

Politics feeds on tribalism and tribalism has a way of oversimplifying issues while demonizing the other side.

- the foundations of a Christian ethic on being "Pro-Life"
- the battle over Roe v. Wade and how it has distorted the church's activism on the abortion issue
- ways in which we can uphold the Christian ethic of being "Pro-Life"

What does it mean to be a person?

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 9:6

Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

the sanctity of life:

People have a sacred value because they are made in the image of God. Therefore, no one can take the life of another person unless it is sanctioned by God.

You don't have to earn the status of personhood by your capacities—every human life is sacred because it is made in the image of God.

Is the unborn child a person?

viability:

An unborn child is considered a person if it is viable, meaning that it can survive outside the mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.



Luke 1:39-41

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

In light of the Bible's teaching on the sanctity of life and the personhood of the unborn, it is difficult to justify abortion in most circumstances.

elect "Pro-Life" presidents



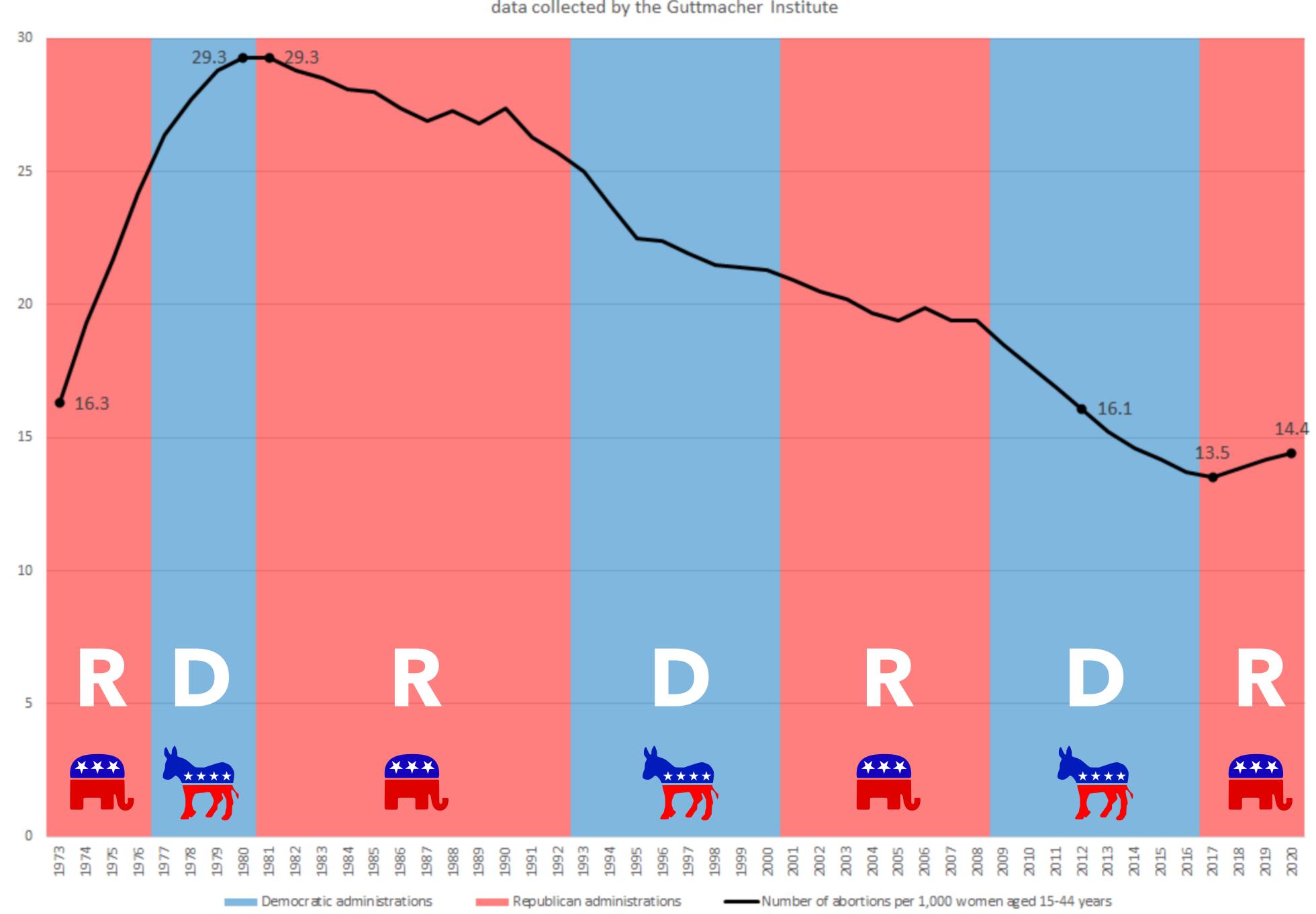
appoint "Pro-Life" justices



overturn Roe v. Wade

Number of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, 1973-2020

data collected by the Guttmacher Institute



More women have abortions when they feel insecure, unsupported, and hopeless about their future.

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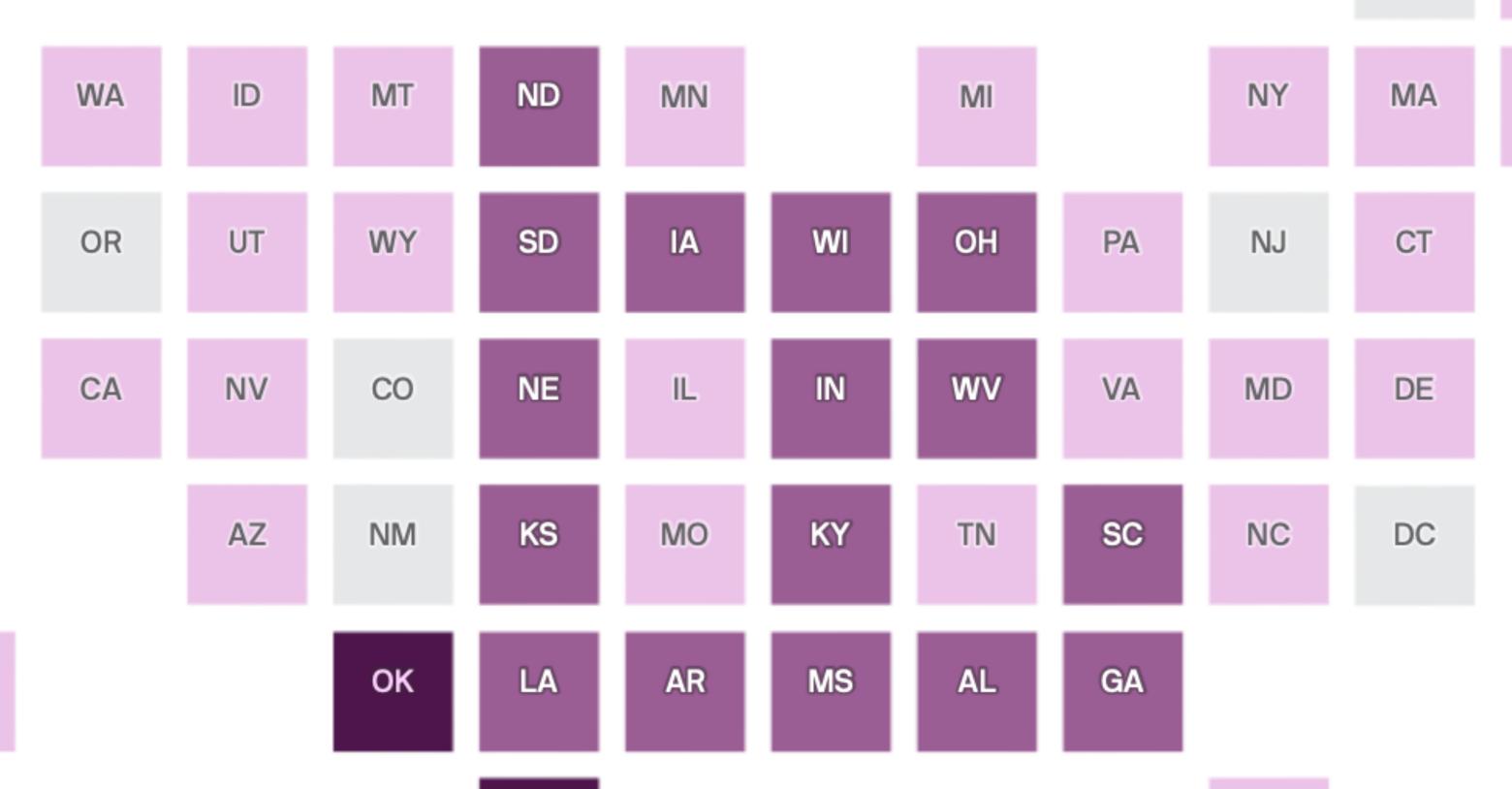
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How late into pregnancy abortion is allowed

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1 to 6 weeks (2)

20-22 weeks (16)

24 weeks to viability (26)

no limit (7)

Data: Guttmacher Institute, Axios research; Cartogram: Kavya Beheraj/Axios As of May 26, 2022

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support legislation that curbs access to abortion without limits

resist overly-restrictive anti-abortion laws that can jeopardize the health of

support women who are struggling with unwanted pregnancies

William Cavanaugh

The one strategy for reducing abortions that has been proven to work runs through love, not power: support for women who may not feel able to carry a pregnancy to term. This requires not a blind allegiance to a political party but the promotion of a culture of life.

Seek to understand those whose views differ from our own.