

States That Banned Abortions Also Helped Pregnant Women Too. Here's Proof

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“It’s ... hard to take seriously Republicans’ passionate pleas for this body to defend the existence of an unborn fetus when they seem to care so little about many of the existential threats that are posed to every American after they are born. ... It seems that after birth, life matters a little bit less to some people in this body.”

So [said](#) Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., on the Senate floor in May in support of the so-called Women’s Health Protection Act, which would actually make abortion on demand, up through birth, legal nationwide.

“If [Republicans] refuse to support life after birth, how can they claim to believe in it before? Truth is, this is not about life and never has been. It’s about seizing power and control,” wrote Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in a [tweet](#) on June 24, the day the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision came down.

Using such rhetoric, the abortion movement has attempted to disparage pro-lifers with the faulty claim time and time again, that the pro-life movement does not care about mothers and their children after they are born.

For those unwilling even to acknowledge the humanity of an unborn child, it’s apparently impossible to recognize that there is already a vast pro-life safety net that offers women and their children the love, support, and protection they deserve far beyond just the moment of birth.

Today, there are at least [2,700 pro-life pregnancy resource centers](#) nationwide, served by more than 10,000 medical professionals, reaching nearly 2,000,000 women, men, and youths per year and offering services from sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment to free ultrasounds, parenting classes, maternity homes, and job training referrals—all at little or no cost. The combined value of those services and more, mostly privately supported, was at least \$266 million in 2019.

Pro-life advocates have also been the driving force behind the creation and expansion of child tax credits and adoption tax credits at the federal and state levels.

Congressional Republicans passed the [first federal child tax credit](#) in September 1997, just a few weeks before what was Ocasio-Cortez’s eighth birthday. State and federal child tax credits have steered well over \$1 trillion back to families during the past quarter-century.

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