



THE BATTLE for LIFE in 2024

An IFA Special Report on the new landscape of protecting life in a post-Roe nation.

The overturn of Roe unleashed a state-by-state battle for life.

Do you remember where you were when you heard the news that the Supreme Court had overturned Roe v. Wade with the Dobbs decision?

Many of us do! There was great rejoicing that this national sin of legal abortion was unclenched from our country! However, this also meant that instead of fighting one national battle on abortion, there would now be 50 active battles for life breaking out in full force across the nation. States lined up. Many “trigger” laws were enacted (upon the overturn of Roe, the state would be ready with instant pro-abortion legislation that would then take effect). Some states tightened their laws to protect life. Others instantly and defiantly passed unlimited abortion laws.

State legislatures and governors have now become the front lines for either protecting life or pushing abortion.

Maybe the battlefield has changed, but IFA and those who pray and act for life are still engaged. With Roe now overturned, we are praying state by state for the protection of life. Instead of just marching for life in Washington, D.C., many of you are also marching in your state capitals. In addition to writing your members of Congress with concerns over federal funding of abortion, you are also writing your state legislators about the laws that can protect the pre-born.

How can we be most effective in this changing landscape to uphold life?

News. Prayer. Action.

Truthful news: Understanding the laws in your state is important. Learning about proposed new legislation and potential legal challenges help guide your next steps.

Regular Prayer: On your own and with others, strategic and specific prayer acknowledges that the battle for life is not merely legislative but spiritual as well.

Action: Pro-life values lead us to look for ways to speak out and participate as a citizen to protect the life of the pre-born and push back on the death agenda of abortion.

IFA offers several guides and action opportunities in addition to full coverage of life battles in states. Visit IFApray.org.

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Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

-Proverbs 24:11

“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

-Matthew 18:18

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

-Psalm 127:3

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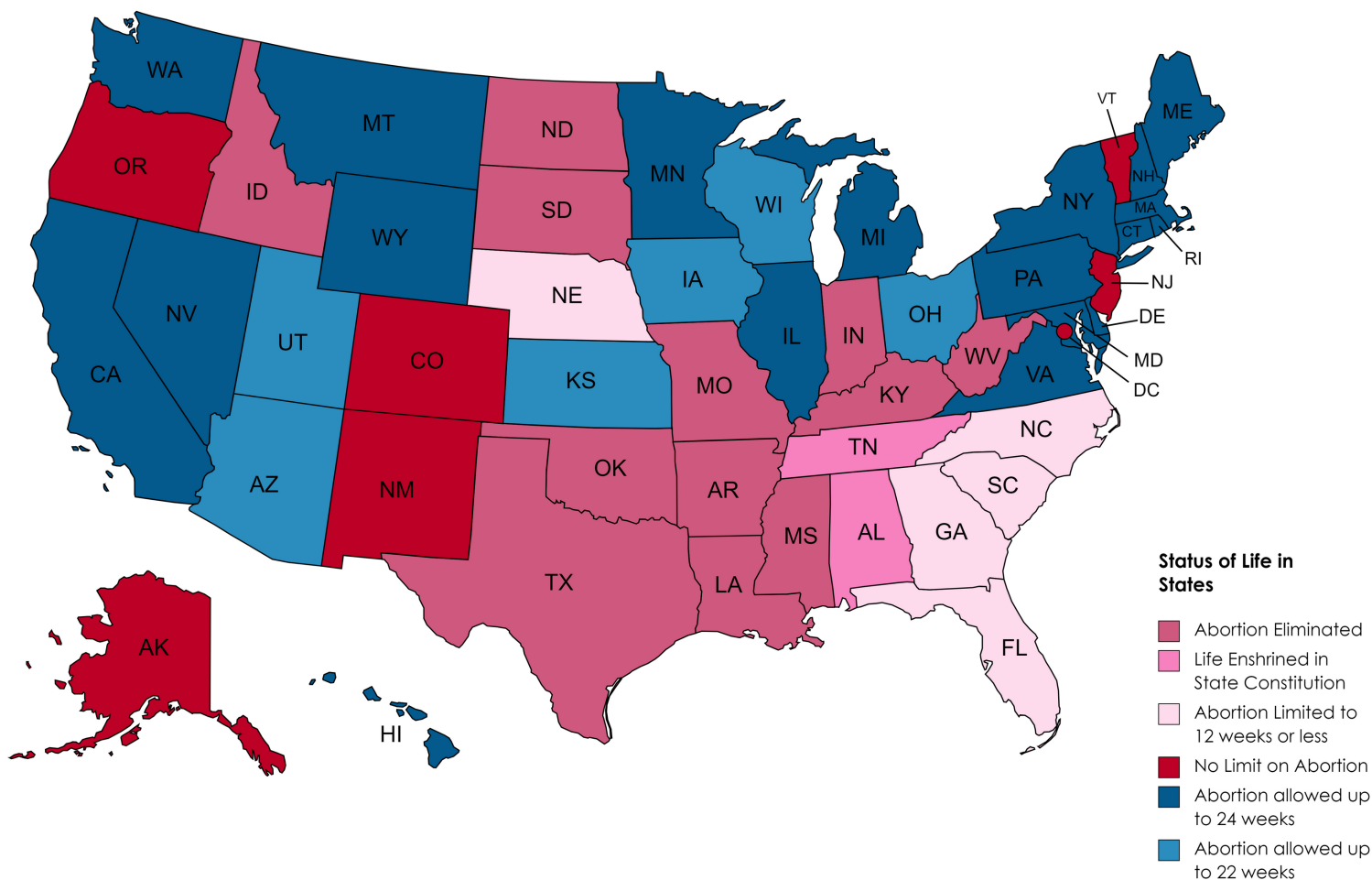
Looking at Life State by State

States across the nation have responded to the overturn of Roe v. Wade by either embracing and protecting life, or enshrining abortion in their laws. Some states have even enshrined either life or abortion in their state constitutions.

The map below shows where states have chosen to stand on the protection of life. It is merely a snapshot at the beginning of 2024. These battle lines are even shifting, with states that hold protections for life being targeted relentlessly by pro-abortion groups. There are states that have referendums on the ballot in 2024.

No state is without a battle.

This is why your ongoing prayer for your state's position on life is critical. **Even if you live in a state that has constitutionally protected life (Tennessee and Alabama), you can bet that pro-abortion activists and their legal teams are looking for ways to dismantle those protections.** In fact, there is a group, Liberate Abortion, that has formed as a coalition of 150 pro-abortion organizations with combined efforts to defeat protections of life.

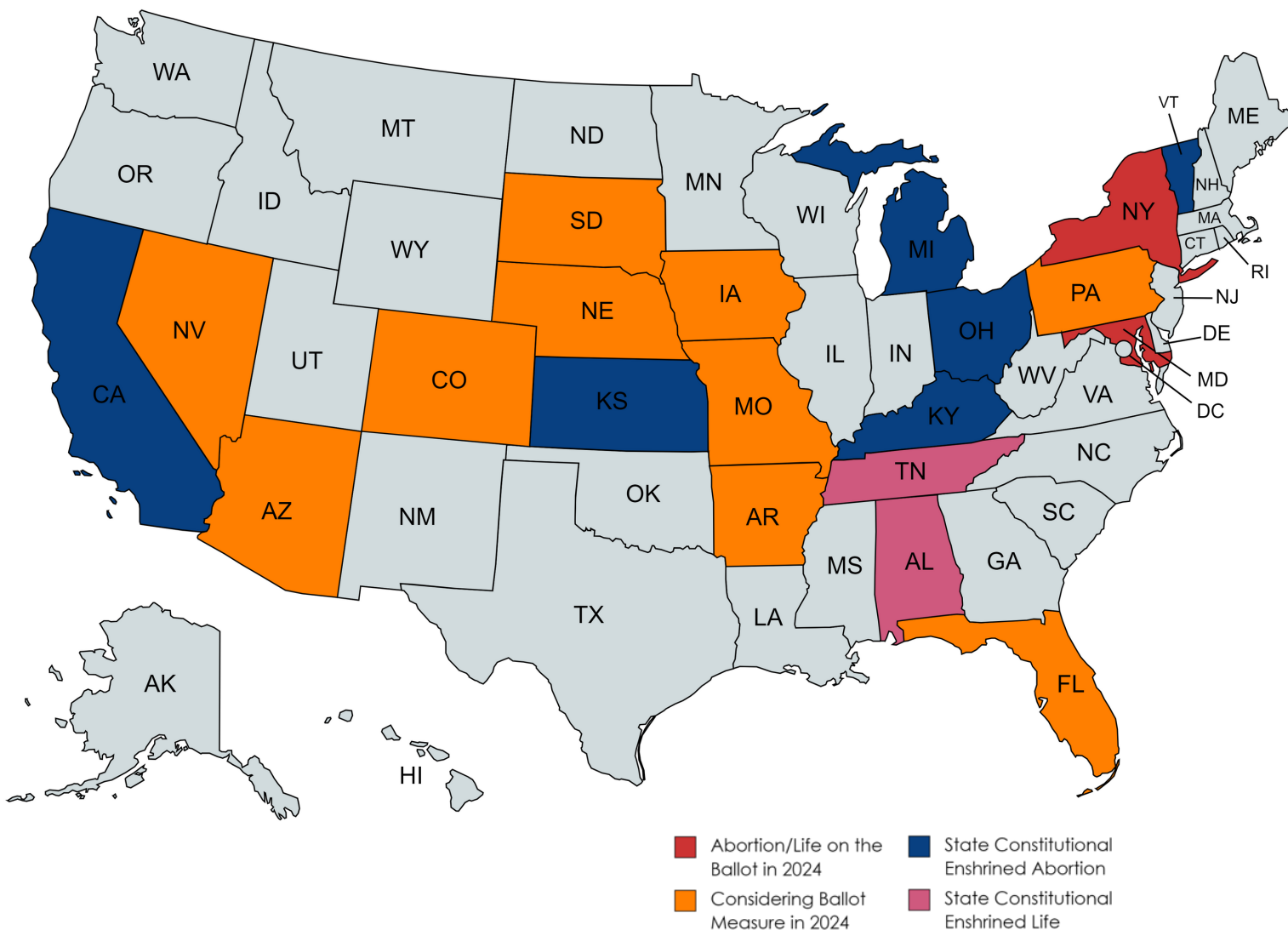


Stats procured from the following sources: <https://www.axios.com/2022/05/14/abortion-state-laws-bans-roe-supreme-court> and <https://aui.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-AUL-Annual-State-Policy-Report.pdf>

Find your state and pray for it and neighboring states. A new challenge in this shifting legal landscape is abortion “trafficking.” Women from states who have more protections for life travel to other states with more liberal laws to obtain abortions. These pro-abortion states are hostile to life, and have become destinations for the killing of the pre-born. Border towns in those states are potential havens for abortion clinics and providers.

Nearly a dozen state measures on life will be on ballots in 2024 elections.

The protection of life will certainly be an election issue for presidential, congressional, and senatorial candidates. The issue will also be decided by legislators and voters in at least 12 states this year. These campaigns will be spirited and could even overturn a state's current position on protecting life or allowing unfettered abortion. In Ohio, a disappointing vote to enshrine abortion as a constitutional right may have been the result of confusion in the pro-life community. Many were unsure whether supporting Ohio Issue 1 was the optimal pro-life stance, or if defeating it was the better decision to protect life. Unclear language in the amendment confused and misled voters. Some fear a breakdown in the otherwise galvanized pro-life community. This is a critical prayer point in a year with measures up for a vote in nearly 12 states in 2024. See those states in the map below.



Source: Catholic News Agency

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

Psalm 139:14

Prayer for those advocating for life

Each state has a different set of organizations engaged in the fight for life—many of which work together toward crafting legislation to protect the unborn. State legislators work with these organizations as resources to help research, formulate policy, help write legislation and provide public support for pro-life legislation in progress. There are several routes that states take to pursue the protection of life: heartbeat bills, personhood bills, and health-and-safety compliance regulations — all are approaches that states have taken toward protecting life in their states.

List those organizations in your state that are standing for life. Pray for them and the work they do:

List those legislators in your state that are boldly standing for life. Pray for them, their staff, and their families:

Pray that each of these national pro-life leaders would be effective in working in states to eliminate abortion:



Carol Tobias
National Right to Life



Marjorie Dannenfelser
Pro-Life America



Ryan Bomberger
Radiance Foundation



Lila Rose
Live Action



Jeanne Mancini
March for Life

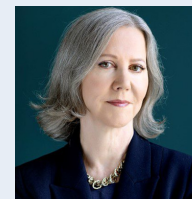


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Students for Life

Pray that each of these abortion industry leaders would recognize the evil and harm they do in promoting abortion:



Alexis McGill-Johnson
Planned Parenthood



Nancy Northup
Ctr for Reproductive Rights



Mini Timmaraju
RFA



Sharmin Hossain
Liberate Abortion