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Ecuador's *Roe v. Wade* Moment: Will the National Assembly Uphold the Constitution or Bow to the Court? Pray hard!

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Today (Thursday) the Ecuador National Assembly is scheduled to consider two abortion bills: the one I previously described (2 February 2022 *GLC Weekly*) with minor changes, and another that would restrict abortions to within 4-6 weeks of pregnancy. Many legislators think they must approve one bill or the other to comply with the Constitutional Court mandate, and to provide regulations for abortion. But the Court mandate violates the Ecuador Constitution. And many legislators are forgetting their oath to uphold the Constitution. Will the Assembly uphold the Constitution or bow to the Court? It's time to pray hard!

Here are some points I made in three interviews yesterday:

1. **This is Ecuador's *Roe v. Wade* moment in its history.** Like the 1973 *Roe* case in the United States, the Ecuador Constitutional Court mandate is about rape, but its ruling is illegal and unconstitutional. In the USA, the Supreme Court decision opened the floodgates to abortion on demand while Americans were asleep and silent.
2. **Ecuador should learn from and not make the same mistakes as the United States**, which have resulted in many bad consequences that are destroying our nation from within:
 - Abortions increased rapidly and never became rare;
 - Out of wedlock births increased from 7% to 41%;
 - Broken families increased from 37% to 54%;
 - Abortion became the number 1 cause of death, though government does not admit this;
 - The moral foundation for the rule of law was destroyed;
 - Trust broke down between the people and government;
 - Respect for authority is lost in all sectors;
 - The consciences & nobility of many educators, doctors, & professionals was corrupted;
 - Government changed to protect evildoers;
 - Our nation became deeply divided;
 - 63 million unborn babies are dead.

In the graph of abortions in the United States, the black vertical line is 1973, the year of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, and the prior gray lines are some state authorizations.

3. **The National Assembly and President Lasso have an independent duty to uphold and defend the Constitution.** The Ecuador Constitution declares in Article 45: “The State shall recognize and guarantee life, including care and protection from the time of conception”; and Article 66 guarantees: “The right to the inviolability of life.” The first duty of the President is “To observe and enforce the Constitution” (Article 147).
4. **Ecuador has a heritage of faith in God, cherishing human life and family, and constitutions and laws protecting life from conception.** Ecuador should remember its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, preserve its good heritage, and reject abortion.

PRAY NOW that the bills and efforts to authorize abortion in Ecuador would be stopped in their tracks. Please also pray about how God wants you to partner with us.

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For the precious gift of every child and remembrance of children unborn,

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