signatures secured to put the measure on the ballot -- more than 750,000 -- was impressive. But she said she did not believe that support would hold after her organization ramps up its efforts. "They may have received a record number of...

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159. [Even Before Court Rules on Roe, Some Clinics Have Ban in Place](#)

The New York Times | Jun 16, 2022 | 1267 words | By Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz

... weeks suggest how quickly an overturning of Roe could reduce abortion access across the South and Midwest, which would be a hard-fought victory for the anti-abortion movement. A survey published Wednesday by the Guttmacher Institute found that abortions had increased around the country between 2017 and 2020, reversing decades of declines. Around one in five pregnancies ended in abortion during that period. Roe guarantees a constitutional right to abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, around...

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160. [Briefs Draw Battle Lines as Abortion Law Nears Justices](#)

The New York Times | Oct 28, 2021 | 954 words | By Adam Liptak

... providers in the state and the other by the Justice Department. The court's scheduling order required the two sides to file their opening briefs simultaneously, with responses due on Friday. Both challengers said the law, which bars most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, is at odds with Roe v. Wade, which prohibits states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**, or around 23 weeks. They added that the law, known as Senate Bill 8, was cynically drafted to avoid review by federal courts. "S.B...

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161. [Justice Alito 's Invisible Women Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | May 05, 2022 | 1254 words | Linda Greenhouse

... regulation that places a "substantial obstacle" in the path of a woman seeking to terminate her pregnancy before **fetal viability**. A major reason for judicial disagreements over how to apply this standard is not its unworkability but the unwillingness of some Republican-appointed judges to accept the fact that there is still a constitutional right to abortion; for these judges, no burden is ever great enough to be "undue." As judges appointed by President Donald Trump have populated the lower courts (he...

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162. [Conservatives Look Abroad in Abortion Case](#)

The New York Times | Oct 05, 2021 | 988 words | By Adam Liptak

... ' gestation, except (in most instances) to save the life and to preserve the physical health of the mother." The law was a calculated challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, or around 23 or 24 weeks. The Supreme Court will hear arguments in December in a challenge to the law. The lawmakers' statements about foreign practices appear to be generally correct. A fact-checking...

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163. [The Draft Opinion's Missing Women](#)

The New York Times | May 08, 2022 | 1252 words | By Linda Greenhouse

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164. [Briefs Draw Battle Lines as Texas Abortion Law Nears Supreme Court](#)

The New York Times | Oct 27, 2021 | 973 words | Adam Liptak

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165. [Fears About the Future of Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Dec 03, 2021 | 966 words

... the autonomy to know what was best for her. For some, that was the decision to abort. Nancy CoxOwings Mills, Md. To the Editor: It certainly doesn't give one confidence in the integrity of those justices who testified in their confirmation hearings or told senators that they would uphold precedents while on the court. They either had a wondrous enlightenment or outright lied to obtain their position. How sad. Ross E. McDonaldBoynton Beach, Fla. To the Editor: Re "Abortion Dividing Line of **Fetal**...

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166. [First Kansas , Next Michigan and Beyond as Abortion Ballot Measures Spread](#)

The New York Times | Sep 09, 2022 | 1492 words | Jonathan Weisman and Nick Corasaniti

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167. [Justices' Silence Lets Texas Halt Most Abortions](#)

The New York Times | Sep 02, 2021 | 2023 words | By Adam Liptak, J. David Goodman and Sabrina Tavernise

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168. [Conservatives, Often Wary of Foreign Law, Look Abroad in Abortion Case Sidebar](#)

The New York Times | Oct 04, 2021 | 990 words | Adam Liptak

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169. [Fears About the Future of Abortion letters](#)

The New York Times | Dec 02, 2021 | 981 words

... Line of **Fetal Viability** Faces a Supreme Court Test ” (news article, Nov. 29): There is a more accurate way of testing viability. Integrity of brain stem function has been the medical gold standard for when all human beings are considered alive. The detection of a heart rate when a patient is unresponsive, intubated and ventilated is not very helpful in determining when a human being is alive or not. Many of these patients have heart rates but are still considered to have brain death if they have no...

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170. [Clinic Urges Court to Reaffirm \*Roe v. Wade\*](#)

The New York Times | Sep 14, 2021 | 989 words | By Adam Liptak

... said states may not impose an "undue burden" on the right to abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 or 24 weeks. The law at issue in the new case was enacted in 2018 by the Republican-dominated Mississippi Legislature. It banned abortions if "the probable gestational age of the unborn human" was determined to be more than 15 weeks. The statute included narrow exceptions for medical emergencies or "a severe fetal abnormality..."

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171. [To Be Pro-Choice, You Must Have the Privilege of Having Choices Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Apr 11, 2022 | 1210 words | Monica Simpson

... . I did not consent to that either. Systemic racism is built into every facet of our society, including sexual and reproductive health. In 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade affirmed the constitutional right to abortion, barring states from banning abortion before the point of **fetal viability**. But too many states, especially in the South, interpreted and applied the decision as strictly as they could get away with, disproportionately affecting women of color. In the decades since...

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172. [Being Pro-Choice Doesn't Always Mean Having Choices](#)

The New York Times | Apr 13, 2022 | 1186 words | By Monica Simpson

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173. [Texas Abortion Providers Ask Court to Revisit Case](#)

The New York Times | Sep 24, 2021 | 969 words | By Adam Liptak

... challenging Mississippi 's 15-week abortion ban that is scheduled to be heard on Dec. 1. The officials in that case have asked the justices to overrule Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion. Under the Roe decision and later precedents, states may not ban abortions before **fetal viability**, or about 23 weeks. Both the Texas and Mississippi laws are unconstitutional under those precedents. "The gravity of the circumstances and the para-mount importance of the question..."

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174. [G.O.P. Test After Roe: Defining 'Anti-Abortion'](#)

The New York Times | Jan 21, 2023 | 1952 words | By Lisa Lerer and Katie Glueck

... limit with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother. They sought to push Democrats to define their own limits on gestational age in order to frame them, at times misleadingly, as "extremists" who

support "abortion until birth" if they refused. Nearly all Democrats support federal legislation that would reinstate a version of the standard set by Roe: permitting abortion until **fetal viability**, roughly 23 weeks, and after that point only if the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's...

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175. [As Campaign Nears End, Democrats See The Limits of a Focus on Abortion Rights](#)

The New York Times | Nov 04, 2022 | 1739 words | By Lisa Lerer and Elizabeth Dias

... the amendment has motivated their side. They've poured money into digital and television advertising, mailers and canvassing operations that paint the amendment as an "extreme" provision that would allow abortion throughout pregnancy. If approved, the measure would establish an individual right to "reproductive freedom" and allow the state to regulate the procedure after **fetal viability** but not prohibit it under certain conditions. Activists are watching the outcome of less prominent elections...

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176. [Is This How Roe v. Wade Dies?](#)

The New York Times | Sep 02, 2021 | 918 words | By Lauren Kelley

... abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, or about 22 weeks of pregnancy. So while the laws created a splash, they didn't affect many people's lives. Until this week. But SB8 is much more diabolical than the average six-week abortion ban. The law would allow just about anyone -- truly, almost any person, anywhere -- to sue people or entities who "abet" or even allegedly intend to "abet" abortions in Texas after six weeks of pregnancy. What does it mean to "abet" an abortion? The law isn't...

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177. [Some Clinics Aren't Waiting for Roe Decision to Stop Abortions](#)

The New York Times | Jun 15, 2022 | 1292 words | Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz

... constitutional right to abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, around 23 weeks, and without it, around half of states are expected to ban the procedure. Many of those states already had limited access — six had a single clinic, and three had two — and various restrictions that made abortions harder to get. Now it is changing from hard to impossible, at least without crossing state lines. In Oklahoma, clinics have stopped operating because the state passed a new ban, even though it clearly conflicts...

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178. [Is This How Roe v. Wade Dies? Lauren Kelley](#)

The New York Times | Sep 01, 2021 | 919 words | Lauren Kelley

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179. [Supreme Court, Breaking Silence, Won’t Block Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Sep 01, 2021 | 2070 words | Adam Liptak, J. David Goodman and Sabrina Tavernise

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180. [After Dobbs, Republicans Wrestle With What It Means to Be Anti-Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Jan 20, 2023 | 2019 words | Lisa Lerer and Katie Glueck

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181. [Abortion Providers Ask Supreme Court for Fast Review of Texas Ban](#)

The New York Times | Sep 23, 2021 | 990 words | Adam Liptak

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182. [At Campaign’s End, Democrats See Limits of Focus on Abortion](#)

The New York Times | Nov 04, 2022 | 1766 words | Lisa Lerer and Elizabeth Dias

... their side. They’ve poured money into digital and television advertising, mailers and canvassing operations that paint the amendment as an “extreme” provision that would allow abortion throughout pregnancy. If approved, the measure would establish an individual right to “reproductive freedom” and allow the state to regulate the procedure after **fetal viability** but not prohibit it under certain conditions. Activists are watching the outcome of less prominent elections that could have long-term...



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183. [Supreme Court Urged to Reject Mississippi 's Attack on Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | Sep 13, 2021 | 1006 words | Adam Liptak

... said states may not impose an "undue burden" on the right to abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 or 24 weeks. The law at issue in the new case was enacted in 2018 by the Republican-dominated Mississippi Legislature. It banned abortions if "the probable gestational age of the unborn human" was determined to be more than 15 weeks. The statute included narrow exceptions for medical emergencies or "a severe fetal abnormality." Lower...

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184. [The Leaked Draft Opinion on Roe Draws on Familiar Arguments](#)

The New York Times | May 03, 2022 | 1376 words | Adam Liptak

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185. [Decades-Old Arguments From Right Finally Find a Majority to Adopt Them](#)

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186. [Texas Urges Top Court Not to Block Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Oct 22, 2021 | 1090 words | By Adam Liptak

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187. [Texas Urges Supreme Court to Leave Its Restrictive Abortion Law in Place](#)

The New York Times | Oct 21, 2021 | 1103 words | Adam Liptak

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188. [Florida Judge Will Temporarily Block 15-Week Abortion Ban](#)

The New York Times | Jun 30, 2022 | 1498 words | Patricia Mazzei

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189. [Florida Judge to Block 15-Week Abortion Ban](#)

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190. [When Their Idea of Liberty Is Your Idea of Death Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | May 10, 2023 | 3020 words | Thomas B. Edsall

... the business community. On abortion, she continued, "I would argue that the ability to choose whether or not to have a child is a fundamental right," adding her belief that: Before the *Dobbs* decision, we had found a workable compromise on this issue: no or limited abortions after **fetal viability** around 24 weeks. But the kind of six-week limit that is now the law in Florida and Georgia, not to mention the total ban in 14 other states, is an almost complete abrogation of the rights of women. On the...

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191. [Turning Point as Chief Justice Loses Grip on the Court](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 1518 words | By Adam Liptak

... must be treated the same under the Constitution as a ban after 15 weeks." The failure of his proposed approach was telling, Professor Larsen said. "It sounds like the justices are talking past each other," she

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192. [Justice Dept. Asks Supreme Court to Block Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Oct 19, 2021 | 1186 words | By Adam Liptak

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193. [June 24, 2022: The Day Chief Justice Roberts Lost His Court News Analysis](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 1541 words | Adam Liptak

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194. [Special Edition: Roe v. Wade Is Overturned](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 1542 words | Remy Tumin

... Kagan — wrote that the court had done grave damage to women's equality and to its own legitimacy. "With sorrow — for this court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection — we dissent." The case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, concerned a 2018 law that banned abortions in Mississippi at 15 weeks. That law was a calculated challenge to *Roe*, which prohibited states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**...

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195. [Shifting Trends For Abortions Since the '70s](#)

The New York Times | Dec 15, 2021 | 1310 words | By Margot Sanger-Katz, Claire Cain Miller and Quoc Trung Bui

... political debate about abortion in America focuses on abortions performed late in pregnancy, but the overwhelming majority of them occur in the first trimester. Forty-three percent of all abortions occur in the first six weeks of pregnancy, and 92 percent in the first 13 weeks. In 1973, the *Roe* decision provided a constitutional right to abortion before **fetal viability**, around 23 weeks. If it's overturned, at least 22 states are likely to ban abortions altogether, or much earlier in pregnancy. The...

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196. [Bill to Preserve Abortion Right Fails in Senate](#)

The New York Times | May 12, 2022 | 1547 words | By Annie Karni

... abortion. It borrowed language from the 1992 decision in Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, which affirmed what it called the essential holding in Roe: that states may not prohibit abortions before **fetal viability**. Democrats dismissed the proposal as toothless, noting that it lacked clear guidance about what states can and cannot do, and that it would not explicitly rule out abortion bans before a fetus is viable or bar any specific prohibitions on abortion methods. Yet Ms. Collins called the Democratic...

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197. [Your Thursday Briefing](#)

The New York Times | Dec 02, 2021 | 1289 words | Natasha Frost

... ruling could affect the U.S. midterms The Supreme Court seemed poised yesterday to uphold a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, even though doing so would be flatly at odds with Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, currently around 23 weeks. If the court does uphold the law, it would immediately elevate abortion rights into a defining issue in next year's...

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198. [Court's Rightward Lurch Is Unlikely to Be Thwarted By Breyer's Replacement](#)

The New York Times | Jan 28, 2022 | 1335 words | By Adam Liptak

... Texas law that bans most abortions after six weeks. The law is flatly at odds with Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure until **fetal viability**, around 23 weeks. The court also repeatedly thwarted initiatives by the Biden administration to address the coronavirus pandemic, blocking an eviction moratorium and a vaccine-or-testing mandate for large employers. And it refused to block a lower-court ruling...

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199. [Justice Department Asks Supreme Court to Block Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Oct 18, 2021 | 1200 words | Adam Liptak

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200. [Mississippi Explains All on Abortion Linda Greenhouse](#)

The New York Times | Jul 29, 2021 | 1098 words | Linda Greenhouse

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202. [She Once Made a Choice That Others Could Lose](#)

The New York Times | Sep 27, 2021 | 1112 words | By Kurt Streeter

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203. [New Justice Will Have Little Power to Thwart Supreme Court's Rightward Lurch](#)

The New York Times | Jan 27, 2022 | 1359 words | Adam Liptak

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The New York Times | May 11, 2022 | 1609 words | Annie Karni

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205. [Reset the Abortion Debate](#)

The New York Times | Jun 20, 2021 | 1138 words | By Leah Libresco Sargeant

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206. [It's the Thomas Court Now](#)

The New York Times | Oct 16, 2021 | 1260 words | By Jill Abramson

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207. [This Justice Is Taking Over the Supreme Court , and He Won't Be Alone](#)  
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209. [Florida Lawmakers Vote To Ban More Abortions](#)

The New York Times | Mar 04, 2022 | 1517 words | By Patricia Mazzei and Alexandra Glorioso

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210. [To Protect Abortion Rights, Turn to Elections](#)

The New York Times | Nov 28, 2021 | 1305 words | By The Editorial Board

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212. [Requiem for the Supreme Court](#)

The New York Times | Jun 26, 2022 | 1736 words | By Linda Greenhouse

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213. [Requiem for the Supreme Court Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Jun 24, 2022 | 1729 words | Linda Greenhouse

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214. [Abortion Decision Could Spill Into Midterm Elections](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 1351 words | Carl Hulse

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215. [Supreme Court Ruling Could Make Abortion the Leading Issue in Midterm Elections](#)

The New York Times | Dec 02, 2021 | 1330 words | By Carl Hulse

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217. [What Happens When It's Too Late to Get an Abortion Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Nov 22, 2021 | 1305 words | Diana Greene Foster

... On Dec. 1, the Supreme Court will consider the constitutionality of Mississippi 's ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. If the court decides to uphold the Mississippi law — as it may well do — that would mean American abortion rights would no longer be protected up to the point of **fetal viability**, or about 24 weeks of pregnancy. Replacing this viability standard, which has been in place since 1992, with some lower threshold is sometimes framed as a necessary compromise between people...

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218. [Florida Lawmakers Vote to Ban Abortions After 15 Weeks](#)

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219. [New Reality Persists for Texas Women, Despite Rulings on Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Dec 11, 2021 | 1375 words | By J. David Goodman and Ruth Graham

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220. [Small Court Victories Change Nothing for Women Seeking Abortions in Texas](#)

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221. [Roe Is as Good as Gone. It's Time for a New Strategy. Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Nov 01, 2021 | 1363 words | Kathryn Kolbert and Julie F. Kay

... the ability to challenge the Texas law in federal court. The more significant case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, will be argued on Dec. 1. *Dobbs*, with its ban on most abortions even well before the point of **fetal viability**, poses the central question of whether *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* remain the law of the land. Five justices — Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito — are expected to eviscerate abortion access with...

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222. [Omicron, the Fed, Tony Kushner: Your Tuesday Evening Briefing](#)

The New York Times | Nov 30, 2021 | 1360 words | Remy Tumin

... court news out of New York City, the wife of El Chapo, the Mexican drug kingpin, was sentenced to three years in prison for helping him run his criminal empire and for playing a role in his escape from custody in 2014. 6. The Supreme Court will hear the most important abortion case in decades tomorrow: one that could undermine or overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The case concerns a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks, long before **fetal viability**. The court could overrule *Roe* entirely...

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223. [Women Helping Women Get Abortions](#)

The New York Times | Jan 22, 2022 | 1402 words | By Nicole Sperling

... constitutional right and forbade states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability** (23 weeks). The Sundance filmmakers make no secret that they support abortion rights but say they want their work to show the complexity of the subject. In "Call Jane," Banks plays Joy, a mother and housewife who seeks out an illegal abortion after learning that her pregnancy is life-threatening -- her attempt to secure one legally having been denied by an all-male hospital board. The movie's director, Phyllis Nagy...

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224. [Number of Abortions Declined by Half After a New Law in Texas Took Effect](#)

The New York Times | Oct 30, 2021 | 1404 words | By Claire Cain Miller, Quoctrung Bui and Margot Sanger-Katz

... outside groups. Other conservative-leaning states may follow Texas' lead. Another case before the Supreme Court this term will challenge the *Roe* standard of prohibiting states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability** (or before around 23 or 24 weeks). Should the Supreme Court weaken the standard, abortion would probably quickly become illegal in 22 states....

225. [At Sundance, Two Films Look at Abortion and the Jane Collective](#)

The New York Times | Jan 20, 2022 | 1443 words | Nicole Sperling

... Weaver, and looking for distribution. The movies are debuting at a particularly crucial time for abortion rights. The Supreme Court heard arguments in December over the legality of a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks; it is expected to issue a decision this summer. Should the court uphold the law, the ruling would be at odds with *Roe v. Wade*, which declared abortion a constitutional right and forbade states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability** (23 weeks). The Sundance...

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226. [Abortion, Omicron, Academy Awards: Your Wednesday Evening Briefing](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 1454 words | Remy Tumin

... abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. A decision is expected in late June. Upholding the state law would be flatly at odds with the central holding of *Roe*, which established a constitutional right to abortion and prohibited states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, or around 23 weeks. Moving that line to 15 weeks would discard a half-century of precedent. Should *Roe* be overturned, at least 20 states will make all abortions unlawful. Several members of the court's six-member conservative...

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227. [What a 'Post-Roe' Nation Might Look Like](#)

The New York Times | May 20, 2021 | 1299 words | By Quoc Trung Bui, Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz

... Mississippi law that the Supreme Court will consider would ban most abortions after 15 weeks (women usually find out they're pregnant after at least four weeks). That is about two months earlier than *Roe* and later decisions allow a ban (the exceptions are for a medical emergency or "severe fetal abnormality"). The justices will consider whether laws restricting abortions earlier than the *Roe* threshold of **fetal viability** are unconstitutional. The court could decide to reaffirm *Roe*; or to chip away at...

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228. [The Free Ride May Soon Be Over for Anti-Abortion Politicians Linda Greenhouse](#)

The New York Times | May 20, 2021 | 1248 words | Linda Greenhouse

... burdensome rules by which states have for years been making abortion more expensive and less accessible. In granting this case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the court takes us all the way back to the heart of the matter, to whether a state can skip all the rigmarole and just impose a flat-out ban on some — or all — abortions before **fetal viability**. Do I think the court will use this case to permit states to ban abortion entirely? No, not directly and not this soon; there's no need for...

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229. [Texas Has Turned Citizen Against Citizen Over Abortion. How Did We Get Here? Guest Essay](#)

The New York Times | Oct 29, 2021 | 1415 words | Joshua Prager

... hope that abortion would become “sort of obsolete.” She added that while she did not believe the law ought to restrict abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, the standard established in the Roe decision, she “would have little personal sympathy for a woman who used abortion at any stage as contraception or to avoid personal responsibility.” The defendant Ms. Coffee named in Roe , Mr. Wade, the Dallas County district attorney, was secretly a liberal Democrat who, as his son Kim recalled to me...

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230. [Your Monday Briefing](#)

The New York Times | Oct 03, 2021 | 1434 words | Natasha Frost

... politics. Roe v. Wade: The court, dominated by six Republican appointees, seems poised to use a Mississippi law to undermine and perhaps overturn the 1973 decision that barred states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**. News from Washington: Progressives rejected demands from moderate Democrats to shrink President Biden’s domestic policy agenda by more than half, though they said they were willing to compromise. Younger Germans vote for change Germany ’s incoming Parliament is its youngest yet...

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231. [The Supreme Court Gaslights Its Way to the End of Roe](#)

The New York Times | Dec 04, 2021 | 1611 words | By Linda Greenhouse

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233. [Supreme Court Lets Texas Law Be Challenged](#)

The New York Times | Dec 11, 2021 | 1705 words | By Adam Liptak

... liability. The Supreme Court 's decision in the Texas case came less than two weeks after the court heard a direct challenge to the right to abortion established in 1973 in Roe, in a case about a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks. Roe prohibits states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy. The court's six-member conservative majority seemed prepared to uphold the...

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234. [Its Day in Court Nearing, Abortion Clinic Carries On](#)

The New York Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 1610 words | By Rick Rojas

... Mississippi over the new restrictions, and lawyers will argue the case before the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The implications will most likely be felt far beyond Jackson . The law was conceived as a direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, which established a constitutional right to abortion and blocks states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, which most experts estimate at about 23 or 24 weeks. The law, which includes exceptions for medical emergencies or severe fetal abnormalities, reflected...

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235. [Justices Take Case Testing Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | May 18, 2021 | 1509 words | By Adam Liptak

... said the law was plainly unconstitutional under Roe, which forbids states from banning abortions before **fetal viability** -- the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 or 24 weeks. Mississippi 's sole abortion clinic sued, saying the law ran afoul of Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that affirmed Roe's core holding. Judge Carlton W. Reeves of Federal District Court in Jackson , Miss. , blocked the law in 2018, saying the legal issue was...

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236. [Texas Abortion Law Case Throws a Spotlight on Kavanaugh](#)

The New York Times | Nov 01, 2021 | 1631 words | By Adam Liptak

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237. [Supreme Court Allows Challenge to Texas Abortion Law but Leaves It in Effect](#)

The New York Times | Dec 10, 2021 | 1708 words | Adam Liptak

... decision in the Texas case came less than two weeks after the court heard a direct challenge to the right to abortion established in 1973 in Roe, in a case about a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks. Roe prohibits states from banning abortion before **fetal viability**, the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy. The court's six-member conservative majority seemed prepared to uphold the Mississippi law, and several justices...

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238. [Supreme Court Again Refuses to Block Texas Abortion Law](#)

The New York Times | Oct 22, 2021 | 1649 words | Adam Liptak

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240. [Inside the Last Abortion Clinic in Mississippi](#)

The New York Times | Nov 30, 2021 | 1670 words | Rick Rojas

... new restrictions, and lawyers will argue the case before the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The implications will most likely be felt far beyond Jackson. The law was conceived as a direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, which established a constitutional right to abortion and blocks states from banning the procedure before **fetal viability**, which most experts estimate at about 23 or 24 weeks. The law, which includes exceptions for medical emergencies or severe fetal abnormalities, reflected the efforts of...

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241. [What Sandra Day O'Connor Meant](#)

The New York Times | Sep 25, 2021 | 1634 words | By Linda Greenhouse

... overused, context-dependent word has little independent meaning. What interests me is less where she stood on the court's political spectrum than how she got there. The answer, of particular relevance today, is twofold. One, she cared about the impact of the court's decisions -- not only on the law, but on the

country itself. And two, she was willing to learn. On abortion, for example, she framed her critique of Roe v. Wade in a dissenting opinion in 1983 around the prediction that the date of **fetal**...

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242. [In Texas Abortion Law Case, a Spotlight on Brett Kavanaugh](#)

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243. [Supreme Court to Hear Abortion Case Challenging Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | May 17, 2021 | 1520 words | Adam Liptak

... plainly unconstitutional under Roe, which forbids states from banning abortions before **fetal viability** — the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, or about 23 or 24 weeks. Mississippi's sole abortion clinic sued, saying the law ran afoul of Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that affirmed Roe's core holding. Judge Carlton W. Reeves of Federal District Court in Jackson, Miss., blocked the law in 2018, saying the legal issue was straightforward and questioning...

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244. [What We Lost When We Lost Sandra Day O'Connor Linda Greenhouse](#)

The New York Times | Sep 23, 2021 | 1650 words | Linda Greenhouse

... to learn. On abortion, for example, she framed her critique of Roe v. Wade in a dissenting opinion in 1983 around the prediction that the date of **fetal viability** — the date before which the court had recognized a woman's absolute right to terminate a pregnancy — was inevitably moving backward toward early pregnancy. "The Roe framework," she wrote, "is clearly on a collision course with itself." Six years later, when the next major abortion case reached the court, medical organizations pointedly...

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245. [Key Excerpts From the Decision Overturning Roe v. Wade](#)

The New York Times | Jun 25, 2022 | 3125 words

... of a fetus still prevent viability much earlier than that because important phases of development of the brain and other organs don't occur until well beyond the first trimester. There is no possibility of **fetal viability** at 15 weeks, the point at which the Mississippi law would outlaw most abortions in the state. Nor did Mississippi officials claim that a baby could survive at that stage. PAM BELLUCK Calling on Women Section III., E. 2., Page 65 Our decision returns the issue of abortion to...



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246. [‘Maybe Gen Z Is Just Kinder’: How America’s Youngest Voters Are Shaping Politics](#)

The New York Times | Oct 26, 2022 | 4338 words | ‘The Argument’

... there any limits that you’d be OK with, or not really? Zak Krebs: So I’ll go first, if that’s cool. I don’t know. It’s not super my place to say, really. That’s kind of been my opinion on this as a whole. I think that if a person’s able to get an abortion up to 15 weeks, it’s way better than just outright banning it. So I would accept that. But I think, with my limited knowledge about the actual biology of pregnancy, I think abortions up to **fetal viability** was a satisfying thing for me. I think that...

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247. [What Would a Post-Roe America Look Like? Spencer Bokot-Lindell](#)

The New York Times | Dec 10, 2021 | 2733 words | Spencer Bokot-Lindell

... right to abortion. In 2022, they may lose it. Those are the stakes of a case that the Supreme Court heard last week, Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, involving a Mississippi law that bans nearly all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The case is a direct challenge to the 1973 precedent Roe v. Wade, which established that states could not ban abortions before **fetal viability**. That core ruling was upheld in the 1992 case Planned Parenthood v. Casey , albeit in a weaker form that...

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248. [The Supreme Court's Future](#)

The New York Times | Oct 25, 2020 | 1772 words | By Linda Greenhouse

... panel upheld that ruling in April 2018. One of the three judges on the panel, Daniel Manion, dissented from the fetal-remains portion of the opinion. He then said he found it "regrettable" that Supreme Court precedent required him to concur with his colleagues that the other provision was unconstitutional, acknowledging that the Supreme Court has ruled that before **fetal viability**, a woman has an absolute right to an abortion. He then proceeded to rail against the court's abortion jurisprudence in...

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249. [What Does Amy Coney Barrett Mean for the Supreme Court?](#)

The New York Times | Oct 22, 2020 | 1766 words | Linda Greenhouse

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250. [The New York Times's Interview With Dan Goldman The Editorial Board](#)

The New York Times | Aug 13, 2022 | 4547 words | The Editorial Board

... running here. We've got someone in the City Council who's taking money from lobbyists and special interests before the city. The whole thing needs to just be revamped, and we need public financing. But I can assure you that a \$2,900 or a \$5,800 donation from any one individual is not going to influence anything that I do. Eleanor Randolph: We are sort of up against our time limit. But you told a local news outlet that you would not object to a state law banning abortion after the point of **fetal**...



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The Salt Lake Tribune | Jun 24, 2022 | 442 words | Adam Liptak | The New York Times

... By a 7-2 vote, the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade in 1973 established a constitutional right to abortion, striking down laws in many states that had banned the procedure. The court said states could not ban abortions before **fetal viability**, the point at which the fetus can survive outside the womb. That was around 28 weeks at the time; because of improvements in medical technology, it is around 23 weeks now. The decision was widely criticized, including by people who supported access to abortion...

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2. [Letter Pro-choice movement must put women's agency, health and well-being at the center of the cause](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 08, 2022 | 287 words | Justice Morath | The Public Forum

... , as has Mike Lee. To his credit, on May 3 McMullin did make a statement walking back the stronger Lee-like language, but he still danced around his past comments. Too often, **fetal "viability"** is put at the forefront of the discourse, ignoring the agency, health and well-being of women. Much of this is because the left lets the right frame the rules of political engagement with slick marketing phrases. And here we go again, the Utah Democratic Party over-focusing on "viability," not seeing how they...

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3. ['Mormon Land' Former justice examines abortion and a nation without Roe v. Wade](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Dec 16, 2021 | 272 words | Peggy Fletcher Stack, David Noyce

... The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments about a Mississippi law banning virtually all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Anti-abortion activists are cheering the possibility that the court could overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, which granted women a constitutional right to abortion before **fetal viability**. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has aligned itself on several social issues with conservative religions, but its position on abortion is more complicated...

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4. [Utah published new abortion statistics. Here's what they tell us.](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Nov 08, 2023 | 1594 words | Emily Anderson Stern

... numbers saying, "That is why we have the programs that we have. We feel that no woman should ever have to feel like killing her baby is the solution to an economic challenge." Abortion at the Capitol Abortion is legal for up to 18 weeks of pregnancy in Utah . That restriction, however, wasn't in place in 2021 as the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade, which held that abortion is a constitutionally protected right up until **fetal viability** (around 24 weeks), prevented it from being...

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5. [Linn Goldberg and Rocky Anderson Utah 's anti-abortion legislation is cruel and dangerous to women](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Nov 04, 2022 | 734 words | Linn Goldberg and Rocky Anderson | Special to The Tribune

... and trauma for thousands of abused women. It is clear that the right to safe and legal abortion is under attack like never before. Prior to **fetal viability**, a woman should be able to choose whether or not to continue her pregnancy in consultation with her physician. That is the definition of health care, not unlike deciding when to begin radiation or chemotherapy, have surgery, or refrain from any medical treatment. So why would any state violate a woman's right to her personal autonomy and self...

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6. [Ellen Brady Women's freedoms are threatened by home-grown extremism](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Sep 09, 2021 | 462 words | Ellen Brady | Special to The Tribune

... , the recent Texas laws are part of a rapidly accelerating pattern. We have already Another step downward occurred when the Supreme Court let a Texas law go into effect that deputizes and rewards citizens for policing the reproductive decisions of women. Further, it did so on an emergency basis without a full court review. That "shadow" decision overturned 50 years of Roe v Wade precedent - the landmark case that gave women the right to undergo abortion up to the point of **fetal "viability,"** after...

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7. [Rich Lowry Abortion controversy won't save the Democrats](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Jul 19, 2022 | 662 words | Rich Lowry | National Review

... that would once again wipe away any state discretion, and indeed go even further. As my National Review colleague John McCormack notes, the Democratic bill creates a right to abortion before "**fetal viability**," or the threshold when the fetus is likely to survive outside the womb. It also forbids states from prohibiting post-viability abortions if a "health care provider" believes that continuing the pregnancy would risk the mother's "health," a term that includes physical and mental health and is...

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8. [Texas law bans abortions after 6 weeks. Will Utah be next and go after Roe v. Wade?](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Sep 05, 2021 | 1159 words | Bethany Rodgers

... ' actions to date are not encouraging. The current attack on Roe v. Wade feels different from any she has previously witnessed, she said. "I used to have more faith in the courts," Galloway continued. "I used to think that we balanced rights. I don't have those assurances anymore." The Texas ban is among the nation's most restrictive, with many prior attempts to impose such early-pregnancy prohibitions running up against case law that established **fetal viability** as the marker for when states can begin...

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9. [Why isn't the LDS Church 'pro-life'? Look at its theology, says former chief justice](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Dec 17, 2021 | 1239 words | Peggy Fletcher Stack, David Noyce

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10. [Legislators send ban on Down syndrome-based abortions to the governor](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Mar 01, 2019 | 496 words | Benjamin Wood

... caucus. But her opposing vote, she said, reflected her beliefs about the role and relationship between a physician and patient. The Senate has yet to hear a second abortion bill, HB136, which bans the procedure after 18 weeks of fetal development. The 18-week ban, sponsored by West Jordan Republican Rep. Cheryl Acton, is expected to be challenged in court if enacted, as Supreme Court precedent establishes **fetal viability** — around 23 or 24 weeks — as the constitutional standard for a woman's right to...

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11. [Utah lawmakers tee up a court fight with passage of an 18-week abortion ban](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Mar 14, 2019 | 569 words | Benjamin Wood

... . Cheryl Acton, stated that her intention with the bill is not to establish a new viability standard, but to challenge the concept of **fetal viability** as the basis for a constitutional right. During debate on Wednesday, Sen. Lyle Hillyard, R-Logan, said that 18 weeks is “probably as good a point as any” to establish the state's threshold for elective abortion procedures. And the arguments about a woman's right to choose, Hillyard said, ignore the fact that an unborn child is involved. A child's right to...

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12. [Ramesh Ponnuru Three facts about abortion and the Supreme Court](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Jul 05, 2018 | 1189 words | Ramesh Ponnuru | Bloomberg View

... before **fetal viability**. In 2007, it said that the government has an interest in preventing the coarsening of society with respect to human life. In 2016, another decision cast doubt on both points. A state legislator trying to decide how to vote on an abortion bill cannot confidently tell what provisions will be held constitutional. The court could decide in some future case that it has been unable to use the Constitution to come up with a workable legal code on abortion — and get out of the business...

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13. [Gov. Herbert vetoes special election bill, signs 18-week abortion ban and 118 other bills](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Mar 26, 2019 | 672 words | Benjamin Wood

... elective abortions in the state after 18 weeks of fetal development. “Governor Herbert is unapologetically pro-life and believes state lawmakers have chosen an appropriate threshold for protecting the unborn while respecting a woman’s right to choose,” said Paul Edwards, Herbert’s spokesman. Various Utah organizations have committed to filing court challenges against the law, which narrows the window for elective abortions beyond the federal standard of **fetal viability** established in the landmark...

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14. [Gehrke Why this fight over abortion is cruel, calculating and all-together too real](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 20, 2019 | 757 words | Robert Gehrke

... abortions conducted solely because the fetus is diagnosed with Down syndrome. While not as egregious or blatant as Alabama’s law or the rest, Utah’s actions were no less in bad faith. The constitutional standard that has been applied nationwide is that abortion is legal up to the point of **fetal viability** and, because of medical advances, that viability window is getting earlier in pregnancy. So if that was what was motivating the Utah bill — changing the law to reflect the current state of medicine...

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15. [Abortion changes](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Feb 24, 2009 | 413 words | Tribune Editorial

... Through two bills, the Legislature is about to rewrite portions of Utah abortion law. Because both would further insert the state into medical decisions made by a doctor and a patient, and because one would narrow the legal definitions that allow some permissible abortions, they are ill-advised. Both assume a black-and-white medical and moral certainty where often none exists. The first, HB90, already has passed both houses. It would redefine **fetal viability**, grave fetal defects and the...

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16. [McEntee: Three-day wait for abortion an insult to women's decision-making](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Mar 23, 2012 | 488 words | By Peg McEntee Tribune Columnist

... to understand that a woman's right to an abortion before **fetal viability** has been in place since 1973's Roe v. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. Utah’s law banning elective abortion was struck down by a federal judge in the early 1990s and at a cost of more than \$1 million in taxpayer money. Efforts over time by other states have met the same fate. More recently, South Dakota imposed a three-day waiting period that a federal judge promptly enjoined on the grounds it imposed an undue...

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17. [As abortion bans multiply, some states move to affirm a woman's right to choose](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 29, 2019 | 1134 words | Isaac Stanley-Becker | The Washington Post

... measure went too far in easing limitations, primarily in the area of **fetal viability**. "This is not about keeping abortion legal in Illinois ; this is about a vast expansion of what is allowed," said Bourne, who is pregnant. "Please, for the viable babies who are waiting to be born, vote no." But Cassidy stressed that the bill was designed to "codify current practice." "As attacks escalate around us, Illinois can respond with equal force to defend reproductive freedom," said the Democratic lawmaker...

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18. [Noah Feldman 'Heartbeat' abortion bans are going nowhere before 2020](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 14, 2019 | 1040 words | Noah Feldman | Bloomberg Opinion

... conservative appellate circuit. I would put it at 2%. In this outlier scenario, a federal district judge comes up with or accepts some creative and implausible theory according to which laws banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be heard as somehow consistent with the legal framework created by the Supreme Court in the 1992 landmark case of Casey v. Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania . Under the Casey rule, abortion is protected until **fetal viability**, usually defined as 23 to 24 weeks...

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19. [Abortion Ban Act violates doctor, patient relationship](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 26, 2007 | 546 words | By Wallace H. Ring

... medical indications and prior to **fetal viability**. Parents with legitimate concerns that their fetus may be malformed may elect to have an amniocentesis performed. Such a study can detect the vast majority of serious fetal abnormalities; however, it is not without risks. One complication is an unintended spontaneous abortion. The later in the pregnancy this procedure is performed, the less likely will an unintended premature labor occur. In order to minimize these unintended abortions, an amniocentesis...

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20. [Supreme Court could return abortion debate to the states](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Jul 12, 2018 | 1099 words | David A. Lieb and Steve LeBlanc | The Associated Press

... was intended to overturn a state Supreme Court determination that the state constitution provided an even greater protection for abortion than the federal one. If the Roe precedent is reversed or weakened, similar constitutional amendments in other states could erect a shield against lawsuits asserting state-based abortion rights. At the time of the Roe v. Wade decision, just four states — Alaska , Hawaii , New York and Washington — allowed abortion on demand prior to **fetal viability**. California...

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21. [Ross Douthat The abortion mysticism of Pete Buttigieg](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Sep 18, 2019 | 1385 words | Ross Douthat | The New York Times

... leaning too heavily on scientific definitions, not for ignoring them. A pro-choice philosophy, meanwhile, can be more or less scientific depending on where, instead of conception, it wants to draw its moral lines. A case for legal abortion that's organized around brain development or **fetal viability**, for instance, has difficulties insofar as both definitions are moving targets. But both at least encompass some biologically relevant status that a fetus could acquire, some benchmark it could reach, that...

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22. [Rebecca Walsh: Price tag be damned, four target abortion](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Oct 02, 2008 | 652 words | By Rebecca Walsh Tribune Columnist

...," Bird said. But I digress. Let's get back to the grandstand . . . er . . . campaign: Provo Rep. Chris Herrod, Clearfield Rep. Paul Ray, Orem Rep. Stephen Sandstrom and Wimmer will sponsor bills next year to heap guilt on women seeking abortion, undermine legal standards of **fetal viability** or ban the procedure altogether. If, of course, they get re-elected. Although they aren't sponsoring legislation, Lehi Sen. Mark Madsen and American Fork Rep. Ken Sumsion made sure they got some face time with the...

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23. [Murder Applies To Fetus ; Defense to appeal judge's decision; Judge Rules Murder AppliesTo Fetus in Utah](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Jan 08, 2002 | 719 words | STEPHEN HUNT, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

... potentiality, not an unborn child," Cella argued. "You cannot be held liable for killing a potentiality." The U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, which legalized abortion, defined **fetal viability** as the point at which a fetus can survive outside the womb -- approximately the 28th week of pregnancy. But Deputy Davis County Attorney William McGuire countered that the definition of a "person" in reproductive rights cases is not relevant in a criminal context. Allphin agreed: "Reproductive rights..."

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24. [Utah Abortion Law Legal Battle Is Over; Abortion Law Legal Battle Finally Over](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Jun 17, 1997 | 736 words | BY STEPHEN HUNT THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

... abortions before and after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Utah officials appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which sent the case back to the appeals court. There, pro-abortion attorneys argued that Utah's ban on late abortions was unconstitutional, even when considered apart from early abortions. In December 1996, the 10th Circuit justices struck down the ban on later abortions, saying doctors, not legislators should determine **fetal viability**. True to abortion politics, Utah's law sparked divisiveness. When...

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26. [SLAY SUSPECT FACES CHARGE IN FETUS DEATH BUT DEFENSE WANTS A CHARGE ONLY IN KILLING OF WOMAN](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | Feb 23, 1995 | 780 words | By Stephen Hunt THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

... Myers with two counts of capital murder -- said **fetal viability** is irrelevant. In other states, defendants have been convicted of murder for killing fetuses as young as 27 days old, Adkins added. This is the first time a Utah defendant has been charged with murdering an "unborn child," Adkins said. Third Circuit Judge Roger A. Livingston will rule March 14 on the legal status of the fetus. Also at that time, the judge will probably order Myers to stand trial for at least one homicide. At a Wednesday...

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27. [Law aims to keep drunken drivers off the road by taking their cars](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 11, 2009 | 1111 words | By Robert Gehrke The Salt Lake Tribune

... pornographic images from a felony to a Class A misdemeanor. HB17 -- Expedited Partner Therapy Treatment -- Allows doctors to prescribe antibiotics to the partner of a patient who has a sexually transmitted disease. HB51 -- Exemption for Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing License -- Legalizes the home brewing of beer. HB90 -- Abortion Law Amendments -- Defines **fetal viability** and prohibits abortion after the point of viability. HB100 -- Tracking and Reimbursement of Individual Prisoner Costs -- Requires...



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Las Vegas Sun | Nov 06, 2024 | 315 words | Grace Da Rocha

... and adult diapers a sales tax exemption. Passed Yes: 68.06% No: 31.94% Ballot Question 6: Enshrines the right to abortion before **fetal viability** in the Nevada Constitution. Passed Yes: 62.92% No: 37.08% Ballot Question 7: Requires people voting in person to provide photo identification and those voting by mail to write the last four digits of their drivers license or Social Security number. Passed Yes: 72.06% No: 27.94%...

2. [Republicans dont trust voters on abortion](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Sep 27, 2024 | 955 words

... choice with two voter-initiated proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. One would expand abortion access until **fetal viability** and the other would enshrine Nebraskas current 12-week ban. But Republicans there tried to keep the expanded access amendment off the ballot. A court ruled that it would remain. In each of these states, Republicans have near-total control of government at a time when public opinion on abortion is soundly against the policies lawmakers have enacted. According to Pew...

3. [Voters face critical decision on abortion rights](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Oct 22, 2024 | 846 words | Haajrah Gilani

... is performed by a qualified health care professional until **fetal viability** which is usually 24 weeks or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy. The initiative has also been criticized for being funded primarily by out-of-state donors or dark money organizations, which are often groups that are not required to publicly disclose donors. In response to that critique, Harmon said ballot initiatives were expensive and important...

4. [With Roe gone, can we compromise on rights and limits?](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Jun 29, 2022 | 509 words

... of the debate framed its actions primarily around persuading judges, not voters. Thats not to be naive. The kind of shift portrayed here could take years, even decades, especially in places such as Texas . But minds change. Abortion itself is a great example. Better technology allows us to see a baby developing in the womb, and the earlier **fetal viability** reaches, the more people are uncomfortable with abortion. If the post-Roe world leads to terrible consequences for a large number of women...

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5. [Nevada among those making up for lack of abortion care in some states](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Nov 28, 2022 | 1010 words | Casey Harrison

... , removing the guarantee it had provided since 1973 for abortion in all U.S. states until **fetal viability**. Since the case was overturned, a number of states have implemented near-total abortion bans or severe restrictions with criminal and civil penalties. The greatest decline in the number of abortions happened in the same states with the greatest structural and social inequities in terms of maternal morbidity and mortality and poverty, the report said. Noting that the impact of the Supreme Courts...

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6. [Column: Is this how Roe v. Wade dies?](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Sep 07, 2021 | 864 words

... the point of **fetal viability**, or about 22 weeks of pregnancy. So while the laws created a splash, they didnt affect many peoples lives. Until this week. But SB8 is much more diabolical than the average six-week abortion ban. The law would allow just about anyone truly, almost any person, anywhere to sue people or entities who abet or even allegedly intend to abet abortions in Texas after six weeks of pregnancy. What does it mean to abet an abortion? The law isnt entirely clear on that. But its...

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7. [Overturning Roe v. Wade would be an electoral jolt](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Nov 26, 2021 | 1050 words

... threatened who have something vital taken away or to achieve tend to be highly motivated in American politics. The Supreme Court, with its expanded conservative majority, is scheduled on Dec. 1 to hear arguments about a Mississippi law that seeks to ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, well before **fetal viability**, which is generally considered to begin around 24 weeks. The case could determine whether the Roe v. Wade precedent remains intact. As the 2022 election approaches, prognosticators...

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8. [Not all accept that personhood begins at conception](#)

Las Vegas Sun | Oct 11, 2014 | 822 words

... from conception on. And that belief is an absolutely valid basis to choose not to have an abortion. But in the face of these conflicting frameworks on the beginnings of life, the only reasonable role for the state is to let **fetal viability** be the legal cutoff and let pregnant women decide for themselves. In a perfect world, we would have no unwanted pregnancies. In reality, if the person responsible for feeding, caring, guiding, educating and loving a child for the next 21 years at least isn't up...

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1. [Gov. J.B. Pritzker is backing abortion rights ballot measures across nation, but little on the horizon in Illinois](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 01, 2024 | 2440 words | Dan Petrella Chicago Tribune

... constitutional protections are needed in the current landscape. The proposed amendment would guarantee "all individuals ... a fundamental right to abortion performed or administered by a qualified health care practitioner until **fetal viability**, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient." "With the changing abortion access nationally after Roe v. Wade, we believe now is the time to enshrine those protections for abortion in the state constitution," Yampolsky said. "And we have seen..."

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2. [Rulings 1973-1990](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 30, 1992 | 649 words

... states from requiring a physician to determine **fetal viability** and perform post-viability abortions in a manner most likely to preserve the fetus' life and health. - Bellotti vs. Baird (1979): The court decides 8-1 that states cannot require a minor to obtain parental consent. - Harris vs. McRae and Williams vs. Zbarz (1980): The court rules 5-4 in both cases that the federal and state governments are not constitutionally required to provide funds for abortions for poor women. - H.L. vs. Matheson...

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3. [COMMEMORATING A TRAGEDY . . .](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 22, 1985 | 647 words | By Edward R. Grant.

... pregnancy," O'Connor wrote. She also pointed out that advancing medical technology may force Roe v. Wade to collapse under its own weight. "Recent studies have demonstrated increasingly earlier **fetal viability**. It is certainly reasonable to believe that **fetal viability** in the first trimester of pregnancy may be possible in the not-too-distant future. The Roe framework is clearly on a collision course with itself." A majority of Americans apparently agree with O'Connor . A recent Gallup Poll exploded the...

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4. [ABORTION LAWS](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 22, 1999 | 273 words | Judith Vandenboom.

... inability to undo what they perceive as a wrongful ruling. The Supreme Court has stood firm on the issue of a woman's right to an abortion before **fetal viability**. Therefore, religious/political conservatives have resorted to electing their own candidates to the federal and state legislatures with the purpose of introducing bills aimed at eroding abortion rights by limiting access. Every state legislature in the country, including Illinois ', has been besieged by well-funded, anti-abortion lobbyists who...

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5. [DIVIDED TOP COURT LETS ABORTION RULING STAND; OHIO JUDGES HAD REJECTED LATE-TERM PROCEDURE BAN](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 24, 1998 | 874 words | New York Times News Service.

... pregnant woman are protected. The Ohio law, passed in 1995, banned all abortions past the point of **fetal viability**, which the law presumed to occur at 24 weeks of pregnancy. The only exception was for those abortions deemed by a doctor to be necessary to "prevent the death of the pregnant woman or a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman." In its 2-1 decision declaring this section of the law unconstitutional, the 6th Circuit said...

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6. [Abortion foes giving up on bill](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 28, 1989 | 350 words | By Rick Pearson, Chicago Tribune

... last week to advance a bill from the House Rules Committee that would enact restrictions on abortion similar to those upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a Missouri case in July. The proposal included **fetal viability** testing of women believed to be at least 20 weeks' pregnant before undergoing an abortion; the presence of a second doctor to conduct lifesaving efforts on an aborted fetus that had been found to be viable; and a ban on public employees and facilities in elective abortions. Pullen said...

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7. [Congress acts to reverse policy against abortion](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 25, 1993 | 386 words | Associated Press

... who oppose abortion tried to turn the debate on abortion counseling into a broader showdown on the issue. One Republican amendment would keep any clinic that receives federal funds from performing abortions on minors unless a parent is notified 48 hours in advance. A vote was set for Thursday. In the Senate panel, the debate turned emotional. Sen. Dan Coats (R- Ind. ) complained that the bill was vague and didn't define "**fetal viability**." "It seems we're on a collision course with where medical...

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8. [Top court OKs abortion limits The abortion decisions](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 04, 1989 | 396 words

... percent are performed much earlier than the 20th week. Q. Are many states expected to adopt similar restriction? A. Yes. Three states - Pennsylvania , Kentucky and North Dakota - already prohibit abortions from being performed in public facilities. Louisiana bars public employees from performing abortions. Five states - Louisiana , Indiana , Nebraska , Oklahoma and Pennsylvania - have laws requiring doctors to determine **fetal viability** in some instances before an abortion can be performed. In...

9. [PARK RIDGE HOSPITAL GIVES RESPONSE TO SUIT; TRANSFER OFFERED ANTI-ABORTION NURSE](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 12, 1995 | 440 words | By Mark Shuman, Special to the Tribune.

... fetuses or mothers are "significantly threatened" to seek job transfers to other Lutheran General units. "Our pregnancy termination policies have been in place since 1988 and are consistent with the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," Schaffner said. "The policy permits the termination of pregnancy prior to **fetal viability** only where there are conditions which significantly threaten the life or the health of the mother or prospective newborn, or in cases of rape or incest...

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10. [Florida abortion law for minors overruled](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 06, 1989 | 434 words | Associated Press

... court's ruling came just five days before a special session of the Legislature called by Gov. Bob Martinez to consider further abortion restrictions. "I'm going to work to make certain that somehow parental consent comes back," Martinez said. He also is seeking **fetal viability** tests; a ban on use of public funds, personnel and facilities for abortions; tougher abortion clinic standards; and a notice to women seeking abortions on the development of their fetuses. "If the Florida Supreme Court will...

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11. [11TH DISTRICT RACE TAKES RADICAL TURN](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 31, 1994 | 469 words | By William Presecky, Tribune Staff Writer.

... long ago as 1984. He said that what may appear to be a series of anti-abortion votes on issues such as **fetal viability** and fetal research doesn't reflect any inconsistency with his pro-choice stance. "I don't look at those (post-1984 votes) as pro-life (and) pro-choice issues," Giglio said. Giglio countered that Weller's close connections with members of a group of abortion opponents places him further to the political right than Weller would like to acknowledge. He said Weller's call for release...

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12. [INCEST VICTIM CLEARED FOR LATE-TERM ABORTION](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 25, 1998 | 525 words | By Judy Peres, Tribune Staff Writer.

... criminal sexual assault. Michigan outlaws abortions after **fetal viability** except to protect the life or health of the mother. It also requires minors to have a parent's consent before getting an abortion. Under a statute that took effect July 1, Kansas outlaws abortion of any viable fetus after 22 weeks' gestation, except to save the mother's life or if continuing the pregnancy would cause a "substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function." Dr. George Tiller of Wichita, the only...

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13. [The looming abortion debate](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 19, 1993 | 598 words

... Act, intended to remove the question of the legality of abortion from the courts. It would achieve that, yet even some abortion-rights supporters are uncomfortable with proposals that would prevent states from creating reasonable regulations. The House bill would virtually eliminate state regulations on abortions before **fetal viability**. The Senate bill would permit states to pass parental-involvement laws and protections for individuals and private institutions that are unwilling to perform...

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14. [Congress sets stage for new battle over abortion law](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 30, 1992 | 603 words | By Elaine S. Povich, Chicago Tribune

... Constitution." The bill says individual states may not "restrict the freedom of a woman to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**," but may restrict an abortion if the fetus could live outside the womb. In general, that means abortions would be legal in the first and second trimesters. Congress in the past has had the votes to approve measures establishing abortion rights in limited situations, but not the two-thirds needed to override a Bush veto. Earlier this month, for...

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15. [POINTS TO PONDER AS ABORTION DEBATE CONTINUES TO SPIN](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 06, 1997 | 714 words | Eric Zorn.

... using The Technique should therefore properly focus on abortions performed before **fetal viability**--generally in the second trimester (which runs from 13 to 26 weeks of gestation; the Centers for Disease Control estimates that only 6 abortions in 10,000 occur after 24 weeks). In such abortions, a partially delivered fetus with only its head still in the birth canal is therefore inches from death, not inches from life. 4. Any abortion performed using The Technique could almost certainly also be...

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16. [READERS HAVE THEIR SAY ON ARTIFICIAL HUMAN WOMB](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 06, 1997 | 693 words | Eric Zorn.

... ; starting this week my column will appear Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; hers Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays) I thought I'd give it over to the first of two columns of edited excerpts from those responses. First, words from those who oppose abortion: SJC, Brookfield: The legal reason that abortion is not considered murder is due to the concept of **fetal viability**. If an environment or invention were to come along which could bring a fetus to full term from the moment of conception, then clearly...

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17. [BOTH SIDES TRY TO HIT NERVE IN ABORTION FIGHT](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 16, 1985 | 1599 words | By Steve Sanders.

... in June, 1983, the court struck down a variety of local laws restricting abortion, firmly reasserting its commitment to Roe v. Wade. But Reagan appointee Sandra Day O'Connor wrote a widely quoted dissent



insisting the "framework" of Roe, which is based on **fetal viability** expectations from more than a decade ago, "is clearly on a collision course with itself." Some court observers think Chief Justice Warren Burger , who voted with the majority in 1983, is weak in his commitment, and that one new...

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18. [Abortion fight likely to focus on bill](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 05, 1992 | 697 words | By Mitchell Locin, Chicago Tribune.

... political agenda, unfortunately, and I think there ought to be extensive hearings," said Rep. Christopher Smith (R- N.J. ), chairman of the Pro-Life Caucus in Congress . For all the heat it is generating, the bill is short and simple, containing only one page of text. It says that "a state may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy - (1) before **fetal viability**; or (2) at any time, if such termination is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman." It also says "a...

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19. [High court will hear key abortion case](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 10, 1989 | 668 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune

... regulation. - A requirement that a physician must conduct "such tests as are necessary to make a finding of the gestational age, weight and lung maturity" if "he has reason to believe" the patient is 20 or more weeks pregnant. The appeals court held that legislatures were barred from declaring what factors determined **fetal viability** and that the tests were too expensive. - A ban on the use of public funds to "counsel or encourage" a woman to have an abortion "not necessary to save her life." The appeals...

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20. [Excerpts from three divergent opinions](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 30, 1992 | 680 words

... state's power to restrict abortions after **fetal viability**, if the law contains exceptions for pregnancies which endanger a woman's life or health. And third is the principle that the state has legitimate interests from the outset of the pregnancy in protecting the health of the woman and the life of the fetus that may become a child. . . . Though abortion is conduct, it does not follow that the state is entitled to proscribe it in all instances. That is because the liberty of the woman is at stake...

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21. [U.S. ASKS REVERSAL OF ABORTION RULING](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 16, 1985 | 742 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune.

... involve direct challenges to a woman's fundamental right to choose abortion, the administration contends that the court's abortion guidelines, based on pregnancy trimesters and **fetal viability**, have become outdated by medical and technological developments. Furthermore, the Justice Department said, to limit most state regulation to the third trimester of pregnancy ignores a state's legitimate interest in protecting all prenatal life, regardless of when the fetus is viable. The Reagan administration...

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22. [HOUSE PANELS REFLECT SPLIT OVER ABORTION](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 13, 1997 | 753 words | By Christi Parsons and Rick Pearson, Tribune Staff Writers.

... . Abortion-rights advocates are hoping to head off those attacks with their own sets of proposed laws. In the Illinois legislature, the Freedom of Choice bill, which would codify Roe vs. Wade guarantees of abortion before **fetal viability** or when needed to save the mother's life or health, was approved Wednesday by the House Judiciary Committee. Other bills likely to be considered in committee next week include one prohibiting protesters from interfering with a woman's access to a clinic, a second that...

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23. [ABORTION FOES TRYING HARDER, GAINING GROUND](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 08, 1997 | 781 words | Eric Zorn.

... that abortion-rights supporters would fire back with the broad assertions and euphemisms that have so long sustained them. One purpose of my thought experiment was to examine what happens philosophically if we reduce the pivotal age of **fetal viability**--now roughly 25 weeks of gestation, the point after which most laws and most people deeply discourage abortion--to zero. Isolated from the now-necessary physical connection with a possibly reluctant woman, what status would the "product of conception..."

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24. ['PARTIAL-BIRTH' ABORTION FOES GO EASY ON THEMSELVES](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 06, 1996 | 740 words | Eric Zorn.

... them are "elective." "Elective," they said, is not the medical equivalent of "for the heck of it," as some would like you to think, and even then, many of the "elective" procedures thrown into the debate take place before **fetal viability**, when the visceral public response to abortion is not nearly so great. Right to Life and the Bishop's Conference dispute that interpretation, of course. Legislative director Douglas Johnson of Right to Life said the likely reason his forces have not produced a...

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25. [SUPREME COURT GIVES, TAKES IN ABORTION CASES](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 17, 1997 | 800 words | By Judy Peres and Glen Elsasser, Washington Bureau. Tribune staff writer Wes Smith contributed to this report.

... one person," she said. "That's legislative punishment without a trial." In the Utah case, the Supreme Court declined to review a challenge to a 1991 law prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks except in cases where the life or health of the mother is in danger, or to prevent the birth of a severely deformed child. An appeals court struck it down, holding that it unduly burdens a woman's right to choose to abort a non-viable fetus and that **fetal viability** must be determined by a physician on a case...

26. [Voters are pro-choice AND pro-life](#)

Chicago Tribune | Nov 12, 1989 | 705 words | Ellen Goodman, Copyright 1989, The Boston Globe Newspaper Co

... to put guidelines around access." The ride will not just go through high-profile gubernatorial races with their ads and accusations. It will pass through the state legislatures where those guidelines are written. It will go through arguments over the fine print of dozens of bills staking out a position on such issues as **fetal-viability** testing, parental consent and spousal consent. The most intense struggles will not be about the victims of rape and incest. They will be about the fate of the...

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27. [House panel OKs abortion curb Doctors to decide if fetus can survive](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 14, 1989 | 747 words | By Jennifer Halperin, Chicago Tribune

... charge would have a "chilling effect" on physicians performing abortions of 20-week-old fetuses, which are sometimes necessary to save a woman's life. Pullen countered that a woman whose life is endangered by her pregnancy should be in a hospital anyway. Schofield was joined in opposing the bill by pro-choice groups whose leaders say it defies the U.S. Supreme Court 's 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling that prohibits states from regulating abortions prior to **fetal viability**. Physicians decide viability on a...

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28. [Abortion rights and the limits of public tolerance](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 22, 1993 | 796 words | Stephen Chapman.

... Two-year-old Ana Rosa Rodriguez is a rare creature: a child who survived an abortion. Her mother underwent a botched procedure seven months into her pregnancy, long after the fetus was capable of living outside the womb. The girl lost an arm in the process, but she lived. The doctor who performed the operation was convicted recently of several offenses, including violating a New York law barring abortions after 24 weeks, the approximate stage of **fetal viability**. Under the Freedom of Choice Act...

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29. [Battle lines Abortion groups eyeing Massachusetts election](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 02, 1991 | 783 words | By Susanne Fowler

... vote to Washington to help its fight for passage of the Freedom of Choice Act, which says in part that states "may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability** ...." For the National Right to Life Committee and its Massachusetts affiliate, it's a battle to replace one loyal anti-abortion politician, Conte, with another, Pierce. NEWS MASS 02 UR The fight began long before election day. NARAL spent \$70,000 to help defeat Linda Melconian, a state senator...

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30. [Abortion proposal could be set aside](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 17, 1989 | 782 words | By Rick Pearson, Chicago Tribune

... , which begins its substantive work Tuesday. If the measure is kept in the Rules Committee, it could still be taken out of the panel's hands and come to a vote on the House floor, but such action would require several difficult parliamentary maneuvers, requiring the approval of 71 of the House's 118 members. The Illinois legislation seeks to put into state law abortion restrictions upheld by the nation's high court, including **fetal viability** testing of women seeking an abortion who are believed to be...

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31. [Madigan let us down, say abortion foes](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 21, 1989 | 763 words | By Rick Pearson, Chicago Tribune

... measure in the rules panel is particularly irksome to supporters. The bill would require **fetal viability** testing of women believed to be at least 20 weeks' pregnant, mandate the presence of a second physician during some abortions involving those women and ban the use of public facilities and employees in elective abortions. One member of the panel, Rep. Terry Steczo (D., Oak Forest), was absent on the day of the vote because of the death of his wife. Supporters of the legislation pressed Madigan...

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32. [The hidden stakes in the coming abortion decision](#)

Chicago Tribune | May 04, 1989 | 772 words | Stephen Chapman

... requirement to test for **fetal viability** in some cases - can be squared with past rulings without much strain. This sort of decision would leave it to a later court, fortified by additional Republican appointments, to mount the final charge on Roe. Pro-choicers hope the court, however it treats the Missouri law, will preserve the structure of the 1973 decision. Pro-lifers want it to roll out the wrecking ball and pound Roe to rubble. In fact, the outcome each prefers may be the worst for its own long-term...

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34. [Abortion battle moves to the states](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 09, 1989 | 820 words | Clarence Page

... and requires tests for **fetal viability** after 20 weeks. The immediate losers in Missouri and states like it are, of course, the poor, the primary users of public health facilities and the least able to hop into other

states or countries to find a safe abortion. It saddens me that so few voices speak out for them on this issue, even in the civil rights community. Perhaps the liberals to whom the poor usually turn to give them voice are too devastated, disunited and demoralized after years of...

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35. [Justice O'Connor 's role in Webster keeps hope alive](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 07, 1989 | 1019 words | By Susan Frelich Appleton. ? 4b Susan Frelich Appleton is a professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis and studies family law and reproductive rights

... questionable part of the Missouri requirement, language that amounts to a presumption of **fetal viability** at 20 weeks, stood unchallenged. Perhaps, alternatively, the friend-of-the-court briefs submitted on behalf of the American Medical Association and a group of American law professors persuaded O'Connor that her previously expressed concerns about the occurrence of viability at increasingly earlier points in pregnancy lack scientific support. Justice Blackmun notes in his dissent O'Connor 's failure to...

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36. [2 abortion cases still before court](#)

Chicago Tribune | Nov 23, 1989 | 993 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune

... calendar next week. The latest hearings come only four months after the high court issued its most significant abortion decision of the 1980s. For the first time since Roe, a 5-4 majority upheld abortion restrictions in a Missouri case. The statute banned the use of public employees and public facilities for abortions and required testing for **fetal viability** in cases where a doctor believes the mother is 20 or more weeks pregnant. The ruling rekindled state legislative efforts to enact abortion...

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37. [High court lineup changed since Roe](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 15, 1989 | 975 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune

... late June, would not appear to cause any major change in current abortion practices. In Missouri , only 10 percent of abortions are performed in hospitals, mostly publicly funded facilities. Furthermore, more than 90 percent of all abortions nationwide are performed in the first trimester of pregnancy, rather than during the second and third trimesters when the state's requirement for **fetal viability** tests would come into play. Looking ahead, the court may choose to treat Roe as it has previous...

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38. [Legislature set to put abortion issue to test](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 10, 1989 | 1005 words | By Rick Pearson, Chicago Tribune

... the potential to save the life of a child is, at the very least, as important as riverboat gambling and property tax relief," two topics also scheduled for debate this fall, said Nicholas Stojakovich, lobbyist for the Illinois Pro-Life Coalition. A 10-member House-Senate Conference Committee, with a decided tilt against abortion, is to hear testimony Tuesday in a public hearing at the Capitol. At issue will be proposed legislation similar to Missouri abortion restrictions - including **fetal**...

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39. [States take pulse on morality](#)

Chicago Tribune | Nov 05, 1992 | 1082 words | By George de Lama, Chicago Tribune. Tribune wire services contributed to this report

... members of Congress basked in their election triumphs, officials in states, counties and municipalities sorted the results of dozens of local referendums that help take the country's political pulse. Abortion-rights activists, buoyed by Clinton's election, voiced elation at their own victories in two separate ballot contests. Maryland voters approved a measure banning the state from interfering with a woman's right to abortion prior to **fetal viability**. In Arizona , voters rejected 3-1 a ballot...

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40. [City lawmakers all shook up North Side Democrats at the mercy of GOP's remap](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 03, 1992 | 1023 words | By Rob Karwath

... incumbent Preston, 48, is being challenged by Carol Ronen, 46, the deputy Chicago housing commissioner, and Jack Graham, a 41-year-old formerly homeless man who does not live in the district. Ronen has accused Preston of a poor attendance record and of voting with anti-abortion legislators on two bills. Preston acknowledged making a "terrible" mistake by voting for a bill requiring **fetal viability** testing before some abortions. But he defended the other vote on a bill defining life as beginning at...

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41. [ABORTION FOES PRESS LUTHERAN HOSPITAL](#)

Chicago Tribune | Aug 19, 1988 | 1079 words | By Michael Hirsley, Religion writer.

... tragic alternative that shouldn't be undertaken lightly," Rev. Holst said. "I've met with right-to- life groups, and I know they are disappointed in our policy and see it as an insult to them. "Our answer is that what we are doing is responsible, it's loving, and it's consistent with our church and with the law of the land." The new policy permits abortions beyond the first three-month trimester of pregnancy, up until the time of **fetal viability**, which is defined as that stage at which doctors...

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42. [Abortion back on legislature's front burner](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 26, 1993 | 1031 words | By Tim Jones and Rick Pearson, Chicago Tribune.

... parental duty. "It's a victory for all of us," said Sen. Thomas McCracken (R-Downers Grove). "At some point in our lives, most all of us are parents and that's what this is all about. You don't have to be against abortion to be for this bill." But imagery is a powerful tool for abortion rights supporters as well. The shock of the March murder of Dr. David Gunn, a Florida physician whose abortion clinic had been picketed, advanced the issue beyond the debate over trimesters and **fetal viability** to...

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43. [A Supreme Court justice's uneven volume of views](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 27, 2003 | 1256 words | By David J. Garrow. David J. Garrow is the author of "Bearing the Cross," a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Martin Luther King Jr., and of "Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade."

... decision in Roe vs. Wade. In identical language in two separate chapters, the book states that Roe "struck down as unconstitutional limitations by states on abortions in the first three months of pregnancy." Actually, Roe not only legalized women's access to safe abortions right up to the time of **fetal viability**, approximately six months into pregnancy, but also precluded the states from prohibiting post-viability abortions if a pregnancy in any way threatens a woman's health. On some subjects O'Connor...

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44. [U.S. House of Representatives . The issues The budget and taxes](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 25, 1992 | 1326 words | League of Women Voters of Illinois

... the right to reproductive choice. The Freedom of Choice Act now pending in Congress would enact into law the principles of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision: Prior to **fetal viability**, states may impose only those restrictions necessary to protect the life and health of the woman; after viability, states may restrict abortion except where termination of the pregnancy is necessary to save the life of the mother. Measures designed to limit access to abortion are also being pursued. The U.S. Supreme...

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45. [ON THE ROAD TO ROE; AN EXHAUSTIVE LEGAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL HISTORY OF ABORTION-RIGHTS LAW IN AMERICA](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 06, 1994 | 1293 words | Reviewed by George Packer, author of "The Village of Waiting," a memoir about Africa, and "The Half Man," a novel.

... Lewis Powell , newly appointed by President Nixon, was considered a likely foe of abortion rights, but it was his insistence on a privacy argument that persuaded Justice Harry Blackmun to base his written decision on broad constitutional principle. The emphasis on trimesters and **fetal viability**, which exposed the decision to charges of judicial legislation, came about as a result of a need to balance the views of other justices in an opinion of consensus. Though Garrow's sympathies are unmistakably...

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46. [High court faces array of options](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 26, 1989 | 1285 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune

... life. Especially vulnerable on this score, according to Paul, are provisions requiring physicians to perform tests to determine fetal maturity and barring the use of public money "to counsel or encourage" a woman to have an abortion. In its high court brief, Planned Parenthood argued that the testing requirement not only would constrain a physician's medical judgment, but also make abortion costlier. The only test relevant to a determination of **fetal viability**, the brief said, would be a finding of...



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47. [Abortion battle lines form Court ruling spurs action by both sides](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 09, 1989 | 1496 words | By Ann Marie Lipinski and Rob Karwath

... passing a bill similar to the Missouri **fetal-viability** testing law upheld by the Supreme Court. The Illinois bill, pending in a House-Senate conference committee, would require doctors to determine whether fetuses 20 weeks or older are capable of living outside the womb. If the fetus could live, doctors could perform abortions only in hospitals with life-support machines to try to keep the fetuses alive. Before the bill passed in the Senate, sponsors dropped the punishment for doctors who violated the...

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48. [THE HIGH COST OF AMBIGUITY IN ABORTION LAWS](#)

Chicago Tribune | May 31, 1998 | 1632 words | By Judy Peres. Judy Peres is a Tribune staff writer who covers legal issues.

... " abortion, which helped perpetuate the notion that the bans applied only to procedures performed late in pregnancy, perhaps after the fetus was capable of surviving outside the uterus. That notion also may have led to some early declarations that only a few hundred procedures are performed annually in the United States --an estimate that was later loudly contested but never settled. In fact, virtually none of the statutes mention stage of pregnancy or gestational age or **fetal viability**--an omission...

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49. [Medical gains test abortion arguments](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 26, 1989 | 1573 words | By Jon Van and Peter Gorner

... Roe decision is "on a collision course with itself" because science is pushing the point of **fetal viability** "further back toward conception." But is this really true? Antiabortion lawyers will focus on medical successes in saving the lives of tiny babies born at 24 weeks, three months before the end of the normal nine-month gestation period. A respected and successful new medical subspecialty to save premature infants, called neonatology, has developed in the last two decades to utilize advancing...

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50. [Illinois General Assembly . The issues The fiscal crisis: State income and spending](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 25, 1992 | 1730 words | League of Women Voters

... is legal in Illinois , although the procedure may not be performed after **fetal viability** except to preserve the life or health of the woman. Restrictions on teenagers' access to abortion services often take the form of parental consent and notification requirements. Some argue that parents should be involved in health matters affecting their children while others counter that family relationships cannot be legislated. By limiting funding the state has exerted some control over abortion services...



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51. [Abortion spotlight on Illinois , Florida](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 11, 1989 | 1691 words | By Barbara Brotman, Chicago Tribune. Tribune wire services and correspondents Glen Elsasser in Washington, Rick Pearson in Springfield and Gary Marx in Chicago contributed to this report

... ( NOW ) and two abortion clinics against Joseph Scheidler and his Pro-Life Action League Inc. for stealing more than 4,000 aborted fetuses from a Chicago-area laboratory. In Springfield, the measure being debated is an attempt to put into Illinois law abortion restrictions involving **fetal viability** and banning the use of public employees and facilities. Opponents of the measure contended that the hearing was meaningless since the committee's members clearly supported the bill. "There is only one...

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52. [Aboard Bus D They set out with a '60s optimism and returned 35 hours later to an '80s reality](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 30, 1989 | 1975 words | By Catharine Reeve

... -choice is greater than just pro-choice." Though the statement of support demonstrated by the vast turnout was emphatic, its influence was limited. Within days of the march, a bill sponsored by Rep. Penny Pullen (R., Park Ridge) passed the Illinois House Judiciary II Committee. It would require a physician to determine whether a 20-week-old fetus could survive outside the womb before an abortion could be performed. (The time span assumed for **fetal viability** under Roe v. Wade is 24 to 28 weeks.) Under...

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53. [House votes to restore abortion rights across US But possibility of measures passing Senate looks dim](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 17, 2022 | 753 words | By Farnoush Amiri and Mary Clare Jalonick, Associated Press

... their favor for the midterm elections. This is the second time the House has passed the bill, which would expand on the protections Roe had previously provided by banning what supporters say are medically unnecessary restrictions that block access to safe and accessible abortions. It would prevent abortion bans earlier than 24 weeks, which is when **fetal viability**, the ability of a human fetus to survive outside the uterus, is generally thought to begin. It allows exceptions for abortions after **fetal**...

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55. [ABOUT ROE ON THE ROPES](#)

Chicago Tribune | Mar 02, 2022 | 291 words | St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial Board

... until **fetal viability**, and replaces it with a medically irrelevant heartbeat standard. That means abortions could be effectively outlawed as early as six weeks, before some women even know they're pregnant. The enforcement mechanism is akin to bounty hunting, dangling financial reward for anyone who sues abortion providers, even if they have no legal standing. This is so outside the realm of normal legal precedent that even conservative Chief Justice John Roberts balked and joined the minority in...

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56. [Past court decisions upheld or chipped away at landmark 1973 ruling](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 25, 2022 | 406 words | By Victoria Kim, The New York Times

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58. [Political ads focus on abortion and ignore Illinois ' real issues](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 27, 2022 | 712 words | By Don DeWitte

... "a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent rights under the laws of this state." Additionally, in Illinois, an abortion can take place up until **fetal viability**. Insurance codes also require state-regulated insurance companies to cover the cost of abortions. Illinois takes the process a bit further. In a separate law, the state provides for taxpayer-funded abortions for Illinoisans and out-of-state women who seek an abortion procedure and cannot afford it. Illinois lawmakers...

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59. [Chicago pitches values over tax rates to CEOs in states facing post-Roe bans](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 29, 2022 | 762 words | By Robert Channick, Chicago Tribune

... abortion rights by the Guttmacher Institute. Current state regulations allow for abortion until **fetal viability** at 24 to 26 weeks of pregnancy, with state Medicaid and private health insurance plans required to cover the procedure. On Friday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker called for a special legislative session this summer to increase legal protections for providers and potentially expand the ranks of medical professionals allowed to perform abortions as Illinois prepares for an expected influx of out-of-state...

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60. [Indiana , leave well enough alone](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 28, 2022 | 852 words

... medication have taken place in concert with a medical professional. We don't support all those restrictions, but they are a whole lot better that what is currently being proposed in Indianapolis, which will only rain down needless pain on both Indiana and Illinois . These two states are neighbors and their populations think much the same: that abortions should be rare but available, perhaps with a limitation driven by **fetal viability**. Indiana Republicans who oppose abortion can point to the state's laws...

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61. [Judge orders Graham to testify in Georgia election investigation](#)

Chicago Tribune | Aug 20, 2022 | 1073 words | From news services

... employees "when there is a health risk to the mother, rape or incest, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage or lack of **fetal viability**." The new policy will also offer "travel support" for workers and dependents covered under their health care plans so they can access services that are not available within 100 miles of their locations, Donna Morris, the retailer's chief people officer, said in the memo. Walmart employs nearly 1.6 million people in the U.S. In Arkansas , where the company is based, abortion is...

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63. [DOJ calls on justices to block Texas abortion law Supreme Court hints a decision on brief could happen soon](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 19, 2021 | 747 words | By Adam Liptak, The New York Times

... In a forceful brief filed Monday, the Biden administration urged the Supreme Court to temporarily block a Texas law that bans most abortions in the state while a legal challenge moves forward, calling the law "plainly unconstitutional." Leaving the law in effect, the brief said, would allow Texas to flout a half-century of Supreme Court precedents that forbid states from banning abortions before **fetal viability**, or about 22-24 weeks into a pregnancy. The challenged law, called Senate Bill 8...

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64. [Next phase of abortion fight looms Both sides expect battleground shift from DC to states](#)

Chicago Tribune | Dec 06, 2021 | 851 words | By Ashraf Khalil, Associated Press

... federal protections on abortion access. The current case before the court, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, concerns a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Roe v. Wade, which was reaffirmed in a subsequent 1992 ruling in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, allows states to regulate but not ban abortion up until the point of **fetal viability**, at roughly 24 weeks. The fate of the Mississippi case won't be known for months, but based on opening arguments, Roe appears to be...

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65. [High court's tilt gives a boost to Miss. law In abortion case, conservatives seem to be open to curbing Roe](#)

Chicago Tribune | Dec 02, 2021 | 832 words | By Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko, Associated Press

... ruling in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which reaffirmed Roe. The outcome probably won't be known until June. But after nearly two hours of arguments, all six conservative justices, including three appointed by former President Donald Trump, indicated they would uphold a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. At the very least, such a decision would undermine Roe and Casey, which allow states to regulate but not ban abortion up until the point of **fetal viability**, at roughly 24...

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66. [Doctors weigh odds on abortion exceptions Hesitation risky for pregnant women with complications](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 24, 2022 | 1095 words | By J. David Goodman and Azeen Ghorayshi, The New York Times

... encounter complications during pregnancy. The option to terminate the pregnancy has long been part of the standard care offered by doctors in situations where there is a risk of harm -- or even death -- to the mother. The effect has been most visible in Texas, which passed a law prohibiting most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy last September. A new study of two hospitals in Dallas County found that after the Texas law went into effect, pregnant women facing serious complications before **fetal**...

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67. [Abortion foes anticipate a big win Movement eagerly awaits high court's Roe v. Wade ruling](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 16, 2022 | 1033 words | By Matt Sedensky, Associated Press

... woman's right, a type of healthcare that deserves no stigma attached. Outside, those who oppose abortion see it as pure evil that must be stopped. Both sides see the truth as plain. For so many who have been drawn to the anti-abortion cause, it's baffling and frustrating how often their appeals feel unheard. It's not 1973 anymore: They wonder how anyone could deny the scientific leaps, the advances in **fetal viability**, the way a heartbeat from inside the uterus can be heard and an image seen. To...

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68. [Some states seek no-exception ban Anti-abortion group: 'Don't punish baby for father's crimes'](#)

Chicago Tribune | May 09, 2022 | 1086 words | By Rebecca Boone and John Hanna, Associated Press

... hospital after the procedure. If the same scenario were to happen later this year, she would likely be forced to carry to term. That's because Idaho is one of at least 22 states with laws banning abortion at the 15th week or earlier, many of them lacking exceptions for **fetal viability**, rape or incest, or the health of the woman. Several of those bans would take effect if the U.S. Supreme Court issues a ruling overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, as a leaked draft of the opinion suggests. Such...

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69. [High court's tilt gives a boost to Miss. law 4 things to know about case and how ruling might affect Illinois](#)

Chicago Tribune | Dec 02, 2021 | 1068 words | By Angie Leventis Lourgos, Chicago Tribune; The Associated Press contributed.

... The U.S. Supreme Court has before it one of its most significant abortion cases in decades, and its decision could challenge Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case that established the right to terminate a pregnancy nationwide and also limits state restrictions on the procedure prior to **fetal viability**. Justices heard oral arguments Wednesday in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, a 2018 Mississippi law that prohibits abortion past 15 weeks gestation. Local activists on both sides of the reproductive...

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70. [New resource for out-of-state patients With Roe v. Wade at risk, Illinois abortion providers open center to give assistance](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 22, 2022 | 1555 words | By Angie Leventis Lourgos, Chicago Tribune

... to rule on one of its most significant abortion cases in history: Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health will determine the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that prohibits abortion past 15 weeks gestation -- and potentially challenge Roe, which established the right to terminate a pregnancy in 1973, limiting state

restrictions on the procedure prior to **fetal viability**. Illinois has long been considered an abortion rights haven in the Midwest, surrounded by states with more restrictions on the...

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71. [THE LIVES TOUCHED Countless women have been tested by abortion and its effects. Here are 8 stories.](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 26, 2022 | 2918 words | By Angie Leventis Lourgos | Chicago Tribune

... sometimes, because some of my colleagues will work so hard to protect and save a 22-week perviable pregnancy and pull out all the medical advances to do that," she said. "And then don't see a problem with someone choosing to end that pregnancy." Roe v. Wade had offered federal abortion protections up until **fetal viability**, the point at which survival is probable outside the womb. But Deighan pointed out that viability is a "shifting paradigm," with newborns surviving at shorter gestation periods than...

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72. [Great divide revealed over 800 miles Trip to end troubled pregnancy shows the split on abortion laws](#)

Chicago Tribune | May 25, 2019 | 2083 words | By Angie Leventis Lourgos, Chicago Tribune

... ," she said. A controversial bill pending in the state legislature would expand abortion access, making Illinois reproductive health laws some of the most liberal in the nation. Among other provisions, the Reproductive Health Act would eliminate the post-**fetal viability** restriction, allowing an abortion later in pregnancy. Late-term abortions are rare, with only about 1% of terminations performed past 21 weeks gestation; in contrast, roughly 91% of abortions occur before 13 weeks, according to the...

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73. [VOICE OF THE PEOPLE](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jan 31, 2019 | 785 words

... must start now. I hope that future Tribune editorials will include action to combat global warming on every list of "serious problems." -- Laura Haule, Warrenville N.Y. abortion act appalling What exactly differentiates New York 's state legislators from Aztec priests performing child sacrifices? In passing the Reproductive Health Act, the former have legalized abortion up to the baby's due date. What happened to the notion of "**fetal viability**," so fundamental in the Roe v. Wade decision? New York...

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74. [Who would be punished for abortion in a post-Roe America ?](#)

Chicago Tribune | Apr 11, 2018 | 875 words | Eric Zorn

... form of punishment" for women who terminate their pregnancies. It's doctors, they said, not patients, who will be treated as criminals should abortion be banned. But is this rote reassurance true? What would abortion look like in a post-Roe America ? If the U.S. Supreme Court should overturn the 1973 Roe v.

Wade decision that established a woman's right to abortion prior to **fetal viability**, how should we expect the criminal justice system to treat women who chose to end their pregnancies in states...

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75. [Guns feed death culture? What about abortion?](#)

Chicago Tribune | Feb 21, 2018 | 915 words | John Kass

... hated by the left, "**fetal viability**." After 20 weeks, a mother can see her baby on an ultrasound. Fathers, too. Parents can see the face and the hands and the beating heart of their child. Once they see this, what they're looking at is not some collection of tissue. It is a life. And advances in medical science have made it possible so that some babies born prematurely can live out of the womb after 22 weeks. Republicans pushed an abortion ban after 20 weeks in the Senate. Given the new science...

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76. [New book details dangers of abortion](#)

Chicago Tribune | Sep 24, 2013 | 772 words | By Dennis Byrne, a Chicago writer\

... of just a handful of nations that give the green light to elective abortions after **fetal viability**. The second half of the book describes the dire consequences of such a sweeping and faulty decision. Here are presented the studies and facts that discount many of the standard inaccurate, exaggerated or concocted claims that pollute the abortion discourse to this day. For example, the Roe justices relied on assurances that abortion did not carry significant long-term risks. But in just two examples...

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77. [World briefing](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 16, 2011 | 856 words | Tribune Newspapers and news services Additional reporting by Richard A. Serrano, Tribune Washington Bureau

... . Robert Bentley on Wednesday signed into law a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, making it the fifth state to enact such a restriction this year. The law goes into effect Sept. 1. The measure, which was approved by large majorities in both chambers of the Republican-controlled Legislature, makes performing such procedures a felony, with no exceptions. Alabama law currently allows abortions up to the stage of **fetal viability**, usually 24 to 26 weeks' gestation. \ The Newsmaker...

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78. [Outlawing abortions at 20 weeks will lead to total ban](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 20, 2013 | 962 words | By William Saletan, Slate; William Saletan covers science, technology and politics for Slate.

... This week the U.S. House of Representatives voted to outlaw abortion at 20 weeks post-fertilization. That's two weeks earlier than the common measure of **fetal viability**, the line previously drawn by the U.S. Supreme Court . Why 20 weeks? Because, according to Republican lawmakers, that's the point at which science shows that the fetus is sufficiently developed to experience pain. Actually, the science is much more complicated. The neural circuitry that culminates in pain perception begins to...

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79. [No Headline In Original](#)

Chicago Tribune | Oct 03, 1989 | 830 words | Kathy O'Malley and Hanke GratteauLEAD: Welcome to the past From the same airline that once boasted "We really move our tail for you" comes yet another Stone Age promotional campaign. To encourage business types to book a business-class ticket abroad, Continental Airlines is offering a free companion ticket so you can "take a family member.

... -life"? Well, no, that's not quite accurate, either, because she thinks the state should allow freedom of choice for women until the point of **fetal viability**. And so now that we all know just where Peg stands, we think that as a politician, she's a great dancer. TV tidbits Channel 5 , fast approaching MEO (Media Exposure Overload), has decided to move up the debut of its 6 p.m. Ron Magers-Joan Esposito newscast from a scheduled Oct. 16 kickoff to Oct. 9. That could help out a bit with the ratings...

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80. [The battles over abortion 2 activists offer their views of the past and the future of the right to choose](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jun 18, 2006 | 1250 words | By David J. Garrow, a senior fellow at Homerton College, Cambridge University

... . Supreme Court , in 1973 in Roe vs. Wade, expanded constitutional privacy to protect a right to abortion up until the point of **fetal viability**. Page rightly emphasizes that "there is not one pro-life group in the United States that supports the use of birth control," and that "the pro-life movement leads a stupefying and aggressive pseudoscientific campaign against the condom," but neither of these points should come as news to anyone who's interested in Page's subject. As its title suggests, Page's...



## Results for: body("fetus viability")

### News

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#### 1. [ABORTION LAW IN ILLINOIS FACES REVIEW](#)

Chicago Tribune | May 21, 1985 | 853 words | By Glen Elsasser, Chicago Tribune.

... abortion and obtain his "unimpeded medical judgment." One complex issue is whether the U.S. appeals court wrongly decided the case after the Illinois legislature had amended the original definition of a **fetus' viability** twice, in 1983 and 1984. The Supreme...

... a **fetus' viability**, the U.S. appeals court refused to dismiss the challenges to the law by physicians and abortionists because of the possibility the state would "return to its old ways." In other action Monday, the Supreme Court court sharply...

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#### 2. [Abortion rights amendment makes Ohio ballot](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 26, 2023 | 279 words | By Julie Carr Smyth, Associated Press

... require restrictions imposed past a **fetus' viability** outside the womb, which is typically around the 24th week of pregnancy, to be based on evidence of patient health and safety benefits. Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose determined that Ohioans...

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#### 3. [Equal protection](#)

Chicago Tribune | Feb 19, 1989 | 189 words | By Ruth Lazar

... The legality of abortion is not a question of **fetus viability**, religion, moral values or right to anything. It is quite simply haves vs. have-nots. Ms. Have does not need Roe v. Wade. EDPG VOICE SUN 2-19 LEG 3 She can take a trip to Europe, have a...

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#### 4. [News briefing](#)

Chicago Tribune | Jul 26, 2013 | 880 words | Tribune Newspapers and news services

... impose new requirements that make it harder for abortion clinics to operate. Under the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, abortions can be performed until the point when an individual doctor determines a **fetus' viability**, which is generally...

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### News

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1. [Voters across America are taking back abortion rights](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 10, 2024 | 778 words

... protected by law. Abortion is legal to the point of **fetal viability** in Montana , for example, but lawmakers there have repeatedly tried to restrict it. These measures may be unnecessary in liberal states where abortion remains legal -- and let's hope they are. But every state that codifies abortion rights in its constitution reinforces them against the whims of elected officials. California voters passed a constitutional amendment bolstering the state's already strong abortion protections in 2022. The...

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2. [THE NATION After mixed signals, Trump says he'll vote to keep Fla. abortion ban](#)

Los Angeles Times | Sep 01, 2024 | 351 words | Associated Press

... 'll be voting no," said Trump, who is registered to vote in Florida . The Florida ballot measure would legalize abortion until **fetal viability**, a term used by healthcare providers to describe whether a pregnancy is expected to continue developing normally or whether a fetus might survive outside the uterus. It's generally considered to be around 23 or 24 weeks, which is about six months. Trump drew backlash from abortion opponents who support him when he seemed to signal in another interview with...

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3. [Arizona , Missouri join states with abortion on ballot](#)

Los Angeles Times | Aug 14, 2024 | 376 words | Associated Press

... . Missouri voters will decide whether to amend the state constitution to reverse a near-total ban. The secretary of state's office certified Tuesday that the initiative had more than enough valid signatures to qualify. Missouri 's ballot measure would create a right to abortion until a fetus was likely to survive outside the womb without extraordinary medical measures, generally around 24 weeks into pregnancy. The measure would allow abortions after **fetal viability** if necessary to protect the life or...

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4. [PERSPECTIVES The Florida version of censorship for dummies](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 23, 2024 | 1497 words | MICHAEL HILTZIK

... "before [**fetal**] **viability** or when necessary to protect the patient's health." **Fetal viability** is generally deemed to come around the 24th week of pregnancy. The judgment of when an abortion is necessary would rest with "the patient's healthcare provider." It wouldn't overturn some onerous provisions of state law, including the requirement for parental consent to minors' abortions. DeSantis and Ladapo pulled out all the stops to fight Amendment 4. As Floridians Protecting Freedom asserted in its...

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5. [Abortion rights measures win as Harris loses The Democrat fell short of election but her bedrock campaign issue continued to show broad support.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 07, 2024 | 1101 words | Faith E. Pinho

... abortion access. Antiabortion advocates -- including many of his most ardent supporters among conservative evangelicals -- pushed him to go further, advocating for a national abortion ban. Many of his supporters expressed disappointment when he waffled over how he would vote in Florida 's repeal of a six-week abortion ban. When a reporter pressed Trump on Tuesday for how he voted on Florida 's abortion ballot measure that would prevent any laws restricting abortion until **fetal viability**, he snapped...

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6. [Arizona 's 1864 abortion ban is now off the books Enacted when the state was a territory, the law had been reinstated with state Supreme Court 's OK.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Sep 15, 2024 | 720 words | Associated Press

... campaign, well over the 383,923 required. If voters approve the measure, abortions would be allowed until **fetal viability** -- the point at which a fetus could survive outside the womb, typically around 24 weeks. It also would allow abortions after that time in cases where the woman's physical or mental health is in jeopardy....

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7. [Californians head to swing states to canvass for Harris](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 30, 2024 | 1330 words | Seema Mehta Laura J. Nelson

... smooth rock in her fist so she doesn't bruise her knuckles, Banuet, 62, spends several hours every day, five days a week, knocking on doors in Phoenix and surrounding suburbs. Some days, the temperature has climbed past 110 degrees as she urges voters to support Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris, U.S. Senate candidate Ruben Gallego, and local candidates -- as well as a state constitutional amendment to allow abortion up to the point of **fetal viability**. Californians such as Banuet hoping...

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8. [Arizona tests politics of abortion Could a ballot initiative aimed at securing rights in the swing state draw out reluctant voters in support of Biden? He's depending on it.](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 30, 2024 | 1385 words | MARK Z. BARABAK

... who feel it goes too far. The initiative would amend the state constitution to ensure a "fundamental right" to abortion until **fetal viability** -- or roughly the 24th week of pregnancy -- and beyond that if a healthcare professional deemed it necessary to "protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual." Opponents say that would amount to abortion on demand, and that is why Coughlin , among others, intends to vote against the initiative -- provided it makes the ballot. That...

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9. [THE NATION Voters in Ohio approve abortion rights measure The constitutional amendment ensures access. In Kentucky , Democratic Gov. Beshear is reelected.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 08, 2023 | 600 words | Associated Press

... law, currently on hold because of court challenges, is one of roughly two dozen restrictions on abortion the Ohio Legislature has passed in recent years. Issue 1 specifically declared an individual's right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including birth control, fertility treatments, miscarriage and abortion. It allowed the state to regulate the procedure after **fetal viability**, as long as exceptions were provided for cases in which a doctor determined the "life or health..."

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10. [THE NATION 2022 Dobbs ruling left complicated web of state laws Trump's stance on abortion highlights GOP's 'disagreement about where things should go now.'](#)

Los Angeles Times | Apr 10, 2024 | 1291 words | Faith E. Pinho

... freedom" question on this year's ballot about whether to add to the state Constitution language guaranteeing access. In November, Ohio voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative that would create a constitutional amendment protecting an individual's right to "contraception; fertility treatment; continuing one's own pregnancy; miscarriage care; and abortion." The amendment allowed that "abortion may be prohibited after **fetal viability**," which is decided on a case-by-case basis by the patient's...

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11. [An unlikely battleground for abortion rights Group's campaign to block clinic in Beverly Hills may offer playbook for similar efforts](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 11, 2024 | 2132 words | Sonja Sharp

... as the cutoff for "**fetal viability**" -- a legal standard established under Roe vs. Wade and refined under Planned Parenthood vs. Casey as the point where abortion could be banned by the states. Forty-three percent of Americans say abortion should be illegal at this point, according to a 2022 Pew Survey. But the medical picture is more complicated, many experts argue. "There's no medical reason to ban abortion based on how far along someone is in pregnancy," said Brittany Fonteno, president of the...

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12. [It's clear: Americans want to keep abortion rights Issue 1 was an attempt to make it harder for Ohio voters to protect reproductive freedom. Its failure is a good sign.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Aug 10, 2023 | 640 words

... of signatures needed to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot by requiring signatures from all of Ohio's 88 counties. Currently, signatures need to come from 44 of the counties. Legislators made no secret that Issue 1 was an unabashed attempt to make it more difficult to pass a citizen-initiated amendment to the state constitution enshrining the right to an abortion up to **fetal viability** (or beyond when needed to protect the health of the pregnant person). Abortion protection amendments...

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13. [PERSPECTIVES Where abortion rights could make ballots Advocates seek to put the issue before voters in more states, having won every vote yet in the post-Roe era.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Feb 12, 2024 | 1458 words | Mulvihill and Kruesi write for the Associated Press .

... needed by July 5 to put a state constitutional amendment before voters to protect abortion rights until **fetal viability**. Under a law adopted last year, abortion is banned after 12 weeks, with some exceptions. Nevada : Signatures are being gathered to place an abortion access amendment on the November ballot that would enshrine in the state constitution a 1990 law that allows abortion in the first 24 weeks of pregnancy, or later to protect the health of the pregnant person. More than 102,000 valid...

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14. [A ploy to stop voters from protecting abortion access Ohio legislators want to change election rules to thwart a reproductive rights amendment.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 13, 2023 | 786 words

... Ohio is the latest state in which voters will decide whether to enshrine in the state constitution the right to abortion that was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court last year. Abortion access advocates in that state say they have submitted more than enough signatures to put a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to protect the right to an abortion up to **fetal viability** -- or beyond, if necessary to protect the health of a pregnant person. They were required to collect 413,000...

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15. [Plan for abortion clinic is disputed A medical provider alleges Beverly Hills, facing demonstrations, pressured landlord to block a facility.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Aug 20, 2023 | 2577 words | Jenny Jarvie

... . We were anticipating the clinic would open in Beverly Hills later this year." California statute restricts abortions after a fetus is viable, at about 24 to 26 weeks of pregnancy, unless the patient's life or health is in danger. That makes California abortion law more complicated than in the nation's capital and six states -- Colorado , Minnesota , New Jersey , New Mexico , Oregon and Vermont -- with no gestational limits on when abortion is legal. But California's **fetal viability** limit is in...

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16. [Abortion on the ballot Michigan voters could protect reproductive rights](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 24, 2022 | 799 words

... already protect abortion rights so there is less at stake. Michigan is a purplish state with a Democratic governor -- up for reelection -- and a Republican-led legislature. The state narrowly went for Joe Biden in 2020 after narrowly going for Donald Trump in 2016. During the years that Roe vs. Wade was in place, abortion was legal in Michigan up to the point of **fetal viability**, but state law also contained various unnecessary restrictions such as mandatory counseling, a 24-hour waiting period after...

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17. [THE NATION House passes bills seeking to secure abortion access The legislation, with broad Republican opposition, has little chance in the Senate.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 16, 2022 | 715 words | Associated Press

... the political landscape in their favor for the midterm elections. This is the second time the House has passed the bill, which would expand on the protections Roe had previously provided by banning what supporters say are medically unnecessary restrictions that block access to safe and accessible abortions. It would prevent abortion bans earlier than 24 weeks of pregnancy, which is when **fetal viability** -- the ability of a fetus to survive outside the uterus -- is generally thought to begin. It...

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18. [ELECTION 2022 Vote yes on reproductive rights Even California , which protects abortion rights, needs a guarantee in its constitution.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Sep 05, 2022 | 820 words

... California. They argue the amendment is too broad and vague and would override the existing law, which limits abortions to pre-**fetal viability** unless the pregnant person is at risk. The California bishops say the unrestrictive language would encourage and protect late-term abortions. Proponents say that the constitutional amendment does not grant unfettered access to abortion. Instead it lays out the fundamental right to abortion in a broad framework which legislators can fill in with reasonable...

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19. [At last, sanity on abortion ban A U.S. District Court judge has temporarily blocked the Texas law, but the battle to get it struck down has just begun.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 08, 2021 | 550 words

... have passed similar bans on abortions in early pregnancy. But federal courts have generally blocked or overturned them as obvious violations of U.S. Supreme Court rulings that have established and upheld the right of a woman to get an abortion -- without obstacles -- up to the point of **fetal viability** outside her body, which is around 24 weeks of gestation. But the Texas law is different, and more insidious, than those in other states because it was written by a state legislature hostile to...

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20. [THE NATION House Democrats vote to legalize abortion The bill, which aims to set a federal legal standard, is expected to fail in the Senate.](#)

... The U.S. House voted Friday to legalize abortion nationwide until **fetal viability**, and even though the legislation is almost certain to fail in the Senate, it marks a historic victory for abortion rights supporters after a decades-long fight. The vote on the Women's Health Protection Act is the first the House has ever held to set a federal legal standard on abortion and the first time in nearly 30 years that the House has approved what advocates consider to be a major proactive abortion rights...

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21. [Washington state bans abortion lawsuits Law counters moves elsewhere to punish those who help others end their pregnancies.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 18, 2022 | 745 words | La Corte writes for the Associated Press .

... of a doctor. Another would set up a fund for things like travel, lodging and child care for patients seeking abortions -- both within California and from other states. Abortion has been legal in Washington state since a 1970 referendum. A 1991 ballot measure, also approved by voters, declared a woman's right to choose physician-performed abortion prior to **fetal viability** and further expanded and protected access to abortion in the state, should Roe vs. Wade be overturned. Carol Tobias, president...

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22. [Abortion amendment in Kansas invites chaos](#)

Los Angeles Times | Aug 01, 2022 | 866 words | Stephen R. McAllister Stephen R. McAllister is a professor at the University of Kansas School of Law.

... compromise, one that permitted bans on late-term abortions (with exceptions to save the life and preserve the health of women) while generally protecting the right to early-term abortions and allowing medically reasonable regulations prior to **fetal viability**. The nation's highest court got it right in that ruling 30 years ago, and the top court in Kansas was correct three years ago in recognizing a right to abortion under the Kansas Constitution, even if it adopted a higher standard than federal law at...

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23. [Abortion decision imperils all our rights The Supreme Court's refusal to block the Texas law severely undermines federal judicial supremacy](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 11, 2021 | 701 words | Erwin Chemerinsky Erwin Chemerinsky is dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law and a contributing writer to Opinion. He is the author most recently of "Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights."

... unconstitutional Texas law is also a strong signal that it is poised to overturn Roe vs. Wade. The Texas law, SB 8, which went into effect on Sept. 1, prohibits abortions before many women even know that they are pregnant. This blatantly violates the standard set in Roe, which held that states cannot prohibit abortions before **fetal viability**, at about 24 weeks of pregnancy. The quirk of the Texas ban is that enforcement is done by private citizens suing doctors and those who aid or abet an abortion for \$10,000...

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24. [Abortion ban 'exceptions' cannot protect life States may try to write laws that selectively support the health of pregnant people, but they will fail](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 05, 2022 | 1018 words | Jocelyn Viterna Jocelyn Viterna is professor of sociology and director of undergraduate studies at Harvard University .

... -outs cannot prevent. Salvadoran doctors I interviewed offered numerous examples of how it plays out when perceived **fetal viability** is prioritized over the mother's health. There was one woman who, in the 20th week of her third pregnancy, developed a pregnancy-related heart condition. From the moment she arrived at the hospital, doctors feared that the young mother was on a path to full cardiac arrest. But they could not say whether cardiac arrest was imminent, showing how challenging it is to prove...

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25. [Senate fails to advance abortion rights bill Democrats hope the defeat will help prod voters to sway key elections this fall.](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 12, 2022 | 934 words | Jennifer Haberkorn

... opposed abortion rights, supported the procedural vote on the bill Wednesday, and said he would vote for final passage if given the chance. Casey voted in 2018 in support of advancing a bill that would ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy, and has cast other votes for antiabortion policies. His political career built on the legacy of his father, the antiabortion legislator named in the 1992 Planned Parenthood vs. Casey case, in which the high court reaffirmed abortion rights through **fetal viability**...

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26. [The right to reproductive freedom is on the line The most important abortion case in decades is before the Supreme Court.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 01, 2021 | 821 words | Erwin Chemerinsky Erwin Chemerinsky is dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law and a contributing writer to Opinion. He is the author most recently of "Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights."

... of many, the court, in 5-4 decision, said that it was reaffirming the "essential holding" of Roe: "a recognition of the right of the woman to choose to have an abortion before viability and to obtain it without undue interference from the State." **Fetal viability**, with medical technology, is now at about 24 weeks of pregnancy. If the court upholds the Mississippi law, which bans abortions long before viability outside the uterus, it would erase the fundamental framework of the constitutional right...

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27. [THE NATION Senate Republicans block abortion bill Democrats harden their stance with legislation that aimed to make the procedure legal nationwide.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 01, 2022 | 1010 words | Jennifer Haberkorn

... to conduct any outreach and reducing this important issue to nothing more than a designed-to-fail show vote is a disservice to women across America ." The two Republicans introduced their own, more narrow measure that would prohibit states from imposing an undue burden on patients who choose



abortion before **fetal viability**, or about 24 weeks. It would continue to allow states to enact their own regulations and attempts to strengthen what would prompt an "undue burden," an issue that the courts...

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28. [PERSPECTIVES Abortion ruling puts spotlight on gerrymandered legislatures](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 07, 2022 | 1321 words | Lieb writes for the Associated Press .

... about their legislative prospects, abortion rights advocates in Michigan are gathering signatures for a November ballot initiative that would create a state constitutional right to abortion, allowing its regulation only "after **fetal viability**." "It's the best shot that we have at securing abortion access," Democratic state Rep. Laurie Pohutsky said. "I think if this is put in voters' hands, they will want to see this ballot measure succeed."...

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29. [Will violence at clinics surge? Biden's recent actions in support of abortion may draw a dangerous reaction.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jan 31, 2021 | 890 words | ROBIN ABCARIAN

... week of pregnancy, long before **fetal viability**. The court will weigh whether or not the law imposes an unconstitutional "undue burden" on women. Of course it does, though what the court will do is anyone's guess. "I don't really feel I can predict what they will do," said Ragsdale. "But it doesn't look hopeful." -- @AbcarianLAT...

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30. [Democrats bet on abortion rights to rally voters Candidates pledge to focus on the threat to Roe vs. Wade in their midterm campaigns.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 06, 2021 | 1296 words | Peoples writes for the Associated Press .

... uphold a Mississippi law banning all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and possibly allow states to ban abortion much earlier in pregnancy. Current law allows states to regulate but not ban abortion until the point of **fetal viability**, at roughly 24 weeks. The court's final ruling is expected in June, just ahead of midterm elections that will decide the balance of power in Congress and in statehouses across the country. Already braced for a rough year, Democrats have been searching for an issue...

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31. [Many red states already living in a post-Roe reality Abortion rights dismantled ahead of likely reversal](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 05, 2022 | 1607 words | Molly Hennessy-Fiske Jenny Jarvie

... clinic jumped from 18% to 70%. The clinic now has a waiting list of 300, and more patients are arriving later in their pregnancies. "We are seeing very few early-first-trimester abortion patients, because it's taking them so long to get in to see us on any given day," Pittman said. Sometimes she tells patients that if they

can't wait a few weeks for her clinic to schedule an appointment, their best bet is to travel to Illinois , which allows abortions until **fetal viability**, usually around 24 to 28...

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32. [Abortion rights bill is taken off the shelf House Democrats pull out plan to legalize procedure nationwide. Senate path is unclear.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Sep 10, 2021 | 1312 words | Jennifer Haberkorn

... since the 1973 Roe decision and a follow-up 1992 case, states have been prohibited from enacting restrictions that place an undue burden on access to abortion before **fetal viability**. It will serve as the Democrats' policy foil for the Texas law as the nation enters what will probably be the biggest abortion debate in three decades. Republicans oppose Chu's measure, saying Democrats are using this as an opportunity to expand access to abortion by overturning existing state laws. "Biden Democrats...

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33. [Late-term abortions harder to obtain Procedures are rare, but if Roe is overturned, some women will face even more hurdles](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jun 19, 2022 | 2128 words | Ortutay writes for the Associated Press .

... travel out of state to receive care, or possibly wait until her baby died in her womb, putting her at increased risk of infections and even death. Only eight states allow abortions at any time during a pregnancy. Twenty states have no specific time limits but prohibit abortions at the time of "**fetal viability**," which is generally considered to be around 23 or 24 weeks but depends on a host of other factors besides gestational age. "I still grieve to this day for the loss of my son, and my husband...

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34. [COLUMN ONE Abortion doctor recommits to his mission, his passion](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 13, 2022 | 3450 words | Molly Hennessy-Fiske

... -year-old lead attorney arguing for abortion rights, hold her own against Jay Floyd, a Texas assistant attorney general. "He made some sort of smart remark about being up against a pretty woman," Hern recalled. "Nobody laughed." The decision guaranteeing the right to abortion up to the point of **fetal viability** -- now generally considered to be about 24 weeks -- didn't come until Jan. 22, 1973. Three months later, a group of Boulder residents persuaded Hern to help start Colorado 's first free...

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35. [NO LOGIC IN EDITORIAL ABORTION STAND](#)

Los Angeles Times | Apr 12, 1992 | 244 words | EKC

... the adjoining editorial, your strong support of the proposed freedom of choice act that (states) "a state may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**" causes me to miss the logic. Fetal (human before birth) viability depends primarily on nourishment and shelter by the

parent (via a woman's uterus); childhood (human after birth, no matter what period of gestation) viability also depends primarily on nourishment and shelter by the parent, man or...

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36. [ABORTION DEBATE AND THE NEW PILL](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jan 17, 1987 | 251 words | RCR

... 1973 that a woman had the right to decide, prior to **fetal viability**, to terminate her pregnancy? And still, bill after bill has been voted upon in Congress and in state legislatures on various aspects of the right to abortion since 1973. Twenty years of tedious and divisive debate should be enough for anyone; unless, of course, one's power is based on one's anti-choice position. As a woman, wife, and mother of four, I resent anyone using my right of reproductive choice for political gain. S.F...

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37. [Ohio is on the verge of banning most abortions](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 09, 2016 | 613 words | Nigel Duara

... ," said Kasich spokeswoman Emmalee Kalmbach, "and we will closely examine everything we receive." Ohio already has a **fetal viability** law, which forbids abortion if a doctor determines a fetus has a reasonable chance of viability. So-called heartbeat bills were passed in Arkansas , over the veto of then-Gov. Mike Huckabee, and in North Dakota , only to lose upon legal challenges. Trump's position on abortion has been difficult to pinpoint. In a presidential debate, he said the Roe vs. Wade decision...

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38. [Georgia fights for abortion ban GOP attorney general is appealing a judge's ruling that 2022 law's 6-week limit violates the state constitution.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 03, 2024 | 193 words | Associated Press

... rolled back abortion limits in the state to a prior law that allowed abortions until **fetal viability**, roughly 22 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy. Some Georgia clinic officials have said they will resume accepting patients whose pregnancies are past six weeks' gestation, though they're aware the ban could be reimposed quickly. Carr's office said in its notice of appeal, filed Tuesday, that the case goes straight to Georgia 's highest court because it involves a challenge to the constitutionality of a...

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39. [THE ABORTION LAW PATCHWORK; HIGH COURT'S NEW RULING OFFERS LITTLE COMFORT TO BACKERS OF RIGHT TO CHOOSE](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 01, 1992 | 378 words | JA

... -choice act will be reintroduced soon after Congress reconvenes in January. The bill codifies Roe, banning state restriction of a woman's right to an abortion before **fetal viability**. Congress must pass this bill so President-elect Bill Clinton can fulfill his vow to sign it....

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40. [NO PLACE FOR COMPROMISE](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 22, 1997 | 389 words

... . Supreme Court has held that states cannot regulate abortions before **fetal viability**. Last year, Clinton vetoed a similar bill in the presence of three women who had the procedure to end pregnancies gone tragically awry. This year, he might reflect on the anguish these women shared and the measure of relief--and hope--they were able to gain....

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41. [GETTING THE COURT OUT OF THE WAY; ONLY CONGRESS ' CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY CAN OVERCOME IDEOLOGICAL OPPOSITION TO ABORTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 09, 1992 | 394 words | RJM

... bills we strongly support are pending: Two would permanently lift the Bush Administration's odious "gag rule" on abortion counseling, upheld last term by the court. The Senate passed its version last summer; House passage is expected in coming weeks. The proposed freedom of choice act is a more ambitious effort. Less than two full pages, the act states clearly and succinctly that "a state may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**; or at any time...

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42. [SENATE DEFEATS COMPROMISE ABORTION BILL](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 16, 1997 | 1022 words | MELISSA HEALY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

... a fetus has achieved viability. While **fetal viability** is widely believed to begin between the 23rd and 28th week of pregnancy, the "partial-birth" abortion is used from roughly the 20th week of pregnancy. The Supreme Court, in its landmark 1973 ruling that made abortion legal, ruled that the government may not regulate a woman's access to abortion before the **fetal viability** milestone has been achieved. In crafting the amendment rejected Thursday, Daschle and others sought to impose abortion...

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43. [CONGRESS APPROVES BAN ON LATE-TERM ABORTIONS; HEALTH: BUT SENATE PASSAGE STILL ISN'T VETO-PROOF. CLINTON INDICATES HE WILL AGAIN BLOCK THE MEASURE.](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 21, 1997 | 1032 words | MELISSA HEALY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

... exceptions only in cases where a woman's life is in immediate danger from a continued pregnancy. The bill also differs from Daschle's in that it applies only to one abortion procedure. The method that would be banned is used to terminate pregnancies beyond the 20th week, which means that many of those abortions affected would occur before **fetal viability**. The Supreme Court, in a landmark 1973 ruling, forbade states from regulating abortions before the point of **fetal viability** has been reached but allowed...

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44. [PUBLIC FOUND MOST INTERESTED IN CHINA, COURT](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 13, 1989 | 414 words | JA

... women far more than men, with 53% versus 39% paying very close attention. Abortion Right Backed According to the survey, the women closely following the abortion story were overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining a constitutional right to abortion. Sixty-one percent reported they supported retaining the Roe vs. Wade court precedent establishing the right, while 36% favored overturning it. But this overall group was divided over such issues as whether the law should require **fetal viability** tests (57...

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45. [PANEL BACKS BARRING STATE ABORTION CURBS](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 01, 1992 | 543 words | RJM

... Acting quickly to strengthen abortion rights after the Supreme Court's controversial ruling a day earlier on the issue, the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved a bill that would forbid any state restrictions on abortions before **fetal viability**. A similar bill is expected to be adopted today by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, thus setting the stage for House and Senate consideration of the Freedom of Choice Act later this summer on the eve of the election campaign. A...

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46. [PANEL OKS BILL FORBIDDING STATES TO CURB ABORTIONS; LEGISLATION: HOUSE MEASURE BARS RESTRICTIONS BEFORE FETAL VIABILITY. SENATE MAY TAKE SIMILAR ACTION TODAY.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 01, 1992 | 779 words | RJM

... Acting quickly to strengthen abortion rights after the Supreme Court's controversial ruling a day earlier on the issue, the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday approved a bill that would forbid any state restrictions on abortions before **fetal viability**. A similar bill is expected to be adopted today by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, thus setting the stage for House and Senate consideration of the Freedom of Choice Act later this summer on the eve of the election campaign. A...

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47. [The Nation Abortion doctors filling in for Tiller The slain physician was one of the few to perform late-term procedures.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 16, 2010 | 774 words | Robin Abcarian Michael Haederle

... only a tiny fraction seek abortions in the third trimester. In its 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, the Supreme Court said states cannot limit a woman's right to abortion before **fetal viability**, which is now generally considered to be in the 23rd or 24th week of pregnancy -- during the second trimester. After viability, states can impose regulations, but they must allow abortions to preserve a woman's life or health, including her mental health. Boyd is an ordained Baptist minister who later became a...

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48. [...WHILE IN CALIFORNIA , A COURT AFFIRMS THE HUMANITY OF A FETUS; ABORTION: THE FETAL-MURDER DECISION WILL TOPPLE THE ILLOGIC OF THE PRO-CHOICE MOVEMENT.](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 20, 1994 | 601 words | EKC

... sole discretion to decide whether their unborn children would live or die. Since medicine in the 1970s was not as sophisticated and advanced as it is today, the fetus was thought to be merely a glob of tissue, an unviable parasite or a potential human who was not yet human. This sounds ridiculous in light of today's knowledge regarding fetal development and the advancement in early **fetal viability**, yet a pro-abortion ethic must continue to maintain these views. Since the courts would never rule...

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49. [HIGH-TECH MEDICINE ADDS TO QUANDARIES IN ABORTION DEBATE](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 23, 1986 | 609 words | WJR

... irregular heart beats. Expensive Technology "The technology is very expensive and should be used to save babies in families that want them," said Atlanta lawyer Margie Pitts-Haymes, who argued Doe vs. Bolton, one of two cases that resulted in the legalization of abortion in 1973. She doubts, however, that lowering the age of **fetal viability** will lower the age of development at which a fetus may be aborted legally. Dr. Michael Harrison, a pioneer in fetal surgery at the University of California , San...

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50. [ABORTION WON'T STOP; THIS MORAL DILEMMA CAN'T BE RESOLVED, NOR THE DEBATE ENDED](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 04, 1989 | 641 words | DDC

... like cocaine. It's just that they would have greater alternatives than ever before. Of course this is all premature. Abortion may be more restricted than at any time since it became legal, but it is still legal. It's difficult to predict what the Supreme Court will decide next. Maybe it will uphold parental consent laws. Maybe it will further restrict where and how abortions are performed. Maybe it will abolish the trimester system for determining **fetal viability**. Maybe it will even overturn Roe vs...

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51. [PRO-CHOICE IS WINNING POLITICAL WAR; ABORTION: VICTORIES IN CONGRESS , FLORIDA AND PUBLIC OPINION ADD TO THE TALLY. AND CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS ARE LISTENING.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 18, 1989 | 736 words | EKC

... . One need not be pro-abortion to be pro-choice. Despite this, California legislators opposed to abortion are certain to test the post-Webster waters by introducing a variety of bills aimed at establishing a waiting period before an abortion can be performed; requiring **fetal viability** tests and imposing rigid

standards on abortion clinics. If abortion opponents do pursue such a strategy, however, they risk the same devastating defeat suffered last week by their allies in Florida , where Gov. Bob...

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52. [Commentary Abortion Foes Let Their Zeal Trump Strategy](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jun 04, 2004 | 861 words | William Saletan

... respect the lines the Supreme Court has drawn: **fetal viability** and exceptions to protect the woman's health. Abortion opponents can't stand these lines. They are trying to stop what they see as mass murder. So they write bills riddled with the excesses they attribute to Hamilton : deep hostility and a determination to impose their philosophies on judicial proceedings. Four years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated Nebraska 's partial-birth ban because it lacked a health exception and was defined...

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53. [COMPULSORY MOTHERHOOD ISN'T PROTECTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Apr 09, 1989 | 753 words | JA

... physicians must use expensive (and risky) medical procedures to determine **fetal viability**. For the most part, the Supreme Court has struck down these requirements, but only by a bare majority. The court in January agreed to hear an appeal by the state of Missouri , which is seeking to uphold its highly restrictive anti-abortion law. The law declares that a fetus is a person from the moment of conception. It forbids the use of public facilities, public employees or public funds to perform abortions or...

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54. [NEW EFFORT LAUNCHED TO BAN 'PARTIAL BIRTH' ABORTIONS; LEGISLATION: FOES OF PROCEDURE SENSE SHIFT IN MOMENTUM. CLINTON MAY FACE NEW VETO DECISION.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 06, 1997 | 784 words | MELISSA HEALY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

... . In a landmark 1973 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that any restrictions on abortion access before the point of **fetal viability** would be an unconstitutional infringement on a woman's privacy. Abortion foes, as they did last year, ruled out on Wednesday accepting any such exemptions. They said such exceptions have been so broadly interpreted by the courts that they have failed to bar late-term abortions for healthy women carrying healthy fetuses. While the battle lines of the abortion debate...

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55. [ABORTION-RIGHTS BACKER REVEALS 'LIE'; HEALTH: ADVOCATE CHANGES HIS STORY ABOUT RARITY OF 'PARTIAL-BIRTH' PROCEDURE. LAWMAKERS VOW TO REVIVE BILL TO BAN THE PRACTICE.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Feb 27, 1997 | 886 words | MELISSA HEALY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

... before a fetus reaches the point of viability. That point, in their view, distinguishes "late-term abortions" from all others. Before that point of **fetal viability**, which comes about the 26th week of gestation, a woman's right to an abortion is protected under *Roe vs. Wade*. As a result, the advocates maintained, those abortions cannot constitutionally be restricted and are not centrally tracked or reported by abortion providers. Accordingly, Michelman said, neither abortion opponents nor abortion...

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56. [ROBIN ABCARIAN: DOCTOR'S DEATH IS A CALL TO ACTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 17, 1993 | 827 words | JW

... from entering or leaving a medical facility. Finally and most important, the federal Freedom of Choice Act of 1993, short and sweet, would prevent states from restricting the right to terminate pregnancy before **fetal viability** or at any time if a woman's life or health is endangered. If you believe in choice, contact your legislators and urge them to co-sponsor these laws. Tell someone who can make a difference. Tell them now. Do it for David Gunn....

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57. [DEBATE BEGINS ON ABORTION RIGHTS BILL; PREGNANCY: CONGRESS TAKES UP THE ISSUE AS THE SUPREME COURT PREPARES TO HEAR A CASE THAT COULD CURB PROTECTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE ROE VS. WADE DECISION.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 05, 1992 | 819 words | RJM

... in almost two decades, legislation has been proposed that raises the ultimate issue in the dispute: Should women have a right to abortion? The key sentence in the bill reads: "A state may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy before **fetal viability**; or at any time, if such termination is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman." That the congressional debate begins just as the Supreme Court prepares to review a key *Roe vs. Wade* challenge is the result...

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58. ['PARTIAL-BIRTH' ABORTION BAN STALLS IN SENATE](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 09, 1995 | 909 words | RJM

... right to abortions during early pregnancy but allowed states to restrict abortions beyond the point of **"fetal viability"** -- usually between 23 and 28 weeks -- except when the woman's life or health is in peril. If such exemption language were added to Smith's bill in the Judiciary Committee, Boxer said in an interview she would not "have any problem with that (because) that would be fully consistent with *Roe vs. Wade*." "We must hear from those women whose lives were saved, from their doctors and..."

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59. [ROBIN ABCARIAN: LIFESAVING OPTION OR CRIMINAL CONDUCT?](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 26, 1995 | 900 words | RJM



... medical procedure, period. It does not bend to protect maternal health, even though the Supreme Court ruled in Roe vs. Wade that the government may not limit abortions -- even after **fetal viability** -- if the life or health of the mother is at risk. On this basis (and others, including gender discrimination and undue burden) opponents argue the bill is unconstitutional. If senators insist, as the House has done, in imposing themselves between doctors and patients, then it will be up to the President to...

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60. [HOUSE VOTES TO BAN RARE FORM OF ABORTIONS](#)

Los Angeles Times | Nov 02, 1995 | 994 words | RJM

... amounted to a direct assault on the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortions. "The bill is so extreme that it provides no exceptions to save a woman's life or health, thus presenting a direct constitutional challenge to Roe v. Wade," Michelman said. That decision held that a woman may choose to abort a pregnancy before "**fetal viability**," or roughly between 23 and 28 weeks. After that, states may regulate or even ban abortions, except in cases where the life or health of the woman is at...

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61. [DIVINING ABORTION OPINIONS TOUGH JOB FOR POLLS; MOST PEOPLE FOUND UNCOMFORTABLE, CONFUSED IN A 'COMPLEX, MIDDLE POSITION'](#)

Los Angeles Times | Aug 25, 1989 | 993 words | JA

... . But almost the same percentage -- 54% -- favored the most restrictive part of the Missouri law, a ban on abortions in public hospitals. About 52% also supported a Missouri requirement for testing **fetal viability** before performing abortions in the fifth month of pregnancy or later. When people are asked about the question of abortion generally, poll after poll shows that most people favor leaving the abortion decision up to a woman and her doctor. But when the questions get more specific, citing...

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62. [GLOVES OFF IN GOP 46TH DISTRICT RACE; POLITICS: LISA HUGHES' ABORTION STANCE IS QUESTIONED BY OPPONENTS, WHILE EX-REP. DORNAN IS CALLED 'AN EMBARRASSMENT.' WINNER OF JUNE PRIMARY FACES SANCHEZ.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Apr 20, 1998 | 1076 words | PETER M. WARREN, TIMES POLITICAL WRITER

... ," such as rape and incest. "My position is, I am pro-choice, I choose life." Again she did not mention her support of first-trimester abortions. Afterward, both Gray and Dornan criticized her response. "In the pro-life movement, we call that the 'but' position," Dornan said. Gray 's abortion position is similar to Hughes '. He supports choice in the first trimester, but said abortion after **fetal viability** "would be murder." He opposes government funding of abortion and supports parental consent laws...

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63. ['PREEMIE' SURVIVAL LAGS, COULD STIR ABORTION DEBATE](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 14, 1989 | 1010 words | JA

... School of Medicine in Cleveland, add new data to the debate over **fetal viability** -- the critical point at which an infant could survive outside the womb and at which the state may intervene to block an abortion. But the findings also raise questions about the ethics and economics of going to great lengths to salvage tiny infants unlikely to live: Amid attempts to control health care expenditures, is it right to try against the odds to save those babies? "This is a cutting edge issue," said Dr. Ezra...

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64. [A CHRONOLOGY OF THE SUPREME COURT'S MAJOR ABORTION DECISIONS](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 04, 1989 | 1077 words | EKC

... pregnant minors States cannot give husbands veto power over their pregnant wives' decision to abort their pregnancies. Neither can parents of minor, unwed girls be given an absolute veto. June 20, 1977 -- In Maher vs. Roe, the court voting 6-3, ruled that states have no legal obligation to pay for "non-therapeutic" abortions. Jan. 9, 1979 -- In Colautti vs. Franklin, reached by a 6-3 vote, the court reaffirmed its intention to give doctors broad discretion in determining the timing of "**fetal viability**..."

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65. [LOOKING AT CLINTON'S AMERICA; NOW -- LET THE GOVERNING BEGIN](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 13, 1992 | 1180 words | DMH

... conservatives are saying privately that they would prefer not to be asked to vote on what they view as the troublesome issues of parental consent or 24-hour waiting periods, both of which would be prohibited prior to **fetal viability** in the current draft of the Freedom of Choice Act. Will Clinton, who little more than a year ago supported the requirement that minors secure their parents' consent to abortion, be willing to use political capital to pass abortion-rights legislation, or will this, too, be put...

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66. [THE NATION Murky Debate on Abortion Law Kansas legislation states precisely its terms for ending pregnancies late in the term. But how doctors interpret those rules may not be clear.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Feb 26, 2005 | 1411 words | P.J. Huffstutter and Stephanie Simon Times Staff Writers

... the call themselves, based on interviews with the woman. **Fetal viability** and maternal health can be assessed using objective scientific measures, but there is inevitably a subjective component, said Janet Crepps, a staff attorney with the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York "If you look far enough, you can probably find a doctor who will have a different opinion, especially in an area as politically charged as abortion," Crepps said. "That's why physicians feel vulnerable" when prosecutors...

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67. [Choosing a Chief Justice Roe Ruling: More Than Its Author Intended](#)

Los Angeles Times | Sep 14, 2005 | 3073 words | David G. Savage Times Staff Writer

... and of parents of minors to veto a woman's or girl's decision to end her pregnancy. 1979: In Colautti vs. Franklin, the court reaffirms its intention to give doctors broad discretion in determining "**fetal viability**" - when a fetus can live outside the mother's womb. 1979: In Bellotti vs. Baird, the court implies that states may be able to require a pregnant, unmarried minor to obtain parental consent to an abortion so long as state law provides an alternative, such as letting the minor seek a...

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68. [THE ABORTION DECISION; TEXT: DUTY 'TO DEFINE LIBERTY OF ALL'](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jun 30, 1992 | 2743 words | JA

... holding of Roe vs. Wade should be retained and once again reaffirmed. . . . It must be stated at the outset and with clarity that Roe's essential holding, the holding we reaffirm, has three parts. First is a recognition of the right of the woman to choose to have an abortion before viability and to obtain it without undue interference from the state. . . . Second is a confirmation of the state's power to restrict abortions after **fetal viability**, if the law contains exceptions for pregnancies which...

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69. [GENERAL OF LIFE %26 DEATH; CONTROVERSIAL SUPREME COURT CASES REFLECT EFFORTS OF MISSOURI 'S WILLIAM WEBSTER](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jan 21, 1990 | 3036 words | WILLIAM L WEBSTER

... determine the point at which unborn children are entitled to the protections of state law." Although the Webster case clearly gave it the opportunity, the Supreme Court did not go so far as to overturn the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, giving women the right to abortion. The court did decide that Missouri constitutionally may restrict public employees from performing nontherapeutic abortions and that the state can require physicians to perform **fetal viability** tests. After the June 3 decision, The General...

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70. [THE ABORTIONS OF LAST RESORT; THE QUESTION OF ENDING PREGNANCY IN ITS LATER STAGES MAY BE THE MOST ANGUISHING OF THE ENTIRE ABORTION DEBATE](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jan 07, 1990 | 5453 words | RCR

... life or health is at risk. The court now seems to be paying less attention to those divisions. In a Missouri case last July, Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, the court ruled that the state could require doctors to test for **fetal viability** before performing any abortion beyond 20 weeks, which is at least two weeks earlier than any premature infant has ever been known to have survived. Doctors say such tests are pointless at that gestational age, but the law's clear intent is to discourage...

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71. [IDAHO HOUSE OKS STIFFEST ABORTION CURBS IN NATION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 10, 1990 | 187 words | JA

... constitutionality of the measure. One amendment would make all abortions illegal in Idaho after **fetal viability**, except when the life of the mother is endangered. **Fetal viability**, that point when a fetus can survive outside the womb, is usually reached after 20 to 23 weeks of pregnancy. The National Right to Life Committee, which helped draft the bill, hopes it will become the test case that could force the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse Roe vs. Wade. Supporters believe it would halt up to 93% of abortions in...

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72. [8-DAY ABORTION FILIBUSTER NEARS END](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 23, 1990 | 136 words | EKC

... unrestricted access to abortions until the point in a pregnancy when a fetus is able to survive outside the womb. After **fetal viability**, abortions could be performed to save the life of the mother or to protect her health. The bill would also require doctors to notify parents when unmarried teen-age daughters seek an abortion....

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73. [KEEPING SILENT ON ABORTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 04, 1991 | 180 words | EKC

... to terminate a pregnancy, whereas related issues such as federally funded abortions, **fetal viability**, parental notification and whether individuals would themselves seek abortions leave Americans about evenly split. The key constitutional issue in Roe vs. Wade is American self-determination, our absolute right to amend laws in accordance with the realities of a dynamic society. Congress has failed the American people on abortion by showing little stomach to take a high-profile position on a high...

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### News

1. [Don't be fooled by these three common myths about abortion](#)

Los Angeles Times | Jul 25, 2024 | 860 words

... emerges alive is infanticide. Abortion involves ending a pregnancy when the fetus is still in the uterus. In California , abortion is legal up to the point of the **fetus' viability** to survive outside the uterus, which is around 24-25 weeks -- or later if...

2. [THE NATION Ample signatures submitted for Ohio abortion vote](#)

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Los Angeles Times | Dec 15, 2022 | 454 words | Gregory Yee

... stage ... seven to eight weeks," she said. A **fetus' viability** outside of the womb "is not an element of the crime in order to prove a fetal murder," Smittcamp said. The case has not yet been presented to her office....

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Los Angeles Times | Oct 29, 2021 | 796 words

... reaffirmed in various landmark cases, starting with Roe vs. Wade in 1973: Abortion is legal up to the point of the **fetus' viability** outside the womb. Senate Bill 8 was written specifically to subvert federal court review. When other states have passed laws...

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Los Angeles Times | Mar 11, 2022 | 920 words | JACKIE CALMES

... Ukrainians suffer bombings of hospitals, a maternity center, apartments and schools, our bloodless war proceeds on its several fronts: Against women's constitutional right to abortion before a **fetus' viability**. Against teachers' rights to speak freely about...

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6. [Emergency appeal on Texas abortion law Biden administration asks Supreme Court to suspend the measure.](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 19, 2021 | 945 words | David G. Savage

... said pregnant women may choose abortion up to the point of **fetus viability**, usually considered to be about 24 weeks. He said a district judge in Austin had properly suspended enforcement of the Texas law. The 5th Circuit on Thursday, by a 2-1 vote...

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7. [FLEISCHMAN ON ABORTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | Mar 27, 1990 | 329 words | EKC

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8. [TEENS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BABY'S DEATH, ATTORNEY SAYS AT HEARING](#)

Los Angeles Times | Dec 18, 1996 | 344 words | From Associated Press

... "congenital brain damage" before it was born and that the mother had serious health problems that compromised the **fetus' viability**. He did not elaborate further. "Neither Amy nor Brian intended to cause, nor in fact did cause, any harm to the deceased," Litman...

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9. [CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR SIGNS FIRST BILL GRANTING RIGHT TO ABORTION](#)

Los Angeles Times | May 01, 1990 | 353 words | JA

... **fetus viability** and properly recognizes that minors should be counseled before making the very difficult decision to abort a pregnancy," O'Neill said. Connecticut 's anti-abortion laws were rendered unenforceable by Roe vs. Wade. They carried penalties...

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10. [FLORIDA ABORTION SHOWDOWN MAY BE A LETDOWN](#)

Los Angeles Times | Oct 08, 1989 | 489 words | EKC

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Los Angeles Times | Feb 02, 1997 | 1536 words | Louis Fisher, Louis Fisher is a political scientist and author of " American, Constitutional Law" (McGraw-Hill)

... Roe v. Wade (1973), recognizing a constitutional right for women to have abortions, was hostile from all quarters, liberal and conservative. The trimester concept looked more like the handiwork of a legislature than a court, and the notion of **fetus**...

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The Seattle Times | Oct 31, 2024 | 1025 words | GEOFF MULVIHILL The Associated Press

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5. [Reichert touts moderate record as he takes heat on abortion](#)

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7. [Washington state activists contemplate what happens if Roe v. Wade is overturned](#)

The Seattle Times | Sep 26, 2020 | 269 words | Nina Shapiro Seattle Times staff reporter

... , who organizes prayer vigils outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bellingham for the national 40 Days for Life campaign, also envisions that Barrett might help bring about a reassessment of Roe v. Wade. "We're excited," she said, noting her family has spent a lot of time on anti-abortion activism. Still, she acknowledged that overturning the ruling in that landmark case likely won't mean much locally, given a state law protecting the right to abortion before **fetal viability**. "It's an uphill..."

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8. [Law bars Texas -style abortion lawsuits](#)

The Seattle Times | Mar 18, 2022 | 701 words | RACHEL LA CORTE The Associated Press

... perform abortions without the supervision of a doctor. Another would set up a fund to help pay expenses like travel, lodging and child care for patients seeking abortions - both within California and from other states. Abortion has been legal in Washington state since a 1970 referendum. A 1991 ballot measure, also approved by voters, declared a woman's right to choose physician-performed abortion prior to **fetal viability** and further expanded and protected access to abortion in the state if Roe v. Wade...

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9. [Fact-checking Murray and Smiley's last Senate debate](#)

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... 2020's racial justice protests. Republican hopes for a red surge against high gas prices and President Joe Biden were somewhat blunted over the summer by concerns about the U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down abortion protections and the results of the Aug. 2 primary election, which were disappointing for the GOP. But in races across the state this fall, Republicans called abortion rights a nonissue, citing Washington's voter-approved law that guarantees the right up to the point of **fetal**...

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The Seattle Times | Dec 03, 2021 | 658 words | Amanda Zhou Seattle Times staff reporter

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14. [Fact-checking the WA Senate debate between Patty Murray, Tiffany Smiley](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 31, 2022 | 1000 words | David Gutman Seattle Times staff reporter

... tiny minority of abortions. More than 92% of all abortions take place before the 13th week of pregnancy, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The same CDC data found less than 1% of abortions happen after the 21st week. Pressed on what limits she would place on abortion, Murray didn't directly answer, but said the legislation she wants to pass would codify Roe, which protected abortion prior to **fetal viability**. Smiley says IRS agents don't change the weather Asked...

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15. [The history of abortion rights in Washington state](#)

The Seattle Times | May 05, 2022 | 867 words | Alison Saldanha New York Times

... .50.020, making it illegal to interfere with access at a health care facility or disrupt its normal functioning. Jan. 5, 2004 Attorney General Christine Gregoire's legal opinion allows Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners to prescribe pills for a medication abortion before **fetal viability**. March 21, 2018 The Reproductive Party Act is signed into law further expanding access to abortion as it mandates that insurance companies that cover maternity care services also cover abortion. May 13, 2019 The...

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16. [UW program aims to expand abortion providers training](#)

The Seattle Times | Feb 13, 2023 | 1602 words | Elise Takahama Seattle Times staff reporter

... point of **fetal viability**. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants were granted further eligibility in 2004 and 2019, when the state Attorney General's Office published opinions in support of allowing advanced registered nurse practitioners (and later also physician assistants) to provide early surgical and medication abortions. Medication abortions involve taking pills to halt a first-trimester pregnancy, while surgical abortions, also known as aspiration or suction abortions, occur when a...

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17. [PACs have poured \\$12M into state races; where did it all go?](#)

The Seattle Times | Nov 05, 2022 | 1444 words | Daniel Beekman Seattle Times staff reporter

... regulations that Democrats have passed. They're calling abortion rights a nonissue, given that Washington's voter-approved law guarantees the right up to the point of **fetal viability**, while Democrats are warning voters that no rights should be taken for granted when dealing with a party arguably embodied by Donald Trump. "This year you can't overstate the importance of abortion," state Senate Democratic campaign committee chair Jamie Pedersen, D- Seattle, said in an interview earlier this fall. "We're..."

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18. [ABORTION BILL -- LETTER INCORRECTLY DEFINED THE TERMS OF INITIATIVE 120](#)

The Seattle Times | Mar 01, 1991 | 225 words

... I cannot allow Bryan McCoy's letter of Feb. 19 ("A dangerous initiative would liberalize abortions") to go without a correction. If enacted, Initiative 120 would not allow abortion through the ninth month. Rather, abortion would be allowed to the point of **fetal viability**, which is legally and medically defined as the point of pregnancy when there is a reasonable likelihood that the fetus is capable of sustained survival outside the uterus if standard emergency procedures are applied. The point...

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19. [YES ON INITIATIVE 120 -- KEEP THE STATUS QUO ON ABORTION RIGHTS](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 27, 1991 | 259 words

... . -- It allows only physicians to perform abortions. -- It allows abortions only up to the point of **fetal viability**, unless a woman's life or health is endangered. -- It maintains the constitutional status quo that has been the law in this country for 18 years. The political shift on the Supreme Court is rapidly eroding abortion rights. Already the court has allowed a Missouri law banning abortions in public hospitals to stand. And it has upheld the Reagan administration's gag rule prohibiting doctors...

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20. [INITIATIVE 120 -- WHITE LIES AND DISTORTIONS](#)

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21. [SEPARATING FACT AND HYPE ON ASPECTS OF INITIATIVE 120](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 30, 1991 | 842 words | BY SUSAN GILMORE

... campaign fact from fiction isn't easy for voters, particularly when faced with the obscure ballot title: "Shall state abortion laws be revised, including declaring a woman's right to choose physician-performed abortion prior to **fetal viability**?" Translation: Do voters want to replace the state's 1970 abortion law - considerably more restrictive - with Initiative 120? Initiative 120 would allow abortions up to the point of **"fetal viability"**, which generally has been accepted to be 24 weeks. The 1970...

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22. [INITIATIVE 120 -- SHOULD ABORTION LAWS BE REVERSED? -- YES](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 13, 1991 | 1062 words | BY JOAN FITZPATRICK

... give Washington women the same right to obtain an abortion that they have today. The initiative puts the U.S. Supreme Court 's guarantees into Washington law. Regardless of whether Roe is overruled, our rights to reproductive privacy will be secured against government intrusion. Initiative 120 does not allow an unlimited right to an abortion. The standard in 120 is the same as Roe. The government may not interfere with a woman's right to choose abortion prior to **fetal viability** or to preserve her...

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23. [Bill advances in Ohio to bar 'heartbeat' abortions](#)

The Seattle Times | Mar 31, 2011 | 470 words | Julie Carr Smyth The Associated Press

... , which mandates that a physician must meet with a woman at least 24 hours before an abortion and that the woman must receive certain information and sign a consent form. He said the group has consulted its lawyers and will continue to share their thoughts with House members in hopes of blocking a vote by the full chamber. The Roe v. Wade ruling upheld a woman's right to an abortion until **fetal viability**. A fetus is usually considered viable at 22 to 24 weeks. Fetal heartbeats can be detected as early...

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24. [In Ohio , a move to test right to abortion](#)

The Seattle Times | Dec 08, 2016 | 694 words | Nigel Duara Los Angeles Times (TNS)

... offered no legal definition of viability, saying it could range from 24 to 28 weeks into a pregnancy. Ohio has a **fetal-viability** law, which requires doctors to perform viability testing before undertaking an abortion on a fetus that is 20 or more weeks in gestation. Previous abortion limits that centered on detecting a fetal heartbeat have failed in the courts, and Kasich in 2014 said he was unsure of such a bill's constitutionality when an Ohio House committee sent a fetal-heartbeat bill to the floor...

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25. [TIMES STARS OF THE WEEK](#)

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... Supreme Court ruled in 1975 that a requirement of parental consent was unconstitutional under both the Washington and U.S. constitutions. An initiative cannot change the state constitution. The facts show how seriously women and their doctors have taken their responsibilities under Roe. Medical experts agree that **fetal viability** is not reached until approximately the 23rd or 24th week of pregnancy. In Washington state during 1989, of the almost 31,000 legal abortions, only four were performed after 24...

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26. [Kansas action stirs abortion debate Clinic records sought - Abortion-rights providers say law may not be as clear-cut as foes think](#)

The Seattle Times | Feb 26, 2005 | 770 words | P.J. Huffstutter And Stephanie Simon Los Angeles Times

... **fetal viability** and maternal health can be assessed using objective, scientific measures, but there is always, inevitably, "a subjective component," said Janet Crepps, a staff attorney with the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York . "If you look far enough, you can probably find a doctor who will have a different opinion, especially in an area as politically charged as abortion. That's why physicians feel vulnerable" when prosecutors demand that they open their medical charts, Crepps said...

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27. [Nebraska out front in new abortion limits Close Up](#)

The Seattle Times | Dec 29, 2010 | 1173 words | Robert Barnes The Washington Post

... 'Connor replaced by Alito, the court in Gonzales upheld a federal ban on the procedure that did not include such an exception. Kennedy 's majority opinion said Congress did not need to provide a health exception, because of the majority's finding that other procedures exist for terminating late-term pregnancies and that the procedure is never medically necessary. He noted that the Casey decision affirmed the right to abortion before **fetal viability**. But he said it also established that "government has...

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28. [11TH HOUR ELECTION GUIDE -- INITIATIVE 120: ABORTION RIGHTS](#)

The Seattle Times | Nov 03, 1991 | 918 words

... rights, states have the authority to grant greater freedoms. Q. The initiative allows abortions up to the time of **fetal viability**, but does not spell out when viability is. Who decides and how is it determined? A. Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing abortion rights, also uses the term viability. It has generally been considered to be 24 weeks. The initiative defines viability as the point in pregnancy when a doctor determines the fetus can survive outside the uterus without...

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29. [INITIATIVE 120: 'INSURANCE' AGAINST END OF ROE RULING](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 15, 1991 | 1281 words | BY SUSAN GILMORE

... gathered enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot next year, stalling enactment of the new law. Maryland 's law requires, with some exceptions, that parents be notified if minors seek abortions. Under Initiative 120, women would have the right to an abortion up to the time of **fetal "viability"** - when a baby could survive outside the womb without "extraordinary medical measures." Roe also uses viability as a test, and it generally has been interpreted as 24 weeks of pregnancy. The initiative...

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30. [20 YEARS AFTER ROE, ABORTION RIGHTS STILL AN ISSUE -- FOES ENERGIZED; BACKERS ON GUARD](#)

The Seattle Times | Jan 22, 1993 | 1334 words | BY SUSAN GILMORE, DAVID SCHAEFER

... to 1.5 million births. Last year, 9,000 abortions were performed at state expense, at a cost of \$ 3 million. In comparison, that same year the state paid for 29,000 women to have prenatal care and deliver their babies, at a cost of \$ 115 million. On the abortion topic itself, there is a lexicon of buzz words that inflame the partisans and confuse the less passionate or less well-informed: Public funding. Parental consent. **Fetal viability**. Gag rule. Pro-life. Pro-choice. Roe. Webster. Casey. The...

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31. [MUDDYING THE LEGAL WATERS -- AT ODDS: THE U.S. AND ITS COURT -- AS POSITIONS SHIFT, IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE REMAINS UNEASY](#)

The Seattle Times | Jul 05, 1992 | 2824 words | BY TERRY TANG

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32. [INITIATIVE 120 -- ISSUES NOT ADDRESSED](#)

The Seattle Times | Oct 11, 1991 | 158 words

... . A letter published Oct. 2 from Mary Summers, Redmond, contains a serious error. Initiative 120 does not address the issue of the right of minor children to obtain abortions or the issue of parental consent. A yes vote on Initiative 120 will be, in effect, a vote for the protection of the fundamental right of every person to choose or refuse birth control and every woman to choose or refuse to have an abortion up to the time of **fetal viability** or to save her life. Any abortion must be...

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33. [WASHINGTON ISSUES -- STATEWIDE INITIATIVES -- INITIATIVE 120: ABORTION RIGHTS](#)

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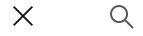
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The Seattle Times | Jul 27, 1994 | 248 words | BY CHRISTY SCATTARELLA

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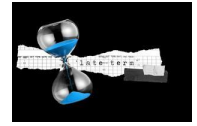
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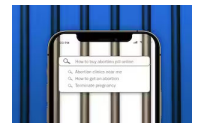
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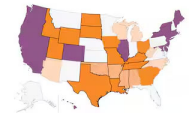
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July 25, 2013



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July 25, 2013



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... fetus. Viability is the critical point." {Id., at 388-389.} The courts below, on the interpretation of 188.029 rejected here, found the ...

July 3, 1989



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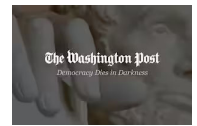
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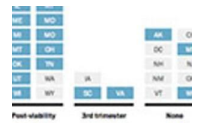
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## How abortion rights opponents are winning, in 1 graphic

State abortion laws are changing at a rapid clip—here's an interactive graphic that shows how much they vary.

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## Mississippi's last abortion clinic may move to New Mexico if Roe is overturned

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In the draft, Rehnquist upheld the Missouri law's restrictions, including the requirement to test the fetus's viability in the second trimester.

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## In Speeches From 1990s, Clues About Miers Views

The question, Michelman said, is whether Miers has changed and would accept that medical advances in terms of a fetus's viability have ...

October 25, 2005



## Missouri set to reprise a familiar role: America's abortion ...

The state disallowed public facilities from being used for abortion and requires doctors to test for a fetus' viability after 24 weeks of gestation.

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## Abortion limits at state level return issue to the national stage

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**Explanation**

**Perivable period**

Clinicians often focus on the perivable period, which is weeks 20–25 and 6 days of pregnancy. ⓘ

**Factors that impact viability**

Factors that can impact viability include the health of the mother and the sex of the baby. ⓘ

**Survival chances**

Babies born before 24 weeks are unlikely to survive because their lungs and other vital organs aren't fully developed. However, the chances of survival increase steadily after 24 weeks. ⓘ

**Medical care**

Babies born early may need around-the-clock medical care and intervention to survive. ⓘ

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# Labrador Letter – Idaho’s Defense of Life Act

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December 8, 2023

Dear Friends,

In this edition of the Labrador Letter, I want to bring your attention to our emergency application submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. Our office, in collaboration with Alliance Defending Freedom and the law firm Cooper & Kirk PLLC, filed this application to protect Idaho’s right to regulate abortion following the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

In 1973, the Supreme Court, in *Roe v. Wade*, asserted that the U.S. Constitution guaranteed a broad right to abortion. This decision invalidated state abortion laws across the country, essentially shifting policy control from state legislatures to the federal judiciary. From the beginning, *Roe v. Wade* sparked controversy, with many, including myself, viewing it as an instance of judicial activism surpassing the Supreme Court’s constitutional authority. In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court, aligning with my interpretation, overturned *Roe v. Wade*, returning the authority over abortion to the states.

Some states, like Vermont, California, Michigan, and Ohio, have used ballot measures to determine abortion’s legality. Meanwhile, other states, like Idaho, have passed abortion measures through their democratically elected legislatures.

In response to *Roe v. Wade*’s reversal, our democratically elected legislature and governor enacted the Defense of Life Act, limiting abortion except in cases where the mother’s life is endangered.

Unhappy with *Roe*’s reversal, the Biden Administration’s Department of Justice challenged Idaho’s right to self-governance. The DOJ sued Idaho, arguing that the Defense of Life Act conflicted with an obscure federal Medicare statute, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). EMTALA was originally written to ensure the indigent patients would still be given medical treatment at emergency rooms at those hospitals that accepted federal Medicaid money. The Department of Justice contends that EMTALA preempts Idaho law and mandates abortion as a required medical treatment in certain circumstances.

The Defense of Life Act has been challenged before the Idaho District Court, a panel of the Ninth Circuit, and the full Ninth Circuit. Although the Ninth Circuit panel allowed Idaho’s abortion law to take effect, the full court temporarily blocked our law while we continue to defend the law on appeal.

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To safeguard Idaho’s right to enforce its laws, our office has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to stay the Ninth Circuit’s

To safeguard Idaho's right to enforce its laws, our office has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to stay the Ninth Circuit's unlawful injunction so that Idaho law remains in effect while the appeal proceeds. We have also invited the Supreme Court to bypass the Ninth Circuit and rule on the case in its entirety. While the Supreme Court receives thousands of applications yearly, I hope, given the significance of this issue, that it will consider our case.

It's crucial to emphasize that this case implicates not only Idaho's right to protect the unborn but also its broader right to state sovereignty. Our founders did not envision a federal government with unchecked power; instead, they explicitly guaranteed state sovereignty in the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution. If we allow the federal government to use an unrelated federal statute in this manner, then nothing will prevent future administrations from using unrelated statutes to override any manner of Idaho laws and policies. That is a risk my office is unwilling to take. As your Attorney General, I am committed to staunchly defending Idaho's right to self-governance on all matters.

Best regards,

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# Labrador Letter – EMTALA and SCOTUS

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January 12, 2024

Dear Friends,

I want to share some great news.

Last Friday, I was informed the Supreme Court accepted our emergency application and stayed the erroneous ruling from the Ninth Circuit on Idaho's criminal abortion law in *Idaho v. United States of America*. In addition, SCOTUS is also granting an uncommon *writ of certiorari*, taking the case completely out of the hands of the lower court. The stay itself is also significant because generally it is only issued if a majority of judges believes that the defendant (Idaho) is likely to prevail on the merits of the case.

This case was the Biden Administration's attempt to meddle in Idaho's statutes that protect the lives of both the unborn and pregnant women. The Administration used a federal law – the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA – governing care for indigent patients as an excuse that abortions should be provided regardless of state laws prohibiting them. The federal government has been wrong from day one. Federal law does not preempt Idaho's Defense of Life Act. In fact, EMTALA and Idaho's law share the same goal: to save the lives of all women and their unborn children.

My Office of Solicitor General—together with the experienced and highly-respected supreme court advocacy firms I've selected to assist us—looks forward to representing the people of Idaho before the Supreme Court. The Administration's desperate attempt to override Idaho's statutes must be stopped as we work to preserve the lives of all our citizens.

The Supreme Court will hear *Idaho v. The United States of America* in April 2024. It will be the nation's first abortion ruling at that level since *Roe v. Wade* was repealed in 2022, which remanded abortion decisions back to the states where they belong.

The fight for Life in Idaho will never end. There is no legislation – state or federal – that can ever heal the hearts of individuals and help them understand the precious gift of life should be protected, not discarded as an inconvenience or burden. But we can offer every protection possible to the unborn. I'm very proud to carry this fight to the highest level in our legal system.

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# Labrador Letter: Idaho is Committed to Protecting Life

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## Op-Ed: Idaho is Committed to Protecting Life

*by Raúl Labrador*

On Thursday, the Supreme Court returned the Biden administration's case against Idaho, *State of Idaho v. United States of America*, to the 9th Circuit after my office won significant concessions from the United States that Justice Barrett described as 'important' and 'critical.' The Biden administration's change in position that EMTALA will rarely override Idaho's Defense of Life Act prompted the Supreme Court to ask the 9th Circuit to review the issues in light of the federal government's significant shift.

I agree with Justice Alito that it is "regrettable" that the Court didn't reach the merits in our case. Be that as it may, "the underlying issue in this case—whether EMTALA requires hospitals to perform abortions in some circumstances—is a straightforward question of statutory interpretation." EMTALA does not preempt Idaho's law because, at the very least, the two laws are perfectly consistent. We fully expect to prevail on the merits in this case.

The Court's landmark ruling in *Dobbs* clearly allowed states to protect the sanctity of life for unborn children. Thankfully, the Court today said that Idaho may continue to enforce our law and save lives in nearly every situation while the litigation continues.

While the Biden administration—which will do anything it can to promote an extreme abortion agenda—will continue to repeat its same tired talking points, trying to paint Idaho's Defense of Life Act as dangerous for women by suggesting that air lifting mothers to medical facilities in neighboring states is necessary as a result of doctors' hands being tied by our law. But the facts have come out, and those claims are simply not true (<https://www.idahostatesman.com/opinion/readers-opinion/article288235935.html?tbref=hp>).

So, since you likely won't get the truth from the mainstream media or from our executive branch, let me do you a favor and set the record straight: today's decision is a blow to the Biden administration's radical misinterpretation of federal law. The DOJ should see the writing on the wall and dismiss its meritless case now. The case is headed back to the Ninth Circuit where Idaho has major concessions in hand from the Biden administration. Importantly, while the remaining litigation plays out, the Court

said that Idaho’s ability to enforce its law and save lives will remain “almost entirely intact” as the case proceeds.

This is good news for women and their unborn children as the Biden administration, under the guise of caring about “pregnant people,” has consistently put the abortion industry’s bottom line and financial interests above women’s health, human dignity, and the sacredness of each and every life. I’m happy to call its bluff.

After *Dobbs* was decided, the Biden administration magically found a provision in the federal law EMTALA to force emergency room doctors to perform abortions. And despite being backed into a corner and having to walk back its novel interpretation so much that the case has to go back to the lower courts, the fact remains that the administration pulled this rule out of thin air to push its radical agenda of abortion on-demand up until the moment of birth.

EMTALA requires the opposite of what the Biden administration is claiming; it requires that doctors treat the mother and her “unborn child[ren].” It’s time for our country to start honoring and cherishing the incredible power and contributions of motherhood, not pitting mothers against their children—and I’m proud to defend Idaho’s decision to do exactly this.

Idaho’s law allows doctors to treat women in all emergency situations according to their best and good faith medical judgment. Women’s health and well-being is protected under Idaho law, and I will continue to talk with hospital administrators and emergency room doctors to ensure there is absolutely no uncertainty or confusion that the law expects they will do all they can to save women’s lives.

So, we will continue to enforce our law in the vast majority of circumstances. Our stand for human dignity continues. Even if government officials are bent on radical abortion agendas, pro-life Americans are just as motivated—if not more—to protect the unborn and their mothers. That includes my office. The people of Idaho elected me to uphold and defend our laws, and I will do everything I can to stand up for laws that hold that all life is precious and worth protecting.

*This op-ed originally ran on Fox News on July 1, 2024* (<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/following-supreme-court-order-idaho-remains-committed-protecting-life>)

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Dear Friends,

Last week, we won a significant victory in Idaho's ongoing fight to protect Life. Idaho's Abortion Trafficking law can now be enforced, which prohibits anyone from taking a minor child out-of-state for an abortion or giving them drugs for a chemical abortion without parental consent. This law was the first of its kind in the nation.

To no one's surprise, this law was quickly challenged and subsequently enjoined by a federal magistrate in district court in the case *Matsumoto v. Labrador*. My office appealed this up to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in May to allow Idaho's law to be enforced. A three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit released their opinion last Monday, lifting the lower court's injunction on most aspects of Idaho's law. The Ninth Circuit held the statute's prohibition on procuring an abortion by harboring and transporting minors with the intent to conceal the abortion from the minor's parents are likely to be found constitutional and can be enforced while the litigation proceeds. Unfortunately, the court also ruled that the specific language that discusses "recruiting" a minor for an abortion is overly broad. This was a split decision amongst the judges and the dissenting judge opined that he would have preferred to let the entire law go into full effect.

For now, we can add this law back into Idaho's expanding pro-life protections for mothers and their unborn babies. It seems odd that Idaho would even need to write a law that prohibited taking a minor out-of-state for a medical procedure without permission from that child's parents, as if parental consent or knowledge was an unnecessary or inconvenient afterthought.

But looking at the pro-abortion forces that lined up to oppose something so commonsense, it becomes apparent what we are fighting against. Those criticizing this positive outcome for Idaho tried to claim – and a complicit media happily repeated – that Idaho's law left minors who suffered a pregnancy from incest without any recourse. Nothing could be further from the truth. Idaho's Abortion Trafficking law in this case addresses a non-parent taking a minor out-of-state for an abortion. A different statute, Idaho's Defense of Life Act, specifically provides clear abortion exceptions for rape and incest without the need to take anyone out of the state. These laws work in harmony to mutually protect both unborn lives and the victims of unspeakable crimes like rape and incest. Despite how opponents might try to portray Idaho's laws, our goals of protecting life have been crafted with compassion, empathy and support, even in the worst of circumstances.

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Our pro-life fight is far from over. While we can enjoy this hard-won victory, we know there is much more work to be done on behalf of the vulnerable. I will always fight to protect the lives of mothers and their unborn children here in Idaho and defend our state sovereignty and the rule of law.

Best regards,

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