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2024 WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE CANDIDATE SURVEY

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On June 24, 2022, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that there is no right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution. The decision overturned holdings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* thereby allowing elected representatives at the state and federal level to regulate and limit abortion.

1) Do you agree with this decision? yes no

Why or Why not? We were able to pass HB 302 thanks to this ruling.

I'm proud that elective abortions have dropped from 1,600+ a year to less than 15.

Following the reversal, Governor Justice called a Special Session to pass protective legislation here in West Virginia. On September 13, 2022, the legislature passed the Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects life in the womb from implantation onward with exceptions for medical emergency, rape and incest when reported to the authorities, and disability in a baby incompatible with life. This is a nearly complete protection from abortion for mothers and their babies in West Virginia.

2) Would you oppose any attempts to repeal or weaken this law? yes no

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) believes that, absent a threat to the mother's life or a medical emergency, West Virginia women, who qualify for abortion under the law, should have the right to know the medical risks associated with abortion, its alternatives, local resources available to her, and nonjudgmental, scientifically accurate medical facts about the development of her unborn child before making this permanent and life-affecting decision.

3) Would you support legislation reenacting West Virginia's Woman's Right to Know Act establishing informed consent prior to an abortion being performed? yes no

How would you vote on the following items? Women deserve...

- 4) ...to be provided with factual information concerning the physical and emotional consequences of having an abortion. yes no
- 5) ...to be provided with scientifically accurate information on fetal development. yes no
- 6) ...to see their baby's ultrasound when requested. yes no
- 7) ...to be informed that the abortion pill can be reversed if treatment begins soon after she ingests the pill. yes no
- 8) ...to be given resources about a disability at the time she is informed that her baby has that disability. yes no

Pro-life pregnancy help organizations, who do not commit, refer, or advertise abortion in any way, serve thousands of clients across West Virginia. These organizations are maternity homes, adoption agencies, and pregnancy help centers. Nearly thirty pregnancy help centers in West Virginia serve clients by providing services at no cost. Some pregnancy help centers provide ultrasounds and other medical services such as STD testing. Additionally, nearly all centers provide parenting classes, abortion grief counseling and material needs, such as diapers, cribs, formula, and car seats, as well as helping mothers find resources for housing or transportation.

9) Would you support legislation to promote and extend the work of the pregnancy help centers in the state of West Virginia? yes no

10) Would you support the right of medical practitioners to refuse to participate in procedures and practices that violate their conscience, and, instead, allow another physician to take on the case? yes no

Physician-assisted suicide, where a physician provides drugs for the patient to use to kill him/herself, endangers the poor, the elderly, people with disabilities, and the chronically ill. A number of states have adopted laws affirmatively legalizing prescription of lethal drugs to assist suicide in certain cases. In these states, so-called "safeguards" are often attached. However, data and research has shown that these provisions are ineffective, and often fail to protect vulnerable patients.

11) Would you oppose the legalization of assisting suicide through lethal prescriptions? yes no

Euthanasia, also known as "mercy killing," is similar to physician-assisted suicide, except instead of the patient giving him/herself a lethal dose of drugs prescribed by a health care provider, a physician actively causes the death of a patient, usually by way of a lethal injection.

12) Would you oppose the legalization of euthanasia? yes x no ___

13) Would you oppose legislation that restricts the distribution of non-partisan information concerning candidates and where they stand on the issues? yes x no ___

14) Are you committed to supporting legislation in partnership with West Virginians for Life to build a culture of life where women and babies are protected from abortion and supported in choosing life? yes x no ___

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return **by March 8, 2024**, to:*

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