

**Transcript of dialogue from January 26, 2020 Town Hall hosted by Fox News
between moderator Chris Wallace, candidate Pete Buttigieg, and DFLA Executive Director Kristen Day**

CHRIS WALLACE: We have a question now from Kristen Day about abortion. Kristen.

KRISTEN DAY: I am a proud pro-life Democrat, so do you want the support of pro-life Democrats – of pro-life Democratic voters – there are about 21 million of us? And if so, would you support more moderate platform language in the Democratic Party to ensure that the part of diversity and inclusion really does include everybody?

PETE BUTTIGIEG: Well, I respect where you're coming from, and I hope to earn your vote, but I'm not going to try to earn your vote by tricking you. I am pro-choice, and I believe that a woman ought to be able to make that decision. But I know that the difference of opinion that you and I have is one that we have come-by honestly, and the best that I can offer – and it may win your vote and, if not, I understand – the best that I can offer is that if we can't agree on where to draw the line, the next best thing we can do is agree on who should draw the line, and in my view it's the woman who's faced with that decision in her own life.

CHRIS WALLACE: This is an interesting moment because President Trump spoke at the March to Life Movement – he was the first President ever to actually appear at the March to Life Movement – and I'm curious Kristen – were you satisfied with the answer you got from the mayor?

KRISTEN DAY: No I was not, because he did not answer the second part of my question, and the second part was – The Democratic platform contains language that basically says that we don't belong – we have no part in the party, because it says abortion should be legal up to 9 months, the government should pay for it, and there's nothing that says that people have diversity of views on this issue should be included in the party. In 1996, and several years after that, there was language in the Democratic platform that said that we understand that people have differing views on this issue, but we are a big-tent

party that includes everybody, and so therefore we welcome you – people like me – into the party so we can work on issues that we agree-on. So my question was, would you be open to language like that in the Democratic platform that really did say that our party is diverse and inclusive, and we want everybody.

PETE BUTTIGIEG: Well, I support the position of my party that this kind of medical care needs to be available to everyone. And I support the Roe vs. Wade framework that holds that early in pregnancy there are very few restrictions and that late in pregnancy there are very few exceptions. And again, the best I can offer is that we may disagree on that very important issue, and hopefully we will be able to partner on other issues.

CHRIS WALLACE: So what do you say to – Democrats who are pro-life – and there are obviously millions of them as well – what do you say to them on an issue of such deep conscience – that they should overlook this particular issue and look at the whole sum of views, or – go find another party?

PETE BUTTIGIEG: Look, I've never encountered a politician – or frankly another person – that I agreed-with 100 percent of the time – and even on very important things we may sometimes disagree. But, at the end of the day, this is what I believe – and people I care-about and respect view it differently. But this is something I believe is so important, especially because I'm never going to have to make that decision, and so I may have my views, but I cannot imagine that a decision that a woman confronts is going to ever be better, medically or morally, because it's being dictated by any government official, and that's just where I am on the issue.

CHRIS WALLACE: I think it's fair to say that Kristen is not clapping, but that's part of... [PETE BUTTIGIEG: I understand] ... of the process. Let's hear now from... [END OF CLIP]