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Post-Roe America has Arrived!



CWA’s CEO and President Penny Nance addresses the press in front of the Supreme Court moments after the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* decision was released. View [Penny and YWA’s National Director Annabelle Rutledge’s statements](#), a [recap of the day](#), and [CWA’s historic fight for life](#).

“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” Psalm 118:23

June 24, 2022, a day of historic proportions when the stronghold of death was stripped away from our nation’s capital; a historic moment when a 49-year wrong was made right on behalf of the unborn in America. In a magnificent 6-3 decision, the Court declared, **“The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”**

CWA staff and interns were in front of the Supreme Court when the decision was announced. The mood was electric! We celebrated; we cried; we let our voices be heard. And we thanked God.



to stand here as your proxy and enjoy this moment!" – Penny Nance, CEO and President

The battle is not over. The end of *Roe* did not make abortion illegal. The Court's decision gave law and authority back to the people in the states, which means now more than ever, your voice really matters.

Now is the time to press into the task before us. It's time for all of us to pray more and do more. The radical Left will not stop fighting for abortion laws, even in states with trigger laws. So, whether you live in a state with no, some, or many abortion regulations, there is still a job to do. It can be supporting pro-life legislation, volunteering at or assisting pregnancy centers, supporting pro-life candidates, or engaging in getting out the vote efforts for the November election.

Your involvement is needed.

We can do this! The culture for life is changing! Victory is in our sights! Ask the Lord what your role is in a post-*Roe* America. Together, we press onward toward the prize!



Are you a CWA leader? If so, CWA's Leadership Summit 2022 is where you need to be on September 8 and 9! It is going to be an incredible time of celebrating a post-*Roe* America and being commissioned to carry out the work of ending abortion in your state. You will be encouraged, equipped, and energized as you are trained, hear inspirational speakers, and enjoy genuine fellowship!

Do not miss out on the Leadership Summit planned with you in mind for this pivotal moment in our nation's history.

Register today for the event. [CWA's Leadership Summit is for approved leaders only.]

If you are not a CWA leader, ask the Lord if now is the time to inquire about current opportunities.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Baby Formula Blues Brings Out Best in Moment of Uncertainty

Alexandra McPhee, Director of Government Relations



Earlier this year, a nationwide baby formula shortage put American families in fear of being unable to feed and nourish their children. In response, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) endorsed legislation by several Members of Congress that would help address the shortage: the FORMULA Act by Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah), the WIC Healthy Beginnings Act by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kansas) and Rep. Lucy McBath (D-Georgia), and the Babies Need More Formula Now Act by Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-New York) and Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-Washington). We also called on the Biden Administration to act within its authority to address this crisis immediately.

Since that time, a version of Sen. Lee's legislation, which would eliminate tariffs on infant formula for a 90-day period, passed the U.S. Senate. Further, the Administration is undertaking "[Operation Fly Formula](#)," which has led to the delivery of infant formula from

abroad to the U.S. According to the White House, the formula delivered equals about 13 million 8-oz bottles.

Your calls and messages made this progress possible. But our tiniest and most vulnerable citizens still need help. Fortunately, the American people are mobilizing to assist moms and dads. For example, on [BabyFormulaExchange.com](#), a resource created by U.S. Olympian Shawn Johnson and her husband, parents can donate or request certain types and quantities of formula in their area. Additionally, one Massachusetts woman launched [The Free Formula Exchange](#) after witnessing desperate families pleading for options and recalling her own trials as a young mother.

Hearing these stories, I cannot help but marvel at God's timing. The Supreme Court has handed down its monumental decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that has returned the abortion question to the people and their elected representatives. The pro-life movement stands ready to walk alongside women, offering support and counsel in all stages of pregnancy and motherhood. The baby formula shortage is proving

that there are righteous people who, by their actions, empower women to choose life and reject the cruel lie that bringing a child into the world renders them a victim and doomed to suffer alone.

ACT: As we work to resolve this formula crisis, continue to [call on your Congressman and Senators](#) to support the legislation listed above.

PRAY: As we navigate this post-*Dobbs* world, pray that we all step forward to care for the least of these, the unborn and our precious young children. Moms, babies, and families deserve nothing less.

Quotable Quote

"I first thank God who allowed me to live to see this moment. I knew it would happen. I didn't know if I would live long enough to see a culture of life in America." Penny Nance quote in front of the Supreme Court after the overturning of *Roe*.

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"
Matthew 25:40



Praise & Prayer

Praise God for overturning *Roe vs. Wade*. We need to enter the throne room carrying our banners and noise makers and praise the LORD. Hallelujah! “I know that You can do all things; no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.” Job 42:2

Praise God who is the giver of life! “Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7

Praise God for Supreme Court Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett who stood firm in their majority opinion even after it was leaked to the press. **Pray** for their safety and the safety of their families. “But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain ...” Exodus 18:31

Pray for our continued fight against abortion. The overturning of *Roe* is just the beginning, and it should be clear that, although we have won a huge battle, the war against abortion continues. “For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. Psalm 139:13

Pray for the safety of pregnancy care centers and for the safety of Concerned Women for America staff and our volunteer leaders. “No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord.” Isaiah 54:17

GAVEL WATCH Super Duper Supreme Court Term

Mario Diaz, Esq., General Counsel



Remember when some tried to sell *Roe* as “super-duper” precedent? Well, it didn’t work. *Roe* is gone (all

praise be to God!), but we have been indeed left with something “super-duper”—this Supreme Court term. It was just superb.

It all starts with *Dobbs*, of course (and that would be more than enough to celebrate), but it went beyond that, and I wanted to take a moment and celebrate with you each victory by presenting to you a short summary of the term’s most amazing top 5 wins!

Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization— The Court declared unequivocally that the United States Constitution does not and has never conferred a right to abortion. Therefore, the Court spent much time discussing the grave errors in the *Roe* and *Casey* framework before formally overruling them and returning the authority to states to be free to protect unborn life in the best way they see fit.

Whole Woman’s Health v. Jackson— Just before the *Dobbs* case was argued, the Court heard a

challenge to the Texas Heartbeat Act. The state law prohibits most abortions after a heartbeat can be detected through an ultrasound, but it has no state law enforcement mechanism, only private enforcement action. The pro-abortion side wanted the Supreme Court to intervene to stop the law, but the Court correctly refused to intervene. The practical result was that almost 8,000 babies were saved in the first three months after the law went into effect.

Shurtleff v. City of Boston— A unanimous Court here agreed that the First Amendment rights of Harold Shurtleff, the director of Camp Constitution, were violated by the city of Boston when it refused to allow him to fly the Christian flag at a public pole that the city had made available for private groups to fly different kind of flags indiscriminately.

Carson v. Makin— The Court held Maine’s “nonsectarian” requirement for generally available tuition assistance payments to parents who lived in a district that did not operate a secondary school of their own violated the parent’s First Amendment free speech rights. Parents are free then to use the money to send their kids to any



school they want, treating all schools, secular or religious, equally, instead of targeting religious schools for discrimination.

Finally, *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*— the Coach Kennedy case, as most of you know it. Coach Kennedy was unjustly fired for silently praying at midfield after football games. The Supreme Court has now made official the fact that he was fired, not only unjustly but unconstitutionally. What a sweet victory for this man and his family, who have fought for almost seven years to protect our religious liberty rights. The Court held that both the free exercise and free speech clauses of the First Amendment protect an individual's right to engage in a personal religious observance. The Court said, "The Constitution neither mandates nor permits the government to suppress such religious expression."

THANKSGIVING: Can we stop and thank God for His goodness, mercy, and grace? All of these are part of just one Supreme Court term. We can expect more! The Constitutional imbalance we have been living (and suffering) under is slowly being straightened back to a more faithful and impartial application of justice. We are sure to reap the blessings of these actions for decades to come.

Do You Know What Your State Laws are Concerning Abortion?
Visit our [Post-Roe State of The States](#) map to find out.

CWA IN THE NEWS Articulating Truth

Katie Everett, Press Secretary



June 1: *Concerned Women Today - The Skinterns are Coming!*

In this podcast episode, Penny Nance discusses workwear, modesty, and upcoming fashion trends. Listen [here](#).

June 3: *The Western Journal - Female Athletes Are Being Victimized to Pander to the Personal Fantasies of a Few*

Mario Diaz, Esq. speaks on the [bipartisan efforts](#) to protect women's rights amidst the wave of transgenderism in America.

June 8: *Newsweek - UPenn's Disregard for Title IX Takes Opportunities Away from Women Athletes*

Penny's latest [op-ed](#) serves as a response to *Good Morning America's* interview with NCAA transgender swimmer Lia Thomas.

June 23: *Concerned Women Today - Pro-Life Organizations and Advocates are Being Targeted*

Penny was joined by Janet Durig, Executive Director of Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center to discuss the violence and vandalism surrounding the Dobbs case. Listen [here](#).

June 24: *The American Thinker - Justice Restored—Roe Overturned*

Mario [Discusses and provides analysis](#) of the long-awaited overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

June 24: *Newsmax - Nance Celebrates the End of Roe on Spicer and Co.*

Penny [joined NEWSMAX](#) to celebrate the *Dobbs* decision and condemn violence against pro-life organizations and pregnancy centers.

June 26: *Fox & Friends Weekend - We Will Always Protect Life*

Penny joined *Fox & Friends Weekend* to discuss the vandalism that occurred at its National Headquarters and what needs to happen to protect pro-life organizations and pregnancy care centers following the overturn of *Roe vs. Wade*. Watch [here](#).



In a stunning 6-3 opinion delivered by Justice Alito, joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, N...



IX UPDATE

Biden Delivers on His Promise to Force Gender Ideology in Title IX

Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor



On June 23, 2022, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) joined

fourteen organizations from across the political spectrum in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, the federal civil rights law passed in 1972 that prohibits sex-based discrimination in education. Organizing this rally as part of an inaugural Women’s Sports Week was part of our ongoing fight to preserve the dignity of women and stand with female athletes in law and policy.

Following the rally, I traveled west with athletes and allies to speak at the kickoff event of the [Independent Council on Women’s Sports](#), a new network of NCAA athletes, former athletes, legal and policy experts, and scientists joining forces to protect and defend the women’s category of sport.

On the same day as the D.C. rally, Biden’s Department of Education delivered on its promise to release federal regulations reinterpreting “sex” under Title IX to mean

“gender identity,” among other things. The proposed rule invokes President Biden’s executive orders demanding that all federal agencies incorporate radical gender ideology thus rejecting the biological and physiological differences between males and females as the basis for sex discrimination. The proposed rule confirms the Administration’s intent to overturn the privacy and safety of female students by mandating gender identity-based restrooms, force girls to compete against boys self-identifying as girls in female athletics, and require teachers, professors, and school officials to use so-called “preferred pronouns.”

Before announcing these regulations, CWALAC [fiercely challenged Biden Administration officials](#) over the unfairness of forcing girls and women to compete with males in publicly-funded athletic programs. They must have felt the heat from us and other Americans engaging on this issue because the Administration said it is kicking the can down the road for proposing specific federal regulations regarding athletics. While this may be an encouraging

sign, the 700-page rule clearly suggests that all manner of educational programs and activities, including athletics, are within reach. We are taking nothing for granted in interpreting the misguided and hostile policy stripping female students and athletes of protections on the basis of biological sex.

UPCOMING ACTION: CWALAC makes sure your voice is heard on critical federal regulations through our regulatory action center which will go live as soon as the announced rules are officially published in the federal register this month. We request that you prepare now to join us in filing public comments opposing this rule during the 60-day public comment process. This is your opportunity to highlight how these proposed policies degrade women and share your personal perspective and experience. The Biden Administration must be forced to confront their rejection of truth and reality. **PRAY** that they listen.



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YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA 50 Years—Considering Our Legacy and Carrying the Torch

Annabelle Rutledge, National Director, Young Women for America



Fifty years ago, the United States took a step forward in protecting the unique status of women by instituting Title IX. The following year, our nation took a devastating step backward by federally protecting abortion, resulting in the deaths of tens of millions of children, many of whom were baby girls.

Here we stand, 50 years later, fighting once again for the integrity of Title IX and the unique status of women while simultaneously celebrating the end of federally protected abortion.

Friday, June 24, was a surreal moment for me as I stood alongside Penny and YWA leaders on the steps of the Supreme Court, celebrating the END OF ROE IN AMERICA.

I want to pause and say thank you to each of you reading this. I know every one of you has played a role in this moment of victory. I am so grateful for the ways you have led on this issue, the example you have set for young women in this nation, and your faithfulness to God and this country in offering up prayer and praise.

It is such an honor and privilege to be chosen by God to live in this moment and be vessels of His good work in every state. I know YWA leaders do not take this lightly. We are preparing for the battle, particularly in formulating answers to the tough questions already being hurled in our direction. Our YWA leaders are, in many ways, on the frontline of these fights. High school and college campuses are ruthless in their leftist ideological agenda pushed by peers and professors alike. Being able to communicate a pro-life stance with

confidence, boldness, and grace is no small task. We are working to equip

YWA leaders to the very best of our ability.

On June 23, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Title IX. I spoke at the *Our Bodies, Our Sports Rally* alongside Penny and two YWA Ambassadors and athletes, Macy Petty and Chloe Satterfield. Following the rally, Macy and Penny spoke at a round table with Leader McCarthy and RSC Chairman Banks. Throughout this year, YWA leaders have made many sacrifices to offer a voice for young women in the fight to save women's sports. It was monumental to sit in that Rayburn committee room and see Leader McCarthy look Macy in the eyes and thank her for her boldness in defending her own sport and the broader rights of women to come.

This month held monumental moments for our organization and our nation. I pray the Lord continues to use CWA and YWA in the next 50 years. And whatever fights and celebrations our leaders are involved in 50 years down the road, I pray we will have helped pave a path for them with the work we're accomplishing today in the same way we look to the women in whose legacy we walk.

