

# Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Updates from the Office of MS Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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## KEY ARGUMENT:

### Medicine will only continue to advance

Justice O'Connor accurately predicted in 1983, "As medical science becomes better able to provide for the separate existence of the fetus, the point of viability is moved further back toward conception."

Since Roe, the viability marker has moved from 28 weeks to 22 weeks, and sometimes even sooner. Medicine will only continue to advance. Nearly 50 years after the Roe decision, it is time for the Court to reject the arbitrary viability standard.

-Attorney General Lynn Fitch



## WHAT WE'RE READING

### **Real Clear Politics: [Why Does America Lag Behind the World on Unborn Life?](#)**

Opinion by Nikki Haley & Marjorie Dannenfelser

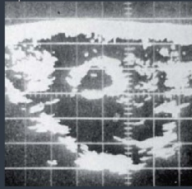
"The advance of technology has illuminated the beauty of unborn life more than ever. Ultrasound imaging makes it easy for parents to see their child before he or she is born. Thanks to medical breakthroughs, premature babies can now survive as much as six weeks earlier than in the 1970s. Doctors are even able to treat the tiniest patients right in the womb."

### **National Review: [The Pro-Abortion Case Is Based on Bad Science](#)**

Opinion by Grazie Pozo Christie, M.D.

"We physicians know so much more about and can do so much more for the unborn babies in our care than we could in 1973....if Roe is based on science, then let it stand or fall today on modern science."

“Because medical knowledge about fetal development has **overtaken the outdated theories in Roe and Casey**, those decisions must be reconsidered. To the extent any ‘medical and scientific uncertainty’ remains, ... **States must be returned ‘the right to readjust [their] views...’**”



15-week ultrasound, 1973

American College of Pediatricians and  
Association of American Physicians and  
Surgeons, amicus brief in support of Mississippi



15-week ultrasound, now

Use this graphic on your social channels. View these and more side-by-side ultrasound photos and read the amicus brief by American College of Pediatricians and Association of American Physicians and Surgeons [here](#).

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

**Dallas Morning News: Pregnancy no longer halts a woman’s career, and our thinking about abortion must catch up**

Opinion by Attorney General Lynn Fitch

"In Roe, the court noted the 'distressful life and future' of a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy. But, dramatic changes in society and policy now allow mothers to reach the highest echelons of economic and social life independent of the right bestowed on them by seven men in Roe."

**The Hill: Caring for the whole life and the whole woman is hard, but right**

Opinion by Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Democrats for Life President Monica Sparks

"As women, we do not share a common story. One of us is a black Democrat woman from Michigan, the other a white Republican woman raised in rural Mississippi. We are coming together to support the whole life and the whole woman. We are committed to working together and finding more allies to help us empower women, as we promote life. Some see this as hard, but we know it is right."

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