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The Abortion Divide in America

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For my Dad

Who taught me the most important things in life.

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INTRODUCTION

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

—WINSTON CHURCHILL

Abortion is the great, unexamined issue of our time. When we look at the controversies swirling in America, we see that underneath them lurks this issue of abortion, which is the driving force of what is going on, even when it is not mentioned.

In the Trump presidency, we have seen a succession of controversies from the Mueller Report to Ukraine to Kavanaugh to impeachment to coronavirus. Trump, himself, has been under constant siege since he won in 2016. Most of these controversies had a subtext that went largely unnoticed. On the face of it, the Kavanaugh hearings were about the Me Too movement—women accusing Kavanaugh of having assaulted them or taken advantage of them. There was a fake element to this. One of the women admitted that she was lying and made it up because she wanted to get rid of Kavanaugh. She claimed she was "angry" because of what he represented and wanted her sexual assault allegation to "grab attention."¹