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Abortion

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After Dobbs, Alabama Had A "Total Abortion Ban." "On June 24, 2022, Alabama began enforcing its total abortion ban, which prohibits abortion at all stages of pregnancy, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization." [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed <u>6/6/24</u>]

Alabama Banned Abortion With Very Limited Exception. "Abortion policies currently in effect in Alabama include the following: Abortion is completely banned with very limited exceptions State constitution explicitly excludes abortion rights." [Guttmacher Institute, 5/29/24]

When Asked About Her Stance On Alabama's Abortion Law Not Having Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, Dobson Deflected

When Asked If Alabama Should Allow Exceptions For Rape Or Incest In Their Abortion Laws, Dobson Deflected, Praising The Dobbs Decision, States' Rights, And Saying That Democrats Had Extreme Abortion Policies. HOST: "You use the word extreme, and I think we're going to hear that a lot. They want to paint Republicans as extreme, but don't they have an argument when it's laws like in Alabama, no exception, maybe there is a provision for life of the mother, but no rape, no incest, things that President Trump says he supports. Should states like Alabama maybe have a little more lenient laws as it comes to abortion? I know you said it should be up to the states, but doesn't that help Democrats paint Republicans as extreme?" DOBSON: "No, again I think this is where we need to look to the Dobbs decision and allowing states to make that call on the amount of protection that they want to provide for life, and again I think we've got to start talking about what Democrat states are doing, or states whose legislatures are controlled by Democrats and some of the measures that they're trying to promote, again that are really, truly murder of children." [Capitol Journal, YouTube, 53:33, <u>4/12/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Alabama's Abortion Ban Jeopardized IVF Access

The Alabama Supreme Court Ruled That Frozen Embryos Could Be Considered Children Under Alabama State Law, Leading To IVF Clinics Pausing Services. "Additional in vitro fertilization providers in Alabama paused services Thursday, sending patients scrambling to make other plans in the wake of a state Supreme Court ruling that said frozen embryos could be considered children under state law." [Associated Press, 2/22/24]

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HEADLINE: "Republican Caroleene Dobson Wants Alabama Abortion Ban To Go Nationwide." [American Journal News, <u>4/30/24</u>]

Dobson Said The Alabama Abortion Law Could Serve As A Model For The Nation. "U.S. House candidate Caroleene Dobson said Alabama's extreme anti-abortion laws could serve as a model for the nation." [American Journal News, <u>4/30/24</u>]

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Overturning Roe V. Wade Was A "Universally Hoped-For Goal" Of The Federalist Society. "The first clue that the defeat of Roe, while a universally hoped-for goal, might also prove a mixed blessing for the conservative legal movement came at the 2021 Federalist Society convention." [Politico, <u>11/10/22</u>]

"Skepticism About The Right To Abortion Was Part Of The Impetus For The Founding Of" The Federalist Society. "When the Federalist Society gathers on Thursday at the Mayflower Hotel for its first national lawyers convention since the Supreme Court's historic 2021-22 term, one word is likely to stir up a surprising amount of debate, reaction and perhaps even pain. The word is Dobbs. The last time the conservative lawyers' group convened, almost exactly a year ago, the Supreme Court was just three weeks away from hearing the abortion rights case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, an event that almost everyone in attendance viewed with hope and anticipation. After all, skepticism about the right to abortion was part of the impetus for the founding of the society, back in 1982. Popular outrage on the right over Roe v. Wade was what gave the upstart group founded by law students the sustained political support that propelled it to national prominence, connecting high-minded legal theorists to religious voters who had never heard the term originalism." [Politico, 11/10/22]

Supreme Court Justices Who Overturned Roe V. Wade Attended The Federalist Society Gala, Where They Received Praise And "A Long, Loud Ovation." "Four of the five US supreme court justices who overturned the constitutional right to abortion in America showed up at the ultraconservative Federalist Society's black-tie dinner marking its 40th anniversary. Justice Samuel Alito, who wrote the opinion in the shock decision, got a long, loud ovation at the event on Thursday night from a crowd of 2,000 people, most in tuxedos and gowns, when another speaker praised him on the overturning of Roe v Wade in June." [The Guardian, <u>11/12/22</u>]

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Dobson Did Not Think Abortion Would Be A Big Issue In The General Election, But Only "Maybe Abortion In The Context Of Faith In Our Country. I Really Think Christianity Is Under Attack." HOST: "In a general election, do you expect abortion, say you get the nomination here in District 2, do you expect that to be a big issue coming from the Democrat opponent in the general?" DOBSON: "You know, I think given just the state of the world right now, I mean, we truly have a crisis on the Southern border, and then, you know, our economy is in shambles, and opportunities here. Again, I think especially with respect to the issue of abortion, and it's a states' rights issue, and the people of Alabama have

spoken, so again I think that we're going to see a lot more about security and opportunity and also maybe abortion in the context of faith in our country. I really think Christianity is under attack, and again, back to what we were talking about earlier, if we are going to be on the precipice of a third world war and we're teaching our children that America's founded on evil principles and that people are born the oppressed and born being the oppressor, how can we ever hope to unify? We're never going to all see eye to eye politically, but how can we ever hope to unify and fight for freedom and fight for America if we're trying to indoctrinate our kids that America's evil? And so, that's one thing that we have to fight against." [Joey Clark Live, YouTube, 16:45, <u>1/23/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Government

Dobson Suggested That There Would Be Benefits To A Government Shutdown, Which Would Have Caused Law Enforcement To Go Without Pay Among Other Harms

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Dobson: "Maybe We Need Strong Conservatives Who Are Willing To Shut The Government Down To Get Everyone's Attention That We're About To Go Off A Financial Cliff." "We have got to cut our spending and this bill was egregious in terms of the level of pork included in it," Dobson said. 'Maybe we need strong conservatives who are willing to shut the government down to get everyone's attention that we're about to go off a financial cliff. Our inflation will never go down, interest rates can't go down until we actually cut spending. And it's time that we have strong conservatives in Washington that are willing to — even if it means a loss in popularity — but to stand up and address this issue.' She notes that even during government shutdowns, Social Security benefits are distributed and military members still receive their pay. Those are the two groups she'd be most concerned about. '(Maybe it takes a shutdown) to get the attention of America that we need to balance our budget.'" [Alabama Daily News, <u>4/14/24</u>]

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Dobson: "We've Got To Have More Strong Conservatives With A Backbone Who Are Willing To Say 'Enough Is Enough.' And If That Means Shutting Down The Government To Get Everyone's Attention, That's What It's Gonna Take." DOBSON: "We've got to increase our Republican majority and we've got to have more strong conservatives with a backbone who are willing to say 'enough is enough.' And if that means shutting down the government to get everyone's attention, that's what it's

gonna take. And I think it's important to remember too that when we shut the government down, our military continues to get their paychecks and people that are on Social Security get their Social Security benefits. But, you know, it's gonna take a government shutdown to—I mean we're about to go off a financial cliff, and that's what I think especially the Southern conservatives seem to be more attuned to that." [Rumble, Patriot Games, 10:21, accessed 6/4/24] (VIDEO)

A Government Shutdown Would Cause Numerous Harms, Including Law Enforcement And Border Patrol Agents Going Without Pay And Halting Small Business Loans

Hundreds Of Thousands Of Federal Employees Had To Work Without Pay In A Shutdown. "An estimated 450,000 federal employees are working without pay through the partial government shutdown, but even those who don't get a federal paycheck have been affected." [CNBC, $\frac{1}{4}$]

Government Shutdown Could Cause Delays And Decreased Security At Airports Due To TSA Officers And Air Traffic Controllers Working Without Pay. "On average, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screens 2.5 million passengers per day, exceeding pre-pandemic travel volumes. If the government shuts down, air traffic controllers and TSA Officers would be required to work without pay—potentially leading to significant delays and longer wait times for travelers at airports across the country, based on what occurred during previous shutdowns. Additionally, a government shutdown could potentially delay the deployment of new security technology equipment to airports." [Department of Homeland Security, <u>9/28/23</u>]

Thousands Of Border Patrol Agents Would Go Without Pay In A Shutdown. "Over 19,000 Unpaid U.S. Border Patrol Agents and 25,000 Unpaid Office of Field Operations Officers: CBP agents and officers working at over 300 ports of entry and protecting more than 6,000 miles of border under challenging circumstances would be required to continue performing their vital missions without pay." [Department of Homeland Security, 9/28/23]

Servicemembers And Law Enforcement Officers Would Work Without Pay In A Government Shutdown. "Force Servicemembers and Law Enforcement Officers to Work Without Pay: Under a Republican shutdown, all active-duty military personnel and many law enforcement officers would remain at work, but receive no pay until appropriated funds are available." [White House, 9/20/23]

• A Shutdown Would Cause Financial Hardship For Military Personnel. "Hardship for nearly 40,000 Active Military Personnel: The dedicated men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard will only be compensated for their unpaid work if a specific appropriation is passed, unlike all other military service branches. Additionally, unlike civilian employees, they are not able to file for interim support such as unemployment benefits to supplement their income until an appropriation is passed. This creates the most significant hardship for the U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted service members." [Department of Homeland Security, 9/28/23]

The FBI Ran Out Of Funds To Continue Counterterrorism Investigations In A Previous

Government Shutdown. "The FBI has lost several informants that had penetrated groups at the center of terrorism investigations. A task force targeting interstate meth and heroin traffickers has run out of funds to pay for controlled purchases. Agents working a multi-year MS-13 investigation have resorted to conference calls to communicate with Spanish-speaking sources. As the partial government shutdown entered a second month, dozens of anonymous FBI officials took the rare step to share how the lack of funding has kneecapped operations in a report released Tuesday by an agents advocacy group. The accounts – compiled by the FBI Agents Association, which represents most of the bureau's active duty special agents – mark a new front in the damage caused by the country's longest shutdown: weakened

national security. 'The shutdown has eliminated any ability to operate,' an agent working undercover counterintelligence cases said in the report. 'The fear is our enemies know they can run freely.'" [CNN, $\frac{1}{22}$ /19]

Thousands Of Home Loan Applications Could Be Delayed Every Day In A Government Shutdown. "As the new fiscal year approaches on Oct. 1 with no funding in place as lawmakers have yet to reach a deal, the Biden administration has already begun advising federal agencies to review and update their shutdown plans. If Congress doesn't pass legislation to renew funding by Sept. 30, the federal government will shut down at midnight, which would have significant implications for the U.S. home buyers. Home buyers could face delays taking out a government-backed mortgage. People in the middle of closing on a home — who are taking on a Federal Housing Administration loan or a Department of Agriculture loan — would need the agencies to finalize their mortgage. [...] An estimated 2,528 home loans per day may be delayed in the event of a partial government shutdown, according to an analysis by Zillow Z, 0.79% exclusively provided to MarketWatch." [MarketWatch, 9/26/23]

Small Business Loans Halted In A Shutdown, Slowing Economic Growth. "The Small Business Administration, an agency that gives entrepreneurs loans, stopped issuing new loan approvals on Dec. 21. Tony Wilkinson, CEO of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, said the halt on loans slows economic growth and prevents small-business owners from expanding. 'The longer (the shutdown) goes, the harder it is for some of them,' he said. 'It ends up costing jobs.'" [CNBC, <u>1/4/19</u>]

Health And Safety Housing Inspections Halted In A Shutdown. "Mandatory health and safety inspections for housing for low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities has been suspended, according to the department's contingency plan. Officials told NBC News they don't know how long rental assistance payments will continue." [CNBC, <u>1/4/19</u>]

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Dobson Advocated For Cutting IRS Enforcement. DOBSON: "I firmly believe that we can balance the budget by cutting government spending and one way is cutting funding to a lot of these three-letter organizations. I mean, Biden wants \$30 billion to allow for more enforcement opportunities for the IRS, which has been shown to target conservative groups. So, that's certainly one source of funding is to cut a lot of these fundings and really evaluate how they're being implemented and used against certain citizens, especially conservative citizens." [1819 News, 28:54, 4/7/24] (VIDEO)

• The Internal Revenue Service Enforcement Division Worked To Limit Criminal Tax Fraud, Bust Human Trafficking Rings, Seize Fentanyl, And Stop The Financing Of Terrorist Groups. "The truth is, the IRS has a modest but critically important team of law enforcement personnel. They work on busting human trafficking rings, drug cartels, and enablers of child exploitation. They root out individuals and groups financing terrorists. They help crack down on criminal tax fraud and evasion, including the kind of evasion the Finance Committee identified with our two-year investigation of how Swiss bank Credit Suisse enabled a group of dual U.S. and foreign citizens to cheat on paying U.S. taxes. At this moment, the IRS Criminal Investigation division is working with partners in Ukraine to hunt down crooks who are evading sanctions on Russia. And recently the Criminal Investigation division collaborated with the FBI, the Department of Justice and law enforcement partners around the world on the largest fentanyl distribution takedown in history. It resulted in hundreds of arrests and the seizure of \$54 million and 850 kilograms of drugs, including the equivalent of millions of lethal doses of fentanyl." [Senate Committee on Finance, <u>5/16/23</u>]

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Dobson Called The Trump Trial "Lawfare" And The Justice System Being "Weaponized Politically." HOST: "Kind of react to what you're seeing in New York City and this lawfare situation with Donald Trump. I mean, you have some legal expertise here, but what do you make, what do you see that's going on?" DOBSON: "Well, no, I mean, again, I think that this is absolute, you know, persecution, and lawfare could not be a better word to describe it. I'm grateful to see, I actually was just with Steve Marshall last night at a law enforcement appreciation dinner over in Pike County, and hearing his take on it was really interesting. I was glad to see Alabama was well-represented in supporting President Trump both with Attorney General Marshall and with Senator Tuberville. But again, despite the efforts of those on the Left that are trying to use this to undermine President Trump's credibility, to keep him out of the race, I think it is only rallying not only those on the right but those who also don't want to be subjected to this type of lawfare themselves, don't want to see our justice system should be focused on, you know, just principles on which our Constitution was written, weaponized politically. And again, I think that's a huge distinction between me and my opponent because until a few months ago, he was assistant to Merrick Garland, he was complicit in Biden's weaponized DOJ. So again, I think that is a matter of concern, not only for Republicans but for folks everywhere witnessing this." HOST: "Yeah, probably a lot of people

don't realize that, I mean he was right there, part of the Deep State in the Biden Administration there so—"DOBSON: "Yeah, on the one hand—" HOST: "So there's a lot to learn about Shomari Figures." DOBSON: "Certainly, certainly. And I mean, again, under Biden, the Department of Justice is targeting political enemies but at the same time being lenient on true crime." [FM Talk 1065 Podcasts, Jeff Poor Show, 15:32, 5/16/23] (AUDIO)

Dobson Said She Would "Stand Tall With President Trump" If She Is Elected To Congress

Dobson: "If You Send Me [To Congress], I Will Stand Tall With President Trump." DOBSON: "If you send me, I will stand tall with President Trump against the Left but otherwise work hard to restore our freedoms and protect our rights." [Fox 10 TV, 3:01, <u>4/8/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Dobson: "We Need To Send Someone To Washington Who Will Work With President Trump, Not Bash President Trump." DOBSON: "I think what we fail to recall is that President Trump has banned TikTok and WeChat and ByteDance, and we need to send someone to Washington who will work with President Trump, not bash President Trump." [Fox 10 TV, 35:30, <u>4/8/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Dobson: "It's Important That We Send Someone From This District Who Is Going To Work With President Trump." DOBSON "there are four things that we can do to immediately impact inflation. [...] Fourth is to unleash American energy independence. Working backwards, we first need to become energy independent again. We were under President Trump, and it's important that we send someone from this district who is going to work with President Trump to ensure that our energy is American made again." [Fox 10 TV, 8:01, <u>4/8/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Dobson: "I'm Solidly Behind President Trump." HOST: "Where are you on Donald Trump? What are your thoughts about him as the next president?" DOBSON: "Oh, I'm solidly behind President Trump, and we've got to get Trump back in the White House." [1819 News, 18:50, <u>4/7/24</u>] (VIDEO)

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Advocating For A Motion To Vacate The Speaker's Seat

Dobson Did Not Denounce Marjorie Taylor Greene's Threats To Vacate The Speakership, Instead Saying She "Certainly Underst[ood]" Where Greene Was Coming From. CALLER: "I'm just wondering what Ms. Dobson's thoughts are on Marjorie Taylor Greene threatening to vacate the speaker's seat next week?" DOBSON: "Yes, I certainly understand a lot of concern about the amount of kowtowing that the Republicans in Congress have either engaged in or felt that they had to engage in with respect to the Democrat Party. Certainly her attitude in some parts is reflective of that. I think that's why it's so important that we increase our majority in the House so that Republicans can really stand up to the Far Left so that we're not having to constantly go back to the negotiating table and cave, especially when it comes to spending." [Joey Clark Live, YouTube, 1:15:43, <u>5/1/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Race

Critical Race Theory

Dobson Advocated For Abolishing The Department Of Education, So Long As There Remained Federal Apparatus To "Prohibit The Instruction Of Critical Race Theory Throughout The Country." HOST: "Some of the issues that we're dealing with at the state level and then at the national level is Critical Race Theory, LGBTQ, it's the alphabet things, CRT, LGBT, DEI, ESG [...] specifically let's talk about those are the kind of Marxist agenda items, socialist agenda items as far as Critical Race Theory, the effect that that's having, DEI, the effect that that's having, and then finally just the assault on traditional values and marriage through the LGBTQ stuff." DOBSON: "Right, right, well I'm very proud of our state legislature for passing the bill prohibiting public universities to use state funding for DEI because I think, you know, what's going on at Harvard's campus is appalling, but at the same time, Auburn and Alabama each were spending millions of dollars on DEI themselves. DEI is ostensibly to encourage 'marginalized' students, but you look at the populations of those universities: Auburn, less than 6% of its student population is Black; Alabama, less than 13% of its student population is Black; Troy University, \$0 in DEI and 32% of its population is Black. So, it's been shown over and over that DEI actually breeds resentment, insecurity, it does not foster unity, it does not include the people that it ostensibly is trying to include. And also, all of these DEI officers, their salaries are just astronomical. [...] You know, I would love to see the Department of Education-federal Department of Educationdrastically reduced. As long as there is some way to protect girls' sports. If we do away with the Department of Education, but somehow have some apparatus to prohibit the instruction of Critical Race Theory throughout the country and then also ensure girls' sports are just for girls." [1819 News, 31:59, 4/7/24] (VIDEO)

Dobson: "If There Is A World War III, We Have Got To Be Unified, And Critical Race Theory Does Nothing But Pin Division And Sow Discord." DOBSON: "You know, if there is a World War III, we have got to be unified, and Critical Race Theory does nothing but pin division and sow discord. You know, tell kindergarteners that they are oppressed or the oppressors. So, we cannot be unified in protecting America and saving our country if we allow Critical Race Theory to continue to be taught in our schools." [1819 News, 35:02, <u>4/7/24</u>] (VIDEO)

Trump Tax Cuts

Dobson Was An "Unequivocal Yes" On Extending Trump-Era Tax Cuts, Which Would Add \$3.5 Trillion To The Deficit While Disproportionately Benefitting The Richest Americans

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Dobson On Whether The Trump Tax Cuts Should Be Extended: "Unequivocally Yes." MODERATOR: "Do you support or oppose extending the 2017 tax changes? Why or why not? And is there anything you would do differently?" [...] DOBSON: "Unequivocally, yes. We have got to extend the Trump-era tax cuts and extend exemptions and extensions. This is key to ensuring that we can get the American economy up and running." [Fox 10 TV, 44:55, 4/8/24] (VIDEO)

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Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts Would Add \$3.5 Trillion To The Deficit. "According to a report released today by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), extending the Trump tax cuts would add \$3.5 trillion to the deficit through 2033." [Senate Budget Committee, <u>5/16/23</u>]

Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts Would Disproportionally Benefit The Richest Americans. "In 2026 the poorest fifth of Americans would receive just 1 percent of that total while the richest fifth of Americans would receive nearly two-thirds of that total. The richest 20 percent would receive 63 percent of the tax cuts in 2026 and the richest 5 percent alone would receive nearly 40 percent of the tax cuts." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, <u>5/4/23</u>]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts "Would Provide More Tax Breaks To The Richest 5 Percent Of Americans Than It Would Provide To The Bottom 80 Percent Of Americans." "The TCJA Permanency Act would provide more tax breaks to the richest 5 percent of Americans than it would provide to the bottom 80 percent of Americans. The richest 5 percent would receive \$112.6 billion in total tax cuts in 2026 compared to \$104.6 billion for the bottom 80 percent." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, <u>5/4/23</u>]