

## VOTERS OPPOSE “FETAL PERSONHOOD” BUT IT’S QUIETLY ADVANCING ANYWAY

A new survey from the National Women’s Law Center and Pregnancy Justice reveals that **likely voters oppose “fetal personhood”** — an anti-abortion strategy to give embryos and fetuses the same legal and constitutional rights as people.

Despite strong opposition, anti-abortion policymakers are secretly advancing laws to do this— with disastrous consequences for pregnant people.

### Key Finding: Voters Oppose This Anti-Abortion Strategy— Once They Learn What It Is

- **Two-thirds of voters** had not heard, seen, or read anything in the news about this anti-abortion strategy and its real-world impacts before taking the survey.
- After learning about it, **59% opposed the concept** — 25 points higher than those who support it.
- More than **three-quarters of voters** say it is extremely or very important to protect the rights of people who are pregnant or could become pregnant.

### Key Finding: Voters are Concerned About the Consequences of Giving Legal Rights to Fetuses

- About **three-fourths of voters** believe that the worst consequences of granting legal rights to fetuses include criminal investigations of miscarriages and denial of emergency care for pregnant people.
- The **most believable consequences** of this legal approach are that it could lead to a nationwide abortion ban (68% believe it’s likely) and cause OB-GYNs to fear that providing basic care could be considered a crime (66% believe it’s likely). Notably, 38% and 35%, respectively, said these outcomes are **“extremely likely.”**

To learn more about this survey, click [here](#) or go to [nwlc.org](http://nwlc.org) or [pregnancyjusticeus.org](http://pregnancyjusticeus.org)