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Governor Northam said, “When we talk about third-trimester abortions, these are done with the consent of obviously the mother, with the consent of the physician — more than one physician, by the way — and it’s done in cases where there may be severe deformities.”

“There may be a fetus that’s non-viable.”

For years, the pro-abortion movement has used the Latin word *fetus*, rather than unborn child or infant, in an obvious effort to obscure the humanity of the baby in the mother’s womb as a way to justify abortion. Now, Governor Northam is using the term *fetus* to refer to a baby who has actually been delivered.

The pro-life movement, while focusing much of its attention to fighting the pro-abortion cause, has long warned that acceptance of killing unborn children is laying the groundwork for legalized killing of others in society deemed inconvenient, such as deformed infants, older Americans, and the severely handicapped. In National Socialist Germany, such people were referred to as “useless eaters.”

Since 1973, the pro-life movement’s goal has been to get enough justices on the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the twin decisions of January 22, 1973, that declared a mother had a constitutional right to abort her unborn child. If these rulings were reversed, the conventional thinking has been that the decision on the legal status of abortion would then return to the states, where it had rested for the first two centuries of American history.

After a majority of the New York legislature favored abortion-on-demand, and the failed late-term abortion bill in Virginia, pro-lifers are confronted with the stark reality that some states would continue to support abortion rights.

*Roe v. Wade* may very well be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. It certainly should be, but even if it were, and the issue of abortion returned to the states, it should be recognized that many states may very well decide that abortion for the unborn — and even infanticide for the delivered babies — should continue.



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