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There were some technical difficulties at the beginning of this show but this segment is referring to the Supreme Court's decision to hear the Missouri law limiting access to abortions.

Abortion

JORDAN LORENCE, J.D., litigation director, Concerned Women for America

"...increased pressure on Bush to pick people that are solid, pro-life votes to overturn Roe v. Wade."

ROBERTSON

"That is a clear mandate of the Republican platform. There are two sections in the platform about abortion. One against abortion and the other for pro-life judges. So he'll be pretty hard pressed to go against that."

LORENCE

"Well I think that's right. I think that there's been some disappointment with the appointment of Dr. Sullivan to the Department of Health and Human Services and I think if a Supreme Court vacancy comes, there will be increased pressure on Bush to make sure he picks a person acceptable to the pro-lifers."

ROBERTSON

"What about the debate? The National Organization of Women said they're going to organize a massive debate on this situation. Is Concerned Women for America going to get into the fray?"

LORENCE

"Well I think that we will. We haven't discussed it yet but I think that we'll try to file a friend-of-the-court brief. I think it's kind of curious when I hear about NOW talking about activism because most people who I know support abortion always say, 'I'm personally opposed but I think women have a right to choose.' And if they have such confused, conflicting standards inside their own minds, I don't know how that's going to motivate them to go out on the streets. The pro-life people in contrast, say abortion is morally wrong, they have a more direct way mentally of getting involved and being pushed by their belief system to get out and get active."

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NARRATOR

"...But many people are expecting 1989 to bring major changes in some vital social issues such as pornography and abortion. Much

of that change rests on the make-up of the Supreme Court and if the three elderly justices who could retire soon are replaced by constitutionalists, conservatives like Pat Buchanan say many court decisions can be turned around this year beyond."

PAT BUCHANAN

"I think we're going to get the absurd interpretation of the first amendment that will somehow make government hostile toward religion. I think we can get that overturned. I think a lot of the pornography decisions can be overturned and a lot of the other things."

NARRATOR

"The key 'other thing' is the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion nationwide. An overturn on that decision or at least a modification of it is likely this year, even with the Supreme Court as it is. But a change in the nation's attitude that allows the killing of the unborn is much harder to bring about."

BUCHANAN

"I think in a lot of ways America is a very, very cold hearted nation and it cannot even face the fact or will not face the fact of dealing with a forming human being and until it confronts that, it's the same cold face people [from] the days of slavery."

NARRATOR

"Operation Rescue, a non violent, pro-life movement with activists who actually block abortion clinic doors with their own bodies has already melted many of America's cold hearts, expect their efforts to intensify in 1989 even as many who promote abortion, grow increasingly aggressive in trying to stop them."

CORAL RIDGE MINISTRIES 1-22-89

Abortion

MOTHER THERESA

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent, unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her own womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other?"

C. EVERETT KOOP, Surgeon General

"You can't have 4,000 abortions a day and we ought to call it what it is, you can't have the killing of 4,000 unborn children a day without having it effect the understanding of this country or what life is all about and how precious it is either to God or to

man. And as a result of that abortion mentality, we slipped into thinking of a newborn baby being very little different than a baby just before birth. The Supreme Court removed personhood from the fetus and I began to see people in my profession look at a newborn baby that wasn't perfect and say, 'well that's just a fetus outside the uterus, we can treat him as though he was inside the uterus, courts have said he's not a person so let's not feed him.' And so we went from abortion to infanticide and so infanticide, which is mercy killing of a baby, is going to lead us to mercy killing of adults."

JAMES KENNEDY

"It's clear that there's a great deal of controversy and debate over this issue. However, most abortion decisions are made by individuals who have never heard the debate or understood the issues...So many decisions for abortion are based on the 'out of sight, out of mind' reasoning, not fully understanding what is really taking place or ever visualizing the child that is maturing in the sanctuary of the mother's womb...Abortion is clearly the taking of a human life. Many have tried to dismiss the obvious scientific evidence of life's existence from the point of conception by using an approach which is the equivalence of the theory that the earth is flat. Through discoveries of today's medical science and technology, the understanding of life at conception is more vivid than ever before...We the people must call for a change in the law. A law that was put into place but never represented the will of the American people. A law that has provided a deceptive rationalizing for promoting the greatest loss of life in our nation's history. This law has drastically eroded away our basic moral and ethical values regarding life. I have prepared this petition, I'm going to present it to the congress, to the President and Vice President and to members of his Cabinet and I want you to join me in this effort by signing this petition. The voice of the people must be heard. Please write today, and I will immediately send out this petition for your signature so it can be returned in time to be sent with my petition to our leaders in Washington...We're getting close to winning this battle, we've already won a number of decisions in various states and yet those who are opposed to our efforts to stopping abortion are pulling out all the stops, they're making every effort to see that this holocaust continues. So please, join me now, the time is critical."

A PASTOR'S STUDY 1-26-89

Abortion

JERRY FALWELL

"I believe as the President said in his inaugural address, there's a new breeze blowing in this country and one of those

breezes is an interest in the welfare of the unborn...I just feel so strongly about it. The President's first act as President was to lead the nation in prayer. And then three or four days later, he and Vice President Quayle participated in a march for life. The President addressed them from the White House by radio and the Vice President actually had them into his office pledging all their energies and resources to overthrow, to banish the Roe v. Wade ruling and make it safe in America again for the unborn...According to John Sununu and according to the attorney general, Thornburgh and the President himself, it isn't a matter of if abortion ends in this country, purely when, and we thank God for that."

MACK EVANS, cohost

"Were there many pro-abortion supporters there?"

FALWELL

"I'm told, you know I didn't see any, but I'm told there were 11 there."

EVANS

"The reason I asked that, I noticed a picture in the paper of all these pro-abortion placards but you couldn't see any of their faces."

FALWELL

"All of them made front page I'm told and then the 100,000 pro-lifer's, I think they got a little clip on page 18 in most papers of America. But that's the way it is. The media primarily, mostly across America in general are for abortion and a majority of all Americans are against abortion. They try to twist the stats."

700 CLUB 1-23-89

Abortion

NARRATOR

"...Today America continues to wrestle with the value of human life. The Supreme Court has so far refused to recognize unborn fetuses as persons. Pregnancy has been characterized as a sexually transmitted disease, an unseen infection. Since the Roe v. Wade decision, over 20 million unborn babies have been put to death."

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, policy analyst, Free Congress Foundation

"Our sense of the worth and value of human life begins to decline and soon our society and our own hearts become corrupt. And those who are inconvenient become killable. The unborn child is an inconvenience so we get rid of it. We don't see it, it can't

defend itself. The old person or the retarded person or the person of the wrong race becomes dispensable."

NARRATOR

"Our society defines value of life in terms of economics. How much work someone can do, whether they can eat, talk or move about. Courts are increasingly permitting terminally ill or handicapped persons to voluntarily end their lives and the idea of euthanasia is becoming accepted here in the U.S. In a poll taken last year, 58% of Americans said it should be o.k. for a doctor to assist a terminally ill patient in ending their life. And 62% of doctors believe it is sometimes o.k. for a doctor to assist a terminally ill person to end their life."

700 CLUB 1-23 THROUGH 1-27, 1989

The 700 Club was doing a fundraiser all this week called the Ten Commandments.

A PASTOR'S STUDY 1-23-89

Glasnost

JERRY FALWELL

"...Let's talk about Glasnost, let's talk about what's been going on behind the iron curtain. Glasnost has not changed the laws about religion behind the iron curtain. It has only given slight reinterpretations of those laws. Let me just give you some facts that will help you. Our researcher John Nixon worked over the weekend to get some of these things together so that you and I would understand fully what really is happening in the Communist world. Under Glasnost, the Soviet government has made some concessions, but the laws instituted by Stalin in 1929 have not been changed. Some Bibles are permitted to be printed now, some churches allowed to reopen, a small number of political prisoners have been released. But the slight reduction in religious restrictions during the past year, marking the 1,000th anniversary of the Christian church in Russia was probably the result of calculation on the part of Gorbachev who has come to realize that he must have the support of the vast orthodoxy, the Russian Orthodox population made of citizens who for the main part are constructive members in society in order to aid the social and the moral climate in his country. Though his mother, Gorbachev's mother is a believer, his wife Raisa is a committed atheist and Gorbachev himself has called for a decisive and uncompromising struggle with religion as well as for more intense atheistic education. Further, theoretically, a constitutional

divide separates church and state in the Soviet Union. In practice however, the state interferes with and places cumbersome burdens on religious activity of any kind. The Soviet Union's repression of religion is a violation of the United Nations declaration of human rights. They ignore that totally...All religious activity including witnessing or religious funerals...all of that is strictly forbidden. Prison sentences have been imposed for activities such as running Sunday schools or holding Bible studies, providing charitable help for those who are in prison...Nothing really has changed. Right now according to Sakharov and Geroniski, somewhere between 2,000 and 6,000 persons are in prison in the Soviet Union for expressing religious views and values. That doesn't sound much like Glasnost...What I'm saying is that while, thank God, a few positive things have been felt and we pray that they're real, we mustn't let our guard down and assume that there's religious freedom in the communist world...[Falwell shows a music video called "Famine In Their Land" by the Nelons]...That 'Famine In Their Land' could one day be a famine in our land. It's already begun you know. The Supreme Court with the help of the ACLU and other anti-Christian organizations have thrown God out of our public schools and in the process...secularized the entire nation and thrown God out of American society. What has happened there can happen here."

700 CLUB 1-24-89

Adultery

GARY BAUER, president, Family Research Council

"If increasing numbers of children find themselves in broken homes or in homes where the primary lesson was that values and fidelity and honor don't matter, then we continue to another generation, the kind of behavior which is likely to continue the problems that all of us in this country want to solve."

NARRATOR

"Many studies now show that the lives of children of broken homes mirror the problems of our society. The divorce rate for white females who's parents did not stay together is 59%, well above the national average. For white males that figure is 23%. Children of divorce are more likely to have drug and alcohol problems or to have a brush with the law. Daughters of unmarried mothers are 2 1/2 times more likely than daughters from intact marriages to engage in premarital sex and teenage boys from one parent households are almost twice as likely to father a child out of wedlock than boys out of two parent families..."

ROBERTSON

"...Marriage is the foundation of the next generation, marriage

is the foundation of society and what it does to people, it tears them apart. Inside, the woman feels rejected, 25 years of marriage the husband comes in and says 'I don't love you, I'm going off with another woman,' the man is trying to build a home, establish a business or a job, trying to provide for his wife and children and one day she says, 'look, it isn't enough fun, there's no more romance in our marriage, I'm leaving.' And it happens all the time because they watch soap operas and they watch television...we're glorifying sensuality...it comes into your eyes and into your ears and then it gets into your heart and the trouble is now people [men] are looking on women to lust after them and they're committing adultery with them or women who lust after men in their heart. It's very simple about what the Bible says, and I don't care how liberal society is, it doesn't matter what we permit, it's what God permits is what counts in terms of eternal life. The Bible is very explicit about who's going to get into heaven and those who are fornicators and committers of adultery and idolaters and whoever loves and makes a lie, the Bible says is not going to enter into the Kingdom of God. It's very simple, and if you want to get into heaven, if you want to be blessed in this life, do it God's way."

700 CLUB 1-31-89

Education

PAT ROBERTSON

"The dispiriting crisis in American education is our President's number one domestic priority and already, President Bush has called for volunteers on the state and local levels to work together toward public education reform. One of the things that the people working in my political campaign were able to do way back was to get in a plank in the republican platform calling on vouchers. One idea along with the voucher that is spreading very quickly throughout the country is what's called choice. Can you choose in the school system, where to send your child to put a little competition, a little free enterprise in the public education system."

Cynthia Glaser, White House correspondent, CBN

"What would you think as a parent if you could enroll your child in any school of your choice, not restricted to school zones? And could choose the school curriculum that best meets your child's educational needs. For thousands of people, this is not a hypothetical question. It's called choice in public education. Choice basically means, open enrollment. Allowing parents the right to transfer their child from the school district they reside in, to any other district in the state that has agreed to participate in the choice plan. Proponents say choice education gives parents back their voices and proper roles in determining

the makeup of their children's education. They say it fosters healthy competition among schools, the best attracting the most. Proponents include parents of course, most of whom are glad to be back in the education equation."

JACQUELINE WILDER, Mother

"I was able to observe each classroom, each different school and make my own decision."

GLASER

"And there are many school administrators and teachers who are advocates. They say under the choice plan there's a surge of educational creativity and excellence."

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN, principal, Bridge School

"I brought my own curriculum, was able to hire my own teachers, went out and recruited the kids..."

GLASER

"President Bush who said he wants to become the education President, has come out in favor of choice. He says it tends to give responsibility back to the local community leaving the federal government at an arm's distance. He describes the choice plan as a promising educational reform idea."

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

"Minnesota, East Harlem, San Francisco, Los Angeles and one hundred other places in between, choice has worked. Daily student attendance goes up, high school drop out rates have gone down, school disciplinary problems decrease."

GLASER

"Is this evaluation accurate? To find out CBN news went to one of the country's poorest and most crime riddled areas, New York City's East Harlem. Here at School District #4, choice in public education has been in the works since 1974. School administrators told us choice has completely turned around their school district. The contrast from 1974 is dramatic."

JOHN FALCO, superintendent, School District Four

"Now you have competition in education also, the same way you have competition in industry. If you put out a great product, they're going to buy your product. If you put out a bad product, you're going to fall by the wayside."

GLASER

"Choice in education is not a cureall, it's not a panacea says Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers..."

ALBERT SHANKER, president, American Federation of Teachers

"I don't particularly think that many districts are going to want students coming from elsewhere, after all they're not going to make any money off those students. At best those students will bring the money to educate them, so it's not like the business world."

GLASER

"Shanker is counted among the highly skeptical of choice. He warns it's important not to go overboard on the wisdom of parents in choosing education for their children."

SHANKER

"The taxpayers in this country will not pay taxes to allow parents to do whatever they want to do with their children educationally. Society makes certain decisions, we're paying taxes because we want those children to grow up to be good citizens."

PAT ROBERTSON

"Well ladies and gentlemen, this is what's happening and I think now's the time you ought to let legislators know, this isn't by the way a national issue so much as it's a state issue, it's at the state and local area these choice schools are in the local communities, so this is in your local community. Talk to your school boards, talk to your principals...It's a wonderful concept, let's support it the best we can."