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(1/19) @philvischer & @SkyeJethani, I saw your video that questions whether overturning Roe is the key to reducing abortion.

Glad you're interested in the data. Evidence from the past 40 yrs shows electing pro-life candidates has helped reduce the U.S. abortion rate by over 50%

(2/19) Overturning Roe is not an all or nothing proposition. Since 1973, Republican-appointed judges have not succeeded in overturning Roe v. Wade. However, Republican-appointed Supreme Court judges have upheld a variety of life-saving pro-life laws. These include:

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-Public funding limits on abortion
-Parental involvement laws
-Informed consent laws
-Waiting periods
-Partial-birth abortion bans

Meanwhile, judges appointed by Democratic Presidents almost always vote to strike down these common-sense, life affirming, pro-life laws.

(4/19) My 2018 @LozierInstitue shows that there is a very good body of academic research which shows that these incremental pro-life laws reduce abortion rates and save lives.

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(5/19) In your video, you never mention the Hyde Amendment, which prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions through the Medicaid program.

There is a body of research which shows that limits on taxpayer funding of abortion reduce abortion rates.

(6/19) My 2016 Lozier Institute study found that the Hyde Amendment saves over 60,000 lives a year. These are 60,000 lives that would be in danger if Joe Biden and the Democrats take office and succeed in repealing the Hyde Amendment.

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Sure, abortions were taking place before Roe v. Wade.

However, the evidence clearly shows that Roe v. Wade dramatically increased the abortion rate in the United States.

(8/19) According to the CDC, in 1972, the year before Roe v. Wade, there were just under 600,000 abortions performed.

By 1980 -- just seven years after Roe - - there were almost 1.3 million abortions.

This is an increase of over 121% in just eight years!

(9/19) Your comparison between Texas and Delaware is misleading.

A big reason why Delaware's abortion rate dropped 37% between 2014 and 2017 is that in 2016 an abortion facility owned by infamous abortionist Stephen Chase Brigham was shut down.

(10/19) Interestingly, Delaware's abortion rate was falling even faster before those investments in health care started.

However, that is again because Kermit Gosnell's abortion clinic closed in 2011 and the Wilmington, DE Planned Parenthood closed in 2013.

(11/19) Furthermore, you present no evidence that a greater investment in health care will get abortion rates down.

On the other hand, there are plenty of good studies which show that various pro-life laws reduce the incidence of abortion.

(12/19) The declining abortion rates during Democratic Presidential administrations is also misleading.

There has been a long-term, durable decline in the U.S. abortion rate since 1980 that has persisted through both Democratic and Republican Presidential administrations.

(13/19) Also, during the Clinton & Obama administrations, Republicans made large gains in the state legislatures.

As such, there was an increase in the number of state-level pro-life laws. Many of these laws were upheld by judges appointed by Republican Presidents.

(14/19) The increase in government funding for Planned Parenthood has nothing to do with actions taken by the Trump administration.

It is likely because Planned Parenthood was simply getting more reimbursements from state Medicaid programs.

(15/19) Additionally, the Trump administration's Protect Life Rule resulted in Planned Parenthood withdrawing from the Federal Title X program and losing out on $60 million in taxpayer dollars annually.

(16/19) The main reason why abortion rates are falling is not because there are fewer unintended pregnancies. In fact, the unintended pregnancy rate has fluctuated since 1981.

(17/19) An important reason is that a higher percentage of unintended pregnancies are being carried to term.

This shows the pro-life educational, service, and, yes, legislative efforts have all been effective at reducing the incidence of abortion.

(18/19) When discussing abortion trends and statistics, you frequently say that "it’s complicated." However, it is not complicated at all.

(19/19) The U.S. abortion rate has fallen by more than 50% since 1980.

A serious analysis of abortion trends during the past 40 years shows that pro-life political efforts have played - and will continue to play - a crucial role in stopping abortion and protecting unborn lives.