

## Matt Jacobs: What Voters Need To Know October 25, 2022

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<p>Matt Jacobs admitted that he believes the Supreme Court “correctly” overturned Roe v. Wade, taking away a woman’s right to abortion.</p>	<p>Stated the overturning of Roe v. Wade was the correct decision of the Constitution. (<a href="#">Temj</a>, Accessed October 2022)</p> <p>Jacobs stated that the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was constitutionally sound. (<i>VC Star</i>, “<a href="#">Brownley, Jacobs square off in volatile race in the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District</a>,” October 23, 2022)</p>
<p>Electing Matt Jacobs could give Washington politicians the power to pass a Nationwide BAN on Abortion that could make abortion ILLEGAL <a href="#">here</a> in <a href="#">California</a>.</p>	<p>Jacobs is supported by Rep. Kevin McCarthy who in June 2022 told CNN’s chief congressional correspondent, Manu Raju, that he would support a 15-week nationwide abortion ban. (<i>Matt Jacobs for Congress</i>, “<a href="#">Endorsements</a>,” Accessed October 2022; <i>Twitter</i>, “<a href="#">@mkraju</a>,” June 24, 2022)</p> <p>Jacobs is also endorsed by Newt Gingrich, who told a voter in January 2012 (during his Presidential campaign) that “no, I wouldn’t make exceptions,” when asked about his pro-life position. (<i>HuffPost</i>, “<a href="#">Newt Gingrich Tells Voter He 'Wouldn't Make Exceptions' For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest</a>,” January 3, 2012)</p> <p>Jacobs has listed an endorsement from Governor Asa Hutchinson on his website. In February 2019, Hutchinson signed a “trigger” abortion ban bill which banned abortion except for medical emergency once Roe v. Wade was overturned. There are no exceptions for rape or incest. (<i>Matt Jacobs for Congress</i>, “<a href="#">Endorsements</a>,” Accessed October 2022; <i>The Hill</i>, “<a href="#">Arkansas governor signs ‘trigger’ abortion bill</a>,” February 19, 2019)</p> <p>Jacobs is supported by members of the national Republican establishment, which has pushed to restrict abortion. He is supported by House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, the California Republican Party, and House Republican Whip Steve Scalise. The national Republican establishment has pushed for abortion restrictions without exception and in the Republican National Committee Platform from 2016 (they did not adopt a new one in 2020), stated:</p> <p>“...we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” (<i>Republican National Committee</i>, “<a href="#">Resolution Regarding The Republican Party Platform</a>,” Accessed September 2022)</p>
<p>Matt Jacobs is backed by special interest groups and politicians who oppose abortion rights with NO exceptions even in the case of rape and incest.</p>	<p>Jacobs is supported by organizations who have supported restricting abortion in all cases. Jacobs is endorsed by the California Republican Assembly which stated the belief that a preborn child is a “human being deserving the full protection of the law.”</p>

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	<p>So called “personhood” advocates seek to ban abortion in all cases. As reported by the <i>Associated Press</i>:</p> <p>“In its 1973 <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision providing the right to abortion nationwide, the U.S. Supreme Court majority found that “the word ‘person,’ as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn.”</p> <p>“Some anti-abortion advocates say that is wrong, arguing that personhood includes fertilized eggs, embryos and fetuses that should be considered people with the same rights as those already born.</p> <p>“Those who advocate this standard of personhood want to end all abortions, and decry laws that include carve-outs allowing abortion in cases of rape or incest, or fetuses with genetic anomalies.” (<i>Matt Jacobs for Congress</i>, “<a href="#">Endorsements</a>,” Accessed October 2022; <a href="#">Associated Press</a>, “<i>Explainer: What’s the Role of Personhood in Abortion Debate</i>,” July 30, 2022)</p> <p>Jacobs has received the endorsement of Californians for Life and is listed on their website as an endorsed candidate for the November 2022 general election. (<i>Californians for Life</i>, “Pro-Life Voter Recommendations for November 8th, 2022, California General Election,” <a href="https://californiansforlife.org/pro-life-voter-information">https://californiansforlife.org/pro-life-voter-information</a>)</p> <p>The Californians for Life website argues against allowing abortion in cases of rape or incest. The Californians for Life website states:</p> <p>“Abortion in the cases of Rape or Incest?</p> <p>Of course, we all have tremendous empathy for anyone who has been raped. We can’t think of anything more traumatizing than rape. Our heart goes out to anyone who has been victimized by this horrific act of brutal violence against women. Victims of rape need and deserve our support, help, care, and love.</p> <p>However, out of love, concern, and empathy for the rape victim, we need to thoughtfully and compassionately ask, is abortion really the best response to the horrific trauma of rape?</p>

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	<p>Abortion will not undo the pain of and trauma of rape. Instead, the pain of abortion may add to a woman’s emotional and physical abuse. Abortion, like rape, is a violent, traumatic, destructive act, hurting millions of women for a lifetime.” (<i>Californians for Life</i>, “Information: Abortion- What is it? Abortion in the cases of Rape or Incest?,” <a href="https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape">https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape</a>)</p> <p>It continues:</p> <p>“Women deserve better than abortion and every child conceived in rape deserves a chance to live. The circumstances of our conception do not determine our value or our worthiness to live.” (<i>Californians for Life</i>, “Information: Abortion- What is it? Abortion in the cases of Rape or Incest?,” <a href="https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape">https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape</a>)</p> <p>In regard to incest, the Californians for Life website states:</p> <p>“What about pregnancy from incest? Is abortion the best thing for an incest victim?</p> <p>According to the abortion industry data provided by the Guttmacher Institute, less than .5% of abortions are due to incest. Again, we need to support the victims of incest, with love and compassion. It is possible that the victim’s pregnancy gives her the first real chance of overcoming the family’s denial and escaping from incest. Her pregnancy provides absolute proof of the crime of incest, while abortion adds to the young girl’s sense of guilt and trauma, further covering up the crime and sending the victim back into an abusive home. Oftentimes, the victims of incest are pressured, forced into abortions by family members who are trying to hide the incestual relationship. We need to stop the abuse, rescue the victim, report the crime, and penalize the perpetrator, rather than do further harm to innocent lives, of both mother and baby.</p> <p>“Isn’t a baby conceived from incest likely to be disabled?</p>

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	<p>While there may be a slight increased risk of a disability, it is still much more likely that the baby will not be disabled. Should babies be killed because they are or may be disabled? None of us can guarantee we will go through life without a disability, even if we came into the world with none. We wouldn't think of killing someone just because they are disabled, so how can we justify killing babies due to the crimes of her father?" (<i>Californians for Life</i>, "Information: Abortion- What is it? Abortion in the cases of Rape or Incest?," <a href="https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape">https://californiansforlife.org/education/what-about-rape</a>)</p> <p>Jacobs is also endorsed by Newt Gingrich, who told a voter in January 2012 (during his Presidential campaign) that "no, I wouldn't make exceptions," when asked about his pro-life position. (<i>HuffPost</i>, "<a href="#">Newt Gingrich Tells Voter He 'Wouldn't Make Exceptions' For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest</a>," January 3, 2012)</p>
<p>Politicians like Matt Jacobs should not be making decisions about our reproductive rights or personal freedoms.</p>	<p>N/A</p>