

Update on US Supreme Court Consideration of Abortion Laws

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In the coming two months the US Supreme Court will be (or may be—depending on what the Justices decide) grappling with cases involving abortion laws in three states: Texas, North Dakota and Arkansas. For sure, the **Texas case** (which involves ambulatory surgical centers and hospital admitting privileges and requirements) is **set for Oral Argument before the US Supreme Court on March 2, 2016**. **North Dakota's** brief has been distributed to the judges and is set for status conference at 9 am Eastern Time on **Jan. 22, 2016**, which could last all day.

January 22, 2016: the 43rd anniversary of Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton—and the date the Court set for considering whether to accept the North Dakota case banning abortion after six weeks.

Part of the approach in the defense of life at the Supreme Court this time is to include the narratives of women and surviving children. The Justice Foundation filed a brief on behalf of 3,355 women who were hurt by abortion, and by an Arkansas abortion survivor. These are accounts of thousands of post abortive women who are part of Operating Outcry: Silent No More.

As the Arkansas brief states, “A woman’s abortion experience is often a deep, dark, and painful secret. ... For years, even decades following their abortion, most women who have experienced an abortion are still not willing to speak about it publicly even when they are tormented by thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, eating disorders, guilt, shame, nightmares, sleeplessness, and depression, etc.”

Three main arguments are being presented to the Supreme Court:

- 1. The child in the womb is a human from the moment of conception.**
- 2. Abortion hurts women.**
- 3. There is a better way to help women.** All 50 states are now willing to remove all burden of unwanted child care from any woman. Safe Haven laws allow a woman to transfer here child to society without killing the child and injuring herself. See the link to the brief below for more details.

These cases present the Court with an opportunity to respond to a development since the Roe versus Wade case 43 years ago that can remove all burden of unwanted child care from women, without severely injuring them or killing their child. The truth is, few if any women get pregnant so that they can have an abortion. Who wants to go through having an abortion? The main reason women go for an abortion is they don't want, or don't think they can handle, the burden of raising that child.

Since 1999, a new reality with respect to the perceived burdens of unwanted child care and parental responsibility has been growing in America. In 1999, Texas passed the first “Baby Moses” or “Safe Haven” laws which eliminate the need for any pregnant woman to care for a

child she does not want. Under Arkansas' law, a woman can, within 30 days after the child's birth, leave her child with no questions asked at any police station or hospital emergency room. Arkansas will care for that child for at least 18 years. Today, every state now has such laws. This completely eliminates any legal need in such states, including Arkansas, for an actual abortion to eliminate unwanted child care burdens.

Here is **further explanation of these three reasons why the Supreme Court should reverse Roe vs. Wade:**

- I. Significant statutory changes in all 50 states, including Arkansas, remove all burden of unwanted child care from every woman for any reason at no cost, thus meeting women's unwanted child care needs without injuring women or destroying human life; therefore, the state laws are constitutional.
- II. Abortion severely injures significant numbers of women, as shown by personal experience and a large body of scientific evidence.
- III. Roe, Doe and Casey have not been accepted widely by the American people, causing deep political division. Allowing the Arkansas case to stand would allow a national political consensus to evolve by allowing laws which shift the burden of unwanted child care from women to society, if a state so chooses, while protecting human life and women from injury.

Those presenting these cases to the Supreme Court are saying it is time to cry out to God so that the outcry may be heard.

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For more, see <http://www.ifapray.org/component/easyblog/entry/the-informer-january-13-2016?Itemid=195>

The Arkansas brief: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/891f5977001/776428a5-d02a-4b5f-a9a6-b9482be689e9.pdf>

(You can click here to read the brief.) Appendix A includes the names of all of the women and the names of the children of the women who chose to name their child, as well. Appendix B contains the excerpts of the testimony of 90 women of Arkansas.

<http://www.nationalsanctityoflifesunday.com/>

Bullseye Challenge Day 24: Abortion. A young couple's response to the common pro-choice arguments. <http://www.heresthedealmedia.com/?s=abortion&x=0&y=0>