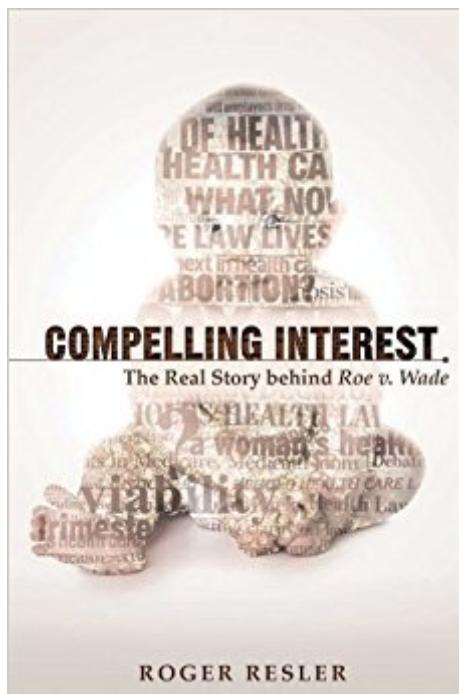


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Compelling Interest: The Real Story Behind Roe V. Wade



Synopsis

Is a fetus a person? Is a pro-choice • a neutral position? For 40 years since the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the abortion debate has been highly charged and politicized. Questions like these "and passionate but widely varying answers" have become the common language of the public dialogue on this issue. Yet behind the scenes of this historic case are other intriguing questions: How did the Supreme Court come to be involved in the abortion debate? Was language manipulated to affect the outcome? What was the moral basis underlying the decision? In *Compelling Interest*, author Roger Resler draws on original sources, including the actual transcripts for oral arguments, the majority and minority opinions, and comments by the lawyers and others involved to take a careful look at the real story behind the historic Roe v. Wade decision. Resler includes conversations with experts, including sociology professor Dr. William Brennan, the late Dr. Mildred Jefferson and Dr. Carolyn Gerster who co-founded the National Right to Life Committee, prolific author and speaker Randy Alcorn, bioethics professor Dr. Gerard Magill, perinatologist Dr. James Thorp, and photojournalist Michael Clancy. This carefully researched book speaks with a thought-provoking, balanced voice that stands out from the usual partisan rhetoric on the topic.

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I once saw a very disturbing video about the horrors of abortion. The video showed dead aborted babies. Thankfully, the viewer was warned of the disturbing images and that the viewer should turn

their head if needed while gentle music continued to play in the background. Unfortunately, we as a nation have chosen to turn our head and deny the truth about abortion. We have chosen to avoid thinking about the procedure itself and only consider the mother. The only one without a choice in the pro-choice movement is the unborn baby. While such a video simply showed the truth about abortion, any attempt to show the truth of abortion is met with vitriolic attack by those who favor abortion. In my opinion, abortion is one more area of justification of behaviors which result in unwanted consequences. We have become a society which declares "It's not my fault" or "It's someone else's fault so you should feel sorry for me." We then look for a way to avoid the natural consequences of what we have done. In this case, the natural consequence of intimate relationships out of marriage (or sometimes even within marriage) which result in a new baby being born is being excused and avoided by the medical intervention at the cost of a new baby's life. I have been aware of Roe v Wade for many, many years and have encouraged others to understand what this procedure actually is and that it results in the death of an unborn baby. This book is absolutely the best source of the circumstances surrounding this court case as well as details of the arguments by each side and much of the thinking of the justices (as reflected by questions by the justices and the written decision itself).

Roger Resler has written the definitive argument against the killing of unborn children. With clear, logical language he takes each argument for abortion and shows the logical fallacies and language twisting pro-abortionists have to use to make it acceptable. This book is not written in an overly emotional tone. It is almost straight logic and does not skirt the hard questions. But I found myself fighting back emotions because of the logic. It breaks my heart. How can we as a nation expect God to bless us when we destroy our own children just because they will disrupt our comfortable lives? This does not leave us without compassion for the mother. Unlike the pro-abortion crowd, we should give her alternatives. Adoption or help raising the child. Roe v. Wade is the landmark Supreme Court case that made abortion legal. Since that day millions of babies have been killed. Compelling Interest contains interviews, quotes, extracts, and many other information concerning the case. He shows how it was one of the worst written cases in history. When does a person become a "person". At birth? At conception? Somewhere in between? The pro-abortionist says we don't know, so we can terminate the pregnancy at any time before birth. This logic is atrocious. Let's take that same logic into another situation. Let's say I have an old building I need to demolish. I am not sure if there is anyone in the building at the time. I send someone in to see if it is clear. They come back and tell me they were not sure. They saw a pot of stew cooking over a small fire and it looked like a

homeless person had been there. I then go ahead and demolish the building, because the potential homeless person is not the same as a homeless person.

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