



The End of *Roe v. Wade* in Texas

What will our country look like when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned? We may find out next June when the Supreme Court has an opportunity to overturn it. *Roe v. Wade* has not been overturned in Texas yet, either. But a new Texas law may be giving us a preview of what things will look like when it is. Due to the Texas law, since September 1, Texas abortion clinics have stopped performing abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. This means most abortions, those occurring after six weeks, are not being performed in Texas.

So what is it like in Texas now? Is the state falling apart at the seams? Are masses of people in Texas rising up like never before to demand abortion? Justice For All had an outreach event at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where we had a lot of conversations with pro-choice Texans. So I heard directly from them what this preview of the end of *Roe v. Wade* looks like from their point of view.

After this trip, it seems to me that the end of *Roe v. Wade* may look a lot like the last 48 years under *Roe v. Wade*, just with many fewer abortions. I was surprised by how similar my conversations with pro-choice people in Texas were – virtually the same as they were in previous years. There was no extra anger or incivility. In fact, many people didn't bring up the law at all!

A good example is my conversation with Caleb. He didn't agree with the Texas law, but it didn't make him angry or make him take a more extreme position:

Caleb: My sister is very passionate about this, and she thinks abortion should be allowed in all circumstances, but I feel that after a certain point it's way too late, and you shouldn't be able to do it ... Now regarding the new Texas law, I think that six weeks is a little too early for some people, because I think some women may not know



My conversation with Caleb at Tarleton State University

they're pregnant at that point.

Jeremy: From what we've been talking about, it seems like you agree with a lot of the premises of the Texas law, that abortion shouldn't be used as birth control and that it shouldn't be done later on, right?

Caleb: Yes, I think there are a lot of better options than abortion, but there are just some circumstances that are tough.

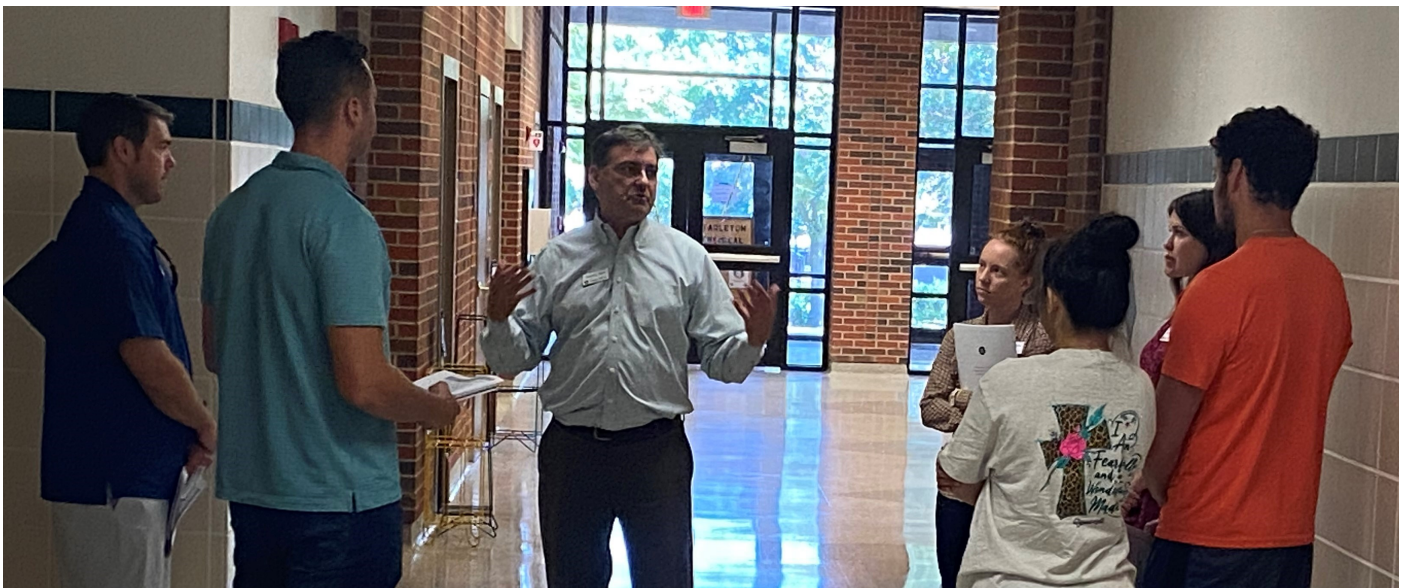
I then explained to Caleb the biological facts regarding the unborn and why I believe the unborn deserve equal rights. That really got him thinking, and he admitted that he needs to think about it some more:

Caleb: It's just something I have to do a lot of research on to figure out. I know what I think, but I also need to learn the facts like we just talked about.

In the end, when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, I know our mission at Justice For All will be exactly the same as it was before: train thousands to change hearts and minds, one person at a time.



Bella (on the right in the black shirt) is one of our four new interns this fall. That is more interns than we've ever had before at one time!



At Tarleton State, here I help my breakout group practice what they learned during the seminar lectures.



Faith (on the right in the brown shirt) is the president of the Tarleton State University pro-life club. She invited us to train her club and do an outreach event with them. This was our first time ever on this campus!