

NVSEN – ADAM LAXALT

HIGHLIGHTS

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- CNN: Adam Laxalt was recorded on audio saying “Roe v. Wade was always a joke. It was a total, complete invention” at a breakfast with Reno faith leaders in June, 2022.
- Adam Laxalt issued a statement after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, saying it was “a historic victory for the sanctity of life and the principles of democratic self-determination.”

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- Adam Laxalt said he would support a referendum creating a 13-week abortion ban in Nevada, overturning state law permitting abortion up to 24 weeks.
 - In 1990, Nevada voters approved a referendum by nearly a 2-to-1 margin protecting abortion rights in Nevada up to 24 weeks. The law could not be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people.
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- Laxalt repeatedly declined to oppose Sen. Lindsey Graham’s bill to ban abortion, instead claiming abortion law was “settled” in Nevada.
 - Laxalt campaign on Graham ban: “This proposal has no chance to pass Congress and receive President Biden’s signature. The law in Nevada was settled by voters decades ago and isn’t going to change.”
 - Editorial, [Las Vegas Sun](#): Laxalt refused to say how he would vote on the Graham bill, but called Roe v. Wade a “joke” and supports a strict, state-level abortion ban.
 - [Washington Post](#): Laxalt’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment on Graham’s abortion ban.
 - Jennifer Rubin, [Washington Post](#): Laxalt passed up the chance to oppose Graham’s abortion ban, and claimed Nevada law was settled even though a national ban would supersede state law.
- Laxalt said he was “honored” to be endorsed by the National Right To Life, which backed Graham’s abortion ban.
 - National Right To Life praised Laxalt for being a “leader” in fighting for the unborn and said he would “respect the dignity of life at all stages.”
- Adam Laxalt called himself “unapologetically pro-life” and pledged to “stand for the rights of the unborn” in the U.S. Senate.

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- **Adam Laxalt: "And Roe V. Wade Was Always A Joke. It Was A Total Complete Invention."** LAXALT: "I know you guys don't live and breathe politics. But certainly Melissa knows since the first day she's known me, one on life issues, but on Roe in general. You know I'm a constitutional conservative lawyer. And Roe v. Wade was always a joke. It was a total complete invention. Even at my far left law school, I went to Georgetown Law School. These liberal professors would defend Roe v. Wade, you know. All they had by then was, well it just been around a long time so we can't get rid of it." [Nevada Independent, [6/30/22](#)] 00:58
- **HEADLINE: "Laxalt Calls 1973 Roe V. Wade Decision 'A Joke,' Bemoans Nevada's Abortion Protections"** [Nevada Independent, [6/30/22](#)]

Laxalt Said The Supreme Court's Decision Overturning Roe V. Wade Was A "Historic Victory For The Sanctity Of Life And The Principles Of Democratic Self-Determination." "This is a historic victory for the sanctity of life and the principles of democratic self-determination. The Supreme Court has never had the expertise nor the authority to unilaterally legislate on abortion. After more than 50 years, that responsibility is poised to finally return to its rightful owners: the American people and their elected representatives. The people of Nevada have already voted to make abortion rights legal in our state and the Court's decision on Roe doesn't change settled law and it won't distract voters from unaffordable prices, rising crime or the border crisis"



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My statement regarding the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade:

Laxalt Statement on Supreme Court Ruling

LAS VEGAS, NV - Today, Nevada Republican U.S. Senate candidate Adam Laxalt issued the following statement this morning regarding the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*:

"This is a historic victory for the sanctity of life and the principles of democratic self-determination. The Supreme Court has never had the expertise nor the authority to unilaterally legislate on abortion. After more than 50 years, that responsibility is poised to finally return to its rightful owners: the American people and their elected representatives. The people of Nevada have already voted to make abortion rights legal in our state and the Court's decision on Roe doesn't change settled law and it won't distract voters from unaffordable prices, rising crime or the border crisis."

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[Twitter, @AdamLaxalt, [6/24/22](#)]

- **Laxalt Said The American People And Their Elected Officials Were The “Rightful Owners” Of The Ability To Legislate On Abortion.** “This is a historic victory for the sanctity of life and the principles of democratic self-determination. The Supreme Court has never had the expertise nor the authority to unilaterally legislate on abortion. After more than 50 years, that responsibility is poised to finally return to its rightful owners: the American people and their elected representatives. The people of Nevada have already voted to make abortion rights legal in our state and the Court’s decision on Roe doesn’t change settled law and it won’t distract voters from unaffordable prices, rising crime or the border crisis” [Twitter, @AdamLaxalt, [6/24/22](#)]

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ADAM LAXALT SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT A REFERENDUM CREATING A 13-WEEK ABORTION BAN IN NEVADA, OVERTURNING STATE LAW PERMITTING ABORTION UP TO 24 WEEKS

May 2022: Laxalt Said He Would Support Seeking Approval For A 13-Week Abortion Ban From Nevada Voters. “This data and the need for voter approval gives Republican candidates, especially for governor, an obvious path forward. Propose sending voters a 13-week abortion ban with exceptions for physical health, rape and incest. The Legislature could pass and the governor could sign a 13-week ban that goes into effect only if voters support it. When asked, Laxalt and Lombardo said they would support this. gubernatorial candidates Dean Heller and John Lee said they would as well.” [Victor Joecks, Column, Las Vegas Review-Journal, [5/14/22](#)]

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1990: NEVADA VOTERS APPROVED A REFERENDM BY NEARLY A 2-TO-1 MARGIN PROTECTING ABORTION RIGHTS IN NEVADA UP TO 24 WEEKS

THE REFERENDUM COULD NOT BE REPEALED OR AMENDED EXCEPT BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

Question 7 Was A Referendum Stating That Nevada’s Existing Statute Allowing Abortions To Be Performed Within 24 Weeks Of Pregnancy Could Not Be Amended Or Repealed Except By A Direct Vote Of The People. “If this proposal is approved, NRS 442.250, the existing Nevada statute regulating abortion, will remain in effect and cannot be amended, repealed or otherwise changed, except by a direct vote of the people. If this proposal is disapproved, the existing statute will be void and of no effect, and the Legislature will then have to decide what, if any, law will replace it. The existing statute permits a woman to have an abortion performed by a physician within 24 weeks after the commencement of the pregnancy. A. physician may perform an abortion after 24 weeks only to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman.” [Nevada Ballot Questions, Office of Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa, [1990](#)]

1990: Question 7 Was Approved By Nevada Voters By A Vote Of 200,645 To 115,495, Or 63.4% To 36.5%.

QUESTION NO. 7

Referendum for Approval or Disapproval of a Statute

CONDENSATION (ballot question)

Shall the statute NRS 442.250, “Conditions under which abortion permitted,” be approved?

Yes 200,645
 No 115,495

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HEADLINE: "GOP Senate Candidate Adam Laxalt Says It's 'Sad' Nevada Protections Abortion Rights" [HuffPost, [7/1/22](#)]

Laxalt: "We're Not A Pro-Life State. You Know, We All Have To Be Honest About That. It's Sad, It Doesn't Make Me Happy [...] But, We Are Not A Pro-Life State And We Got Work To Do On That." LAXALT: And then, I will say, we went a step further. And a lot of Republicans kinda hide out. We're not a pro-life state. You know, we all have to be honest about that. It's sad, it doesn't make me happy. That last vote was 2/3rd, 1/3rd. You know, and of course it depends on how you write those questions maybe it's a little closer. But, we are not a pro-life state and we got work to do on that." [Nevada Independent, [6/30/22](#)] 02:00

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LAXALT REPEATEDLY DECLINED TO OPPOSE SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM'S BILL TO BAN ABORTION, INSTEAD CLAIMING ABORTION LAW WAS "SETTLED" IN NEVADA

LAXALT CAMPAIGN ON GRAHAM BAN: "THIS PROPOSAL HAS NO CHANCE TO PASS CONGRESS [...] THIS LAW IN NEVADA WAS SETTLED BY VOTERS DECADES AGO AND ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE"

Laxalt Campaign Statement On Graham Abortion Ban: "This Proposal Has No Chance To Pass Congress And Receive President Biden's Signature. The Law In Nevada Was Settled By Voters Decades Ago And Isn't Going To Change." "Nevada Democratic Sen. Cortez Masto is a 'no.' 'I will block any efforts in the Senate to advance a nationwide abortion ban — full stop,' she wrote in tweet. Nevada law allows abortion up to 24 weeks or if mother's health is at risk. Awaiting response from Laxalt campaign. [...] Spokesperson for Adam Laxalt's campaign says Republican candidate for Senate would support 13-week abortion ban. 'This proposal has no chance to pass Congress and receive President Biden's signature. The law in Nevada was settled by voters decades ago and isn't going to change.'"



[Twitter, @davidcharns, [9/13/22](#)]

EDITORIAL, LAS VEGAS SUN: LAXALT REFUSED TO SAY HOW HE WOULD VOTE ON THE GRAHAM BILL, BUT CALLED ROE V. WADE A "JOKE" AND SUPPORTS A STRICT, IN-STATE BAN

Editorial, Las Vegas Sun: Laxalt Has Refused To Answer “Numerous” Questions About How He Would Vote On A Federal Abortion Ban In The Senate, But Is “Flatly Against Women’s Right To Control Their Bodies.” “Here in Nevada, Republican Senate candidate Adam Laxalt has refused to answer numerous direct questions about how he would vote if a federal abortion ban were to come before the Senate. But he did call the original decision in Roe v. Wade “a joke” and has clearly stated that he would support a strict statewide 13-week ban. In plain language, Laxalt is flatly against women’s right to control their bodies.” [Editorial, Las Vegas Sun, [9/15/22](#)]

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WASHINGTON POST: LAXALT’S CAMPAIGN DID NOT RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON GRAHAM’S ABORTION BAN

The Washington Post: Laxalt’s Campaign Did Not Respond To A Request For Comment On Lindsey Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation. “In Nevada, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D) claimed again that her opponent, former state attorney general Adam Laxalt, would back a federal abortion ban; Laxalt denied this in an op-ed last month, but his campaign did not respond to a request for comment on Graham’s legislation.” [The Washington Post, [9/14/22](#)]

JENNIFER RUBIN, WASHINGTON POST: LAXALT PASSED UP THE CHANCE TO OPPOSE GRAHAM’S ABORTION BAN, AND CLAIMED NEVADA LAW WAS SETTLED EVEN THOUGH A NATIONAL BAN WOULD SUPERSEDE STATE LAW

Jennifer Rubin: Adam Laxalt Passed Up The Chance To Object To Lindsey Graham’s 15 Week Abortion Ban Even Though He Previously Said He Would Not Support A National Ban. “Though Laxalt previously said he wouldn’t support a national ban, when asked about Graham’s proposal, Laxalt passed up the chance to object to it. Instead, all his spokesman would say is ‘This proposal has no chance to pass Congress and receive President Biden’s signature. The law in Nevada was settled by voters decades ago and isn’t going to change.’ But of course, if Republicans had their way, a new ban would supersede Nevada law.” [Jennifer Rubin, Opinion, Washington Post, [9/15/22](#)]

- **Jennifer Rubin: A Laxalt Campaign Spokesman Said, “[Graham’s] Proposal Has No Chance To Pass Congress” and “The Law In Nevada Was Settled By Voters Decades Ago And Isn’t Going To Change.” Even Though A Federal Ban Would Supersede Nevada Law.** “Though Laxalt previously said he wouldn’t support a national ban, when asked about Graham’s proposal, Laxalt passed up the chance to object to it. Instead, all his spokesman would say is ‘This proposal has no chance to pass Congress and receive President Biden’s signature. The law in Nevada was settled by voters decades ago and isn’t going to change.’ But of course, if Republicans had their way, a new ban would supersede Nevada law.” [Jennifer Rubin, Opinion, Washington Post, [9/15/22](#)]

LAXALT SAID HE WAS “HONORED” TO BE ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE, WHICH BACKED GRAHAM’S ABORTION BAN

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRAISED LAXALT FOR BEING A “LEADER” IN FIGHTING FOR THE UNBORN AND SAID HE WOULD “RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE AT ALL STAGES”

The National Right To Life Supported Sen. Graham’s Bill Prohibiting Abortion After 15 Weeks And Commended Him For Introducing It. “Pro-life Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and pro-life Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.) today reintroduced the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act. The legislation would protect unborn children at 15 weeks, a point by which science shows that the unborn child is capable of experiencing great pain when killed by dismemberment or other late abortion methods. [...] ‘We commend pro-life Senator Lindsey Graham and pro-life Congressman Chris Smith for their untiring efforts and dedication on behalf of unborn children and their mothers,’ said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. ‘The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act would prevent cruel and painful abortions from being performed on innocent children.’” [Press Release, National Right to Life, [9/13/22](#)]

April 2022: Laxalt Said He Was “Honored” To Be Endorsed By Both The Nevada Right To Life And The National Right To Life, Saying He Was “Committed” To Fighting For Human Life As A U.S. Senator. “I am honored to not only have received the endorsement of Nevada Right to life (@NVRightToLife) this week but also of National Right to Life (@nrlc) Protecting the fundamental right for human life is a cause we must fight for, & I am committed to doing so as our next Senator.”



[Twitter, @AdamLaxalt, [4/21/22](#)]

The National Right To Life Said Laxalt Was “A Leader Who Courageously Fights For The Rights Of The Unborn” And Would “Respect The Dignity Of Human Life At All Stages.” “National Right to Life endorses Adam Laxalt for U.S. Senate. ‘Adam Laxalt is at rue champion for life. He is a leader who courageously fights for the rights of the unborn. Our nation has never been more in need of leaders who respect the dignity of human life at all stages.’ -Carol Tobias, President of National Right To Life.” [Twitter, @AdamLaxalt, [4/21/22](#)]

ADAM LAXALT CALLED HIMSELF “UNAPOLOGETICALLY PRO-LIFE” AND PLEDGED TO “STAND FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN” IN THE U.S. SENATE

Adam Laxalt: “I Am - And Have Always Been - Unapologetically Pro-Life. I Was Proud To Stand For The Rights Of The Unborn As Attorney General And I Look Forward To Doing The Same As Our Next United States Senator.” “Adam Laxalt, who's trying to unseat Cortez-Masto, also issued a statement. It reads, ‘I am - and have always been - unapologetically pro-life. I was proud to stand for the rights of the unborn as Attorney General and I look forward to doing the same as our next United States Senator. Catherine Cortez-Masto and the Democrats are desperate to distract Nevadans from the massive job losses, sky-high inflation, and open border anarchy they have presided over. Hiding behind this issue will not save them from the judgment of Nevada voters.’” [KTNV, [12/2/21](#)]