

# Influencer Monthly

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## An Appeal to Heaven

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At the time of America's founding, before the stars and stripes existed, there was another flag used during the American Revolution. In 1775, the "Appeal to Heaven" flag was commissioned by George Washington to be flown over Continental Army ships.

This phrase originates from John Locke's writings. In his *Second Treatise on Civil Government*, he said,

"The people have no other remedy in this, as in all other cases where they have no judge on earth, but to appeal to heaven: for the rulers, in such attempts, exercising a power the people never put into their hands ... do that which they have not a right to do. And where the body of the people, or any single man, is deprived of their right, or is under the exercise of a power without right, and have no appeal on earth, then they have a liberty to appeal to heaven."

The pine tree displayed on the flag represents liberty and became a symbol of American independence during the time of our nation's founding.

During the Revolution, the odds were clearly against Washington and his army. However, he realized that with God's help, nothing was impossible! Almost two hundred fifty years later, we find ourselves at a similar place in American history. We are in a dire place, with the enemies of liberty and freedom arrayed against us on every side. Our nation has drifted far from God and our Judeo-Christian heritage, and we are all concerned about what the future will be.



But, thankfully, we serve a mighty God and heaven is on our side! At this moment in history, He is calling us to take a lesson from the annals of

history and appeal to Him with all of our hearts on behalf of our great nation. He wants us to cry out to Him for a Third Great Awakening that will shift our culture, leadership, and laws back in the direction of the eternal plumb line of His Word.



God isn't finished with America; there is still great hope in the Lord! His promise to us can be found in

Jeremiah 33:3: "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do

not know." Let's purpose to appeal to heaven with all of our hearts and watch what God will do!

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Who/WHO is in Charge

Alexandra McPhee, Legislative Director



Who is in charge? When it comes to our country's laws and policies, the answer should be America. Recent events remind us

that the seemingly obvious answer to this question becomes more complicated whenever we consider the strings attached to our membership in international bodies like the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO).

The Biden Administration has proposed ill-advised amendments to the WHO's International Health Regulations, a playbook for worldwide public health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. The amendments are an attempt to respond to the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) gross mishandling of the pandemic.

Despite best intentions, the problem with these amendments is that it gives the WHO more power. Our General Counsel, Mario Diaz, [has detailed](#) why the untrustworthy

WHO has earned no credibility to steward the authorities that newly expose America to foreign meddling. This is the same WHO that lauded the CCP's transparency regarding the pandemic amid its coverups. It is the same WHO that published guidelines advocating for abortion on demand and critiquing conscience protections for healthcare providers. Fortunately, Members of Congress have taken heed of concerns raised and are now using their oversight powers to dissuade the Administration from undermining our national sovereignty.

Concerned Women for America takes seriously the need to preserve national sovereignty. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, we see Scripture describe nations much like people in how they are called to pray and seek God's face and turn from their sinful ways. It is our duty as Christians to do our part to steer the country in His direction.

Does this mean America cannot or should not enter into international

agreements? By no means.

International agreements can lead to good like economic prosperity, armistices, and assistance to the vulnerable like orphan adoption. They can also be counterproductive or destructive. Practical realities demand constant evaluation of whether to enter into or exit international agreements.

I return to the question of who is in charge. In America, we are blessed with a say in that process because of the United States Constitution. But that is only possible because that is the authority God has permitted us to have. Ultimately, God is in charge.

**PRAY** that we answer God's call, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be a 2 Chronicles 7:14 nation.

**TAKE ACTION** [and alert](#) the United States Department of State and your federal elected representatives to your concerns about ill-advised amendments to the International Health Regulations.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - continued

## The Progress and Peril of Title IX

Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor



June 23, 2022, marks the 50th Anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of

1972, the landmark law which ushered in a new era of opportunities for women and girls in education and athletics. A half-century later, its purpose has been fulfilled, but its legal protection is needed now more than ever as biological reality is being overruled by claims of “gender identity.” Title IX’s intent to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, the truth of being male or female, is being subverted.

Threats loom before us as the Biden Administration pushes to make its [destructive interpretation of “sex”](#) permanent. We recently [took our message](#) directly to Biden officials, urging them to stop the assault on Title IX.

The impact of Biden’s misguided policy is all too real, resulting in a new class of victims: female athletes now being *denied* equal rights under Title IX. The truth about the sexes cannot be ignored when it comes to protections in women’s locker rooms and competing on a level playing field. That’s why Title IX must be restored to its original purpose, not turned on its head.

Many of you are on the front lines in the fight to protect our female status, especially in athletics. For

years now, CWA has led the charge raising the alarm about the harms of redefining sex, launching federal civil rights complaints against NCAA schools, and pressing for passage of state and federal laws to protect women’s sports.

In the midst of peril, our labor standing for female athletes is bearing fruit. This year alone:

- ◆ CWA’s civil rights complaint against the University of Pennsylvania made national headlines and was heralded for boldly challenging NCAA’s policy that forces discrimination against female athletes in their own sports.
- ◆ States enacting fairness in women’s sports laws doubled in 2022, now totaling 17, with more on the horizon. CWA and Young Women for America leaders have been instrumental to these wins, testifying before committees and speaking at press conferences.
- ◆ Congressional Republicans (finally) seized the moment to make protecting women and girls in sports a priority. CWALAC initiated the request for leaders in the U.S. House of

Representatives to file a [discharge petition](#) and force lawmakers to take a stand.

- ◆ Athletes are gaining courage to get off the sidelines. A new organization, [Independent Council on Women’s Sports](#), was inspired by CWA’s leadership and work with national allies. It kicks off in Las Vegas this month, where I’ll be speaking on June 28. All are invited to attend!

Anniversaries are worth celebrating and so are these achievements.

**ACTION:** CWA and YWA are joining allies and athletes at a Washington, D.C. rally near the White House on June 23, the Golden Anniversary of Title IX, to remember how far we’ve come and demand the future be protected for our daughters. **Please join us!** Go [here](#) for more information.



Logos on the poster include: Independent Women’s Voice, WOLF Women’s Liberation Front, WDI, WOMEN-AMERICA, Independent Women’s Network, Independent Women’s Law Center, SAVE WOMEN’S SPORTS, ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM, The Heritage Foundation, YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA, Independent Women’s Forum.

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## GAVEL WATCH

# You Can't Undo the Supreme Court Leak

Mario Diaz, Esq., General Counsel



The United States Supreme Court has stayed relatively quiet following the shameful news of the leaked *Dobbs*

draft opinion. Chief Justice John Roberts issued a statement condemning the leak and calling for an investigation, but we have heard nothing else since.

As you know, Concerned Women for America (CWA), though encouraged by the content of the opinion, refuse to engage in any public analysis of its content, believing the ethical breach by someone at the Court, presumably a liberal clerk, worthy of the utmost contempt.

In a recent interview, Justice Clarence Thomas tried to put words to the magnitude of the breach, and I think you must be aware of his wise words. He was interviewed by his former law clerk John Yoo at an event in Dallas. He said:

“[T]he institution that I'm a part of if someone said that one line of one opinion would be leaked by anyone in you would say that, ‘Oh, that's impossible. No one would ever do that.’ There was such a belief in the rule of law,

belief in the court, a belief in what we were doing, that that was verboten. It was beyond anyone's understanding, or at least anyone's imagination that someone would do that. And look where we are, where now that trust or that belief is gone forever. When you lose that trust, especially in the institution that I'm in, it changes the institution fundamentally. You begin to look over your shoulder. It's like kind of an infidelity that you can explain it, but you can't undo it.”

The Supreme Court will never be the same. We must reckon with that reality. We don't even know the extent of this breach yet. **Help me PRAY that the person responsible is exposed convincingly so that they can be severely punished.** That would help tremendously. We expected this would be quickly resolved, given how tight things are kept within the Court, but nothing has been announced.

The warning is broader than the Court. Justice Thomas said:

“I think we are in danger of destroying the institutions that are required for a free society. You can't have a civil society, a free society, without a stable legal

system. You can't have one without stability and things like property or interpretation and impartial judiciary. And I've been in this business long enough to know just how fragile it is.”

Most Americans can see that. Both the Court and the Country are in a fragile state. We must proceed with caution and urgency. We need courage. Justice Thomas spoke about that too. “I think a lot of people lack courage,” he said, “like they know what is right, and they're scared to death of doing it.” He is right, of course. We need help from above, no doubt.

## Next Prayer Call for the *Dobbs* Case

**Monday, June 27**

12:00 p.m. EST [11:00 a.m. CST;  
10:00 a.m. MST; 9:00 a.m. PST]

Join us in our final prayer call for the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case. We do not know at the time of this writing when the Court will hand down the decision. Most likely it will be the last week of June.

[Register here](#), mark your calendar, and then [invite others](#). You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our prayer efforts for the *Dobbs* case and recordings of past prayer calls.



## Praise and Prayer

**Praise** God that we do not have to rely on our strength and power to accomplish His will.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

**Pray** for our youth who live in a culture that rejects God's principles. **Pray** that they will stand for truth and holiness and will not compromise.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8

## Quotable Quote

"There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because He is the living Lord." - Franklin Graham, Evangelist

"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" Matthew 16:16

## CWA IN THE NEWS Speaking Up for Life

Katie Everett, Press Secretary



April 30: *Real America's Voice* – YWA Ambassadors Talk Girls' Sports

Young Women for America Ambassadors Chloe Satterfield and Macy Petty discussed girls' sports on *Just the News with John Solomon*. Check out their [interview](#).

May 4: *NEWSMAX* – **The End of Roe Is Near**

Penny Nance joined [Rob Schmitt Tonight](#) to discuss the recent SCOTUS leak and the possible overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

May 4: *Fox News* – **Nance Joins Shannon Bream on Fox News @ Night**

Penny Nance joined [Fox News @ Night with Shannon Bream](#) to discuss the recent Supreme Court leak and give an overview of what a Post-*Roe* America could look like.

May 6: *One America News* – **Nance Joins OAN's Stephanie Hamill**

Penny Nance joined OAN's [In Focus with Stephanie Hamill](#) to discuss the possible end of *Roe*.

May 10: *Daily Wire* – **Pro-Life Women's Group Says "Leftist" Vandalized, Urinated on Their Office**

The *Daily Wire* [reports on the vandalism](#) of the CWA office.

May 11: *NEWSMAX* – **We Won't Be Intimidated**

Penny Nance joined [Spicer & Co.](#) to discuss the recent vandalism at CWA headquarters and the possibility of the end of *Roe*.

May 12: *Fox News* – **CWA Speaks Out After Office Vandalized**

The office for CWA [was vandalized](#) by a man after a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion.

May 17: *Daily Signal* – **Nance Joins the Daily Signal Podcast**

Penny Nance joined [The Daily Signal](#) to discuss the recent vandalism at CWA headquarters and the possibility of the end of *Roe*.



# YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA Team YWA is Growing!

Annabelle Rutledge, National Director, Young Women for America



Summers are a rejuvenating time for Young Women for America. We usually get connected with new leaders through tabling at conferences, spend time outside the Supreme Court in June, and take the time to add to our educational materials for leaders. We are excited that in this important season, we are also adding two new members to the team. YWA now has three regional coordinators- Western, Southern, and Eastern. Deanna is moving to a digital communications role for both CWA and YWA.

With that, I want to introduce you to our new team members – Valeria Bynog and Ana Castillo.



**Valerie Bynog, Southern Regional Coordinator**

Hi, my name is Valerie Bynog, and I graduated from the

University of Florida in 2020 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Religion. Before taking this position with CWA, I served as an intern on a U.S. congressional campaign throughout my final semester in college. After graduating college, I accepted a position with former Rep. Ted Yoho (R-Florida) until his retirement in January 2021, after which I transitioned into the office of Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Florida). Finally, the Lord has brought me here to CWA! I am passionate about how our Christian values should form our political beliefs and hope to share this passion with young women across the United States. If I'm not in the office, I can be found listening to an Allie Beth Stuckey podcast, hanging out at a beach or Disney World, or drinking a good cup of coffee.



**Ana Castillo, Eastern Regional Coordinator**

Hello, my name is Ana Castillo, and I'm from

Northwest Arkansas. I graduated from John Brown University with a B.B.A. in International Business. At John Brown, I worked as the Graduate Assistant to the Soderquist College of Business and a co-advisor to Enactus JBU, a social entrepreneurship club on campus. Recently, I completed my Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration from John Brown University. Throughout my MBA courses, I learned the impact that public policy has on every aspect of our lives, and the assignments given to me challenged me to integrate biblical values into my work. I'm excited to be serving as the new YWA Eastern Regional Coordinator and to continue integrating biblical values in public policy beyond healthcare.



**YWA leaders are not backing down when it comes to fighting for fairness in women's sports.**

Check out this [compilation](#) of how YWA leaders have been using their voices to fight this issue over the past few months.



**Many Christians and people in general often have questions surrounding the Nation of Israel.**

CWA CEO and President Penny Nance recently sat down with YWA National Director Annabelle Rutledge to have an important conversation titled "[Why Israel?](#)" in which they delve into the history of Israel and why support for Israel is one of CWA's seven core issues.



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