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Missed Lessons of *Roe v. Wade*

Roe v. Wade offers a series of civic lessons for all Americans. First and foremost is that the ruling violates the very first line of the Constitution (after the Preamble): “All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress.”

Even those with a rudimentary grasp of mathematics understand that “all legislative powers” leaves none for the other two branches of the federal government. The court’s opinion of *Roe v. Wade* was just that: an opinion that binds plaintiff and defendant. It should have never been the “rule of law” or, even worse, a “right” created by government that it has now taken away.



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A fundamental understanding of the origin of rights means the difference between freedom and tyranny. The Declaration of Independence explains why governments are instituted: to protect God-given rights, which are not to be infringed by government. Many other less-free countries and world government bodies such as the United Nations hold the opposite view. They believe rights come from government and are only allowed to the extent of the law. Enter tyranny.

Governments instituted here should have protected the most basic of rights, including, but not limited to, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness/property — including the right to life for preborn babies. How should government have done this?

On the federal level, the Constitution provides Congress with the power to limit the appellate jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court. Look up Article III, Section 2, Clause 2. After the anti-life *Roe* decision was issued in 1973, the appellate jurisdiction to hear abortion cases could have been pulled by Congress, sending it back to the states. Congressman Ron Paul tried to exercise this power in 2006, but “pro-life” Congressman James Sensenbrenner killed it in committee.

The judges could have been impeached. Article III, Section 1 makes provision for justices serving only during good behavior. Allowing the killing of the most vulnerable in our society does not constitute good behavior and works against the very reason governments are instituted.

The 10th Amendment to the Constitution says that any powers not delegated to the federal government are kept by the states/the people. State legislatures could have nullified this ruling or “case law” and enacted and enforced their own laws making abortions illegal. Here in Wisconsin, abortion has been illegal since 1849. Throughout the years after *Roe v. Wade*, legislators and other advocates tried mounting efforts to remove the law since *Roe* was the “law of the land.” Based on the legislative powers delegated to Congress, it never was. Since Wisconsin has this law, days before *Roe* was overturned, Planned Parenthood announced it was closing down its abortion services and referring its customers to



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out-of-state providers.

Many fail to recognize that abortion is only a tool used in a larger war. Abortion is a weapon to defile, derange, and pervert our American experiment of freedom.

In April of 1974, The John Birch Society published a reprint of an article that appeared in our monthly *American Opinion* magazine. It was titled, "Abortion: Yes or No," and was written by Dr. John Grady, who was a family physician.

He wrote, "Many Americans who have objectively studied our national problems, and who are fortunate enough to have been exposed to factual and undistorted information, contend that much of what is happening in America today is ... the result of a deliberate, organized and multifarious attack on the principles, morals, culture, and ideals which constitute the firm foundation of the United States of America and of Western Civilization."

"We believe we can prove that the citizens of the United States are being deceived, confused and brainwashed by a conspiracy which seeks to destroy all that is right and reasonable. Furthermore, the American people are being conditioned to accept the destruction of their own great nation, and are even being programmed to aid and assist in their own demise."

Dr. Grady concluded, "Abortion is murder of the innocent, it is immeasurably evil, and it is American genocide. Yet to fight abortion without understanding and fighting the total conspiracy is to ensure certain and total defeat."

The John Birch Society offers full understanding of the problem, as well as the organization and plan needed to defeat it. The state of America is tied directly to what the electorate will tolerate. And an electorate ignorant of the tools available to fix abuses will see those abuses flourish and multiply. As we wrote previously, the success of the Republic hinges on the electorate — it needs to be informed and willing to act.

Join JBS today to bring about an electorate that will restore the constitutional basics of this country and win the larger war. Visit [JBS.org](#).

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