

THE LEFT'S ABORTION EXTREMISM

The U.S. was founded on the belief that **human life is sacred**. Radical abortion policies undermine our most essential values. Putting Americans first means rejecting abortion radicalism and **protecting the most vulnerable**. The below summarizes key findings from AFPI's research report titled "*Who Are the Real Abortion Radicals? A Comparative Perspective*" and recent public opinion findings from Scott Rasmussen National Surveys.¹

Medical Advances

- New technology, such as **three-dimensional ultrasounds** and **fetal echocardiograms**, has allowed doctors and parents to see and understand the early development of a baby in incredible detail.
- **Breakthrough treatments** have increased survival rates of extremely preterm infants. 77% of infants born between 22-28 weeks survived to be discharged home.
- Doctors can now perform a **wide range of surgical procedures on babies before birth**, including minimally invasive surgeries to treat conditions as early as 16 weeks gestation.

Extremism in Legislation

- **6 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia** do not have any state-level restrictions on when an abortion can take place—meaning that **fully formed babies can be killed** in the womb until the point of birth.
- Liberals have attempted to **expand this type of radicalism to the entire Nation** through the passage of the "Women's Health Protection Act" (117th Congress) and similar state legislation.
- Just about every radical on the Left has voted to **allow abortion up to the moment of birth**.

Comparison of U.S. Laws to the World

- The U.S. is one of **only 6 countries** with laws permitting elective abortions **throughout all 9 months of pregnancy**.
- U.S. abortion laws are **more radical than the majority of the world** and **94% of Europe**.
- U.S. abortion laws more closely resemble the laws of **China** and **North Korea** than those of Western Europe.

Public Opinion Polling

- Only 21% of surveyed Americans share the absolutist view of those calling for **unrestricted abortion** at any time in pregnancy, believing that abortion should be "legal in all cases."
- 73% of surveyed Americans think that there are **two lives at stake** in the abortion conversation—the life of both the mother and the unborn child.
- 59% of surveyed Americans prefer a candidate who says abortion should be allowed **only during the first 15 weeks of pregnancy** over one who says abortion should be allowed up until the moment of birth.
- 52% of surveyed Americans think it is best to **allow each state** to establish its own abortion laws.

¹ *Who are the Real Abortion Radicals? A Comparative Perspective* by Pastor Paula White-Cain, Heidi Overton, M.D., Ph.D., Kristen Zicarelli, And Garrison Grisedale, The America First Policy Institute (June 12, 2022).