



## Christian Voices for Life

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### Dobbs - Landmark SCOTUS Case

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**Education:** On Dec 1, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, which challenges Mississippi's law banning abortions after 15 weeks gestation. The Court has agreed to decide "whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional." (1) Over 80 "friend of the court" briefs have been filed by pro-life organizations and individuals. Constitutional experts on both sides of the issue have agreed that Roe v. Wade was a bad decision, not based on the Constitution. This case therefore has the potential of overturning Roe v. Wade and allowing states to restrict abortion before viability, and in fact ban it altogether, since the Constitution contains no clause that assures a right to an abortion. The decision is not expected until June of 2022.

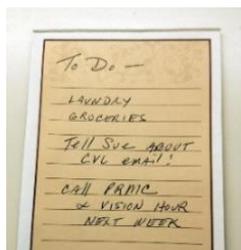
What will happen if Roe v. Wade is overturned? The power to decide the legal status of abortion will return to the states. Some states will allow abortion up until birth, and others will ban it completely. Some states have already passed "trigger" bills, which will immediately ban abortion to the full extent that is allowed by the Supreme Court. In other states the pro-life factions will push for banning abortion and at least some are likely to succeed, while others will restrict abortions in various ways.

Some women who are not able to get abortions in their home state will travel to other states to obtain one. Women unable to get abortions will hopefully turn to the pro-life pregnancy centers and other groups to help them, and the country will learn that the pro-life community really is there to help, and women can continue to go to school and pursue their dreams without resorting to killing their children. Hopefully many women will testify that they are so glad that they did have their children, that the myth of abortion being "necessary" for women will be exposed for the falsehood that it is.

1. <https://aul.org/2021/11/10/what-to-expect-in-the-supreme-court-oral-argument-in-dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization/>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please have mercy on our nation. Guide the thoughts of the justices as they hear the oral arguments and as they ponder the briefs submitted. Help them to see the truth and to have the courage to make a decision that has the potential to incite much protest and division as well as save millions of lives over the next several years. Help the pro-life community to be able to meet the needs of the women in difficult circumstances in order to show the country that there is no "need" for abortion. Help us to be faithful in prayer for the next several months as the decision is being considered.



**Action:** Mention to your friends that you are excited about the possibility of reversing Roe v. Wade, so that many women and their babies will be saved from abortion. Mention also that you think that in the long term, the country will see that in states without legal abortion, the pro-life community will continue to help women who are facing difficult circumstances, and that many women who would have proceeded to abort will be very glad that they had their child. Eventually, we hope that the large majority of the country will eventually learn the truth of abortion being bad for both

mother and child, and abortion will once again become illegal throughout the country.