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One of the many reasons we could see this historic pro-life moment with the *Dobbs* decision is the effort to elect pro-life candidates at every level of government.

Groups like Susan B. Anthony List, Family Research Council Action, National Right to Life Action, and Family Policy Alliance and the network of state family policy councils have been key to helping elect these officials. This work must continue, especially at the state level.



In pro-abortion states, elected leaders will have no more excuses to blame *Roe* as “existing law” for their pro-abortion stance. If these leaders continue to advocate for the death of their youngest citizens, the electorate’s vote to hold them accountable will matter more than it ever has. Meanwhile, if a strongly pro-life state has already reached *Roe*’s glass

ceiling for protecting the unborn, its elected leaders will have the opportunity to *shatter* that ceiling and advance life as a human right like never before.

The pro-life movement must work even harder to assert that the God-given, human right to life is a not a religious or partisan issue. We must continue to maintain that abortion is a moral disqualification issue. Politicians of any party who are pro-abortion are morally unfit for office, and we must actively work toward their defeat.



Elected officials need to pass comprehensive pro-life laws that prevent abortion and protect mother and child.

While GOP convention battles over the Republican platform on life issues are largely a thing of the past, much progress is needed in making inroads into the Democrat Party. Many states have at least a small handful of strong pro-life Democrat legislators who should be welcomed by the pro-life movement and their Republican colleagues.

However, on a national level, there are *virtually no pro-life Democrats* due to the aggressive way party leadership targets pro-life candidates in primary elections. This will be to the party's own detriment as abortion continues to become ever more abhorrent and a long, dark chapter in our nation's history.

Abortion is not a partisan or religious issue, nor is it strictly a "women's issue." Instead, it is a human rights issue. And as such, we should welcome anyone into our movement who will defend the simple truth that innocent human beings, whether they are still in the womb or not, should have their rights protected and never be murdered.

While traditionally the pro-life movement has been led by Evangelicals and Catholics, it has the potential to expand and even achieve the tipping point necessary to create a more widespread and permanent culture of life. Non-traditional allies and leaders can be welcomed, such as liberals, humanists, atheists, feminists, LGBT-identified, and other left-leaning groups. One such group is the Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising (PAAU), led by Terrisa Bukovinac, who regularly stands outside abortion clinics as a pro-life, progressive atheist and animal rights activist. The potential for broader support is real and welcomed.