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Support hurt Democrats

Let's be honest. It was more than mid-election doldrums that caused Democratic losses. The party's abortion-on-demand language removed "rare" from "safe, legal, and rare." The Democratic Party apparently doesn't mind having a lot of abortions.

Democrats were defeated by the very constituency they thought they were supporting: women. While pro-choice male candidates thought they could win the women's vote by chanting the "war on women" mantra, it was a record number of pro-life women who won House and Senate seats.

Mia Love, the first-ever elected black Republican woman, is pro-life. The youngest person ever elected to Congress is a New York woman, and you guessed it: She is pro-life.

In a 2013 NBC News/ *Wall Street Journal* poll, 45 percent say abortion should be legal most of the time, while 52 percent say it should be illegal most of the time. But in the wake of the Roe v. Wade decision, Americans' opinion to protect the rights of the unborn are stymied.

However, voters are electing pro-life legislators at the state level who are challenging the Supreme Court. Since 2012, they have passed many of their own regulations. And on Nov. 4, Tennessee voters approved a pro-life measure that clarifies that their state constitution cannot be interpreted to secure an unlimited right to abortion.

As more states are forced to enact abortion restrictions and regulations,

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more Democratic state parties are losing control of state legislatures. Note to our fellow Democrats: two-thirds of state legislatures are now controlled by that other party that has an anti-abortion platform.

The youngest woman to ever become a West Virginia state legislator, Saira Blair, is pro-life. And we can't be shocked that highly funded celebrity candidates like pro-choice Sandra Fluke and Wendy Davis couldn't win.

The party with the pro-life plank is getting younger. Several years ago, upon witnessing hundreds of thousands of anti-abortion marchers in Washington, NARAL President Nancy Keenan told *Newsweek*, "There are so many of them, and they are so young."

In 2015, there will be only 10 Democratic senators or governors who are the same age as or younger than President Obama (53), compared with two dozen Republican senators and governors.

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