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Building the Next Pro-Life Movement

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Last June, the **Supreme Court** overturned Roe v. Wade and reversed nearly 50 years of precedent protecting the right to an abortion. Nearly one year later, **Pope Francis** called for an end to "the era of fossil fuel."

The papal encyclical points to a moment of unexpected opportunity. The Dobbs decision represented the hallmark victory for the pro-life movement, a movement that has shaped conservative voting patterns for decades, and in many ways, contributed to the 2016 election of **Donald Trump**. Yet with this judicial victory, the anti-abortion pro-life movement may be winding to an end—and with it, its stranglehold on voting patterns for much of the conservative base.

Perhaps environmentalism can become the next "pro-life" movement.