

The *Isaacson* Case

Case Name: *Isaacson v. Mayes*

Case Status: Motion to intervene granted on March 9, 2023.

Significance: Whether states like Arizona may enact laws that protect unborn children from genetic discrimination by the abortion industry.



Background: Two abortionists and three pro-abortion organizations filed a lawsuit seeking to strike down an Arizona law that protects unborn babies from discriminatory abortion based on genetic abnormality. Since 2011, the state of Arizona has protected unborn babies from racial and sex discrimination. In 2021, Arizona added protections against discriminatory abortions based on genetic anomalies, such as Down syndrome. While other states are pushing an extreme agenda, allowing abortion up to the moment of birth, Arizona's law affirms that life is a human right and that unborn babies cannot be targeted by the abortion industry because of their genetic makeup. Alliance Defending Freedom intervened in the lawsuit, representing Arizona Senate President Warren Petersen and House Speaker Ben Toma to help defend the life-saving law.

Key Points

- No child should be discriminated against because of their race, sex, or disability in the womb. Children diagnosed with Down syndrome and other genetic anomalies have a right to live.
- Arizona's commonsense law protects the unborn from disability discrimination and helps ensure that families with children who have a genetic anomaly have real support.
- The abortion industry continues to push for and profit from abortions targeting children for their genetic makeup and physical appearance.

Key Facts

- [Research](#) shows that 99% of individuals with Down syndrome are happy with their lives, and an overwhelming amount of [parents and siblings](#) reported being proud of their family member with Down syndrome.
- Children with genetic anomalies are just as valuable as other children. At conception, they have their own DNA. At just six weeks, their [hearts begin to beat](#). And at 10 weeks, their unique fingerprints begin to form.
- There are numerous public and private programs available to support families who have a child diagnosed with genetic anomalies:
 - The state of Arizona offers [government and nonprofit resources](#) that offer support for individuals with disabilities and their families, such as the Arizona [Early Intervention Program](#) and [Raising Special Kids](#).
 - [Sharing Down Syndrome](#) is an organization in Gilbert, AZ that supports families and advocate for people with Down syndrome, offering hope for about [5,000 families](#) over its 30-year history.
 - Pregnancy centers offer help to families facing unplanned pregnancies, including offering free ultrasounds, parenting classes, and baby clothes.

The Bottom Line: Every life is valuable and worthy of protection. Arizona's law affirms that life is a human right and that unborn babies cannot be targeted by the abortion industry because of their genetic makeup.