

Yesli Vega (VA-07) Is An Extremist

Overview

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2011-2016: Vega Worked As A Police Officer For Alexandria And Manassas Park Police Departments.

“Frustrated by the violence around her, Vega turned to those lights and saw a path forward. She graduated in 2011 from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. Vega then became a police officer, first in Alexandria and later in Manassas Park, a mostly quiet suburb bordering Prince William County. She became a county sheriff’s deputy in 2016.” [Washington Post, [10/17/20](#)]

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Washington Post: Vega “Theoriz[ed] Inaccurately About Why Rape Might Not Lead To Pregnancy In A Conversation About Abortion And Exceptions To Abortion Bans.” “Yesli Vega — the GOP nominee in Virginia’s 7th Congressional District vying to unseat Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) — drew outrage Monday after audio published by Axios Richmond appeared to capture her theorizing inaccurately about why rape might not lead to pregnancy in a conversation about abortion and exceptions to abortion bans.” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]

- **Axios Published Audio Of A Campaign Event Where Vega Questioned Whether Women Could Become Pregnant From Rape.** “Axios published the audio Monday and said it came from a campaign event in Stafford County last month. The outlet said the tape captured an exchange between Vega, who is a Prince William County supervisor, and an unknown person who suggested to Vega, ‘I’ve actually heard it’s harder for a woman to get pregnant if she’s been raped. Have you heard that?’ Vega responded: ‘Well, maybe because there’s so much going on in the body, I don’t know. I haven’t seen any studies. But if I’m processing what you’re saying, it wouldn’t surprise me, because it’s not something that’s happening organically. Right? You’re forcing it.’ The recording released by Axios begins with Vega, an auxiliary Prince William County sheriff’s deputy and former Alexandria police officer, drawing on her own anecdotal experience as a law enforcement officer with rape and pregnancy. ‘The left will say, ‘Well, what about in cases of rape or incest?’ ‘ Vega said, apparently referring to exceptions to abortion bans in those cases. ‘I’m a law enforcement officer. I became a police officer in 2011. I worked one case where, as result of a rape, the young woman became pregnant.’ Then the unidentified person asked Vega if she had heard it’s harder for rape victims to get pregnant. As Vega explained why she thought that could be true, the woman added in agreement: ‘Exactly. Like, the body shuts down in some way.’ ‘Yeah, yeah. And the individual, the male is doing it as quickly — it’s not like, you know — so I can see why maybe there’s truth to that,’ Vega responded.” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]

HEADLINE: “Report: Vega downplays Pregnancy As A Result Of Rape” [Prince William Times, [6/28/22](#)]

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Vega “Downplayed The Possibility Of Becoming Pregnant As A Result Of Rape When Asked About Her Stance On Abortion.” “Yesli Vega, the Republican nominee running against Democrat Abigail Spanberger for Congress, downplayed the possibility of becoming pregnant as a result of rape when asked about her stance on abortion at a campaign stop last month, according to audio obtained by Axios.” [Axios, [6/27/22](#)]

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- **According To The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, “Nearly 3 Million American Women Have Experienced Rape-Related Pregnancy.”** “Rape can and does lead to pregnancy. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that nearly 3 million American women have experienced rape-related pregnancy, citing a 2018 paper that conducted the first review and survey of rape-related pregnancy in two decades. Abortions stemming from rape are uncommon, according to recent studies, with the Guttmacher Institute estimating that just 1 percent of abortions follow a rape and a 2015 Chicago survey of more than 19,000 women at two health-care clinics offering abortion finding just 1.9 percent got an abortion because of rape.” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]

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Asked For Comment On Her Remarks, Vega Said She Was “Fully Aware Of How Women Get Pregnant.” “Asked for comment on her remarks, which have not previously been reported, Vega told Axios in a statement, ‘I’m a mother of two, I’m fully aware of how women get pregnant.’ [Axios, [6/27/22](#)]

When The Washington Post Asked Vega For An Interview She Responded: “For All The Left-Wing Bloggers And Media, As A Mother Of Two Children, Yes I’m Fully Aware Of How Women Get Pregnant.” “The Washington Post requested an interview with Vega, including to ask questions about her positions on abortion policy in post-Roe America. She did not agree to an interview, instead sending a statement through a campaign spokesman that did not touch on her positions on abortion or her comments. ‘Liberals are desperate to distract from their failed agenda of record high gas and grocery prices, and skyrocketing crime,’ she wrote. ‘For all the left-wing bloggers and media, as a mother of two children, yes I’m fully aware of how women get pregnant.’ She then accused Spanberger of lying, although Vega did not say what about, and called her position on abortion ‘extreme.’ A campaign spokesman did not immediately respond to questions about what Vega was referring to or to answer specific questions about Vega’s positions on a national abortion ban or about exceptions in cases of rape, incest and when a mother’s life is at risk, among other questions.” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]

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Vega Went “All In On Trump.” “Despite the moderate lean of the district, Vega has gone all in on Trump and racked up endorsements from some of his high-profile supporters, including U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio. She's vowed to back another Trump presidential run and said she supports impeaching Biden.” [NPR, [6/21/22](#)]

Vega Said She Would “‘Absolutely’ Support A Third Presidential Run By Trump In 2024.” “But Trump has continued to loom over the primaries. Reeves released an ad last month noting he served on Trump’s 2016 election campaign. ‘I’m ready to finish what he started,’ Reeves said in the ad. Vega told conservative talk show host John Fredericks she would ‘absolutely’ support a third presidential run by Trump in 2024. Vega has also been endorsed by several GOP figures aligned with the former president and his attempts to overturn the election, including Rep. Bob Good (R-05), Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) and Ginni Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Vega told conservative talk show Fredericks last week that she would vote in favor of articles of impeachment against Biden.” [Virginia Public Media, [6/14/22](#)]

Ted Cruz Endorsed Yesli Vega. “I’m proud to endorse @yestoyesli for Congress in Virginia’s 7th Congressional District. Yesli is a fighter who understands the importance of backing the blue, securing our Southern border, & protecting our 2nd Amendment.” [Ted Cruz, Twitter, [3/8/22](#)]

Vega Was Endorsed By Jim Jordan. “Thank you for your endorsement Congressman Jim Jordan! The conservative movement is rallying behind our campaign as the most conservative AND the most electable to bring this seat home!” [Yesli Vega, Facebook, [6/13/22](#)]

Vega Was Endorsed By Rep. Louie Gohmert. “Excited to have conservative fighter, Congressman Louie Gohmert on Team Vega! Congressman Gohmert has been a stalwart defender of our Constitution, our southern border, and limited government principles in Washington. Thank you for your trust and support, Congressman Gohmert.” [Yesli Vega, Facebook, [5/12/22](#)]

Ginni Thomas Endorsed Vega. “Virginia ‘Ginni’ Thomas, who is married to Justice Clarence Thomas and who remains under scrutiny for urging a top Trump administration official to overturn the 2020 presidential election, has weighed in on a crowded GOP primary in Virginia’s 7th District, endorsing Prince William Board Supervisor Yesli Vega (R). Thomas, a conservative activist who has injected funding and influence into GOP politics for years, rallied supporters of former president Donald Trump to back Vega in her bid to challenge Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) in a message Vega posted Monday night.” [Washington Post, [4/12/22](#)]

- **Thomas’ Endorsement Was “Notable [...] Because Her Involvement In Pushing To Delegitimize President Biden’s 2020 Win.”** “Thomas’s decision to endorse Vega now is notable both because her involvement in pushing to delegitimize President Biden’s 2020 win recently emerged during the House committee investigation into the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, and, politically, because Virginia’s 7th is a competitive swing district that Trump lost. [...] Thomas has faced intensified scrutiny over her involvement in urging White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to fight to overturn the 2020 election results after The Washington Post and CBS News obtained and published text messages between Thomas and Meadows sent in the aftermath of the election. Thomas pushed Meadows to consider false claims about widespread fraud in the 2020 election, originating from the farthest-right corners of the Internet. ‘Release the Kraken and save us from the left taking America down,’ she said in one, using a catchphrase that became a slogan for supporters of unfounded claims of mass fraud in the election.” [Washington Post, [4/12/22](#)]

Vega Said That HR 1 Was “Disastrous” And Supported Voter ID Laws. “Such common sense, yet such a clear dividing line. Virginians need to present a photo ID just to go about their daily lives. Yet Democrat politicians use demagoguery and fight any effort to make sure this simple requirement is needed to participate in the future of our republic. As your next voice to Washington I’ll stand up to Pelosi and Spanberger’s disastrous proposals like HR1 and ensure a photo ID is required to participate in our democratic process.” [Yesli Vega, Facebook, [2/11/22](#)]

June 2020: Vega Voted Against Adjusting The County Code To Comply With The Virginia Values Act, A State Law Providing Nondiscrimination Protections To Gay And Transgender Virginians. “Prince William supervisors had to adjust the county code to comply with the Virginia Values Act, a new state law that provides sweeping nondiscrimination protections to gay and transgender residents. But the county board split along party lines in adopting the changes. The Virginia Values Act, which goes into effect July 1, makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, public and private employment, public accommodations and access to credit. To comply with the new state law, supervisors had to amend the county code to deny tax exemptions to organizations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The board voted 5-2 on June 16 to adopt the changes, with all five Democrats voting in favor of the code changes and two of the board’s three Republicans voting against them. Supervisor Pete Candland, R-Gainesville, was absent from the meeting and did not vote. [...] Supervisor Yesli Vega, R-Coles, who also voted against the changes, asked county staff to address how the amendments to county code would impact the tax-exempt status of religious organizations in the county.” [Prince William Times, [6/30/20](#)]

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June 2022: Vega Abstained From Proclaiming June 2022 Pride Month.

Consent Agenda Item 4-J

APPROVED: Proclaim – June 2022 – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and More (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month – Chair Wheeler

1: Bailey 2: Boddye / **AYES:** Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Wheeler / **NAYS:** Lawson / **ABSTAIN FROM**

VOTE: Candland, Vega (5/1/2)

[Res. No. 22-310](#)

[RES 22-310, [6/7/22](#)]

June 2021: Vega Abstained From Proclaiming June 2021 Pride Month.

RES 21-346 **M. APPROVED:** Proclaim – June 2021 – LGBTQ+ Pride Month – Chair Wheeler

1: Bailey 2: Boddye / **AYES:** Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Wheeler / **NAYS:**

Lawson / **ABSTAIN FROM VOTE:** Candland, Vega (5/1/2)

[RES 21-346, [6/15/21](#)]

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RES 20-434 **D. APPROVED:** Proclaim – June 2020 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month – Supervisor Boddye

1: Boddye 2: Angry / Absent from Meeting: Candland **AYES:** Angry, Bailey,

Boddye, Franklin, Wheeler / **NAYS:** Lawson, Vega (5/2)

[RES 20-434, [6/16/20](#)]

- **The Prince William County School Board Had Voted 8-0 One Week Earlier To Recognize June As LGBT Pride Month.** "The Prince William Board of County Supervisors voted to proclaim June as Pride Month to support the LGBT community in a 5-2 vote Tuesday. [...] The Prince William County School board voted 8-0 on June 10 to recognize June as Pride Month." [Inside NoVa, [6/17/20](#)]

Vega Said She Supported The Traditional Definition Of Marriage. "As a Christian, I support the traditional definition of marriage. This hits home for me personally, because my father is a pastor in the state of Maryland. And when talking to my father about the cancel culture and his concerns as a minister, it really put things in perspective for me. But I'll tell you what, now is not the time to cower down. Now is the time to fight back and to push back against this divisive rhetoric that the left, the radical left continues to push upon. The church. America is a Christian nation. Period. America was founded on Christian principles, and we must protect her and defend her at all costs. I'll leave you with this, when my father was talking to me about his concerns as a minister instead of me encouraging him, he encouraged me and he said, Yesli, the gospel is still worth dying and fighting for. So at all costs we will defend that right and we will continue to make this country what it's always been, a country where you can practice your religion and freedom, and will not allow cancel culture to silence us because of what we believe in and who we believe in." [CD7 Forum, Clip 6, 2/17/22] (VIDEO) 18:10

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All candidates asked if they support, oppose, or are undecided about legislative proposals below						
Require churches, schools & other employers to hire homosexuals to work with children.	NR	O	NR	O	NR	O
Allow undocumented immigrants who have worked for seven years & not committed crimes to become citizens.	NR	O	NR	O	NR	O
A law to protect innocent life from conception to natural death.	NR	S	NR	S	NR	S
Deem as enacted Equal Rights Amendment even though not ratified by ¾ of states within prescribed 10 years.	NR	O	NR	O	NR	O

[Prince William And Manassas Family Alliance, Voter Guide, [6/10/22](#)]

- **The Prince William And Manassas Family Alliance Was Associated With The Family Research Council.** We are associated with the Family Foundation, a state-wide organization in Virginia with a similar mission, only with a fulltime staff in Richmond. The Family Foundation, in turn, is associated with the Family Research Council and Dr James Dobson’s Focus on the Family organizations at the national and international levels. [Prince William – Manassas Family Alliance, About Us, Accessed [8/9/22](#)]

Following The Leaked Dobbs Decision, The Family Research Council Was Party To A Letter Urging Republican Congressional Leadership Must “Include A Bold Strategy To Protect Unborn Life.” “A coalition of 32 pro-family policy council leaders, including Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, sent a letter today to House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik urging that any commitment made to America as the nation awaits the U.S. Supreme Court’s impending decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization ‘must include a bold strategy to protect unborn life.’” [Family Research Council, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

- **The Family Research Council Urged That The Conservative Agenda For Congress Include A “Bold, Clear, And Articulate Plan” To Protect “The Unborn.”** “Therefore, as Republican leadership readies its conservative agenda for the next year, we urge you to ensure that any commitment to America includes a bold, clear, and articulate plan to protect the most vulnerable among us, the unborn.” [Family Research Council, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

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Vega Stated That Only God Could Give Or Take Life, Saying God Was The “Giver Of Life” And “Therefore God Takes Life.” “And then you have the other liberal states where they’re gonna have a free-for-all at taking innocent life, and that’s where we have to step in and say ‘What is acceptable and what is not?’” Vega said in the audio. “And in my opinion, I’m sorry, look, God is a giver of life, right, and therefore God takes life.” [Virginia Public Media, [8/4/22](#)]

Vega Did Not Respond To Questions About Supporting Exceptions For Rape Or Incest “The campaign did not dispute the authenticity of the recording. They also didn’t directly respond to questions about the recording or whether Vega supports exceptions for abortions in the case of rape or incest.” [Virginia Public Media, [8/4/22](#)]

Vega Made It Clear That She And Other Extremists Are Pushing For “A Total Nationwide Ban On Abortion In The U.S.” “Not only is Vega dangerously uninformed about rape and its consequences, she is making clear what other extremists are now pushing—a total nationwide ban on abortion in the U.S.” [Free Lance Star, Editorial, [8/9/22](#)]

Vega Would Disallow Voters In States Like Kansas, Who Voted Overwhelmingly To Keep Abortion Legal, From Setting Their Own Policies. “She not only rejects the opinions of those who disagree with her and her theology, she would disallow the majority of voters in states like Kansas, who overwhelmingly voted to keep abortion, from setting their own policies.” [Free Lance Star, Editorial, [8/9/22](#)]

Vega “Praised” The Draft Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe As A “Historic Moment In The Making.” “Shortly after the leak was reported Monday night, Yesli Vega, a candidate seeking the GOP nomination to run against Spanberger in the Northern Virginia-based 7th District, praised the news as a ‘historic moment in the making.’ ‘An amazing victory in the fight for the life and liberty of our most vulnerable, the unborn,’ Vega said in a tweet that linked to the POLITICO story.” [Virginia Mercury, [5/3/22](#)]

Vega Said That The Leaked Supreme Court Ruling That Overturned Roe Was “An Amazing Victory.” “What a historic moment in the making. An amazing victory in the fight for the life and Liberty of our most vulnerable, the unborn.” [Yesli Vega, Twitter, [5/2/22](#)]

Vega Supported The Texas Abortion Law. “Let’s talk a little bit about the Texas bill. A lot of people have no idea what that bill is all about. What that Bill states is that if a heartbeat is detected, you cannot abort the child. I can’t tell you how many women I’ve encountered on the left, who thought they were pro choice, but once they were educated, their minds were completely changed and I think that’s a duty, that’s an obligation that we all have. Yes, life begins at conception. We will always advocate and defend the most vulnerable in society, but our job doesn’t end there. It goes deeper than that. It requires for us to go to uncharted territory and to educate people. That’s the only way we will convince minds and hearts that their actions are in fact straight up evil.” [CD7 Forum, Clip 4, 2/17/22] (VIDEO) 5:17

- **Vega Expressed “Apparent Support For The Texas Abortion Law That Banned Abortion After Six Weeks.”** “Vega then said that ‘when you talk to people on the other side of the aisle about abortion, you have to know what you’re talking about,’ before expressing apparent support for the Texas abortion law that banned abortion after six weeks; the state is now slated to ban all abortion. ‘When we talk about the Texas bill, what does that bill say and mean, that if a heartbeat is detected, you can’t what? You can’t kill that baby. You can’t,’ Vega said. ‘And most people don’t know this. All they know is general talking points — I don’t want old White men controlling my body. My body my choice. Where was that same rhetoric when they were trying to mandate vaccines on we the people?’” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]
- **Texas SB 8 Lacked Exceptions For Rape Or Incest** “Doctors in Texas have been warning that SB 8 would make it harder for them to treat medical crises and would endanger their patients. [...] Also creating complications is that the law contains no exception for pregnancies conceived through rape or incest, creating wrenching situations for patients whose lives have already been rattled by trauma.” [NPR, [2/28/22](#)]
- **Texas SB 8 Lacked An Exception For Fetal Abnormalities.** “Known as the Texas Heartbeat Act, the state’s new abortion law makes it illegal for a physician to knowingly perform or induce an abortion if they detect a fetal heartbeat, which is usually found around six weeks of pregnancy. [...] The law also does not make an exception for rape, sexual abuse, incest and fetal anomaly diagnoses.” [Houston Chronicle, [4/11/22](#)]

- **Texas' Abortion Ban Didn't Have Exceptions For "Every Instance In Which A Woman's Health Might Be At Risk.** "“The law does not make exceptions for rape or incest. It does permit abortions for health reasons, but the exceptions are narrowly drawn, allowing a termination only if the pregnancy could endanger the mother’s life or lead to ‘substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function,’ Ms. Nash noted. ‘These are very narrow exceptions,’ she said, and the language does not cover every instance in which a woman’s health might be at risk. Nonetheless, she added, ‘Health providers will be very conservative about interpreting the law, because they don’t want to cross a line.’ ” [New York Times, [9/1/21](#)]

Vega Said She Was “Glad [Abortion Was] Retuning To The State Where We Have A Pro-Life Governor At The Helm.” “Today’s decision by the Supreme Court corrects the grave misreading of the 14th Amendment made in 1973. The majority of Americans agree that we should have fewer abortions not more. That limits should be applied and not allowed up to and even after the point of birth, as we have seen here in Virginia. Abigail Spanberger has always sided with radical liberals like Ralph Northam to create an abortion pipeline primarily in minority communities. While this decision does not ban abortions, it does return control back to state governments to make their own careful and deliberate decisions on the issue of abortion as the representatives closest to the wishes of their citizens. Those who respect democracy should respect and celebrate this decision. The federal government was never meant to have this kind of power and I’m glad it’s returning to the state where we have a pro-life Governor at the helm.” [Facebook, Yesli Vega, [6/24/22](#)]

- **Vega Expressed Support For A 15 Week Abortion Ban.** “Vega did not answer directly when asked if she would support a national ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, but she voiced support for a state ban after 15 weeks that Gov. Youngkin has said he now backs.” [Axios, [6/27/22](#)]

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- **150 Officers Were Injured In The Insurrection.** “About 150 officers from the Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department and local agencies were injured, and hundreds of workers were traumatized by the mob.” [New York Times, [1/5/22](#)]