

CARLOS MUNIZ ON ABORTION

Highlights:

- Carlos Muniz upheld Florida’s abortion ban.
 - Muniz and the Florida Supreme Court allowed the state’s six-week abortion ban to go into effect.
- Carlos Muniz attacked privacy and Roe v. Wade and called fetuses human beings during a hearing.
 - Muniz questioned whether there was a privacy right to abortion after Roe v. Wade was overturned during a hearing on the right to privacy in Florida’s constitution.
 - During a hearing, Muniz referred to fetuses as “human beings.”
 - Muniz also called Roe v. Wade an “abomination” and “semantically absurd.”

Muniz Upheld Florida’s Abortion Ban

MUNIZ’S FLORIDA SUPREME COURT ALLOWED FLORIDA’S SIX-WEEK ABORTION BAN TO GO INTO EFFECT

Muniz Was The Chief Justice Of The Florida Supreme Court. According to the Florida Bar, “The Florida Supreme Court has unanimously re-elected Carlos G. Muñiz for a second two-year term as chief justice. His new term begins July 1. Muñiz is Florida’s 57th chief justice since statehood.” [Florida Bar, [4/24/24](#)]

The Florida Supreme Court - Including Muniz As The Chief Justice - Ruled To Uphold Florida’s 15-Week Abortion. According to WQCS, “The Florida Supreme Court on Monday paved the way for a ban on abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant. The court that was reshaped by former presidential candidate and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis ruled 6-1 to uphold the state’s ban on most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, meaning a ban on six weeks could soon take effect.” [WQCS, [4/1/24](#)]

- **The Ruling Allowed A Six-Week Abortion Ban To Go Into Effect.** According to WQCS, “The Florida Supreme Court on Monday paved the way for a ban on abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant. The court that was reshaped by former presidential candidate and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis ruled 6-1 to uphold the state’s ban on most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, meaning a ban on six weeks could soon take effect.” [WQCS, [4/1/24](#)]

Muniz Attacked Privacy, Roe v. Wade, And Called Fetuses Human Beings During A Hearing

MUNIZ QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE WAS A PRIVACY RIGHT TO ABORTION AFTER ROE V. WADE WAS OVERTURNED DURING A HEARING ON RIGHT TO PRIVACY AMENDMENT IN FLORIDA’S CONSTITUTION

Muniz Questioned Whether The Florida Supreme Court Should Continue To Recognize A Privacy Right To Abortion After The Supreme Court’s “Eviscerated” Roe v. Wade. According to the Florida Phoenix, “Chief Justice Carlos Muñiz questioned Friday whether the Florida Supreme Court should continue to recognize a privacy right to abortion in light of the U.S. Supreme Court’s repudiation last summer of Roe v. Wade, which left the states free to enact their own restrictions on the procedure.[...] Yet ‘the same entity’ — the U.S. Supreme Court — that found an implied privacy right under the U.S. Constitution ‘has told us that it was a mirage. They’ve eviscerated it,’ Muñiz continued. He referred to Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. ‘Should it matter to us that the entire foundation of the asserted right here, essentially the [U.S.] Supreme Court which created the thing in the first place has now said that it was egregiously wrong from Day One? Should that matter to us?’” [Florida Phoenix, [9/8/23](#)]

DURING A HEARING, MUNIZ CALLED FETUSES “HUMAN BEINGS”

During A Hearing, Muniz Referred To Fetuses As “Human Beings.” According to the Florida Phoenix, “During oral arguments in Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida v. State of Florida, Muñoz also referred to fetuses as ‘human beings,’ suggesting sympathy to the state’s defense of HB 5, approved by the Legislature in June 2022 to limit access to abortion after 15 weeks’ gestation.” [Florida Phoenix, [9/8/23](#)]

MUNIZ ALSO CALLED ROE V. WADE AN “ABOMINATION” AND “SEMANTICALLY ABSURD”

Muniz Described Roe v. Wade As An “Abomination” And “Semantically Absurd” In Terms Of Privacy. According to the Florida Phoenix, “On Friday, the chief justice allowed himself to muse about the consensus in 1980. ‘Roe v. Wade may have been an abomination, it may have been semantically absurd to talk about that in terms of privacy. But for better or worse, I mean, that was part of our cultural kind of lexicon,’ he said to Whitaker.” [Florida Phoenix, [9/8/23](#)]