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The Republican Study Committee Budget Called For The Passage Of The Life At Conception Act

HEADLINE: "House Republicans Proudly Endorse National Abortion Ban, Limits To IVF." [The New Republic, 3/21/24]

**The Republican Study Committee's 2025 Budget Backed The Life At Conception Act.** "House Republicans have released their proposed budget for 2025, and it includes giving rights to embryos—despite the GOP's big statements about how much they support in vitro fertilization. The budget, released Wednesday by the Republican Study Committee, or RSC, states that the party backs the Life at Conception Act, 'which would provide 14th amendment protections at all stages of life.'" [The New Republic, <u>3/21/24</u>]

The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortions With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person

Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act's Language "Leaves Little Room For Ambiguity On Abortion" And Would Constitute A Nationwide Ban On The Practice From The Moment Of Fertilization. "The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks 'equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,' specifying that it covers 'all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.' Put simply: 'It would be a nationwide abortion ban,' said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected." [Los Angeles Times, <u>8/29/22</u>]

Rewire: The Life At Conception Act "Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person." "H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and 'preborn' human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization." [Rewire, 9/28/19]

**The Life At Conception Act Implemented Equal Protection For Unborn Fetuses Based On The Idea That Human Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception.** "U.S. Senator Rand Paul today introduced the Life at Conception Act. The legislation would implement equal protection under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment for the right to life of each born and unborn human. [...] 'The Life at Conception Act legislatively declares what most Americans believe and what science has long known - that human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, is entitled to legal protection from that point forward." [U.S. Senator Rand Paul, Press Release, accessed <u>6/1/22</u>]

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### May 2021: Luna Claimed "Womens Choice" [Sic] Caused "The Death Of 62 Million US Babies"

Luna Tweeted Graphic Claiming "Womens Choice" [Sic] Caused "The Death Of 62 Million Us Babies." [Anna Paulina Luna For Congress, Twitter, <u>5/21/21</u>]



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#### April 2020: Luna Supported "Born-Alive" Legislation

#### VIDEO: 4/28/21: Luna Stated, "We Need People, Especially Women, To Champion" "Born-Alive"

**Legislation.** In an interview with Daily Caller, Luna stated, "And then also, you know, I am big on pro-life. And so I would love to kind of do something nationally or federally, at least in regards to protecting the right to life, especially when you have a baby that, you know, basically on its way of being born. I mean, you have people trying to kill a baby like they do in New York. And that's something: the Born Alive Bill. I mean, we need people, especially women, to champion that." [Daily Caller, YouTube, <u>4/28/21</u>]

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February 2019: Luna Congratulated States On Adopting Strict And Dangerous Abortion Legislation

#### Luna Congratulated Mississippi, Kentucky, And Utah For Increasing Their Abortion Regulations.

"Mississippi & Kentucky have officially banned abortion after a heartbeat is detected. Utah has banned the abortion of Down syndrome children. #Chooselife Always." [Anna Paulina Luna, Twitter, 2/17/19]

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**Mississippi Abortion Law Was Called One Of The Strictest In The Nation, And More Extreme Than A Law Which Was Struck Down As Unconstitutional The Year Prior.** "Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant on Thursday signed one of the strictest abortion laws in the nation — a measure that bans most abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, about six weeks into pregnancy. Bryant's action came despite a federal judge's ruling last year that struck down a less-restrictive law limiting abortions in the state. The New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights called the new measure "cruel and clearly unconstitutional" and said it would sue Mississippi to try to block the law from taking effect on July 1." [Associated Press, <u>3/21/19</u>]

Kentucky's Abortion Law Outlaws Abortion Once A Heartbeat Is Detected In The Fetus "Usually Around The Sixth Week Of Pregnancy." "Kentucky's only abortion clinic resumed seeing patients Saturday after a federal judge in Louisville blocked the state from enforcing a new abortion law. The General Assembly passed the bill late Thursday, and it was signed soon after by Gov. Matt Bevin. But U.S. District Judge David Hale issued the temporary restraining order at 7:40 p.m. Friday, barring the state from enforcing Senate Bill 9 — the 'fetal heartbeat' bill — which bans abortion once a heartbeat is detected, usually around the sixth week of pregnancy. Bevin signed the bill just after midnight Friday, and because it carried an 'emergency' declaration, it took effect immediately." [Louisville Courier Journal, <u>3/15/19</u>]

#### 65.3% Of Abortions Happen At 8 Weeks Or Earlier, And 25.6% Of Abortions Occur After 9 To 13

**Weeks.** "The majority of abortions were performed at or before 8 weeks' gestation in 2014, although there was variation by maternal age and race/ethnicity, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That year, 65.3% of abortions were performed at a gestational age of 8 weeks or earlier, with 25.6% occurring at 9-13 weeks. Gestational distribution of the remaining abortions was fairly even: 3.4% at 14-15 weeks, 2.2% at 16-17 weeks, 2.0% at 18-20 weeks, and 1.4% at 21 weeks or later, the CDC investigators reported (MMWR Surveill Summ. 2017 Nov 25;66[24]:1-48)." [MD Edge, ObGyn News, <u>11/29/17</u>]

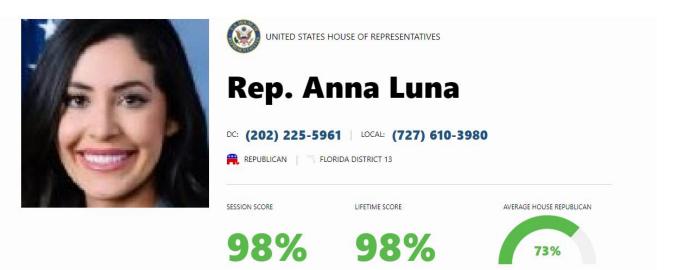
#### Project 2025, Created By The Heritage Foundation Would Seek To Implement A Nationwide Abortion Ban And Create Mandatory Monitoring Of Women's Pregnancies

#### The Week: "Project 2025 Is The Brainchild Of A Conservative Think Tank Called The Heritage

**Foundation.**" "While the plan has not gained significant amounts of traction in the national news media, Project 2025 is the brainchild of a conservative think tank called the Heritage Foundation. The foundation is collaborating with at least 80 other conservative groups to spearhead an effort to 'rescue the country from the grip of the radical left,' with a 'governing agenda and the right people in place, ready to carry this agenda out on day one of the next conservative administration,' according to the Project 2025 website." [Week, 2/26/24]

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Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Would Aim To Effectuate A Nationwide Abortion Ban, Beginning With Its Ban On Mailed Abortion Pills Center For American Progress

**Project 2025 Would Severely Limit Abortion Access Nationwide.** "Project 2025 calls for hundreds of individual policy changes that will impact our constitutional freedoms, and every aspect of our lives. Among them are: Gutting Abortion Access Severely limiting abortion access nationwide by reversing the FDA's approval of mifepristone, a drug used in medication abortion, and reviving a 19th century law, the Comstock Act, to ban any abortion medications, equipment, or materials from being sent through the U.S. Postal Service." [Project 2025, accessed <u>8/19/24</u>]

**Project 2025 Called To Enforce The Comstock Act.** "Project 2025, the presidential transition plan backed by many of Trump's conservative allies and embraced by other Republicans, calls for Comstock's enforcement. Spencer Chretien, Project 2025's associate director and previous special assistant to former President Trump, told NOTUS that, 'the most intense focus is on the first 180 days, the first six months of the new administration. That's when the president has the most capital. That's when you've got to go big.' Among the actions that the project considers a priority during this period, Chretien said, is enforcing Comstock." [NOTUS, <u>1/19/24</u>]

The Comstock Act Prohibited The Shipment Of Anything Intended For An Abortion. "They're pinning their hopes on the Comstock Act, a series of laws enacted in 1873 that prohibit the shipment of 'every article or thing designed, adapted or intended for producing abortion.' The law was essentially unenforceable during the Roe era, but a federal judge in Texas ruled in 2023 that the Comstock Act prohibits the shipment of the two drugs used in more than half of all abortions today." [NOTUS, <u>1/19/24</u>]

Project 2025 Called For A Future President To Withdraw From A Biden Administration Memo Which Stated That The Comstock Act Made Mailing Abortion Pills Illegal When "The Sender Intends Them To Be Used Unlawfully." "The plan calls for a future president to withdraw a 2022 memo issued by the Biden administration stating that Comstock makes mailing abortion pills illegal only when 'the sender intends them to be used unlawfully.' A new GOP-led Justice Department could then issue guidance telling federal agencies how to interpret the law and who should be prosecuted when the law is broken." [NOTUS, 1/19/24]

Mary Ziegler, A Law Professor At The University Of California, Davis, Said The Comstock Act Would Lead To An Abortion Ban Because "There Are No Abortions That Take Place In The United States Without An Item That Was Sent In The Mail." "Interpreting Comstock that way would effectively ban abortion pills nationwide — even in states that protect abortion rights. With a broader interpretation of Comstock, women in blue states would be able to access some surgical abortions in places where those tools already are, but the inability to mail devices would lead to a full ban because 'there are no abortions that take place in the United States without an item that was sent in the mail,' said Mary Ziegler, a professor of law at the University of California, Davis, who specializes in abortion issues. She added that tools and drugs used in abortions are acquired from 'drug companies and medical suppliers' who then ship those to health providers." [NOTUS, <u>1/19/24</u>]

**Project 2025 Would Ensure That The Department Of Health And Human Services Would Be Tasked With Outlawing The Abortion Pill Mifepristone.** "While the Mandate's chapters lay out, often in turgid bureaucratese, an agenda for major departments and agencies, the priorities are drawn straight from Trump's venom. [...] The Department of Health and Human Services would be tasked with insuring that mifepristone—the abortion pill—is outlawed." [The Nation, 2/8/24]

## Project 2025 Could Restrict Access To IVF And Birth Control And Implement A Total Abortion Ban Through Fetal Personhood Philosophy

**Project 2025 Included Language Promoting Fetal Personhood.** "Project 2025, a comprehensive conservative policy blueprint, does not directly mention in vitro fertilization, but critics have warned included language promoting fetal personhood could have far-reaching consequences for IVF." [USA Today, <u>8/7/24]</u>

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- Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments. "As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby." [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed 2/23/24]

Project 2025 Would Create A Mandatory Government Monitoring Of Women's Pregnancy To Potentially Prosecute Them If They Have An Abortion

**Project 2025 Called For Expansive Government Tracking Of "Spontaneous Miscarriage; Treatments That Incidentally Result In The Death Of A Child (Such As Chemotherapy); Stillbirths; And Induced Abortion."** "The word 'abortion' appears 199 times in Project 2025. The playbook includes an expansive array of suggestions of ways the government should regulate pregnancy and abortion, including: • Removing emergency contraception from the list of preventive services insurers must cover under the Affordable Care Act • Calling on the FDA to rescind its approval of 'chemical abortion drugs' such as mifepristone • Using the Comstock Act to make it illegal to mail abortion medication • Revoking Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions • Prohibiting hospital emergency rooms from providing an abortion in order to save a woman's life • Conducting expansive government tracking of every instance of 'spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion." [Bloomberg, 7/11/24]

Project 2025 Would Require States To Report Gestational Age, The Reason For The Abortion, The Women's State Of Residence, And Method, Or Lose Medicaid Funding

Project 2025 Called For All States To Report "How Many Abortions Take Place Within Its Borders, At What Gestational Age Of The Child, For What Reason, The Mother's State Of Residence, And By What Method," Or Lose Federal Funding. "The CDC's abortion surveillance and maternity mortality reporting systems are woefully inadequate. CDC abortion data are reported by states on a voluntary basis, and California, Maryland, and New Hampshire do not submit abortion data at all. Accurate and reliable statistical data about

abortion, abortion survivors, and abortion-related maternal deaths are essential to timely, reliable public health and policy analysis. Because liberal states have now become sanctuaries for abortion tourism, HHS should use every available tool, including the cutting of funds, to ensure that every state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother's state of residence, and by what method. It should also ensure that statistics are separated by category: spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion. In addition, CDC should require monitoring and reporting for complications due to abortion and every instance of children being born alive after an abortion. Moreover, abortion should be clearly defined as only those procedures that intentionally end an unborn child's life. Miscarriage management or standard ectopic pregnancy treatments should never be conflated with abortion. Comparisons between live births and abortion should be tracked across various demographic indicators to assess whether certain populations are targeted by — 456 — Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise abortion providers and whether better prenatal physical, mental, and social care improves infant outcomes and decreases abortion rates, especially among those who are most vulnerable." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed <u>7/23/24</u>]

• Project 2025 Wanted To Enact The Ensuring Accurate And Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act Of 2023 Which Would Have Required States To Report Abortions, In Order To Receive Federal Medicaid Payments. "The Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 20239 would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve the CDC's abortion reporting mechanisms by requiring states, as a condition of federal Medicaid payments for family planning services, to report streamlined variables in a timely manner." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed 7/23/24]

# Project 2025 Would Remove Plan B From The Contraception Mandate So That Insurance Would No Longer Be Required To Cover It

**Project 2025 Called Plan B An "Abortifacient" And Called For Plan B To Be Removed From The Contraception Mandate.** "Eliminate the week-after-pill from the contraceptive mandate as a potential abortifacient. One of the emergency contraceptives covered under the HRSA preventive services guidelines is Ella (ulipristal acetate). Like its close cousin, the abortion pill mifepristone, Ella is a progesterone blocker and can prevent a recently fertilized embryo from implanting in a woman's uterus. HRSA should eliminate this potential abortifacient from the contraceptive mandate." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 485, accessed <u>7/23/24</u>]

The Contraception Mandate Was A Part Of The ACA And Required All Health Insurance Plans To Cover Female Contraception. "As of August 1, 2012, the ACA contraception mandate required that all new health insurance plans provide FDA-approved female contraception and contraceptive services, without patient cost-sharing[9,10]. This mandate reduced out-of-pocket costs[11–15], and while evidence is mixed[11,15–18], some research suggests the mandate increased use of specific contraceptives such as LARCs[14,19,20]. Patterns of contraceptive use and effects of the mandate on contraceptive use also appear to differ by race/ethnicity, insurance type, and relationship status[7,19,21–25]. Whether the ACA contraceptive resources), and whether that decrease was uniform across women of reproductive age, or if it differed by demographic characteristics (race/ethnicity, insurance type, or relationship status) remains unknown." [National Library of Medicine, 10/23/19]

• Abortifacient Referred To A Drug Or Chemical That Induced Abortion. "Abortifacient, any drug or chemical preparation that induces abortion. For centuries, herbal abortifacients have been made from infusions or oils of plants such as pennyroyal (Mentha pulegium), angelica (Angelica species), and tansy (Tanacetum vulgare). Such preparations are no more likely to terminate a pregnancy than they are to induce potentially lethal reactions such as vomiting, hemorrhages, and convulsions in the women who take them. Truly effective abortifacients were not developed until the end of the 20th century, when the biochemical processes behind cell division and growth and the role of hormones in reproductive processes were understood." [Brittanica, accessed 7/24/24]

**Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Would Take Away Access To Free Emergency Contraception For 48 Million Women.** "In 'Project 2025: A Presidential Transition Project,' far-right extremists outline their intent to exclude some forms of emergency contraception from no-cost coverage. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires most private health insurance plans to provide no-cost coverage—without copayment, coinsurance, or deductible—for recommended preventive services. This benefit includes the full range of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved birth control methods and counseling, including emergency contraception. Rescinding nocost coverage could have lifelong consequences for women nationwide. A new Center for American Progress analysis estimates that if Project 2025 were enacted, nearly 48 million women of reproductive age would lose their guaranteed no-cost access to emergency contraception." [Center for American Progress, Article, <u>6/18/24</u>]

**Project 2025 Called For Removing Emergency Contraception From The List Of Preventative Services Insurers Must Cover Under The Affordable Care Act.** "The word 'abortion' appears 199 times in Project 2025. The playbook includes an expansive array of suggestions of ways the government should regulate pregnancy and abortion, including: • Removing emergency contraception from the list of preventive services insurers must cover under the Affordable Care Act • Calling on the FDA to rescind its approval of 'chemical abortion drugs' such as mifepristone • Using the Comstock Act to make it illegal to mail abortion medication • Revoking Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions • Prohibiting hospital emergency rooms from providing an abortion in order to save a woman's life • Conducting expansive government tracking of every instance of 'spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion."" [Bloomberg, 7/11/24]

## (FL-13) Message #2 Backup

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Working As Communications Director For The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Whitney Fox Worked With Democrats And Republicans To Deliver Results For Pinellas County. "Formerly serving as the Communications Director for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Whitney spearheaded the successful SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit system. While Anna Paulina Luna was busy playing politics, ignoring struggling families, and supporting extreme ideas (like a national abortion ban), Whitney has been working with Democrats and Republicans at the local, state, and federal level to deliver results for Pinellas County. We deserve better representation, one that focuses on the needs of hard working Americans and not chasing headlines." [Whitney Fox for Congress, accessed 9/29/24]

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high-demand medications and expand the \$35 cap for insulin to everyone, not just seniors. People should not have to choose between paying rent and life saving medication." [Whitney Fox for Congress, Priorities, accessed 9/29/24]

Whitney Fox Will Protect Social Security In Congress. "I stand firmly against any attempts to undermine Social Security and Medicare. These programs are vital lifelines for our seniors and future retirees, and I'm committed to protecting and strengthening them. Additionally, I'll champion efforts to lower prescription drug costs, ensuring that quality healthcare is both accessible and affordable for all Floridians. By safeguarding these essential programs we can provide greater financial security and peace of mind to our seniors." [Whitney Fox for Congress, Priorities, accessed 9/29/24]

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Whitney Fox Will Work In Congress To Address The Insurance Crisis In Florida By Bolstering Federal Homeowners Insurance Protections. "Most importantly, we must rein in spiraling insurance rates. Given the scale and complexity of failing insurance markets across the country, it is clear that state-level actions alone are insufficient. I propose the creation of a federal homeowners insurance policy for natural disasters covering primary residences, stepping in where private insures are failing, and offering the stability and affordability we desperately need." [Whitney Fox for Congress, Priorities, accessed 9/29/24]

# (FL-13) Message #3 Backup

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Anna Paulina Luna Received More Than \$80,000 From The Real Estate Industry. [Open Secrets, Anna Paulina Luna, Industries, accessed <u>9/29/24</u>]

Anna Paulina Luna Received More Than \$200,000 From The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Sector. [Open Secrets, Anna Paulina Luna, Industries, accessed <u>9/29/24</u>]

**HEADLINE: "Insurance Crisis In Florida, Across The Nation, Gets National Spotlight"** [CBS News Miami, <u>6/6/24</u>]

**HEADLINE: "Hurricane Helene Hits Florida Homeowners Already Facing Soaring Insurance Costs."** [CBS News, <u>9/27/24</u>]

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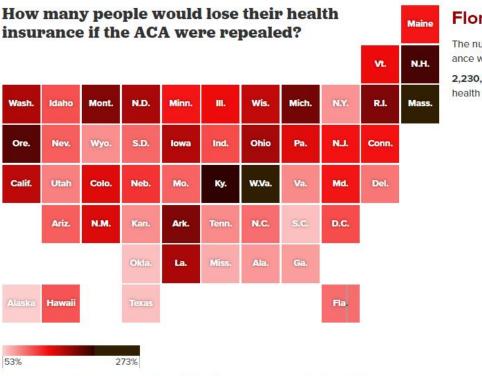
#### Luna Wants To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Kick 2.2 Million Floridians Off Their Health Insurance And Remove Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.

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Losing health insurance  $\mathcal{M}_{h}$ 



Florida

The number of people without insurance would jump by 90%

2,230,000 people would lose their health insurance

Map is colored to illustrate relative impact by showing the percent increase in the number of uninsured.

[Economic Policy Institute, ACA Repeal Impact, accessed 8/7/24]

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Kaiser Family Foundation Listed Diabetes, Cancer As Pre-Existing Conditions. "A pre-existing condition might be mild – for example, seasonal allergies or acne treated with simple medications. Or it could be more serious or require more costly treatment – such as diabetes, heart disease, or cancer." [KFF, 10/1/20]

Health And Human Services Listed Asthma As A Pre-Existing Condition Under The Affordable Care Act. "Health insurance companies cannot refuse coverage or charge you more just because you have a 'pre-existing condition' — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer, as well as pregnancy. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition." [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, About the ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions, accessed 7/2/24]