

A hand is holding a white sign with a black transgender symbol (a circle with an arrow, a cross, and a combined cross and arrow) and an equals sign (=) in the center. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

# Reproductive Rights

**ABORTION POST-DOBBS**

# Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org. (2022)

**“We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled.**

The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.”

*Justice Samuel Alito (Majority)*



# Protests Across the Nation



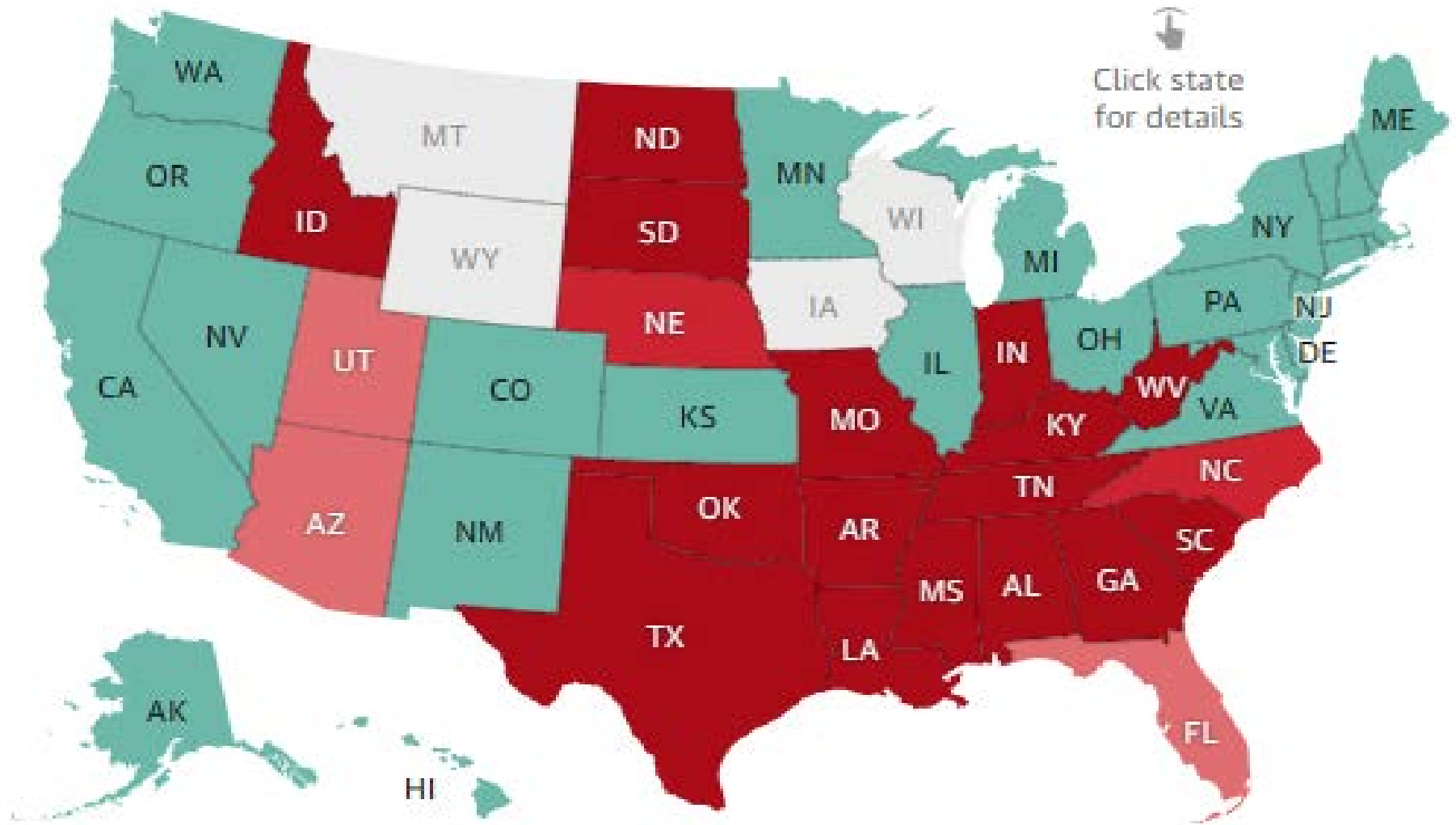


Abortion is Health Care

From Dobbs: 2022

“authority to regulate  
abortion is returned to the  
people and their elected  
representatives.”

- Banned at conception or after 6 weeks
- Banned after 12-13 weeks
- Banned after 15-18 weeks
- Legal
- In flux



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# The Implications of Overturning Roe v. Wade

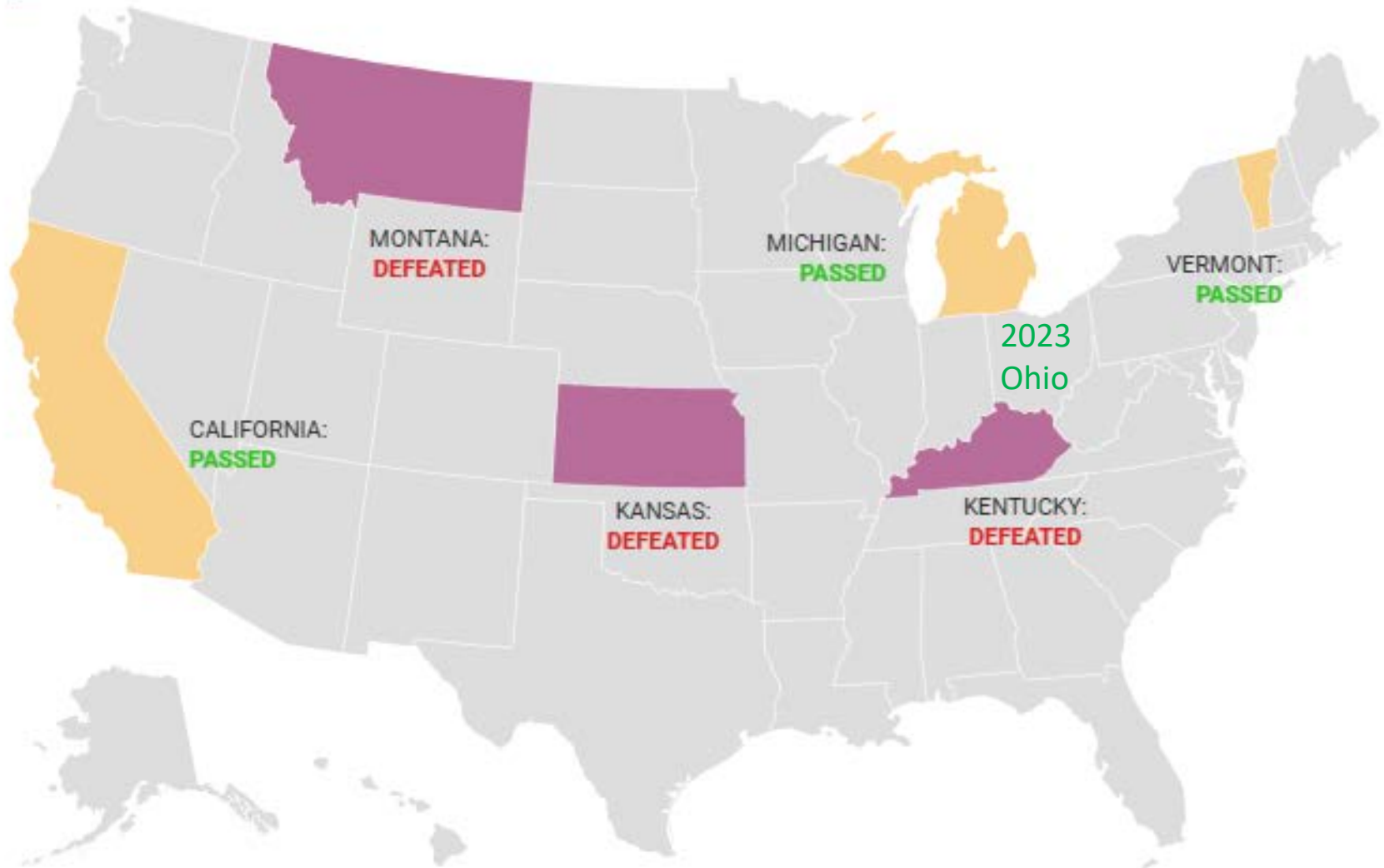
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- **Medication Abortions:** Demand for abortion pills is surging, [setting the stage for new legal battles](#). For now, it is [still legal in most states to receive abortion medication by mail](#) and pharmacies [risk violating federal civil rights law](#) if they refuse to fill a prescription for abortion pills.
- **Plan B:** In the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling, many women are [stocking up on so-called morning-after pills](#). Here's [how these differ from abortion pills](#).
- **I.V.F.:** Legal experts say the end of Roe [could make it easier to place restrictions](#) on genetic testing, storage and disposal of the embryos created outside the womb.
- **Contraceptive Pills:** The Food and Drug Administration's [first application for a birth control pill that would not require a prescription](#) has taken on new meaning after the Supreme Court decision.
- **'Self-Managing' Abortions:** In states that have banned abortion, some women are pursuing an unconventional workaround: They are seeking out the [necessary know-how online and obtaining the medications without the supervision of a clinic or a doctor](#).

# States where abortion is on the ballot this year

Select each state for details.

- Measures supported by abortion rights **ADVOCATES**
- Measures supported by abortion rights **OPPONENTS**



NOTE: Kansas vote happened in August.



# Real Tragedies

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## 'Never-Ending Nightmare.' An Ohio Woman Was Forced to Travel Out of State for an Abortion

But a joint fact-finding mission conducted from May to November last year by four medical NGOs charges that Louisiana's abortion ban has led to practices that "degrade long-standing medical ethical standards, and, worst of all, deny basic human rights to Louisianans seeking reproductive health care in their state."

In one case, a woman was denied a prenatal appointment until she had passed the first trimester of her pregnancy. She ended up having a miscarriage before she was able to receive an appointment, she told the report's investigators.

## Reporters Confirm Story Of 10-Year-Old Forced To Travel Out-Of-State For Abortion

Police say Gershon Fuentes confessed to raping the child, who traveled from Ohio to Indiana to get an abortion.

## National Right to Life official: 10-year-old should have had baby

## Kate Cox case: what led to the Texan fleeing the state for an abortion?

Texas mother sued to obtain procedure after learning of non-viable pregnancy, but state supreme court overruled decision



## Arizona senator is first state lawmaker to speak about fight to get an abortion

Eva Burch, a Democrat, gave 10-minute speech on floor of state senate on Monday about state's 'coercive' maze of restrictions



Arizona state senator Eva Burch at her office in Phoenix on 19 March 2024. Photograph: Ross D. Franklin/AP

# Real Tragedies

**64,000 Pregnancies Caused by Rape Have Occurred in States with a Total Abortion Ban, New Study Estimates**

**One year after Dobbs decision, families describe terror, trauma and putting 'pain to purpose'**

**In a post-Dobbs world, pathologists who study pregnancy loss walk a thin line between medicine and the law**


**A Grim New Reality — Intimate-Partner Violence after Dobbs and Bruen**

**DNA Tests Are Uncovering the True Prevalence of Incest**

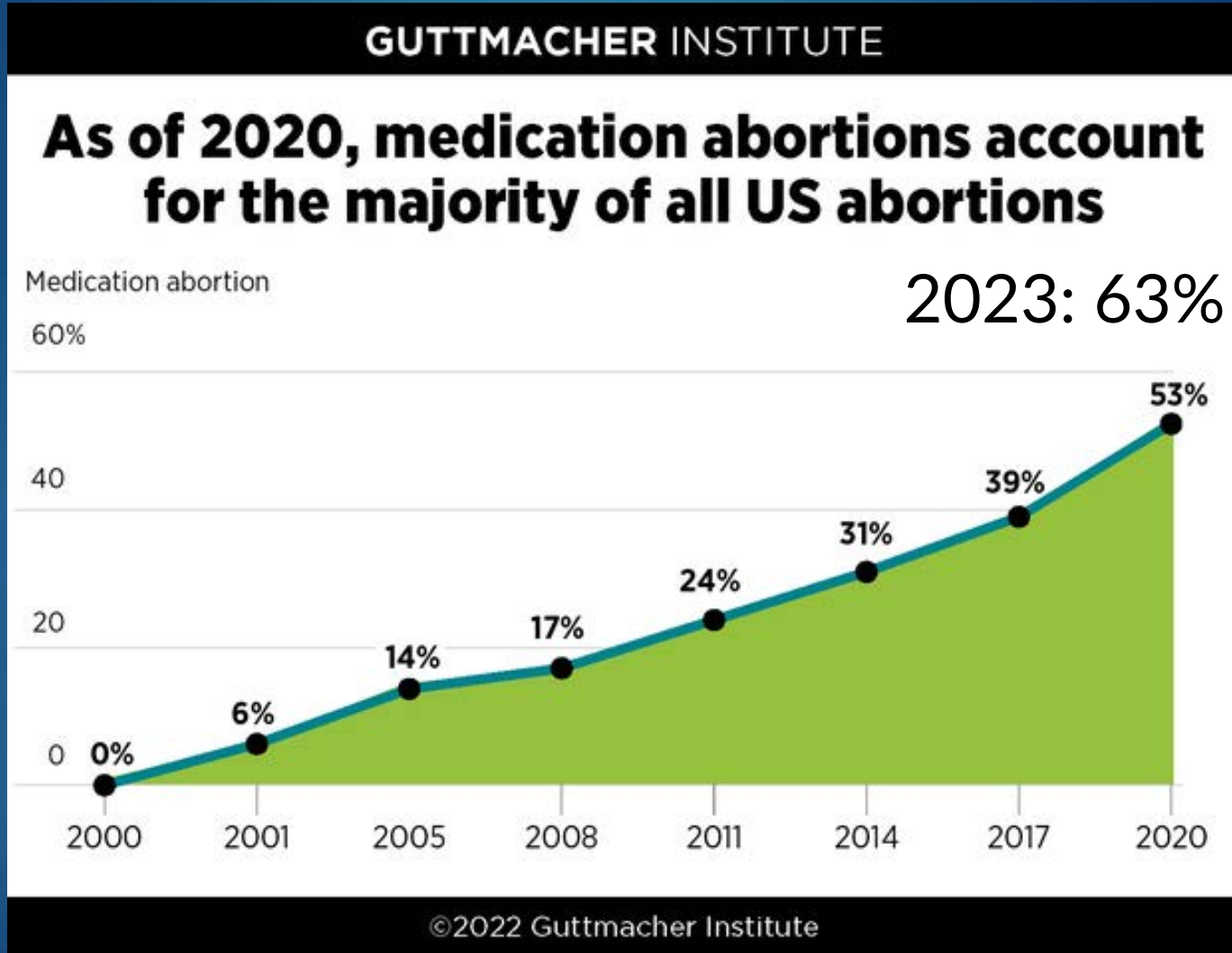


# *Woman Who Was Charged With Murder After Abortion Sues Texas Prosecutor*

Lizelle Gonzalez was arrested after using an abortion pill in 2022, and her charge was since dropped. Now she is seeking \$1 million in damages.



# Medication Abortions



Source: Guttmacher Institute




# U.S. Abortion Rates Rose After Dobbs Decision, Led by Medication Abortions

## Key Takeaways

- The number of U.S. abortions has risen since the 2022 Dobbs decision, to levels not seen since 2011
- Medication abortions account for nearly two-thirds of abortions
- States without total abortion bans saw an average 25% rise in abortions, a new report found

In 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration lifted some restrictions on access to mifepristone, allowing it to be mailed directly to patients rather than having it only be dispensed in-person.

Source: Guttmacher Institute



## ***Alabama Says Embryos in a Lab Are Children. What Are the Implications?***

A ruling by the state's Supreme Court could change common practices at fertility clinics in the state and possibly nationwide.

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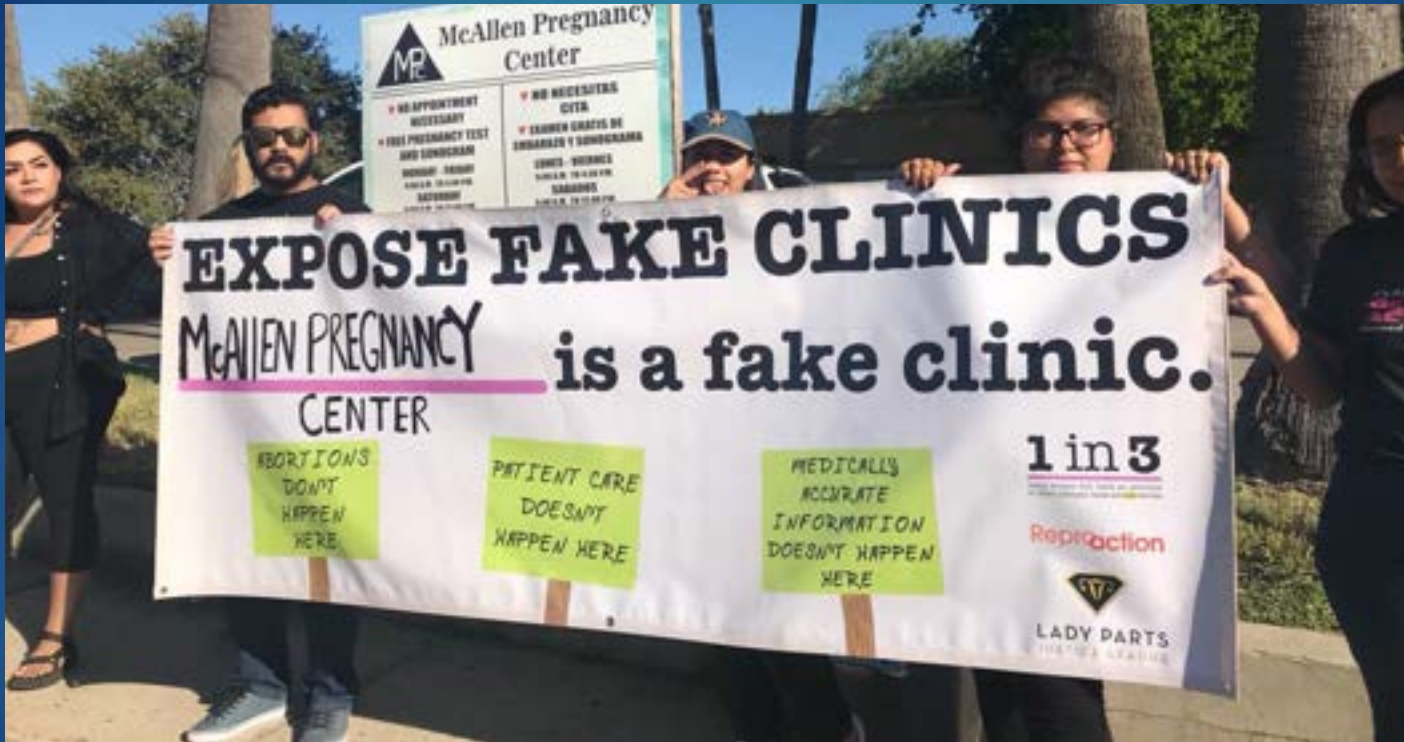
Embryos, to me,  
are babies," Nikki Haley

# AMA Resolutions

“The AMA is steadfastly opposed to governmental interference in the practice of medicine, especially for well-established, medically necessary treatments. The fact that medically necessary treatment can be criminalized speaks volumes about these misguided abortion laws”

- ▶ **Opposing criminalization for pregnancy loss resulting from medically necessary care**
- ▶ **Clarifies ethical guidance regarding life-saving procedures**
- ▶ **Expanding support for access to abortion care**
- ▶ **Preserving access to abortion training for physicians-in-training**

# Fake Clinics



Fake abortion clinics now outnumber real ones 3 to 1



What's  
Next?





## GOP House: Life at Conception Act

This bill declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being.

# National Abortion Bans



Trump suggests 15-week abortion ban is "very reasonable"

# Florida six-week abortion ban will soon become law, but voters will consider a constitutional amendment this fall



By [Carlos Suarez](#), [Denise Royal](#) and [Jack Forrest](#), CNN

🕒 7 minute read · Updated 11:01 AM EDT, Tue April 2, 2024

Six weeks of gestation is just two weeks after a pregnant woman misses her first period, **before most women know they are pregnant.**

Florida also still requires two in-person visits at least 24 hours apart before someone can get an abortion.



# Supreme Court: *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*



Could block mail-order access to mifepristone, impose restrictions

even in states where abortion remains legal

**BAD  
LAWS.**

# Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk



- ▶ **Texas v. Biden**  
Ordered Biden Administration to reinstate Trump's harsh asylum laws
- ▶ **Deanda v. Becerra**  
Targets Title X to require teens to get parental permission for contraceptives
- ▶ **Neese v. Becerra**  
Allows anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination by health providers

Claims gay people are “disordered”, transgender is a “mental disorder” and denounced the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

95% of civil cases filed in Amarillo, Texas's federal courthouse are automatically assigned to Kacsmaryk

# 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court (of Choice)

17 Full time judges – 12 appointed by Republicans, 6 by Trump

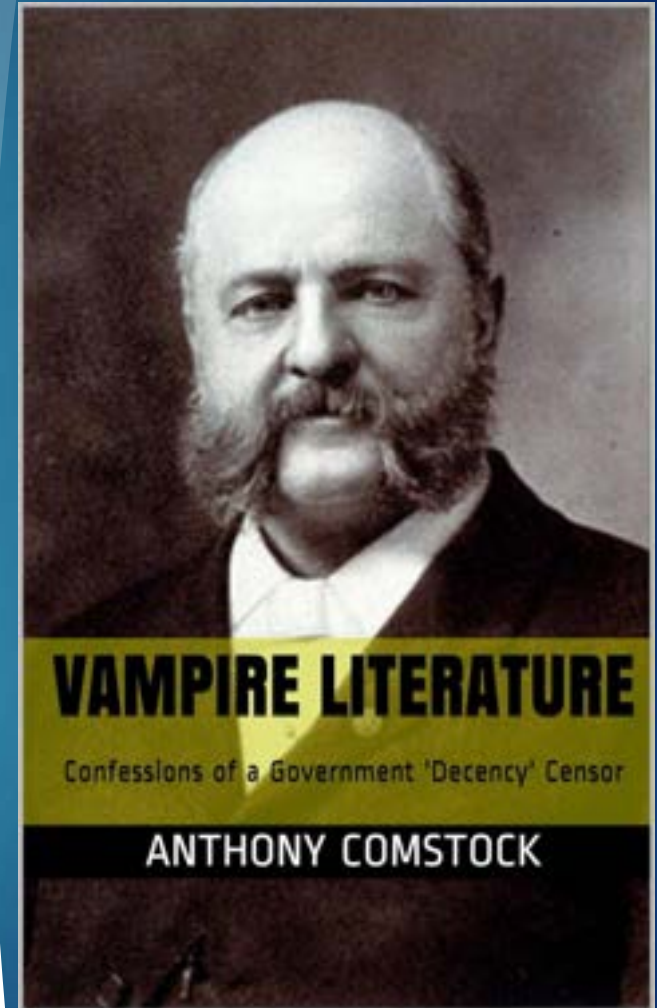
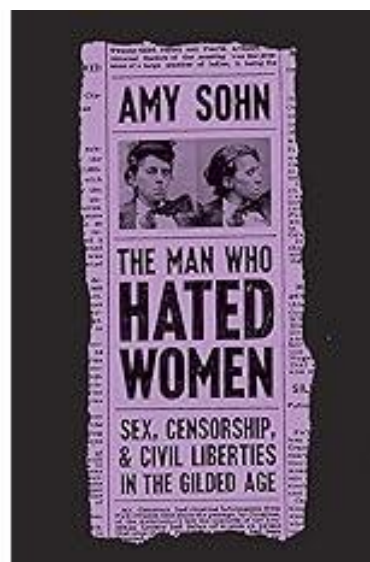
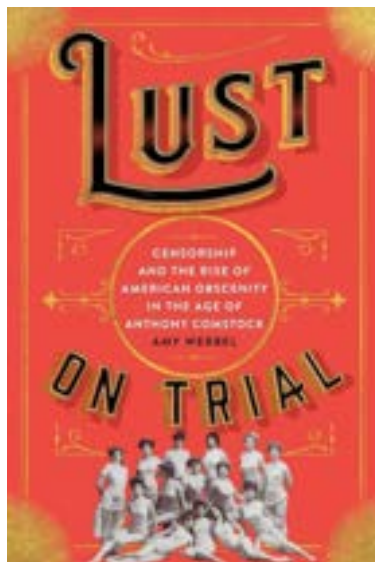
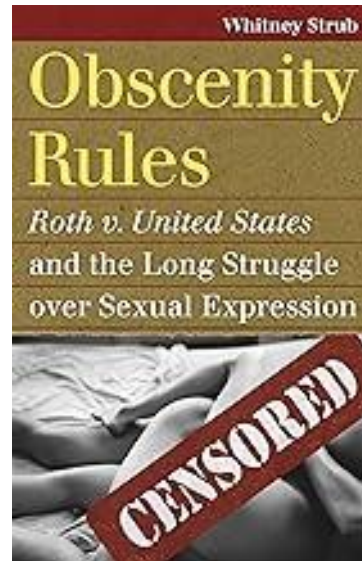
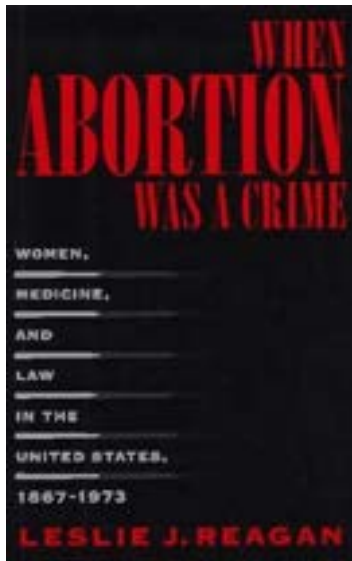
Covers Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi

- ▶ Immigration: Texas enforcing border law
- ▶ Social Media: misinformation about COVID-19 protected by free speech
- ▶ Title X: Texas can require minors get parental consent for birth control
- ▶ Guns: Struck down ban for guns for those convicted of domestic violence
- ▶ Others: health care, energy policy, and more

# Legal Argument to SC: Comstock Law

- ▶ Comstock Act was first passed in 1873 as an obscenity law.
- ▶ Pro-Life lawyers you can't mail abortion pills: Comstock Act
- ▶ There is no abortion, surgical, medical or otherwise in the United States that takes place without an item placed in the mail.





# Burwell v. Hobby Lobby (2014)

Defined IUD's and  
emergency  
contraceptive pills as  
**“abortifacients”**

# Ectopic Pregnancies



About 1 in every 50 pregnancies in the United States is ectopic. The condition is the leading cause of death in pregnant women in the first trimester.

Anti-Abortionists propose legislation to “re-implant” ectopic pregnancies and ban life-saving abortions.

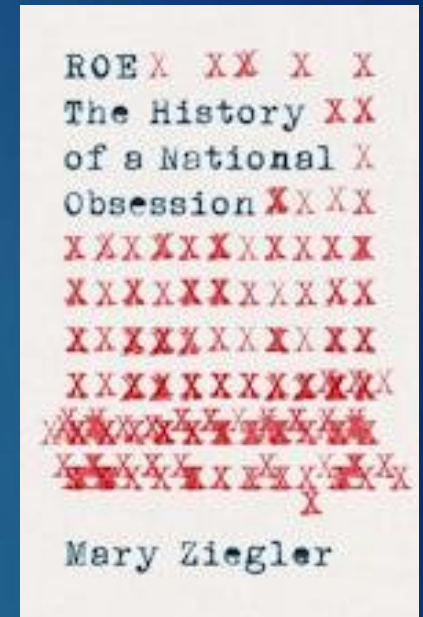
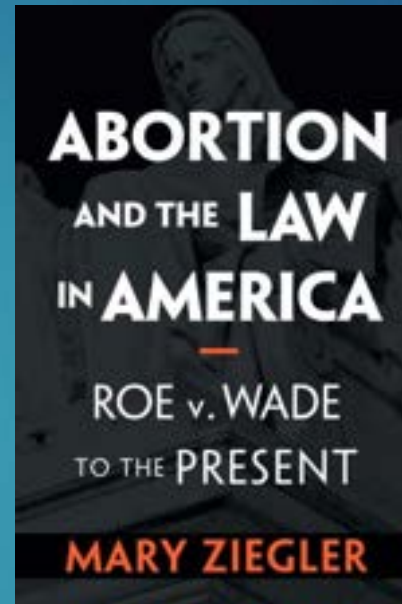
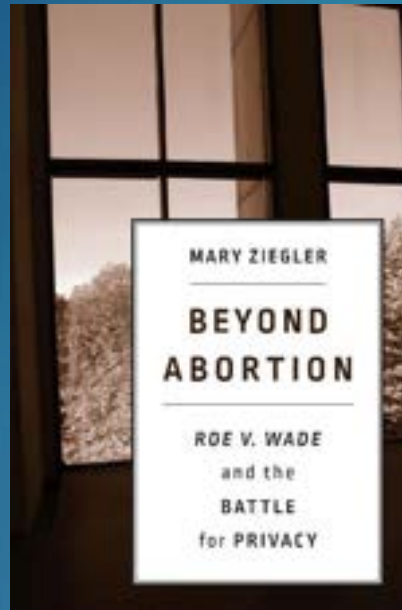
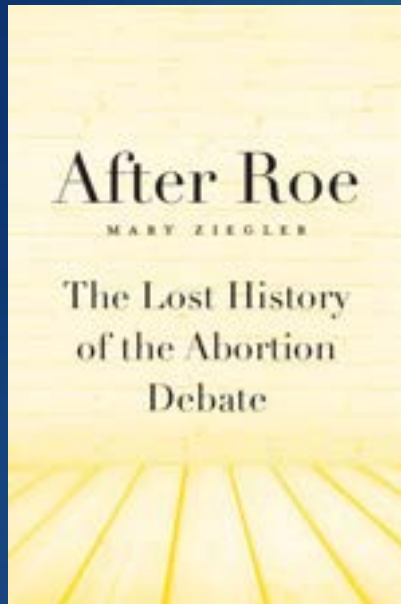
# EPA Ban?

## Abortion Pills as Forever Chemicals

A coalition of pro-family leaders including National Right to Life, Family Research Council, Eagle Forum, Catholic Vote, and Live Action, signed onto a letter drafted by *Students for Life Action* and Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

Calling on Congress to demand that the EPA ban the “forever chemicals” in the first of the two drugs used to cause an abortion with pills.


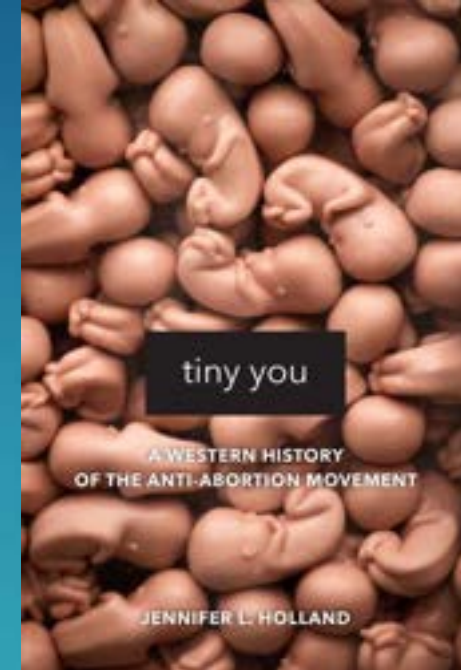
# Books by Mary Ziegler





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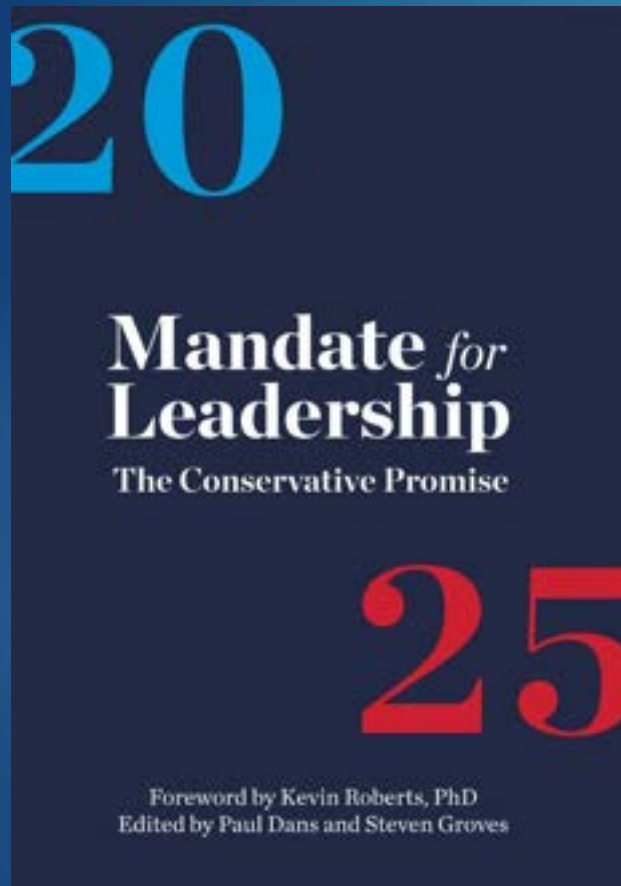


**Who's Behind This?**

# CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM



# Project 2025



- Educational Control – Charter Schools, 1776 Curriculum,
- No Fault Divorce
- Child Labor
- LBGTQ+ Rights
- Ban on Pride Flags
- Book Banning
- Immigration
- Diversity

**Child labor violations are up 69%.**

**New State Laws Are Rolling Back Regulations On Child Labor**

**The right's move against no-fault divorce is an attack on women**

**Conservatives are changing K-12 education, and one Christian college is at the center**

Republican officials are turning to Hillsdale College in Michigan for teacher training, textbook reviews and a curriculum that celebrates American patriotism.



# Project 2025



Health and Human Services Department must be dedicated to serving, quote, “all Americans from conception to natural death.” It goes on to say that goal number one is protecting life, and the secretary should pursue a robust agenda to protect the fundamental right to life.

Abortion pills “pose the single greatest threat to unborn children in a post-Roe world.”

It says the F.D.A. should therefore reverse its approval of abortion drugs.

# Project 2025 Reaches 100 Coalition Partners

- ▶ The Heritage Project
- ▶ New Apostolic Reformation
- ▶ Hillsdale College
- ▶ Dr. Dobson Family Institute
- ▶ Turning Point USA
- ▶ Liberty University
- ▶ Claremont Institute
- ▶ Society for American Civic Renewal

# Thomas on *What's Next*



Justice Clarence Thomas  
Dobbs Concurrence

“In future cases, we should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents, including

- ▶ *Griswold v. Connecticut*
- ▶ *Lawrence v. Texas*
- ▶ *Obergefell v. Hodges*

# Jack Posobiec

*“Welcome to the end of democracy, we're here to overthrow it completely. We didn't get all the way there on January 6th, but we will endeavor to fight to get rid of it and replace it with this right here [holds up what appears to be a cross on a chain]. ...*

*Because all glory is not to government  
all glory to God.”*



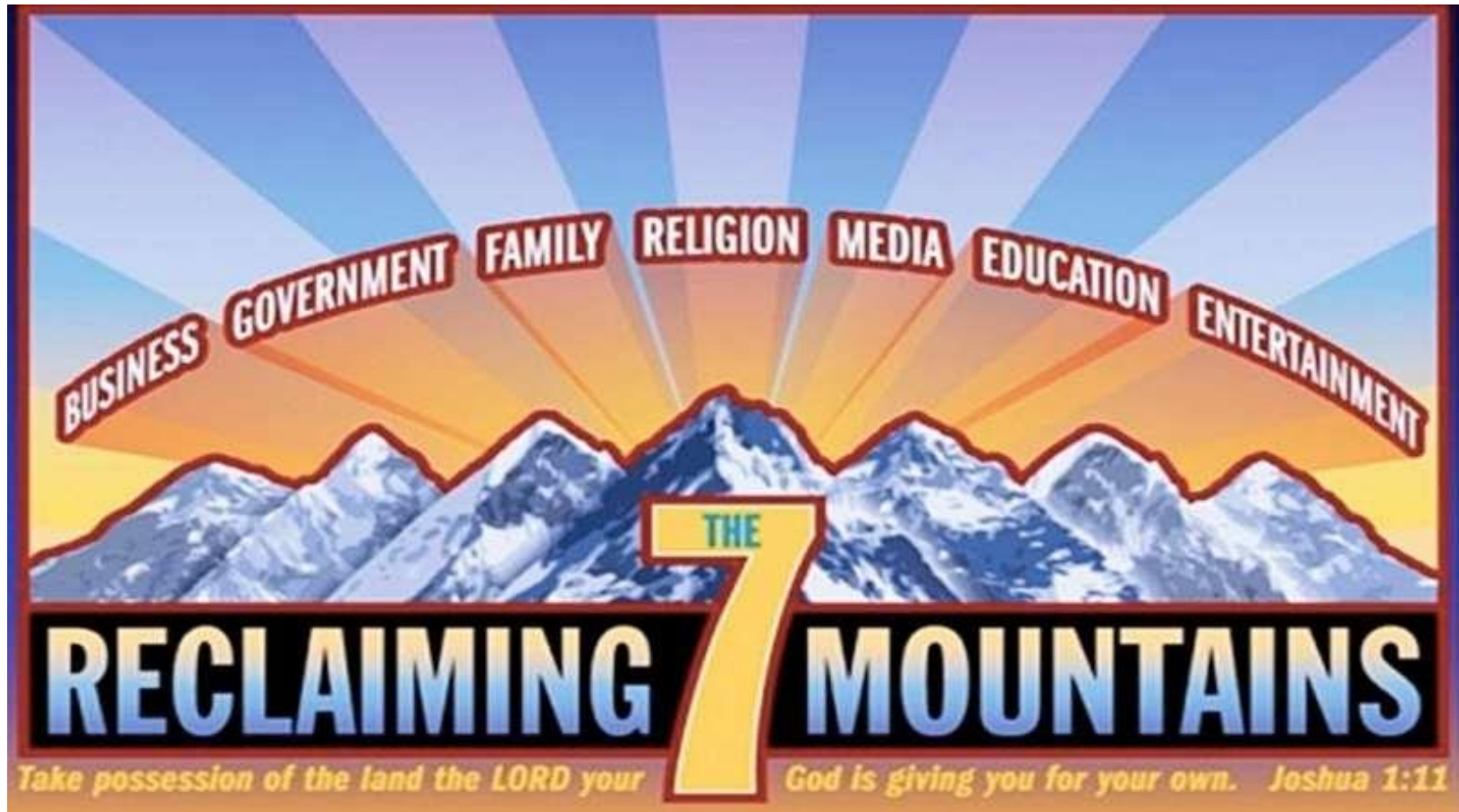
# More than half of Republicans support Christian nationalism, according to a new survey

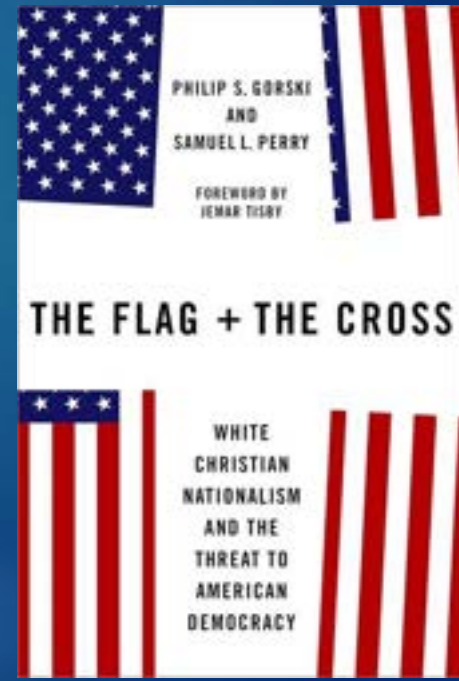
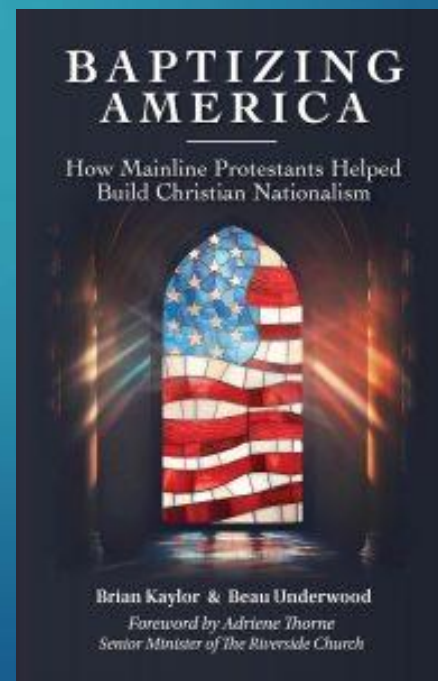
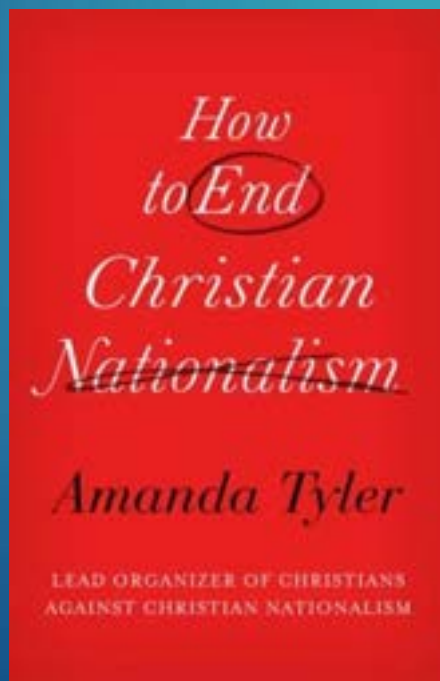
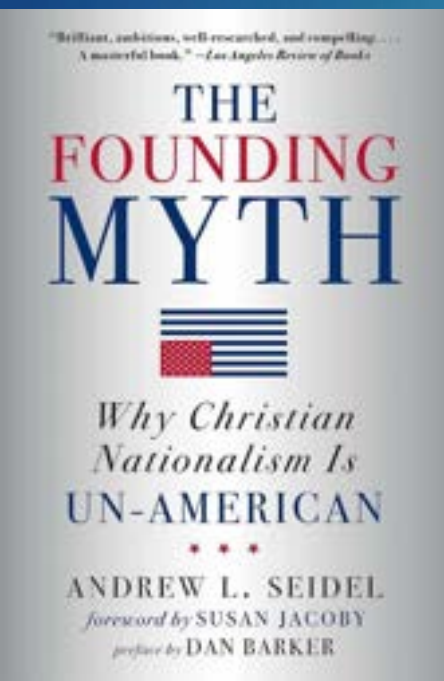
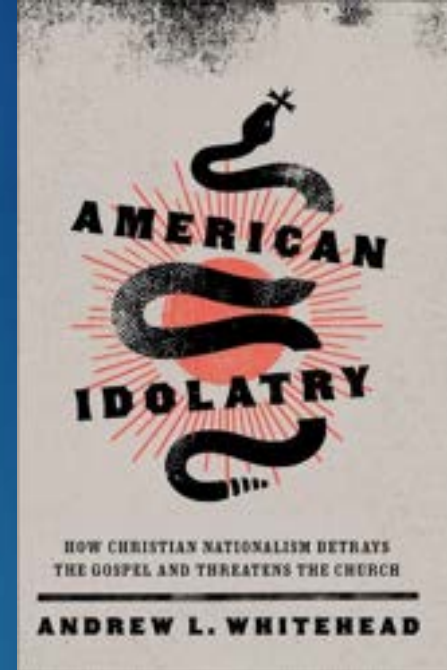
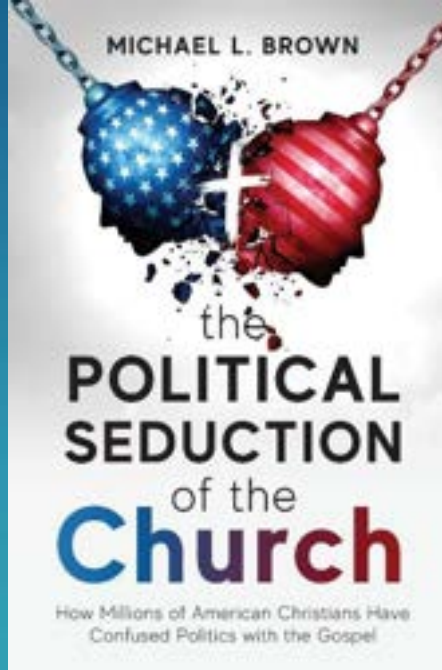
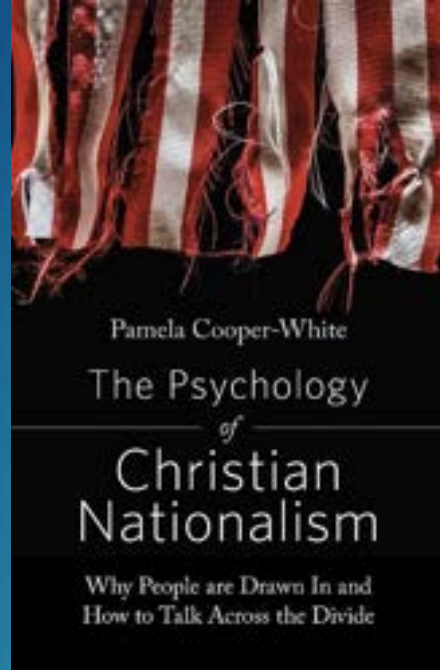
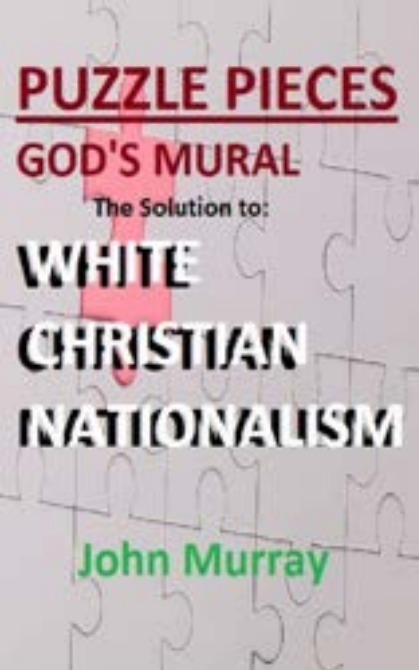


**Christian Nationalists Are Excited About What Comes Next**



# Seven Mountain Mandate





# March Election Voter Turnout by Age



Registered Voters under  
50-years-old cast  
only 28% of all ballots in California



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