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This election year there are two dramatically divergent choices with regard to the U.S. Constitution. We have a president that believes that justices should interpret the U.S. Constitution based on the plain text of the document, the original intent of the writers and secondarily the will of the people as expressed through their elected leaders. We also have a former vice president that believes that the Constitution is a “living, breathing document” that is subject to the wishes of the Supreme Court Justices and their perception of the ever changing culture.

The men who signed the U.S. Constitution, while representing the voters of their individual states, established a mechanism for the Constitution to change – through the amendment process. Approximately 11,770 proposals to amend the Constitution have been introduced in Congress since 1789 (as of January 3, 2019). Collectively, members of the House and Senate typically propose around 200 amendments during each two-year term of Congress. Only 27 of these amendments have been ratified to become a part of the U.S. Constitution.

So, the framers made it hard to “breathe new life” into this document. Liberals (who now prefer to be called Progressives) believe that justices should use the courts to find new ways to impose their left wing political agenda on the nation. The most famous of this pursuit was the Roe v Wade decision in 1973. This decision, along with the companion case, Doe v Bolton, struck down abortion laws in all 50 states and replaced them with the right of the mother to terminate her preborn child at any time during the pregnancy for any reason or for no reason – commonly referred to as “abortion on demand.”

William Rehnquist, in his dissent to the Roe v Wade majority decision wrote, “To reach its result, the Court necessarily has had to find within the scope of the Fourteenth Amendment a right that was apparently completely unknown to the drafters of the Amendment.” In other words, this right to abortion was wholly created by seven unelected justices that wanted to impose their will on the people and the laws of their state.

Those who vote for Donald Trump will be voting for a man who said to the hundreds of thousands who had gathered for the 2020 annual prolife march, “you love every child, born and unborn, because you believe that every life is sacred, that every child is a precious gift from God.”

Those who vote for Joe Biden will be voting for a man who believes, “With regard to abortion, I accept my church's position that life begins at conception. That's the church's judgment. I accept it in my personal life. But I refuse to impose it on equally devout Christians and Muslims and Jews.” Biden believes that “the liberty clause of the 14th Amendment offers a right to privacy,” and from that flows the right to an abortion.

Interestingly, this same 14th Amendment states, “nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.” So, Biden believes that life begins at conception. The 14th Amendment states that this “life” must be protected. He also, then, logically must believe that “liberty” trumps “life” when it comes to the pre-born. In other words, Biden will surrender his deeply held religious beliefs in favor of Supreme Court Justices that “breathe” rights into the words of the Constitution. He has to be the perfect person for “pro-choice” progressives who want to utilize the courts to advance their causes.

In the end, however, God will be the ultimate judge. King David wrote:

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” (Psalm 139:13-16 - NIV)

For those Christians who believe as does Joe Biden, I have one question. If Mary and Joseph had decided to abort the baby Jesus, would that have been an OK “pro-choice” decision?