Trump's pregnancy police

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Ronald Reagan wouldn't recognize today's GOP.

Reagan said, "Illegal immigrants in considerable numbers have become productive members of our society and are a basic part of our workforce." Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, giving 3 million immigrants legal status, calling it "amnesty." Trump uses language from Hitler's Mein Kampf to accuse immigrants of "poisoning the blood of our country."

Reagan spent his life defending America from Russia and urging Americans to resist "the aggressive impulses of an evil empire." Trump called Russia's invasion of Ukraine "genius" and "savvy." His MAGA supporters repeat Russian propaganda on the House floor. Most Republican representatives did Putin's bidding and voted against aid for Ukraine!

Reagan supported abortion in cases of rape, incest and to preserve a woman's life. Trump brags, "I was able to kill Roe v. Wade," and boasts that states can now do whatever they want on reproductive rights, even monitoring women's pregnancies! Ten states responded by banning abortion without exceptions. Five states banned it with no exception to preserve a woman's health. Trump's "states' rights" approach allows states to deploy pregnancy police to punish doctors who provide, and the women who receive, reproductive care that was legal for 50 years. "There has to be some form of punishment" for those women, said Trump.

Following Trump's lead, senators Katie Britt (R-AL), Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) introduced an Orwellian bill to establish "Pregnancy.gov," a federal website enabling the government to track women's pregnancies! Thanks to Trump, the government can then pressure women to carry pregnancies to term and punish them if they don't.

Reagan said: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: 'I'm from the Government, and I'm here to help.'" Thanks to Trump, the government can police pregnancies and force women to give birth against their will. The most terrifying word in the English language now is: "Pregnancy.gov."

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