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It's About More Than Abortion

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?” -- Psalm 2:1

The leaked draft opinion from the U.S. Supreme Court that indicates that Roe v. Wade will be overturned, has caused the LEFT to go ballistic.

The protests began in front of the Supreme Court building in Washington, DC and continued throughout last week. By Thursday, the DC authorities erected an eight-foot non-scalable wall to keep the crowds back.

Protestors shouted for “justice” and threatened, “If we don’t get it, burn it down.” They carried signs that read “ABORTION ON DEMAND WITHOUT APOLOGY,” “My body, my choice,” etc. Some of their signs were obscene.

Several pro-abortion groups took their protest to the homes of six Justices of the Court.

The group, “**Ruth Sent Us**” said,

“Our 6-3 extremist Supreme Court routinely issues rulings that hurt women, racial minorities, LGBTQ+ and immigrant rights. We must rise up to force accountability using a diversity of tactics.”

Their announcement included a map pinpointing homes — three in Virginia and three in Maryland — “where the six Christian fundamentalist Justices issue their shadow docket rulings from.”

The six Justices are not “Christian fundamentalists,” of course, five are Catholics and Neil Gorsuch attends an Episcopal church.

On Mothers’ Day, furious protesters invaded churches, interrupting services.

After a protest was held at a Catholic church in Los Angeles, “Ruth Sent Us” sent out a tweet with a clip of the incident saying they supported the protest and that “This is what Mothers’ Day should look like. Catholic and Evangelical Churches nationwide:”

Several Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Christian organizations,, and churches were vandalized. Antifa vandals threw a Molotov cocktail at the offices of the



Wisconsin Family Action offices in Madison, WI. They left a chilling note, “if abortions aren’t safe, you are not safe either” along with the Antifa symbol – a capitol “A” inside a circle.

Tucker Carson noted on his Fox News program:

“So again, this isn’t just about intimidating Supreme Court justices,

five of them, into changing their views on Roe v. Wade. It’s about attacking Christianity because Christianity stands in their way.”

He then shared several clips from MSNBC as evidence:

JOY READ: “The Christian right’s decades-long push to revoke abortion rights is just part of their broader agenda. Well, what else? What else do they want? What else is at stake?”

ROBERT JONES, CEO OF PUBLIC RELIGION RESEARCH INSTITUTE: “This is not just about abortion. This is about a much broader set of issues that are really about a kind of White Christian-Right worldview.”

AMY HAGSTROM MILLER, CEO OF WHOLE WOMAN’S HEALTH: “It’s very important for us to recognize that it is Christian extremism that is at the root of the shame and the stigma that allows laws like this to pass, that allows justices like this to be confirmed.”

ALI VELSHI, ANCHOR MSNBC: “They discovered that they could manufacture and then channel their moral outrage toward abortion, creating a new litmus test for conservative politicians. References to God and Christian beliefs are often invoked in these political instances, with some saying outright that they believe America is a Christian nation.”

I agree with Tucker – the outrage of the LEFT is about more than protecting Roe v. Wade. It is also about -

- (1) **The choice between rule of Law or rule of the mob.**
The Justices should make their decisions based on the Constitution, not the intimidation of angry protesters.

Justice Clarence Thomas told a judicial conference in Atlanta that mob rule will not inform the court's decisions: "We can't be an institution that can be bullied into giving you just the outcomes you want."

(2) **The Choice of whether we will be ruled by God or by Government.** Will we remain "one nation under God" or become "one nation under man."

President Ronald Reagan warned the nation at a prayer breakfast in Dallas, Texas in 1984:

"Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

(3) **The choice between life and death – not only for the unborn, but ourselves. (see Deuteronomy 30:19)**

Eagle's Eye on the Nation

"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries [Greek pharmakeia – literally enchantment with drugs], nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

-- Revelation 9:21

Overdose deaths hit new record: Over 107,000 people [died of drug overdoses](#) in the U.S. last year, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported on Wednesday. This latest number sets a new record high, and for the second consecutive year, overdose deaths topped 100,000, continuing a negative trend that demonstrates the growing severity of the opioid crisis. - The Patriot Post (5/11/22)

Radical Abortion Bill Blocked: All 59 Senate Republicans and one lone Democrat, Senator Joe Manchin, voted against cloture on the **Women's Health Protection Act** on Wednesday, May 11. This misnamed bill would overturn every pro-life law in America and legalize abortions up to birth.

Democrat leaders and many mainstream news outlets portray the bill as an effort to simply "codify the right to an abortion" in the U.S. in response to the likelihood that the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade* later this year.

But it goes far beyond that. The bill would:

- Eliminate all state and federal parental consent laws in relation to abortion.
- Eliminate all state informed consent laws, including those that require women to view an ultrasound prior to abortion

- Force doctors and nurses opposed to abortion to lose their jobs, and Catholic hospitals could lose public funds unless they perform abortions

Senator Schumer forced the vote to make abortion a key election issue this fall. He believes this is the path to keeping Democrats in the majority. Let's pray the American people vote pro-life.

\$40 Million Aid for Ukraine: The House on Tuesday night voted 368-57 to pass nearly \$40 billion in additional military, economic and humanitarian aid to Ukraine to fight against Russia's invasion. The measure now goes to the Senate. No one explained where we will get the \$40 billion.

Eagle's Eye on New York

A New York judge refused Wednesday to throw out new political maps setting the boundaries of state Assembly districts, saying [even though they were drafted improperly](#), opponents had waited too long to join the lawsuit challenging them in court. In his ruling, Judge Patrick McAllister, said that allowing them to be challenged at this point would cause "total confusion."

Liberal Logic???

"I believe that eliminating the right of women to make decisions about when and whether to have children would have very damaging effects on the economy and would set women back decades," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told the Senate Banking Committee.

Ministry Report

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." --1 Peter 4:10

The week of May 8-14 was busy. I began the week by preaching on Mothers' Day at Friendship Baptist Church in Rome (SS, AM and PM services). On Tuesday, I met with several Rochester area pastors for lunch and fellowship. On Wednesday, I finished my Gospel of John class by giving a final exam. I spent Thursday and Friday studying and making calls. My wife and I invited a couple that live across the street from our house to join us for supper. I finished the week by mentoring John, Eric and Craig.

This week I will attend the NYS Independent Baptist Pastors' Fellowship at Seneca Falls Baptist on Tuesday.

Tom Stiles' Speaking Schedule

May 22 Grace Baptist Church, Peppermill, MA
May 29 Fellowship Baptist Church, Parrish, NY
June 5 First Baptist Church, Hemlock, NY
June 12 Hunters' Creek Baptist Church, Holland, NY