

KEVIN MCCARTHY ON ABORTION

Highlights:

- Kevin McCarthy was an anti-abortion advocate and supported federal abortion bans.
 - McCarthy was reported to be a staunch anti-abortion-rights advocate.
 - McCarthy said he would “support” a 15-week abortion ban.
- Kevin McCarthy celebrated Roe v. Wade being overturned.
 - McCarthy celebrated after the Supreme Court officially overturned Roe v. Wade.
 - In June 2022 the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.
 - McCarthy called Roe v. Wade being overturned a “victory” then said their work was “far from done.”
- Kevin McCarthy supported measures to limit access to abortions.
 - McCarthy was a co-sponsor of the so-called “Ultrasound Informed Consent Act,” which forced a woman to view an ultrasound of the fetus before obtaining an abortion.
 - McCarthy was a co-sponsor of the so-called “Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act,” which could have criminalized doctors.
 - McCarthy supported making the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal abortion funding, permanent.

McCarthy Was An Anti-Abortion Advocate And Supported Federal Abortion Bans

MCCARTHY WAS REPORTED TO BE A STAUNCH ANTI-ABORTION RIGHTS ADVOCATE

The Washington Post Called McCarthy “A Staunch Anti-Abortion-Rights Advocate” As He Voted To Cut Funding For Planned Parenthood. According to the Washington Post, “McCarthy is also a staunch anti-abortion-rights advocate. Most recently, he voted to cut some \$500 million in federal funds for Planned Parenthood after a controversy with the organization’s use of fetal tissue.” [Washington Post, [9/25/15](#)]

MCCARTHY SAID HE WOULD “SUPPORT” A 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN

McCarthy Said He Would “Support” A 15-Week Abortion Ban

McCarthy Reportedly Responded, “I’d Support That” When Asked About Backing A 15-Week Ban On Abortion. According to Raju’s Twitter, “House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy told me he backs legislation to codify a 15-week ban on abortion, saying: ‘I’d support that.’” [Twitter, @mkraju, [7/24/22](#)]

McCarthy Celebrated Roe v. Wade Being Overturned

MCCARTHY CELEBRATED AFTER THE SUPREME COURT OFFICIALLY OVERTURNED ROE V. WADE

June 2022: The Supreme Court Overturned Roe v. Wade

June 24, 2022: The Supreme Court Overturned Roe v. Wade. According to the New York Times, “The Supreme Court on Friday overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating the constitutional right to abortion after almost 50 years in a decision that will transform American life, reshape the nation’s politics and lead to all but total bans on the procedure in about half of the states.” [New York Times, [6/24/22](#)]

McCarthy Called Roe v. Wade Being Overturned A “Victory” Then Said Their Work Was “Far From Done”

McCarthy Said There Was A “Victory” When Roe V. Wade Was Overturned, He Called It “The Most Important Pro-Life Ruling In American History.” According to Spectrum News NY1, “McCarthy hailed Friday’s decision as ‘the most important pro-life ruling in American history’ and said that ‘the court affirmed that the power to protect unborn life has returned to the people and their elected representatives.’ ‘The people have won a victory,’ McCarthy said.” [Spectrum News NY1, [7/24/22](#)]

McCarthy Said, “The Right To Life” Was “Vindicated,” But That Their “Work Is Far From Done.” According to Spectrum News, “‘The right to life has been vindicated. The voiceless will finally have a voice. This great nation can now live up to its core principle, that all are created equal, not born equal, created equal.’ ‘As encouraging as today’s decision is, our work is far from done,’ McCarthy said.” [Spectrum News NY1, [7/24/22](#)]

McCarthy Supported Measures To Limit Access To Abortions

MCCARTHY WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE SO-CALLED “ULTRASOUND INFORMED CONSENT ACT” WHICH FORCED A WOMAN TO VIEW AN ULTRASOUND OF THE FETUS

110th Congress: McCarthy Co-Sponsored The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act. [H.R. 5032, Co-Sponsors, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act Required Abortion Providers To Show And Describe To A Woman An Ultrasound Image Of The Fetus And Called For Penalties If The Provider Did Not Comply. According to H.R. 5032, “Ultrasound Informed Consent Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, explain the results, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a medical description of the ultrasound images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus and the presence of external members and internal organs, if present and viewable. Provides for: (1) civil penalties for willful failure to comply; and (2) a medical emergency exception.” [H.R. 5032, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

MCCARTHY WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE SO-CALLED “BORN-ALIVE SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT,” WHICH CRIMINALIZED DOCTORS

McCarthy Co-Sponsored The So-Called “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” Twice

117th Congress: McCarthy Co-Sponsored The So-Called “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.” [H.R. 619, Co-Sponsors, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

116th Congress: McCarthy Co-Sponsored The So-Called “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.” [H.R. 962, Co-Sponsors, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

So-Called “Born-Alive” Legislation Would Unnecessarily Criminalize Doctors

Vox: “Reproductive Rights And Physician Groups Say The Bill Could Criminalize Doctors And Is Unnecessary.” According to Vox, “The Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday is hearing testimony on a bill that would put in place requirements for the care of infants born after failed abortions — and could send doctors to prison if they fail to comply [...] But reproductive rights and physician groups say the bill could criminalize doctors and is unnecessary — not only because a live birth after an abortion attempt is an extremely unlikely scenario but also because laws already exist to protect an infant in this instance anyway. ‘The bill maligns and vilifies providers and patients to push a false narrative about abortion later in pregnancy,’ Dr. Kristyn Brandi, a board member of Physicians for Reproductive Health, told Vox in an email last year.” [Vox, 2/25/19]

Abortions Later In Pregnancy Were Very Rare, And Were Not Requested By Patients In Labors. According to Vox, “Abortions in the third trimester are very rare: Just 1.4 percent of all abortions take place at 21 weeks or beyond, according to Planned Parenthood. The situation described in the Virginia committee hearing simply doesn’t come up, Brandi said — ‘patients do not request abortion when they are in labor and doctors do not provide it.’” [Vox, [2/25/19](#)]

Protections Existed For Babies Born After An Attempted Abortion. According to Vox, “Even if a child were to be born after an abortion attempt, she said, laws already exist to protect the baby. In 2002, Congress passed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which guaranteed full legal rights to infants born at any stage of development. That bill, which passed with bipartisan support, did not include criminal penalties for doctors and did not impose specific requirements on medical care.” [Vox, [2/25/19](#)]

MCCARTHY SUPPORTED A MAKING THE HYDE AMENDMENT, WHICH BANNED FEDERAL ABORTION FUNDING, PERMANENT

112th Congress: McCarthy Co-Sponsored The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act. [H.R. 3, Co-Sponsors, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

The Hyde Amendment Blocked Federal Medicaid Funding For Abortion Services With Minimal Exceptions. According to Planned Parenthood, “Since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has blocked federal Medicaid funding for abortion services (since 1994, there have been three extremely narrow exceptions: when continuing the pregnancy will endanger the patient’s life, or when the pregnancy results from rape or incest). This means Medicaid cannot cover abortion even when a patient’s health is at risk and their doctor recommends they get an abortion.” [Planned Parenthood, accessed [5/14/24](#)]

The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act Made The Hyde Amendment Permanent. According to CBS News, “The bill (also known as H.R. 3) was introduced into the House last week by New Jersey Republican Chris Smith. It proposes making permanent some federal bans for abortion funding - including the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits health-care programs like Medicaid from covering abortions except in cases of rape, incest and danger to the mother's life. [...] But the provision of H.R. 3 that has drawn the most widespread criticism from advocates of abortion rights is one regarding the exemption of pregnancies resulting from rape. The bill exempts a woman from the Hyde Amendment limitations only if she has become pregnant as the result of ‘forcible rape.’” [CBS News, [8/16/11](#)]