

# LEAD VIDEO: Be inspired by the next generation!

Check out this quick, recap video from LEAD, The FAMiLY LEADER's first-ever summer leadership program for youth:

LEAD challenges teens with a week of Christian worldview and leadership training, then culminates in hands-on experience as part of a mock legislature at the Iowa Capitol. But LEAD is far more than a "government camp," for its primary focus is on encouraging and equipping young people to be Christ-like leaders in whatever field God places them.

[Read more about LEAD by clicking here.](#)

[Join TFL in investing in the next generation of Christian leaders. Give to the work of The FAMiLY LEADER today!](#)

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## Bob on MSNBC: "Roe v. Wade is going to end"

The MSNBC news program Velshi & Ruhle invited two, opposing guests to discuss the future of abortion in America – National Organization for Women President Toni Van Pelt and The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats.

In light of Justice Anthony Kennedy announcing his planned retirement on July 31 from the U.S. Supreme Court, the infamous abortion ruling Roe v. Wade hangs in the balance.

Watch as Van Pelt and Vander Plaats react very differently to

to the news:

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## **Bob on Fox, NBC: Kennedy retirement a 'historic opportunity'**

When Justice Anthony Kennedy's announced his plan to retire on July 31 from the U.S. Supreme Court, the news media turned to The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats for an evangelical perspective on the future of the court.

Could this shakeup on the Supreme Court lead to overturning the Roe v. Wade abortion decision? What about Kennedy's majority opinion in the Obergefell same-sex wedding case?

Bob spoke first with the Fox News Channel's Neil Cavuto, then with NBC Nightly News, calling Kennedy's retirement a "historic opportunity":

Bob was then asked by NBC Nightly News what this might mean for the pro-life cause:

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## **On CNN: Bob refuses all-in,**

# all-against divide over Trump

“What do President Trump’s approval numbers mean?” CNN asked The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats.

Bob says it shows the country is being pushed into an artificial “all in” or “all against” divide. It’s time for Americans to think bigger than hyper-partisan boxes.

Watch the interview below:

[Read Bob’s New York Times column that CNN referred to in the interview.](#)

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## On MSNBC: Bob calls for justice AND mercy at U.S. border

The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats joined MSNBC host Hallie Jackson Wednesday morning for a frank discussion on children being separated from their parents at the U.S./Mexico border.

Watch the interview below:

The MSNBC interview was prompted by [Bob’s op-ed in The New York Times](#), in which Bob called on the president, U.S. attorney general, and members of Congress to work out a solution to immigration enforcement that embodies the “do justly and love mercy” spirit of Micah 6:8.

“Let the adults get around the table, and let’s stop this now,” Bob told Jackson. “We cannot let the worst of Washington keep these kids hostage and separate families.”

[Read Bob’s New York Times column that prompted the interview, “Cruelty at the Border Is Not Justice,” by clicking here now!](#)

Bob has also been interviewed recently on local TV networks, including WHO-TV and KCCI-TV, Des Moines. You can watch those interviews below:

[Read Bob Vander Plaats’ column, “Cruelty at the Border Is Not Justice,” on The New York Times website by clicking here.](#)

[Bob previously wrote a USA Today column about solutions to America’s immigration woes in February 2018. Click here to read the USA Today column.](#)

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## **TFL’s Capitol Connection: Iowa’s Heartbeat Law faces injunction**

TFL’s Drew Zahn, Chuck Hurley, and Bob Vander Plaats were on hand at the Polk County Courthouse on June 1 to witness the injunction hearing in Iowa’s Heartbeat Law case. From the Courthouse itself, they report what happened, why it happened, and what YOU need to know:

For more, including a statement from the pro-life attorneys and the Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders, [click here.](#)

[Get YOUR NAME entered into the official court records, telling America's judges to stand for life! Click here today!](#)

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## **TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 16: Life battle leads session recap**

The FAMiLY LEADER's Bob Vander Plaats, Chuck Hurley, and Danny Carroll sat down to discuss what was supposed to be the final recap of the 2018 Iowa Legislative Session.

But with the nation-leading Heartbeat Law facing a court battle, "TFL's Capitol Connection" commits to keep going, to keep YOU informed:

[Sign the petition for life that will be entered into official court records!](#)

In the video, Bob and Chuck mention a historic petition, which very well may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have YOUR name entered into the court's official docket record, calling on America's judges to defend life!

History remembers the 56 brave men who signed their names to the Declaration of Independence. Will YOUR name be counted among those who signed this "Declaration of Life"?

**SIGN THE PETITION!**

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# Watch Gov. Reynolds sign Heartbeat into law

With dozens of legislators, families, reporters, and The FAMiLY LEADER in the room, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law the most pro-life abortion restriction in the nation!

Now watch the governor's comments and exclusive interviews with the bill's floor manager, Rep. Shannon Lundgren, and other pro-life champions of the Heartbeat bill:

The Heartbeat law bans abortions in Iowa – with some exceptions – after an unborn baby's heartbeat is detected. But the law, which could save an estimated 3,000 or more babies' lives in the state each year, doesn't go into effect until July 1.

Looking ahead, the bill is certain to face legal challenge, and The FAMiLY LEADER plans to be a part of fighting for babies' lives in court.

And YOU TOO may have the opportunity to have **your name submitted in the official record**, telling the judges you want the courts to defend unborn babies by upholding the Heartbeat law!

***Sign up for TFL's text alerts today, so we can let you know when the window opens to have YOUR NAME added to the fight for life:***

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# The spiritual groundwork for “Heartbeat”

Passing a major piece of pro-life legislation like the “Heartbeat bill” doesn’t happen overnight, and it doesn’t happen at all without God breaking down major spiritual strongholds.

Bob Vander Plaats and Greg Baker talk about the years of work at the heart-and-soul level that have led up to one of the most significant pro-life victories in American history:

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## TFL’s Capitol Connection, Ep. 15: Heartbeat passes!

“I believe a great thing is happening,” says The FAMiLY LEADER Capitol Team member Chuck Hurley. “In our lifetime, the sanctity of human life is on the front page of newspapers.”

Indeed, newspapers and news networks around the country are reporting the stunning, late-night development: The Iowa Legislature has passed the Heartbeat bill!

Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The FAMiLY LEADER, says the news is nothing short of a “sign of revival.”

In this week’s TFL’s Capitol Connection, Bob sits down with Chuck Hurley and Danny Carroll to share what’s happened and what’s next in Iowa’s nation-leading charge to defend life in the womb.

Along the way, Danny also shares a story from behind the scenes about the precursor to the Heartbeat bill and the first moment this session when he came to believe the Heartbeat bill was possible:

In the video, Bob mentioned an opportunity to thank the legislators who voted for the Heartbeat bill. The FAMiLY LEADER has developed [a convenient tool](#) that enables you to email every “yes” vote in a single, easy step.

[\*Click here to thank Iowa's legislators today!\*](#)

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## **TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 14: Heartbeat's only prayer is YOU**

Iowa's “Heartbeat bill” has hit the hurdle of men's hearts. Bob Vander Plaats, Chuck Hurley, and Danny Carroll sit down to discuss this life-saving bill's path forward, even while lawmakers are hoping to close out the legislative session quickly.

See why Chuck and Bob affirm that *prayer* is needed to break this through this stronghold; nothing else will do:

[\*Join the “Heartbeat” text and prayer team that Bob mentioned by clicking here now!\*](#)

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# **Bob on Fox Business: “Our identity isn’t in Donald Trump”**

On April 19, Charles Payne of Fox Business invited The FAMILy LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats to discuss President Trump’s recent peak of support among white evangelicals in the polls.

But while the temptation is to think of presidential polling and demographics solely in terms of politics, Bob offered a powerful testimony to what it really means to call yourself an “evangelical” Christian: “Christians don’t find our identity in Donald Trump; our identity is in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone.”

Watch the full interview below: