

Overturing *Roe v. Wade* in the Pew

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A very important study by The American Culture and Faith Institute discovered what social issues church members wanted pastors to cover:

“91% of respondents wanted more information from their pastor on abortion and topics related to the ‘beginning of life, right to life, contraception, adoption, and unwed mothers.’”

Obviously, *these things are not being talked about enough*. It is nice to be vindicated, and in every encounter I have had, I have found monumental ignorance. (And I have been guilty of it myself.) No more. Surely, it is our moral duty to understand what is going on around us so as to react with that Biblical discernment which is required of us.

Honestly, Pastors...

And this too I found validating: “Of course it is not enough to preach on life. What we say as leaders is equally important as *how often* we say it.”¹ So true. I am told that many congregations only speak of abortion once a year (if that). Perhaps that is 51 weeks too little. Honestly, pastors, your people just do not *know*. And they do not know *enough*. You have only to view Dr. Anthony Levatino on Youtube to be shaken awake.

My take-away from this study and my experience tell me this: congregations are not “getting it.” Remember please, that *56% of women having abortions say they are Christians!* And so “clearly abortion is the Church’s sin just as much as it is the world’s.”²

The Church’s Sin

This is utterly tragic and heart-breaking and it could be rapidly fixed. And it is by no means enough to focus on only those women in age groups vulnerable to abortion. This is a cross-generational problem. Older people have been silent/confused themselves and therefore have not modeled and exemplified the love of life that is essential to be pro-life.

If one is not known to be actively and keenly pro-life, one’s witness is minimized.

Contamination in the Pew?

This is, as Brian Fisher (Human Coalition) insists, a man’s problem. I repeat his conclusion: “Men, we are responsible for the legalization of abortion in America. We are responsible for the destruction of the family. And, men, we have the power to stop this silent holocaust.”

Apparently the abortion industry is proud of the fact that one in three women will have an abortion!

Where are the Christians? Are we not called to witness against the murdering of innocents? We have silently consented to the legalization of murder. The ruling of *Roe v. Wade* has assaulted our logic and our morality and contaminated our thinking.

After all, we are to love those whom God loves. And we must be known to be compassionate, supportive of those choosing to give life to a child in difficult circumstances.

“The church can no longer ‘outsource’ the work of ministering to women and men considering abortion. The church cannot wait for *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned in the courts; we have to overturn it in our pews first.”³

¹ Care-net.org

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.