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## ***Roe is Overturned!***

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” -1 Corinthians 15:58

**June 24, 2022.** We pro-lifers will remember that date – the day that *Roe* was overturned. In a 6-3 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court issued their opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, thus overturning the wrongfully decided *Roe v. Wade* decision and sending the battle to protect life back to the states where it should have been all along. The Court held: “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.”

Pro-lifers have been working towards this decision for almost 50 years. We now know that life begins at conception; we know more about fetal development. We know that at ten weeks gestation, a little boy or girl has distinct fingers, toes, arms, and legs. At 15 weeks gestation, babies in the womb feel pain. The science is indisputable. We are “fearfully and wonderfully made” by our Creator.

As we look back on these 49-plus years, we are grateful for those who labored not only to save babies but also to bring healing to those who were deceived and regret their decision to abort their babies. Many prayed outside abortion facilities and/or volunteered at pregnancy care centers. We are grateful for lawmakers who sought legislation to restrict abortion. Countless people donated their treasure to support life. Many opened their homes to women and mentored them during their pregnancies. Most of all – we prayed. God has heard our prayers, and the overturn of *Roe* is a huge step in the right direction to bring back a culture of life to our state and nation.

South Dakota's trigger statute will prohibit abortion in our state except to save the life of the mother, but we would be naive to think that our work is done. No, our work is just beginning and in earnest. We still need to change hearts and minds to respect life. We need to promote

abstinence, so women don't have to face an unplanned pregnancy. Because of our good restrictive laws, many women are traveling out-of-state to have an abortion where informed consent protections are absent. We still need to educate women about the dangers of chemical, do-it-yourself abortion. We need to promote the beauty of placing her baby in the arms of a loving mother and father through adoption.

The anti-life groups are already investing their time and treasure into deceitfully saying that “women will die” without their “right to abortion.” They want taxpayer-funded unfettered abortion. Many states are putting a “right” to abortion into their state constitutions. Recently, Kansans defeated a good pro-life amendment, “Value them Both.” The devious ads opposing the measure told voters (without mentioning abortion) that they would lose their freedom of healthcare and freedom of religion if the amendment passed.

Efforts are underway in South Dakota to put “abortion rights” into our State Constitution. Beginning in November, abortion extremists will be gathering signatures to place a measure on the ballot for the South Dakota 2024 election. Watch for their misinformation and lies.

Going forward, we have much work to do for the pro-life movement to promote a culture of love and life in our state. We are now free to do the hard work necessary to change hearts and minds. Constitutionally, this matter belongs in the states where the battle to protect human life at all stages continues. With the Lord's help, we will achieve ultimate victory.

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# South Dakota Proposed Social Studies Standards

“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about ...”

- President Woodrow Wilson, 1913

Last year, the South Dakota Department of Education drafted new Social Studies content standards that were met with strong objections from the Native American people, exposed the push for leftist ideological indoctrination, and resulted in some standards committee members resigning. Because of the backlash, Gov. Kristi Noem (Republican) appointed a new committee that includes Professor William Morrissey from Hillsdale College to draft the new standards.

CWA of South Dakota is supportive of the new proposed standards. The committee strived for balance in covering a wide variety of subjects while remaining true to our nation’s historical roots and honoring South Dakota’s unique history, including the Native American contribution. Rather than ignoring our nation’s faults and failings, the standards expose them, with the intent that our country not repeat these shortcomings.

Most importantly, the standards build a common foundation of the knowledge of our nation that all students will learn and will be used as guiding principles in their lives. The standards are set up in a natural chronological scope and sequence rather than by themes.

This “give(s) students a strong sense of how, when, and why things happened in history, and resist(s) the temptation to cherry-pick facts to fit a preconceived ideology or narrative.” (Guiding Principles #3)

It is crucial that our children know and appreciate our foundations so they can understand that America is exceptional and will become patriotic citizens. The standards place ample emphasis on our Constitution and its concepts to accomplish that goal.

South Dakotans are encouraged to comment on the proposed standards during the open comment period that runs through March 31, 2023. You can read the proposed standards [here](#) and provide comments [here](#). Take the time to read the excellent [comment](#) that was submitted by Jon D. Schaff, Professor of Political Science at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Citizens can also testify before the State School Board on the proposed standards. The next hearing will be on November 21, 2022, at Carnegie Town Hall in Sioux Falls. The dates for the hearings in Pierre and Rapid City for 2023 will be announced later.

## Tribute to Our National Treasure

“Well done, good and faithful servant!” - Matthew 25:21

Can one garner sufficient praise to commend the life of a woman who told her friends things like this? “I get up in the morning, get on my knees beside my bed, say my prayers, and then I get up and get to work.”

Kitty Werthmann, an Austrian-born American citizen, died at the age of 96 after a short convalescence. To those of us who knew her well, she was an icon of all that it is to be a truly patriotic, pro-family, and pro-life American.

Kitty was 13 years old when Nazism’s Hitler was elected by a plebiscite in Austria. When she came to America at the age of 21, she had been experiencing rule by the Communists in her homeland.

She met and married her husband Hubert in Minneapolis, and they moved to Pierre in 1959 when her radiologist husband decided he was called to fill a great need at the Pierre hospital and surrounding region. There they raised their family of six children, with her husband and two sons having preceded her death on July 14.

Kitty was motivated by her husband to get involved when he saw that the South Dakota Legislature had passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 1973. Kitty worked for seven years to change the political makeup of the legislature, which finally rescinded the ERA.



She and two other women started South Dakota Right to Life following the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision. Kitty learned on her death bed that *Roe* had been overturned. Kitty lobbied for Eagle Forum for over 40 years, and she is known and loved all over South Dakota and beyond for fighting for life and family values before other organizations got involved. Kitty spoke about her life under Communism and the dangers of Socialism all across the U.S. She taught CWA of South Dakota leaders how to lobby, and she became a treasured friend.

*Riveting quotes from Kitty Werthmann:*

- “The only information we had was what the government provided for us ...We did not know that we had concentration camps.”
- “The government erased our children.”
- “When I arrived in America, I looked up at the sky [outside a New York police station where she mistakenly thought they needed to know where she was going], and I said, ‘So THIS is what FREEDOM is!’”
- “When the people fear the government, that’s tyranny. When the government fears the people, that’s liberty.”
- “We have to take our country back as we know it.”
- “Those of us who sailed past the Statue of Liberty, we came to a country of unbelievable freedom and opportunity.”

**“America is the greatest country in the world – if we can keep it.”**

Be sure to [watch](#) this example of just one of her many speeches throughout our nation. Kitty was 87 when she gave this speech in Sacramento. Click [here](#) if you prefer to read Kitty's speech.

From Kitty’s obituary: Kitty was proud to be an American. This passionate statement stays with us, **“After America, there is no place to run!!”**

## The Duty and Privilege of Voting

“Duty is ours, results are God’s.” -John Quincy Adams (1767-1868)

John Quincy Adams, the eldest son of our second President, John Adams, was a diplomat who had traveled overseas with his father since the age of 10. John Quincy became our nation’s sixth president in 1824. We would be wise to follow the example of this great statesman who served our nation so admirably, especially in his persistent effort to bring the issue of slavery to the forefront at a time when many did not want it discussed.

His favorite Bible quote and model for his service was Psalm 15:1-4, “Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart...He honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to His own hurt, and changeth not.” (KJV)

God calls us to take our civic duties seriously, and voting is the way our republic is designed so that we have a voice in “securing the blessings of liberty,” as stated in our Preamble to the Constitution of the United States.



Added to our U.S. Constitution in 1870, the 15th Amendment states: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged ... on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” All citizens age 18 and older have the right, and many would say, the duty to vote. Yet, according to myfaithvotes.org, an estimated 25 million Christians who are registered to vote, fail to vote even in presidential elections.

Early voting in South Dakota began on September 23. Are you registered to vote? The deadline to register to vote must be in person or received in your county auditor’s office by October 24. See more information [here](#). Are you informed on the issues? Will you take your voting privilege and civic duty seriously and vote on November 8?

**PRAY** that our elections would be fair and honest and all deception would be exposed. “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream.” -Amos 5:24

Source: <https://daleebel.org/duty-is-ours-results-are-gods/>

# Life.SD.gov Set to Encourage Life

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...” -Jeremiah 1:5

Gov. Kristi Noem has announced a new website, Life.SD.gov. According to a press release, this website helps mothers and their babies before birth and after by providing resources for pregnancy, new parents, financial assistance, and adoption.

“In South Dakota, we value life. But being pro-life doesn’t just mean caring about the unborn. It also means getting moms the help they need to be successful,” said Gov. Noem. “We’re launching [Life.SD.gov](https://www.lifesd.gov) to give women the resources they need to navigate pregnancy, birth,

parenting, and adoption, if they choose.”

CWA of South Dakota applauds the Governor's pro-life efforts. Eighty-five percent of women who had abortions in 2019 were unmarried. Mothers with unexpected pregnancies suffer fear of whether they can get support during pregnancy and after the child is born. Life.SD.gov will provide resources that will encourage these mothers to give life to their baby.

You may contact Gov. Noem to thank her for this life-affirming resource at 605.773.3212 or email her [here](mailto:kristi.noem@state.sd.us).

## Toss Target—and Now Walmart!

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” - Luke 12:34

For a number of years, Target has taken a strong stance on several issues that defy the values of Concerned Women for America.

Now, with the June 24 overturn of *Roe v. Wade*—the case that allowed legalized abortion since 1973—Target’s corporate leaders announced that they will cover their employees’ travel if they live in a state where abortion has become illegal.

We are all fed up with spending our hard-earned money on corporations that deny the humanity of the unborn and advocate against the dignity of the pregnant woman. Corporations that not only encourage, but now even subsidize the deaths of unborn children, do not value life as a God-given right. The brutal surgical or chemical means used to abort does not honor any woman or signify a “pro-woman” business.

In fact, do we know if a business like Target could, in actuality, be coercing female workers to abort their children? It would not be the first time that we have heard of businesses working behind the scenes to do what they can to avoid paying for maternity leave.

Encouraging or coercing women to abort their children is pure evil. Denying women benefits adds insult to injury.

More recently, Walmart has joined in this anti-woman, anti-life travesty. Formerly limited in its approach to abortion policy, Walmart will now provide virtually unrestricted abortion “benefits.” Read the letter sent to Walmart on August 22, 2022, by CEO and President of CWA, Penny Nance, and other conservative groups [here](https://www.cwaofsd.org/letter-to-walmart).

With that, it is time to “Toss Target” and “Toss Walmart.” It is time to stop shopping at Target and Walmart and find alternatives to their products. CWA is compiling [lists](#) of alternative businesses for you.

But Target and Walmart need to also hear from us to know that their decisions have consequences for their bottom line. Let these companies know you do not support their pro-abortion policies:

### Email and Tweet

Copy/paste the text from our [sample emails](#) explaining why you will be taking your business elsewhere.



**CWA Membership State & National:** A donation of \$25 or more has TWO benefits: membership in CWA of South Dakota *and* membership in CWA national. All donations given to CWA of South Dakota remain in South Dakota for state projects. Write your check out to “Concerned Women for America,” put “CWA of SD” on the memo line, and send in the envelope provided. Or, give online at [sd.cwfa.org](https://sd.cwfa.org). Your renewed annual membership/additional donation is greatly appreciated. All donations sent to CWA national in response to their mailings are utilized in Washington, D.C. All contributions are tax-deductible.