

# THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ITS SUPPORT OF UNLIMITED ABORTION

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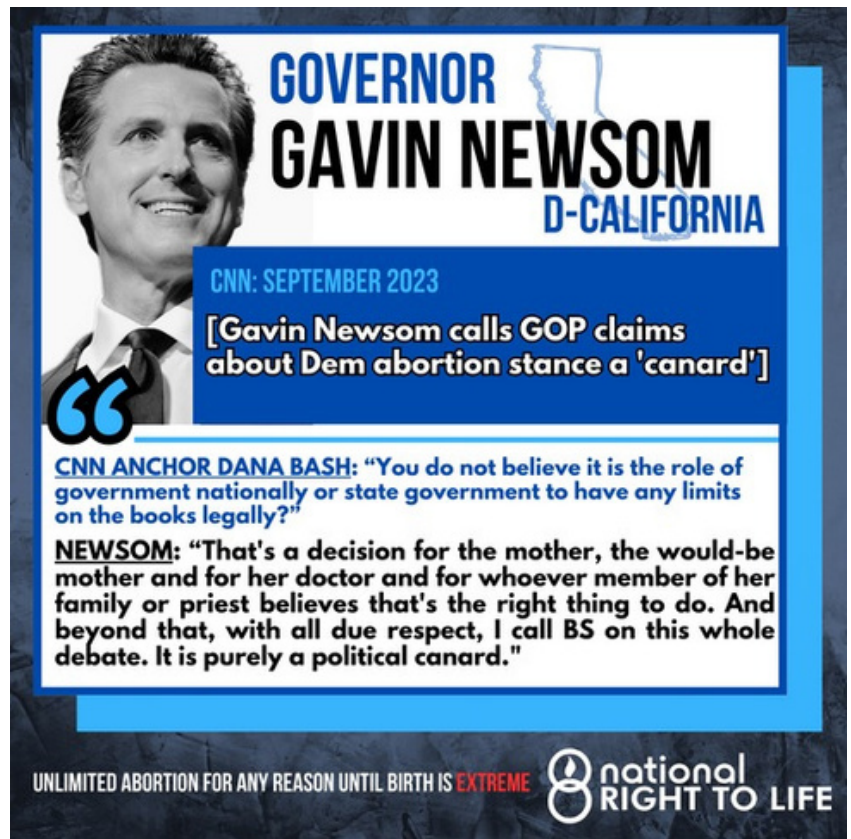
On August 23, 2023, in response to statements made by presidential candidates during the first Republican presidential debate for the 2024 election cycle, Jen Psaki, former Biden White House Press Secretary - and newly minted MSNBC host - posted on X (the site formerly known as Twitter): “No one supports abortion up until birth.”

Psaki’s claim is not supported by the evidence.

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## Abortion for Any Reason at Any Time is a Core Belief of the Democratic Party

The 2020 Democratic Party platform says, “Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom.”



*“I’ll sign a law codifying Roe...”*

-President Joe Biden  
October 18, 2022

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## Democrats Sponsored The Women's Health Protection Act

The *Women's Health Protection Act* is a Democrat-sponsored bill that would enshrine into law abortion-on-demand and would overturn existing pro-life laws and prevent new protective laws from being enacted at the state and federal levels. The bill seeks to strip away from elected lawmakers the ability to provide even the most minimal protections for unborn children, at any stage of their prenatal development.

As a May 2022 *National Review* editorial noted:

When Democrats in Washington speak of “codifying Roe,” what they mean in plain English is protecting a right to kill a baby through all nine months for virtually any reason. The WHPA creates an absolute right to abortion through the first five to six months of pregnancy, and it mandates legal abortion after viability until birth whenever a lone health-care provider – a term not limited to doctors – determines that the continuation of the pregnancy “would pose a risk” to the patient’s life or “health.”

**SENATOR  
JOHN FETTERMAN  
D-PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY DEBATE  
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**MODERATOR: “Are there any limits on abortion you would find appropriate?”**

**FETTERMAN:  
“I don’t believe so, no.”**

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*“I will always fight for a woman's right to make a decision about her own body. It should be her decision.”*

-Vice President Kamala Harris,  
Vice Presidential Debate  
October 7, 2020



## Democrats Support for Unlimited Abortion

In 2019, in the Virginia General Assembly, Delegate Kathy Tran sponsored House Bill 2491, a bill that would loosen Virginia's abortion laws and allow abortion for any reason until birth. Under questioning by the majority leader, Todd Gilbert, Delegate Tran admitted that her bill would allow abortion even when the mother is showing imminent signs of giving birth:

**Gilbert: So, where it's obvious that a woman is about to give birth, she has physical signs that she's about to give birth, would that still be a point at which she could still request an abortion if she was so certified? [pause] She's dilating?**

**Tran: Mr. Chairman, you know, that would be a decision that the doctor, the physician, and the woman would make.**

**Gilbert: I understand that. I'm asking if your bill allows that.**

**Tran: My bill would allow that, yes.**

*"No, to me, it's a reproductive -- it's a health-care decision. It's up to women to make that decision."*

-Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) in response when asked by Fox News Sunday's Shannon Bream, "Is there a cut-off for you before [birth]?"

June 2023

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**Lauren supports women's rights to the full range of reproductive health services, without restrictions. This includes access to safe, legal, and affordable abortions.**

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## Myth: Late-term Abortions Don't Happen

### False

Warren Hern, a Colorado abortionist, was recently profiled in *The Atlantic* (May 2023):

**He specializes in abortions late in pregnancy—the rarest, and most controversial, form of abortion. This means that Hern ends the pregnancies of women who are 22, 25, even 30 weeks along.**

Abortions late in pregnancy are not reported in many states and the number of such abortions is not fully known. What is known comes from public statements made by abortionists in the past – including how many they have done and for what reasons.

In *The Atlantic* article, it is noted that:

**Hern is reluctant to acknowledge any limit, any red line. He takes the woman's-choice argument to its logical conclusion...**

Warren Hern is not the only abortionist to do late-in-pregnancy abortions. In a June 2013 article for *The Weekly Standard*, John McCormack noted that (the late):

**Dr. LeRoy Carhart says he will perform "purely elective" abortions 28 weeks into pregnancy. Another late-term abortionist named James Pendergraft has suggested he'll perform even later abortions under Maryland's health exception if a mother was experiencing "anxiety and stress."**

*"I think women should have the right to choose their bodies [sic]."*

-New York City Mayor Eric Adams (D) when asked by a reporter if he believed abortions should be allowed until birth.  
May 14, 2022

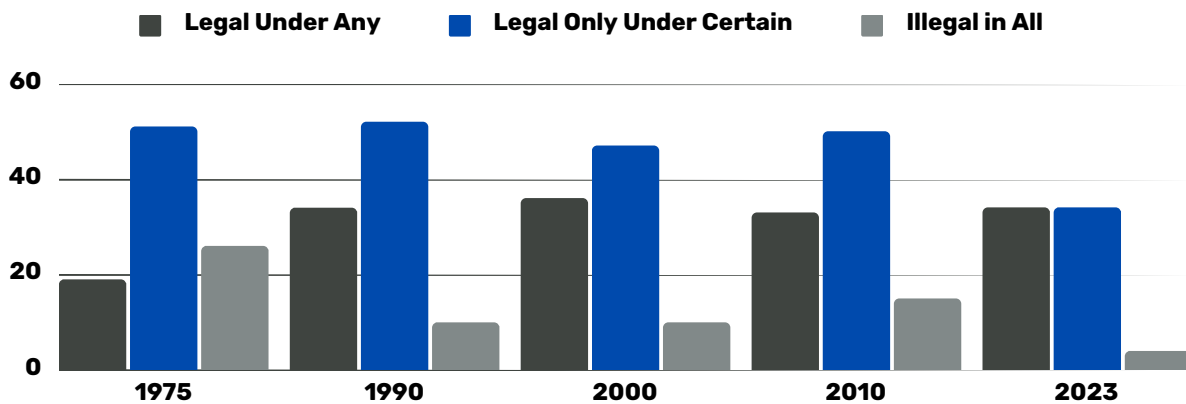
*"I will never back down from the fight to protect and expand reproductive freedoms.."*

-Rosa DeLauro, (D-Conn.)  
*Ms. Magazine*  
January 2022

## Democrats and Abortion Polling

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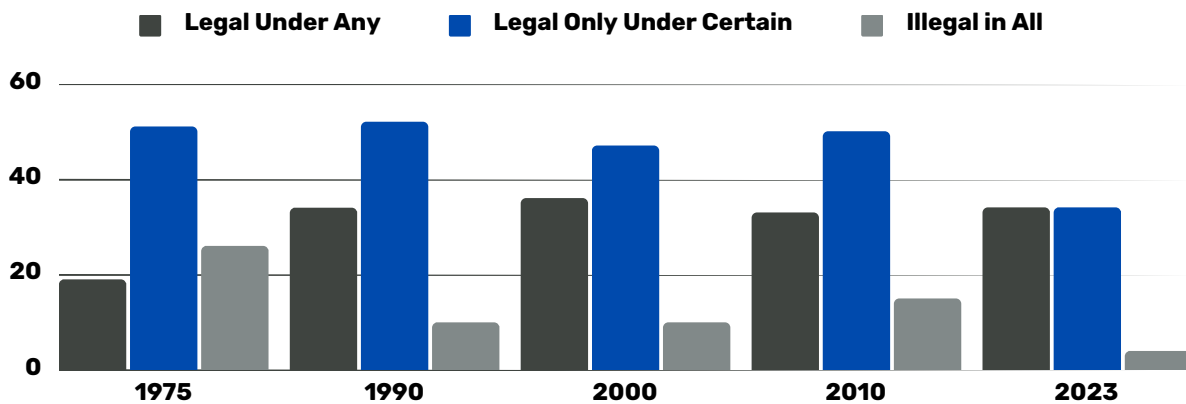
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