## Don't Let Abortion Be the GOP's Achilles Heel



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Don't be misled by the widely trumpeted New York Times/Siena poll showing Donald Trump in the lead in five of six swing states.

Considering that we're a world at war and a hollowed out the middle and working classes, Republicans fared remarkably poorly in the Nov. 7 elections, and it doesn't take the proverbial rocket scientist to tell you why.

The abortion issue, like it or not, takes precedence with too many women. You don't even need thirty seconds watching "The View" to understand that.

I write this as someone who is largely pro-life. I agree life begins at the moment of conception, scientifically, with the formation of unique DNA.

The modifying "largely" stems from the fact that, thank God, I've never, to my knowledge, had to face a situation where I've been personally tested on the subject (a loved one forced into a horrific act with a maniac).

To some extent, for me, as for many others, my stance is, again, "largely," academic.

Nevertheless, I've gone to pro-life functions and found the attendees uniformly wonderful people with deep, admirable religious beliefs. I support them.

And yet, at this juncture, and especially with Roe v. Wade rescinded—as Mr. Trump himself has recommended—it's best for the pro-life movement to dial things down and let the states decide as they wish. Be the federalists our Constitution intended us to be.

Hard as it can be, pro-life supporters should learn to and make an effort to discuss their cause in the least confrontational or judgmental manner possible, although their adversary will probably be acting just the opposite.

On this issue, they're often dealing with adults having a childlike tantrum.

Great as their pro-life cause is, something yet more important is currently at stake—Western Civilization.

Yes, that sounds inflated, but unfortunately, it's not.

Every year we're told this is the most important ever, but this year the consequences are greater than any we've seen in our lifetimes. The luxury of our personal favorite issue must be subsumed for the greater good. Victory for the Democrats next November isn't just a baby step or a scissor step to globalism, but a giant and possibly irreversible step to it.

And globalism, no matter what form it takes, would amount to a world stuck in some version of a communist/oligarchy mix under the thumb of the likes of Bill Gates and whoever is in power at the Chinese Communist Party.

That power would, of course, include over life and death (i.e., procreation and abortion).

Riding on Mr. Trump's popularity, as shown in the above-mentioned poll, to save us from this in 2024 is no sure thing. It depends to a great degree on who his candidate is—and that very poll seems to have convinced many Democrats that the current president shouldn't be the candidate.

This throws many cards up in the air, but looming large among them is the female voter, brainwashed years ago with the "our body, ourselves" mantra, a slogan almost farcical ironic in that many of the same people became the most adamant believers in maximum government control over their bodies during COVID-19.

But neither fact, nor consistency, matters. What matters is saving what's left of our civilization.

For that reason, we must ask the pro-life movement to go to the back burner for a while.

Indeed, the pro-lifers will be doing themselves a favor by turning away from legislation and similar regulations. Abortions, as we all know, have been going on since time immemorial, no matter what the laws are, pro or con.

It's more than arguable it will be the same in the future, again no matter the legislation.

The pro-life struggle must be won in the personal—spiritual

and emotional—realm to be really victorious. An individual must know in her or his heart and soul that abortion is wrong. Otherwise, what is gained is at best temporary and ultimately illusory.

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