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Biden Signs Executive Order Promoting Abortion

In answer to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that removed federal protections for abortion, President Joe Biden has issued a limp-wristed yet costly rebuttal in his latest executive order. The document purports to protect "access to reproductive health care services" — a.k.a infanticide — despite the fact that Biden already admitted, "No executive action from the president can do that," in his <u>remarks</u> following the SCOTUS decision to overturn *Roe v Wade*.

"Let me be very clear and unambiguous," he read from the teleprompter that day. "The only way we can secure a woman's right to choose and the balance that existed is for Congress to restore the protections of *Roe v Wade* as federal law."



Biden signs abortion-promoting executive order (AP Images)

Too late. Senate Republicans already <u>blocked</u> an attempt by House Democrats to pass legislation enshrining murder of the unborn. It was a replay of the similar routing of their deceitfully-named <u>Women's Health Protection Act</u> in February.

Biden has obviously forgotten about those defeats, along with his party's <u>dismal prospects</u>, when he points to the upcoming mid-terms as an antidote. "This fall, Roe is on the ballot," he slurred in June. In remarks delivered after signing Friday's order, he repeated the appeal with the rallying cry: "Vote, vote, vote, vote." His confusion manifested further as he called the Supreme Court "out of control" and began reading teleprompter instructions out loud in the middle of his speech.

Joe Biden accidentally reads the part on the teleprompter that says "repeat the line" when they wanted him to say the line again $lmfao \ \underline{pic.twitter.com/pS3GdXPe5N}$

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Despite his bewilderment, the reality of today's political climate casts a "shameless pandering" hue on today's executive order. Even leftists admit it has no teeth. The Associated Press <u>quoted</u> Georgetown University law professor Lawrence Gostin, who described the order as "underwhelming" and said, "There's nothing that I saw that would affect the lives of ordinary poor women living in red states."

Regardless, it will certainly impact taxpayers who will be footing the bill for each measure Biden has concocted. His executive order is packed with the same baseless, hyperbolic accusations that Attorney General Merrick Garland pitched in his June 24 <u>statement</u> complaining about the SCOTUS ruling. "Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he wrote, as if SCOTUS had closed all state borders. Further suggesting that the nation's high bench had also bound and gagged the masses, he added that "individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is

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available in other states."

Similar exaggerations and insinuations appear throughout today's executive order and are used as excuses for the administration to commandeer tax dollars for its murderous agenda. Here are some highlights:

• The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be <u>expanding</u> access to "medication abortion," otherwise known as Mifepristone or the "abortion pill." According to American Life League, it starves an unborn baby to death and causes a woman to abort spontaneously. The abortion pill is banned in several states since the SCOTUS ruling but is still widely available, even through <u>mail order</u>. Aren't pharmaceutical companies, courtesy of Uncle Sam, already fleecing the American taxpayer enough without using baby-killing as yet another pretext?

• That's not the only waste of taxpayer dollars the president is ordering. He also directs HHS to expand access to contraception. Why? The recent SCOTUS ruling does nothing to limit that.

• The agency is also supposed to uphold federal law to ensure pregnant women have "access to the full rights and protections for emergency medical care afforded under law," (they don't already have that?) and to beef up federal encroachments in healthcare under the guise of protecting patient privacy (as if <u>HIPAA</u> weren't already bad enough). Moreover, HHS will be launching abortion "access" advertising campaigns (without a word about life-enhancing abstinence programs or adoption alternatives).

• Biden gratuitously assumes a "heightened risk" to those "seeking and providing" abortions — risk from bloodthirsty pro-life activists, no doubt — and in disturbingly vague language pledges to "ensure" and "protect" their safety. The administration will additionally offer "volunteer" legal assistance to help patients and providers circumvent state restrictions. Who will foot these additional bills? The American taxpayer, of course.

Underscoring each of these measures, the president's executive order also establishes an interagency task force made up of the HHS, the attorney general, and the White House <u>Gender Policy Council</u>. Biden set up the latter in March of 2021 so bureaucrats could hire more bureaucrats to "face the current crisis" of "gender inequality" in the "United States and globally." Again, your tax dollars at work!

Nothing in Biden's executive order is authorized by the Constitution, yet he sanctimoniously defends himself, claiming that SCOTUS eliminated a woman's so-called constitutional "right to choose" to kill her unborn offspring. The White House <u>declares</u> that restricting access to what leftists Orwellingly refer to as "reproductive health care" will deny "fundamental rights — to privacy, autonomy, freedom and equality." The president did not attempt to reconcile his administration's self-righteous indignation with its federal <u>mandates</u> for Covid vaccines.



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