

"Iowans for Abolition" to GOP Debaters: "We need a Lincoln"

Ahead of this week's Republican debate, Iowa Abortion Opponents Unveil 2024 Presidential Abolition Pledge

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy in Florida

70,083 in 2018
71,914 in 2019
74,868 in 2020
79,817 in 2021
82,192 in 2022



Des Moines, Iowa Aug 22, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - (Des Moines, Iowa) On the eve of the first GOP presidential debate in Milwaukee, leaders of Iowans for Abolition and Americans for Abolition, overlapping anti-abortion coalitions, are protesting that the Party of Lincoln, founded in 1854 Wisconsin, has excluded someone crucial from the platform: Lincoln himself.

[Iowa State Rep. Luana Stoltenberg](#) (R-Davenport) was devastated by infertility after three abortions by age 21. She said, "This week's TV debate falls exactly 14 months from the U.S. Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade, a ruling which has resulted in about 66.6 million butchered babies, disproportionately Black children. We need a Lincoln. We need a signer for ['The 2024 Iowa Abolition Vow.'](#)"

The ecumenical Religious and Human Rights document, along the lines of "[The 2012 Iowa Marriage Vow](#)" associated with Rick Santorum's upset win over Mitt Romney, is being publicly unveiled today. "We are encouraging presidential candidates from the Party of Lincoln to declare themselves federal Abolitionists, to declare his or her aim to become 'The Great Emancipator of the Unborn,'" Rep. Stoltenberg said.

In an Iowans for Abolition gathering at the Capitol on the solemn Jewish date of Tisha B'av last month, Rabbi Yossi Jacobson, head of Chabad Lubavitch and Maccabee's Kosher Deli in Des Moines, led prayers for the effort near the Lincoln statue. He likened the USA's abortion regime to child-sacrificing Baal worship -- and to the Nazi Holocaust. Rabbi Jacobson said, "Abortion is murder."

Iowa State Trooper and State Rep. Zach Dieken (R-Granville) is an abortion Abolitionist who voted against Gov. Kim Reynolds's 'Heartbeat' bill due to its loopholes. He [wrote on July 8](#): "The 'Heartbeat Bill' explicitly protects the right of a woman to kill her child in the womb... Roe has been overturned.... So why aren't we courageous enough to protect the lives of innocent children?... the blood of millions of children is on our hands."

Maggie DeWitte leads [Iowa's Pulse for Life Advocates](#) (previously Iowans for LIFE), the state's original pro-life organization from 1972. A Roman Catholic, she also chairs Iowa's longstanding [Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders](#), who have "the common goal of protecting all life from the moment of conception." Frustrated that Iowa's 'Heartbeat' legislation contains no penalties for defiant abortionists, Mrs. DeWitte favors coast-to-coast protection from conception for all babies. From her Iowa State Fair booth, she affirmed the national Abolition policy of the 2024 Iowa Presidential Vow.

Cecily Routman, founder of the [Jewish Pro-Life Foundation](#), said, "I agree with the premise [of the 2024 Iowa Vow] and I am honored to be included in the company of all of those righteous, dedicated, courageous pro-life advocates listed as Abolitionists."

Father Ignatius Makoji, Mass celebrant at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Iowa's central Catholic edifice in Des Moines, has been praying with Iowans for Abolition activists for months. Founder of a Nigerian orphanage after surviving a Boko Haram terrorist attack, Fr. Makoji holds that Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish teachings agree that the only justification for abortion is to save the mother's life from, say, an ectopic pregnancy. A spiritual adviser to the Iowa Abolitionists, Fr. Makoji says that to otherwise harm an innocent child because she is tiny, inconvenient, disabled, or fathered by a criminal is to defy Heaven.

[Steven Baer](#) of Sioux City and Chicago, co-author with Iowa's Bob Vander Plaats of [2012's controversial Marriage Vow presidential pledge](#) as well as a co-author of 2024 Iowa Vow said:

"Right now, [on abortion, Trump and DeSantis](#) are hanging out with the baby lynchers. They're aligned with amoral 'States' Rights' advocates of old, like Slavers Jefferson Davis and Stephen Douglas, versus national Abolitionists like President Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Harriet Beecher Stowe. In old-fashioned terms, they would allow 'Negro babies' to get womb-lynched forever in Florida, Iowa, Illinois, New York, California, etc. Jewish, Hispanic, and Down Syndrome babies too."

Mr. Baer, former president of the United Republican Fund of Illinois, said he has offered Mr. Vander Plaats, CEO of the Clive-based Family Leader, a six-figure donation to co-lead on the 2024 Iowa Vow. He said candidates Pence and Scott also fail as Abolitionists. "They support Sen. Lindsey Graham's proposed 15-week ban, rightly reckoned as '15-WEAK' because it allows [about 95% of all abortions](#) to keep occurring." [According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control](#): "In 2020, 80.9% of abortions were performed at ≤ 9 weeks' gestation, and nearly all (93.1%) were performed at ≤ 13 weeks' gestation."

Mr. Baer said, "Pence has hinted he'd sign a 6-week ban as with DeSantis's state law, yet that accommodates 57% of all abortions in Florida. DeSantis presided over 82,000 abortions in Florida last year and it will be about 90,000 in 2023. His state has become a destination for abortion tourism."

His wife [Donna Baer](#), a mother of 10, [told The Catholic Herald of Milwaukee](#), where tomorrow's debate will occur: "Scripture says, 'Be fruitful and multiply' and that is repeated throughout the Old Testament. Children are a blessing, and there is no other area in our lives that we turn the blessing down.... we respect and honor God's Word.... start with the Ten Commandments as a framework, and the First Commandment is to honor God; that is the starting point and then honor your father and mother, not

because they are good and wonderful, but because it honors God.”

“At the center of the Decalogue,” her husband added, “is the commandment ‘Thou shalt not murder.’ I don’t think the first President from the Party of Lincoln would be pleased by today’s [genocide-enabling frontrunners](#).”

“These faux-life poseurs,” Mr. Baer said, “seem to have zero interest in the exercise of existing Presidential authority to uphold the 14th Amendment’s rights of Life and Equal Protection for all persons, including babies. We need a candidate who vows to deliver date-certain Abolition on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2025,” a plan detailed within the 2024 Iowa Vow. “Why should we cast our Caucus pearls to any Iowa swine who’s A-OK with endless, child-sacrificing Baal worship in our nation? We’re against punishing the second victim of abortion, the often-coerced or confused young mother. However, if the lawyers could figure some way around the Eighth Amendment, I’d vote in a heartbeat to crucify all defiant Dr. Mengeles, all scofflaw abortionists,” Mr. Baer said.

Dr. Jerry Johnson is a former president of the National Religious Broadcasters and one of several co-authors of the 2024 Abolition Vow along with Mr. Baer, who said: “Iowa Abolitionists and millions across the USA are looking for a new Lincoln to emancipate the babies, a new President to end the awful carnage of abortion on Inauguration Day, 2025. We will be listening very closely to all the candidates this Wednesday. Maybe at least one good, decent humanitarian on that stage — or excluded from it — wants his face carved on Mt. Rushmore, next to Lincoln’s?”

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