DONALD TRUMP'S RECORD ON LIFE

PROLIFE VIEWS

"The next president must follow those principles that work best and that reinforce the reverence Americans hold for life. A culture of life is too important to let slip away for convenience or political correctness."

Trump's views on abortion changed after seeing close friends experience a crisis pregnancy and keep their child:

"One of the reasons I changed— one of the primary reasons— a friend of mine's wife was pregnant, in this case married. She was pregnant and he didn't really want the baby. And he was telling me the story. He was crying as he was telling me the story. He ends up having the baby and the baby is the apple of his eye. It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to him. And you know here's a baby that wasn't going to be let into life."

ROE V. WADE AND THE SUPREME COURT

"The Supreme Court in 1973 based its decision on imagining rights and liberties in the Constitution that are nowhere to be found."

Trump released a list of judges he might consider for U.S. Supreme Court vacancies, the selections were praised by groups that believe Roe v. Wade was decided wrongly. Trump has praised the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as a model for judges:

"He was a Justice who did not believe in legislating from the bench and he is a person whom I held in the highest regard and will always greatly respect his intelligence and conviction to uphold the Constitution of our country."

LATE-TERM ABORTIONS

"I support the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and urge Congress to pass this bill. A ban on elective abortions after 20 weeks will protect unborn children. We should not be one of seven countries that allows elective abortions after 20 weeks. It goes against our core values."

TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTIONS

Trump has said that he would defund Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider: "Even if we take the court at its word, that abortion is a matter of privacy, we should then extend the argument to the logical conclusion that private funds, then, should subsidize this choice rather than the half billion dollars given to abortion providers every year by Congress. Public funding of abortion providers is an insult to people of conscience at the least and an affront to good governance at best.

