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Today there are millions of Latinos in the United States who are completely unaware of what this date signifies, what it means to them or how greatly and negatively impacted they are by it. For some Latinos, the United States Supreme Court edict that legalized abortion on demand happened decades before they arrived in this country, yet the sinister shadow of that decision looms over the essence of Hispanic culture in this country.

The abortion industry has a special solution for us. For years this industry has gone after the Latino community with fervor and without apology. Examples of how the Latino community is targeted are plentiful. Such as an over-abundance of advertisements in mono-lingual Spanish papers that publish only in Latino communities; Planned Parenthood choosing a Mexican American as their chaplain and an emphasis on their perverse consideration of the plight of the Latina woman now plastered all over the web-pages of many of the pro-abortion advocacy groups.

As the abortion rate among non-Latin white women declines, the abortion industry realizes it needs to make up for that negative cash flow and pretending to be a benevolent family planning organization is their hook into the Hispanic community. One of Planned Parenthood's Spanish language flyers claims that they are pro-woman, pro-family, pro-child, and pro-choice. For many Latinos, realizing that these are the blatant lies of an industry desperately in need of a new infusion of cash comes too late.

They want Hispanics to believe that they are pro-family, but at every turn they fight efforts to keep Latino parents informed before their minor daughters are about to undergo an abortion. The abortion industry claims to be pro-woman, yet they argue against laws that insure a Latina woman's right to know what abortion is, what abortion does to her unborn child, as well as the long term effects of abortion and the link between abortion and breast cancer. They try to say they're pro-child, yet they lobby against the unborn victims of violence act which affords unborn Hispanic children protection against violent crime. And they claim to be pro-choice, but the mere mention of a 24 hour waiting period sends them into a shrill panic. The abortion industry wants Latinas to abort and to abort now.

More recently, the purveyors of abortion want Latinos to now see them as a compassionate pro-immigration family planning movement. And as elections near, they will urge Hispanics to vote for pro-abortion candidates. But Hispanics have to realize that these pro-abortion candidates offer nothing but disdain for Latino life at its youngest stage of development.

The abortion lobby is callous enough to draw a parallel between abortion and immigration. Latinos will be told that some candidates want to build a border fence, that others want to tear it down and that some candidates don't want to build one at all. But to guarantee the safety of our community's youngest members, Latinos need to look for the candidates who want to build a wall of protection around the unborn child.

Those are our candidates; those are the ones who truly represent the moral and cultural values we Hispanics bring to this country.

Latinos need to understand that the tragedy and the judicial travesty that we commemorate today deeply affect them. It is our job to make sure that their American Dream doesn't end in a bloody mess.