David Young wants to make abortion illegal even if a woman has been the victim of rape or incest and has voted to limit women’s access to contraception and cancer screenings.

Young’s Spokesperson Clarified that Abortion Should Only Be Legal If Mother’s Life Was at Stake. In August 2013, “A spokesperson for Republican U.S. Senate candidate David Young says he believes abortion should only be a legal option in cases where the life of the pregnant mother is in jeopardy. Heather Swift, the communications director for the candidate, a former chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said this has been Young's long-standing position on abortion policy.” [Daily Times Herald, 8/12/13]

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Young Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Young voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The rule was adopted, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother's health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, 10/3/17]

Young Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman. In October 2017, Young voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, Vote #548, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Young Voted 12 Times To Defund Or Attack Planned Parenthood.

- Young Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; USA Today, 2/16/17]
- Young Voted For Doubling The Budget For The Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood. [H Res 933, Vote #595, 12/1/16; The Hill, 12/1/16]
- Young Voted For Blocking Resolution To Disband The Planned Parenthood Select Committee. [H Res 771, Vote #285, 6/9/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 6/9/16]
- Young Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]
- Young Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; The Hill, 1/6/16]
- Young Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]
- Young Voted For Establishing Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood. [H Res 461, Vote #538, 10/7/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/7/15]
- Young Voted For Attaching Measure To Defund Planned Parenthood To Spending Measure Necessary To Avert Government Shutdown. [H Con Res 79, Vote #527, 9/30/15; New York Times, 10/1/15]

- Young Voted For Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3495, Vote #524, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]

- Young Voted Against Motion To Protect Women’s Access To Life-Saving Health Services, Including Planned Parenthood. [HR 3495, Vote #523, 9/29/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 9/30/15]

- Young Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/23/15]

- Young Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]
A spokeswoman for Republican U.S. Senate candidate David Young says he believes abortion should be a legal option only in cases where the life of the pregnant mother is in jeopardy.

Heather Swift, the communications director for the candidate, a former chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said this has been Young's long-standing position on abortion policy.

However, it differs from comments Young made in an interview last month with The Daily Times Herald in which he repeatedly advocated legalized abortion for women who have been victims of rape and incest.

Here is the full text of that exchange — part of a broader, multi-topic 45-minute session:

Daily Times Herald: On abortion, you would describe yourself as pro-life?
Young: Yeah.
Daily Times Herald: Would you make any exceptions for a woman who has been raped or a victim of incest?
Young: I think about my nieces and sister-in-law, and just how awful that would be. And I want it to be as rare as possible. But as long as it's legal, I want it to be safe.
And I'd like to really go after the criminal, the rapist.
Daily Times Herald: So if a woman is raped, you think she should have access to an abortion?
Young: She does, and she should.
Daily Times Herald: But if it is for birth control, when they have had consensual sex, then they shouldn't have access to it?
Young: I'm sorry. Say that again.
Daily Times Herald: You're pro-life on abortion in a political sense. Correct? In what circumstances should abortion be illegal in your opinion?
Young: Well, if you look at some of that Dr. (Kermit) Gosnell stuff, that stuff really bothered me after the 20 weeks. I mean, that's infanticide. That's just horrific stuff. That was a chamber of horrors. The House, I think, is doing a 20-week abortion bill over there. I would be supportive of that.
Daily Times Herald: So banning abortion after 20 weeks of a pregnancy then?
Young: Yeah.
Daily Times Herald: What if somebody was raped or a victim of incest? Would they get a waiver then after that to have an abortion later?
Young: I haven't thought enough about this. This is going pretty deep. Can we talk about this again?
Daily Times Herald: Yeah, yeah, yeah, just generally speaking, you say you're pro-life but you would make exceptions for victims of rape and incest. Incest by definition is rape.
Young: Right. I would like them to have the baby but ...
Daily Times Herald: But you don't think they should be forced to do it?
Young: Right.
Daily Times Herald: So if your view prevails and abortion is criminalized in the vast majority of cases, what do you think the penalty should be for a woman who has an abortion or a doctor who performs one? And I'm not asking for a specific year? I'm not saying this sentence is five to seven years. But do you think they should be fined or do you think they should be imprisoned?
Young: I'm not ready to answer that because you're really going deep, and I have not thought about this, and I should have, before walking into any kind of interview.
Daily Times Herald: But that's the end game of the pro-life position is to criminalize it, and criminalizing it would obviously entail either a fine or imprisonment, wouldn't it?
Young: Well, I'd like to leave it up to the states, ultimately. For the past 40 years. We're not going to get it at the federal level, banning this thing, partially because the votes aren't there. And because of judges, in my opinion. So I think the states need to take the lead on this — and I am fine with. I'm not running for U.S. minister, and that kind of thing. I love the Lord, but these two issues (abortion and gay marriage), I know a lot of people are going to be talking about, especially on the right.