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## All that the “most pro-life President since *Roe v. Wade*” has accomplished for the babies

By Dave Andrusko

We are four days away from an election that historians, reporters, and folks just like you and me will be talking about for years and years to come. “Historic” is a much overused term, but nothing less captures what is at stake as pro-life President Donald Trump battles pro-abortion former vice president Joe Biden, the titular head of party that is pro-death from the top of their collective head to the soles of their feet.

What follows is just a partial list of all that “the most pro-life President since *Roe v. Wade*” has accomplished as well as what he has promised to sign if Republicans control both Houses of Congress. Honestly, it is incredibly impressive.

**\*Judiciary.** As Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on October 26, under President Trump and a Republican-controlled Senate, there have been three Supreme Court confirmations in the past four years. That didn’t just happen. Three superb justices—Barrett, Kavanaugh, and Gorsuch— were nominated by a pro-life Republican

President and confirmed by a Senate piloted by great pro-life leadership. In addition, President Trump has appointed 220 federal judges, which “have impacted the court for generations to come,” to quote Sen. McConnell.



*Pro-life President Donald Trump*

**\*Bulwark against the Nancy Pelosi-led House of Representatives.** In January of 2019, when pro-abortion Democrats took control of the House of Representatives, President Trump issued a letter stating, “I am concerned that this year, the Congress may consider legislation that could

*See “Accomplished,” page 24*

## Amy Coney Barrett is sworn as the newest member of the Supreme Court

*Editor’s note. On Monday, President Trump congratulated Amy Coney Barrett for having been confirmed by the Senate to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Clarence Thomas administered the standard constitutional oath, and on Tuesday she took the separate judicial oath, at the Court. What follows is a transcript of President Trump’s remarks at the White House ceremony and of Justice Barrett’s.*

**Donald Trump:** Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Thank you very much. Distinguished guests and my fellow citizens, this is a momentous day for America, for the United States Constitution and for the fair and impartial rule of law. The Constitution is the ultimate defense of American liberty. The faithful application of

the law is the cornerstone of our republic. That is why as President, I have no more

*See “Barrett,” page 22*



*Amy Coney Barret being sworn as a Supreme Court Justice. With her are her husband Jesse, President Donald Trump, and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.*

Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States, accompanied by Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

# Editorials

## Paying tribute to President Trump for all he has accomplished for “the least of these”

As we place the finishing touches on this last issue of *NRL News* before Election Day, we are 3 ½ days away from the eve of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections, one that will never be forgotten—not by this generation or generations to come. Naturally, this edition is filled with stories about the titanic struggle between Joe Biden and Donald Trump.

While the Establishment Media denies it up and down, the campaign of the pro-abortion former Vice President is taking on water, as it has for weeks, if not months. Pro-life President Trump, by contrast, is flying from one state to another, some days making as many as three stops.

It reminds me of the famous “Whistle-Stop Campaign” of 1900 when Teddy Roosevelt was making his first campaign for national office. “From September to November of that year, Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican nominee for vice president, made a marathon barnstorming tour of 23 states, ranging from his native New York as far west as Utah,” according to author Gerard Helferich.

With the benefit of helicopters and jet planes, President Trump is covering vastly more territory and delivering speech after speech to gigantic crowds. Mr. Biden is content to continue to almost exclusively “campaign” from his basement.

This distinction, this complete difference in campaign styles, is, of course a reflection of Biden’s utter confidence in the polls and of his decided lack of staying power. To watch the two men in action—actually one man in action, the other sitting in a chair—must have some effect on the undecideds, whom I have argued are



much larger than the polls say there are, and on “soft” supporters of Mr. Biden, whose numbers I suspect are mounting by the hour.

That decision to try to run out the clock—should he lose—will be the most second-guessed since.... well, 2016, and Hillary Clinton’s head-scratching decision not to campaign in Wisconsin. But “the wave of Democratic fury that Mr. Biden will face will make the angry second-guessing that followed” Mrs. Clinton’s inexplicable decision “seem cordial,” as Lisa Lerer of the *New York Times* described it. Of course, she was speaking for herself as well.

*See “Tribute,” page 26*

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## The critical importance of helping President Trump continue to reshape the federal judiciary

I think I may not be alone when I say the following did not fully resonate until very recently.

We all know that President Donald Trump has nominated—and had confirmed—three Supreme Court justices in his first term. The last President to replace three justices in his first term was Richard Nixon! Not pro-abortionists Barack Obama and Bill Clinton nor pro-lifers George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

And the caliber of Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett would make any President proud.

Writing an op-ed for the *Washington Post* that appeared on Wednesday, Marc A. Thiessen reminded us, “With the Senate’s confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, President Trump has cemented his legacy as the most important president in the modern era when it comes to shaping the judiciary.”

Naturally, we’ve written extensively about Justice Barrett at *National Right to Life News Today* [www.nationalrighttolifenews.org]. She is a genuinely remarkable woman in every phase of her

life. The mother of seven, she graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School and (as President Trump tongue in cheek noted) is “the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale.”

I am not a lawyer, so I don’t pretend to having read her judicial opinions and come away with a deep understanding of her philosophy. What I do know is people whose opinion I trust—beginning with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell—assure us not only that she has a scintillating legal mind but also is possessed of a modest and respectful judicial temperament.

As Sen. McConnell said of now-Justice Barrett just prior to her 52-48 confirmation vote

**Judge Barrett’s mastery of the Constitution gives her a firm grasp on the judicial role. She has pledged to ‘apply the law as written, not as she wishes it were.’ Her**

*See “Judiciary,” page 31*

# *From the President Carol Tobias*

## Thank you, Pro-Life President Trump

I recently read an article in NRL News Today explaining how Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, representing the United States, had signed the Geneva Consensus Declaration along with 31 other countries. This document asserts that there is “no international right to abortion.” It also reaffirms the inherent “dignity and worth of the human person” and that “every human being has the inherent right to life.”

In addition, the Declaration, which the United States co-sponsored, affirms that “in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning” and that

the document itself, it hit me once again. If Joe Biden is elected president, everything Donald Trump and his administration have done in the past four years to thwart pro-abortion international agencies will be gone.

Efforts to protect unborn children in other countries-- i.e., the above-mentioned Geneva Consensus Declaration, the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy (the revised and expanded Mexico City Policy), and the withholding of funds from the United Nations Population Fund-- will not just be reversed. U.S. funds will start flowing into UN coffers and pro-abortion

aborted babies will again be promoted.

The abortion industry is already asking the Food and Drug Administration to remove the Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy (REMS) placed on the drug mifepristone, part of the two-drug “medication abortion” technique. This would allow abortion pills to be sent through the mail, directly into someone’s home.

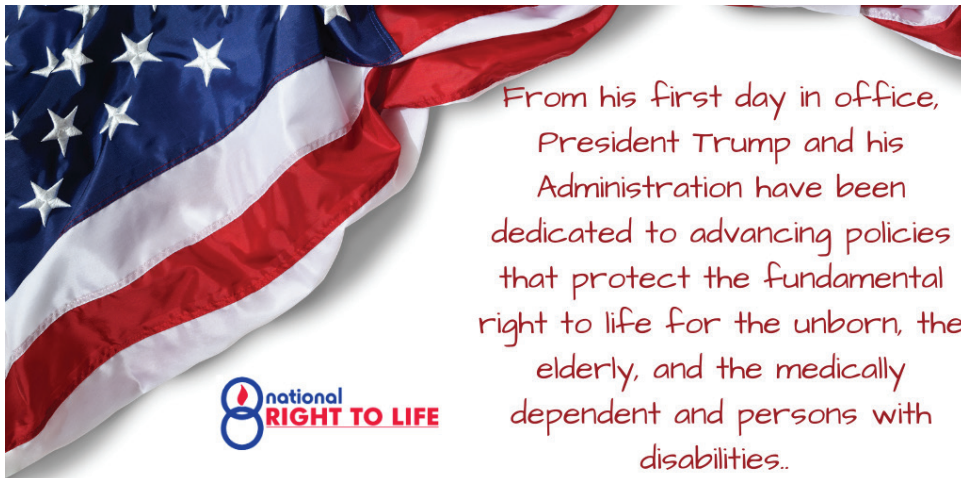
I have no doubt that if President Biden (or President Harris) is in the White House, the FDA will pave the way for easy access to the pills that not only kill unborn children but the use of which (as the FDA has documented) has been associated with a large number of deaths and injuries among pregnant women.

The pro-life advances made by the Trump administration are almost innumerable. Having a pro-life Executive branch and a pro-life United State Senate has made House Speaker Nancy Pelosi effectively powerless when it came to advancing a pro-abortion agenda. However, it is possible to lose everything on November 3. We could end up next year with President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer.

That prospect motivates us to get more people to the polls to vote on Tuesday so that we celebrate greater opportunities for protecting unborn children.

I am optimistic, and I hope you are, too. We listen to naysayers but we never allow their pessimism to thwart our energy and our devotion. I think we will do better than expected on Tuesday as many of our candidates, including President Trump, come through victorious.

Whatever happens, we will never give up, we will never give in. Future generations are counting on us.



governments have the sovereign right to make their own laws to protect innocent life and write their own regulations on abortion.

This is an incredible coalition, pulled together by the Trump administration, to tell the United Nations to get out of the abortion business.

I was SO proud of my country, not just for taking a stand against the UN’s never-ending attempts to foist abortion on small, struggling countries, but also for bringing together a coalition of countries to create a stronger, united front against what critics call a new form of colonialism.

Reading the account, and the language of

NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to introduce, fortify, and multiply abortion programs around the world.

But much is at stake here at home. Conscience protections have been written into various laws so that medical personnel cannot be forced to participate in abortions, assisted suicide, or other objectionable practices. If those protective laws are not repealed outright, they will be unenforced, as we saw happen during the Obama administration.

Tax dollars will again flow to Planned Parenthood through the Title X Family Planning program. Research on tissue from

# 2020 Election: Keeping a Pro-Life Senate Majority Essential to Continued Pro-Life Success

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

Election Day is almost here! The Trump Administration's pro-life accomplishments are unparalleled in our nation's history. President Trump richly deserves to be called the most pro-life President since *Roe v. Wade*. (See page one.)

One of the standout achievements has been the appointment of extremely well qualified judges who are committed to interpreting the Constitution as written, including three Supreme Court Justices. The appointment and subsequent confirmations of Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett will continue to benefit the nation for many years to come.

*This important milestone would not have been possible without our pro-life Senate majority.*

In 2020, that is also on the ballot!

Republicans currently hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate. The 2020 Senate map has several of our greatest allies in the Senate playing defense. To underscore how much each Senate seat matters, consider that the final vote count for Justice Barrett's confirmation was 52-48.

In Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell faces a challenge from pro-abortion Democrat Amy McGrath, who has raised over \$88 million. Leader McConnell has been instrumental in shepherding pro-life legislation and deserves an immense amount of credit for the success of all of President Trump's judicial picks in the Senate.

In South Carolina, Sen. Lindsey Graham, who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, also faces a well-funded opponent in pro-

abortion Democrat Jaime Harrison. Sen. Graham has championed pro-life legislation throughout his career, including being the lead sponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. By contrast, Harrison is endorsed by Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

Sen. Cory Gardner in



Colorado and Sen. Martha McSally in Arizona are two pro-life incumbents facing tough reelection prospects.

Gardner faces pro-abortion former Governor John Hickenlooper in a state that Hillary Clinton won in 2016 and is widely expected to go for Biden this year.

McSally faces a top Democratic recruit in former astronaut Mark Kelly, who is the husband of former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords.

Both Hickenlooper and Kelly support a policy of abortion on demand, which would allow abortion for any reason. Pollsters have given the edge to the Democrats in these two races but as we approach Election Day, the gaps are closing. The only numbers

that truly matter are those on Election Day!

In the pure tossup category are incumbents Sen. David Perdue in Georgia, Sen. Joni Ernst in Iowa, Sen. Steve Daines in Montana, and Sen. Thom Tillis in North Carolina. With the exception of Montana, these races are in states which are also battlegrounds in the

presidential race. All four face Democratic opponents who support a policy of abortion on demand, which would allow abortion for any reason.

Additionally, there are several pro-life Senate candidates in competitive races where the numbers appear to be tilting in their favor. Those include Sen. Dan Sullivan in Alaska, Dr. Roger Marshall in Kansas, and Sen. John Cornyn in Texas. President Trump is expected to carry all three of those states, although polls have tightened in Texas in the final stretch. However, nothing is taken for granted; all three face pro-abortion opponents.

Among our most promising pro-life pickup opportunities are Tommy Tuberville in Alabama, John James in Michigan, and Jason Lewis in

Minnesota.

Tommy Tuberville, a former Auburn football coach, is taking on pro-abortion incumbent Sen. Doug Jones, who won the seat under unique circumstances in a special election. Polls show Tuberville in a strong position to put this seat back in the Republican column.

John James, a veteran and businessman, had a surprisingly strong showing in his 2018 run for the Senate. He fell short by a few points in a wave year for Democrats. Polls this year show a tight race as he takes on pro-abortion first term Sen. Gary Peters.

In Minnesota, Jason Lewis has given pro-abortion incumbent Sen. Tina Smith a strong run for her money. Few expected this race to be as close as it has turned out to be. With President Trump eyeing Minnesota, a state he only narrowly lost in 2016, the strength of the Lewis campaign, and several competitive House races, including Michelle Fischbach in the 7th District, Tyler Kistner in the 2nd District, and Jim Hagedorn in the 1st District, 2020 could be the year for a Republican surprise sweep in the state.

What all of these races have in common is that they will be decided by turnout. When pro-life voters take action and vote (by mail or in person), we send a powerful message: We demand that those who represent us respect the inalienable right to life of all human beings from conception to natural death.

For more information on the 2020 elections, or to find out which federal candidates are pro-life in your state, visit [www.nrlvictoryfund.org](http://www.nrlvictoryfund.org).

Be sure to vote—and remind your pro-life family and friends to vote as well.

# The Power of One ~ You!

By Jacki Ragan

These last few days before Election Day 2020 has pro-life folks scrambling everywhere, questioning every move, brainstorming on what we may have missed, trying to figure out if there is still time to make this or that happen. Why? Because of the stakes. Because of the number of lives that will be lost if we lose. Because losing is not an option.

2020 has been a year for the books, and is any one of us not ready to see it over and done with? At the same time it has made this election of 2020 more interesting, more complicated, more thought provoking, and far more demanding.

In the midst of a pandemic, which kept many people home, and an economic turndown, which hurt everyone, to be effective for the babies we had to come up with new ideas for some tried and true activities that just were not feasible this year.

But having to improvise proved yet again that necessity is the mother of invention. We've launched—and then piloted--several new, innovative ideas and projects that we hope will become a staple at election time.

So, what can you do to help make a difference in this election, in addition to what you are already doing? I know everyone is busy, I know everyone is running flat out and meeting themselves coming

and going. But we only have 4 days--96 hours—which includes what can be Election Day itself. We need to spend a good deal of time helping where we can. Here are a few suggestions:

~Are you a telephone person? Have time to make a few calls?



Email [Stateod@nrlc.org](mailto:Stateod@nrlc.org) and she will put you to work.

~Have you signed up to work the polls yet? Contact your local GOP and just see if there is such a need.

~Email your friends and family, co-workers, Church friends, anyone you can think of and offer to talk to them about why you are voting as you are.

~Make sure your neighbors all have a ride to their voting location on Tuesday. Sure, many people have voted early, but many more on Election Day. Complicating the situation not every place is open this

year due to COVID. Make sure your neighbors, friends, family, anyone you think might not have a ride to go vote, offer to pick them up and drive them.

~Go on social media and share our posts. On Facebook it is National Right to Life, on Twitter it is @

depend on who will win on 11/3.

Jack Kemp, a great pro-life American politician, once said, "The power of one man or one woman doing the right thing for the right reason, and at the right time, is the greatest influence in our society."

True words for sure.

President Trump is the most pro-life president of my lifetime. He has done more for unborn babies than any president before him. He is pro-life. He is a man of action. He makes things happen. We need him for four more years. Ever wonder precisely what all President Trump has done for the babies? See the list compiled by *NRL News Editor* Dave Andrusko that begins on page one.

This is why we cannot stop. This is why we must make the most out of these 96 hours, these next 4 days. What motivates us?

The rightness of what we do, the rightness of our cause.

The helplessness of the unborn child, the tenderness of our hearts.

We are the "lost cause" that will not quit until we win for the babies.

Pro-Lifers are honored to do what we do. It is a calling, and those called—like you--find it a way of life.

Doing nothing for these next 7 days would be turning our backs on these babies.

Not ever.

NRLC, on Instagram it is @nationalrighttolife, on Parler it is @NationalRTL

~And Pray. Pray daily for as long as you can. Pray for our nation, our leaders, the unborn, the candidates, pray for them all. St. Augustine perhaps said it best: Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

This is what we do at election time. After we ask for strength and guidance, we try to remember everything, think of everything, and think outside the box...because lives depend on it. Innocent unborn lives

# Mom of Lillian, who has spina bifida, says she ‘was offered an abortion at every visit’

By Nancy Flanders

During her 20-week ultrasound, Samantha Sommerville learned that her preborn baby girl had spina bifida, and doctors offered little optimism for the baby’s future. Until 24 weeks, Sommerville said she was told to abort at every single appointment. But she stood firm in her decision to let her daughter live.

Doctors said the baby had myelomeningocele, the most severe form of spina bifida, and that she would be paralyzed from the waist down. They also believed she might have developmental delays due to hydrocephalus.

At 23 weeks, Sommerville underwent testing to determine if her daughter had any other medical concerns that would prevent her from undergoing prenatal surgery to close her back. The results showed that prenatal surgery would not be possible.

“To be honest, it was a very long and emotional pregnancy,” said Sommerville in a personal essay for the Spina Bifida Association. “I was offered an abortion at every visit up until 24 weeks.”

On March 24, 2020, during the initial lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sommerville gave birth to her daughter, Lillian Grace, via C-section. Three hours after her birth, she underwent her first spinal repair surgery, which lasted over seven hours.

“Before they took her away

to get prepped for surgery I had only been able to see a glimpse of her,” she said. “14 hours after my delivery, I met my daughter. It was the longest 14 hours of my life.”



Nine days after her birth, Lillian underwent surgery to place a shunt in her brain for hydrocephalus. Lillian stayed in the neonatal intensive care unit for 18 days, which was difficult for the family because of rules put in place due to COVID-19, and having a four-year-old son at home to care for as well.

“After I was discharged, we were put on the one visitor only restriction,” Sommerville explained. “We could drive 2 hours to the hospital every day. I would pump [breast

milk] in the car on the way down, pump next to Lillian, and then pump again in the car on the way home. I would get to visit her for about an hour and a half to two hours,

She is worth everything that I went through during my pregnancy. She is loved by her mommy, daddy, her older brother, and the rest of our family. She is the light of our

and then my husband and I would switch and he’d get the same amount of time. Due to Lillian’s repair on her back, we weren’t able to hold her for the first two weeks. As she had to stay on her belly to heal [sic].”

Now six months old, Lillian has undergone three more surgeries and was hospitalized due to an infection. Still, her mother said, “[s]he is the happiest baby ever.”

“She is always smiling and only cries when she is hungry,” she said. “She is doing great!

lives, and I learn so much from her every day. She has taught me to be grateful for the simple things.”

Sommerville said that while they have “a long road ahead” and don’t yet know if Lillian will be able to walk, none of that matters because Lillian is “perfect!”

*Editor’s note. This appeared at LiveActionNews and is reposted with permission.*

# How can you be pro-life but not vote pro-life?

By Jean Garton

*Editor's note. In 2016, Jean Garton, my friend of more than 30 years and a phenomenal pro-life author and speaker, passed away. This rallying cry ran in the November 2016 edition of National Right to Life News—a month before she died-- and is more pertinent than ever.*

Columnists and late-night comedians are having a field day with the way political candidates bob and weave on issues. A popular cartoon strip even featured one candidate in the shape of a waffle.

Yet many Americans themselves are inconsistent and “waffle” on issues. Some of them, for instance, who hold a pro-life view, repeatedly vote against that conviction.

When asked why the dichotomy between who they

say they are and how they vote, they give a variety of reasons. “Out of party loyalty,” say some or because they agree with a pro-choice candidate on other issues. “I don’t believe in being a single-issue voter,” state many.

Sorry, but that won’t pass the “smell” test, and it’s no excuse for having misplaced priorities. Certainly abortion is just one issue, but it is a fundamental issue, an essential issue, a life and death issue.

Would we vote for someone who is “good” on issues like crime but who also condones child abuse? Isn’t that what abortion is—the first and worst abuse any child can suffer at the hands of an adult.

Would we vote for someone who is “good” on issues like job creation but who also

affirms the “job” of being an abortionist? How pro-life is that?

A current TV commercial includes pictures with captions that read: “If you say you’re a cook, but don’t cook, you’re not a cook.” “If you say you’re a fire-fighter, but don’t fight fires, you’re not a fire-fighter.” “If you say you’re a coach, but don’t coach, then you’re not a coach.”

What if the next photo featured a line of people holding pro-life signs, but the caption says: “If you say you’re pro-life, but don’t vote pro-life, you’re not pro-life.” Is it even possible to be pro-life in name only?

Candidates who are pro-life have a respect and compassion for the most defenseless in our midst. Whatever other political and social issues

they might embrace, they have the reasoning ability to cut through deceptive rhetoric that hides what abortion is and does.

Pro-life candidates at all levels are concerned with the future rather than with a quick fix to difficult problems. They are willing to stand for what is right rather than for what is politically expedient or politically correct.

How can a candidate who condones the violent, painful destruction of helpless unborn children be trusted to protect *our* rights and interests when it comes to other issues?

“I’m pro-life, but I’m not a single issue voter?” That just doesn’t pass the “smell test.” It doesn’t even pass the “straight-face” test.





# Pro-abortion Kamala Harris' Awkward Response When Asked About Her "liberal" Record? Laughter.

By Laura Echevarria, NRL Director of Communications and Press Secretary

When a spokesperson for National Right to Life appears on TV, regardless of the topic, he or she must anticipate ad hominem attacks or sham arguments from opponents.

A television interview can be stressful for any number of reasons, and it takes a spokesperson who can remain calm and address questions with clear and convincing arguments, even when (as so often is the case), the moderator takes the side of the pro-abortionist.

Some people must be taught these skills—there is an entire industry built upon training spokespersons, executives, business owners, and politicians on how to present themselves on camera. Then for others, the skills come easily—he or she may be an attorney, television anchor or communications specialist and are comfortable speaking in front of groups or on camera. And, of course, it's much, much easier when the interviewer is overtly friendly, tossing softball question after softball question.

This is why it was so surprising to see the response of Sen. Kamala Harris, an attorney, politician, and Joe Biden's running mate, during a recent interview with Norah O'Donnell on *60 Minutes*. The interview was anything but confrontational.

O'Donnell did note that Sen. Harris was considered the "most liberal" member of the Senate—as ranked by the non-partisan GovTrack—and asked the senator if she had a "socialist or progressive perspective." Sen. Harris' response? She laughed.

In fact, the laughter was so surprising, several news outlets commented on it—

From *Newsweek*:

**Kamala Harris could not control her laughter when asked by TV journalist Norah O'Donnell on *60 Minutes* if she had a 'socialist or progressive perspective.'** The Vice-Presidential nominee burst out laughing and her exaggerated response has provoked a number of memes on social media.

From the *Washington Examiner*:

**The exchange between O'Donnell and Harris, though brief, revealed that Harris and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden have not thought through their campaign pitch. Biden is supposed to be the centrist running to uphold norms and restore decency and Harris is supposed to be the person who helps him do that. But no one believes Biden will stand up to the Left's power grab, given his unwillingness to condemn efforts to pack the Supreme Court and end the Senate's filibuster. And voters need only look at Harris's voting record to realize that she is no moderate, nor has she ever been.**

From the *New York Post*:

**Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris burst into laughter when asked if she would bring a "socialist or progressive perspective" to the White House.**

**The moment happened**

**during an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes" released Sunday, when anchor Norah O'Donnell described**

**"liberal" on abortion than Sen. Harris.**

When she was competing with fellow pro-abortion



Pro-abortion Democratic vice presidential candidate Kamala Harris

Photo: Gage Skidmore

**California's Harris as "the most liberal United States senator."**

The problem was not just the laughter and the refusal to address a serious question with an honest answer. It was also that in treating the question as a joke, Sen. Harris brushed off an inquiry that directly and indirectly addresses the elephant in the room. While Mr. Biden continues to insist he is a "moderate," his running mate is not. With serious questions raised about Mr. Biden's staying power, he would be succeeded by someone no one could honestly pretend is a "moderate."

And while O'Donnell didn't ask, you can't get any more

Democrats for the party's presidential endorsement, Sen. Harris announced a broad platform that would require states that have a history of passing pro-life laws to seek preclearance from the Justice Department *before* they could enact any new pro-life laws.

When Sen. Harris won her Senate seat, she was praised by Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood at that time. Richards said, "Kamala Harris is a staunch advocate for women's health and rights. She ran proudly on an agenda to expand access to reproductive health care..."

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# Priorities at the Polls: US Bishops “give priority to upholding and defending our brothers’ and sisters’ most basic right—to live”

By Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann

*Editor’s note. Archbishop Naumann is Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.*

As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” While they did warn us not to “dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,” they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers’ and sisters’ most basic right—to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone’s life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions.

The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life, whether at its earliest stages or at its final

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is

killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.

The tragedy of abortion is also distinct in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. Our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers’ wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.



*Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann*

stages, are all the more serious because most often they are “carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the ‘sanctuary of life.’” This is the place where a person should be most loved, cherished, and protected.

violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per day die from abortion in the United States. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 61 million children have been

# National Right to Life Expresses Gratitude to President Trump and Senate Republicans for seating Amy Coney Barrett as Supreme Court Justice

WASHINGTON — The president of the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization commended President Trump and Senate Republicans for overcoming intense political attacks to successfully seat Amy Coney Barrett as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Senate voted 52-48 to confirm Barrett, with all 47 Senate Democrats voting in opposition (joined by only a single Republican, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine).

**“On behalf of Americans who treasure the rights protected by the Constitution, including the right to life, we commend President Trump and Senate Republicans for their landmark achievement of having now placed three advocates of judicial restraint on the Supreme Court,”** said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **“They accomplished this in the face of increasingly rabid political threats from Democrat-aligned interest groups and their media allies, and**

**escalating threats of attacks on the independence of the Supreme Court by many Senate Democrats.**



*[Left to right] Jesse Barrett, Justice Barrett's husband; Justice Amy Coney Barrett; President Donald Trump; Melania Trump; and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.*

**“I speak for millions of Americans who believe that the President, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, and the Republican Party collectively deserve our deepest gratitude and our energetic support.”**

Some have objected to Senate action on the nomination of Judge Barrett on the grounds that “millions of Americans

have already voted” in advance of the November 3 general election. NRL Senior Policy Advisor Douglas Johnson commented:

**“Those who refer to this nomination and confirmation as ‘illegitimate’ speak constitutional nonsense,**

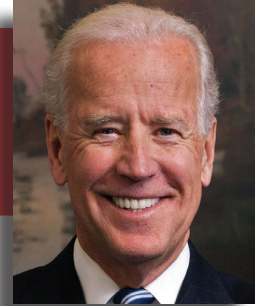
**and dangerous nonsense. Under the Constitution, two things are required to seat a Supreme Court justice — the President's nomination, and the Senate's consent; in 2016 the Senate exercised its constitutional prerogative to withhold consent.**

**“The 100 senators who voted today were elected by about 125 million Americans, and they were elected to represent their constituents at least until January 3, 2021—most for years longer. All 100 discharged that constitutional function today. The constituents of senators in cycle will very soon have the opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of their senators' votes on Amy Coney Barrett. All of this is a fully legitimate exercise of the constitutional order.”**



## Where do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?

### For President



## Donald Trump

## Joe Biden

### Abortion on Demand

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 61 million abortions.

#### President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment.

As president he has appointed pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restored the “Mexico City Policy,” and he has pledged “to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life.”

#### Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand.

Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. Joe Biden supports the Democratic platform of unlimited abortion even through birth.

### The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions after the unborn child is capable of feeling pain from abortion.

In his 2019 State of the Union speech, President Donald Trump called on Congress to “pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother’s womb.”

When asked about prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain, Joe Biden said, “I’m not going to interfere with that,” which would allow abortion through birth.

### Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

**President Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** His administration issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. He also cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China’s forced abortion program.

**Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** Joe Biden says he supports elimination of the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.

### Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

The fundamental documents of American democracy and freedom, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, have given us essential principles to be respected by the courts such as the “unalienable” right to life.

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint one to three justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Donald Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

Joe Biden pledges that his judicial nominees would “support the right of privacy, on which the entire notion of a woman’s right to choose is based.”

# Identical twins flourishing at home after parents reject advice to abort one of them

By Right to Life UK

Premature twins, Finn and Zack Bishop, are now flourishing at home after being born at 28 weeks, and just one day after doctors advised their parents to have an abortion.

At 24 weeks, mother Caroline Bishop underwent pioneering surgery to correct a condition which was causing an uneven blood flow between

consider a termination at 28 weeks.

Caroline revealed she was “devastated” and “began to consider a termination” based on the advice of medics.

However, the next day her waters broke and the twins were delivered by caesarean section at 28 weeks and two days.

Both babies were taken to

**back in the incubator.**

**“A few days later, Finn caught sepsis. He was flopped and pale but thankfully he was pumped with antibiotics and saved.”**

Both Finn and Zack began to recover, and their mother knew, from then on, they’d survive.

fiving at the dinner table, their Caroline shared.

**“The twins have such a sweet bond, they often hold hands in the buggy or wake one another up to have a babble at 5am.**

**“They always share food and laugh at each other which is great fun to watch. They are always smiling at one another and even at their young age – sharing their toys.**

**“I was terrified when I found out it was twins at the nine-week scan – I was worried because my older son, Sam was born at 34 weeks.**

**“I could just about cope with one child never mind three but now I couldn’t imagine my life without them.**

**“At the start it was all very worrying and scary – but now, it is so different. I love Zack for the child he is and his disability doesn’t matter anymore. We will face the challenges together.”**



the babies, meaning Zack received more nutrients than Finn.

During the otherwise successful surgery, Zack suffered with a bleed in the brain.

He was later diagnosed with periventricular leukomalacia, a type of brain injury common in babies who have had a bleed in the brain. The severity of the condition can cause minimal issues in some children and disability in others.

However, doctors warned Caroline and her husband Matt that Zack may never walk or talk and advised them to

the neonatal intensive care unit at Lister Hospital in Stevenage, Herts so they could be monitored.

Shortly after, Caroline and Matt were rushed to the unit to say goodbye to Zack.

“I was rushed in my hospital bed to the unit as they thought we were going to lose him,” Caroline revealed to the Metro.

**“But he was saved by my cuddle, I was sobbing whilst holding him on my chest – he was completely still but then he moved a couple of times and after a while he was placed**

Finn was discharged from hospital after 76 days, while Zack was discharged after 107 days.

## Flourishing

Now a year old, both babies are flourishing at home with their older brother Sam, six.

Zack is disabled, but is now starting to reach “mini-milestones” his mother said.

Not only that, but he has defied the odds and doctors’ expectations to learn how to walk and talk with the help of his twin.

Finn and Zack love hearing stories side-by-side and high-

The twins are already showing their individual personalities at just a year old, with their mum describing Finn as a “little pickle who is into everything” while Zack is “laid-back and sweet”.

She added:

**“It is amazing having them both together and now I treasure every special moment.”**

# The dishonest abortion extremism of Sen. Tina Smith

By Paul Stark, Communications Director, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life

On Feb. 25, 2019, Tina Smith [D-Mn.] rose to speak on the floor of the U.S. Senate in opposition to a bill that she warned would “dictat[e] medical care for women,” infringe on “decisions about women’s health care,” and “[force] physicians to provide inappropriate medical treatment.” The proposed legislation, she said, failed to “treat women with respect.”

Smith’s speech was, in essence, one continuous and flagrant lie. If one didn’t know better, one would think she had accidentally given a speech meant for a very different bill.

The legislation Smith opposed is called the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. It has precisely nothing to do with medical care for women. It also has nothing to do with access to abortion. Instead, the bill requires that newborn babies who have *survived* abortion (babies who are already born and still alive) be treated with “the same degree” of care as other babies born at the same age. It also prohibits overtly killing them.

Smith never once mentioned these infants—protection for whom is the sole object of the legislation—in her speech.

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act doesn’t specify the care that is appropriate (which may vary depending on circumstances), but it does prohibit discrimination against infants solely on the grounds that they were born in the context of abortion. That means practitioners of abortion may not abandon or neglect them any more than they may abandon or neglect other premature newborns.

Sen. Smith, who is up for re-

election on Nov. 3 against pro-life Republican Jason Lewis, vigorously opposes this equal treatment.

She’s not the only senator who has voted that way. Most other members of her party in Congress have too (such as vice-presidential nominee Kamala Harris), and many have adopted the same bizarrely inapplicable talking points. They have successfully filibustered the bill and prevented it from passing. Smith, though, has assumed a prominent role in the dishonesty.

That’s not surprising given her background in the abortion industry (which opposes measures to require ordinary care for abortion survivors). Smith boasts that she’s “the only senator to have worked at Planned Parenthood.” During her tenure as vice president at Planned Parenthood in Minnesota (2003-2006), the group increased its annual abortion total by 22 percent and became the state’s leading performer of abortion. Smith lobbied against Minnesota’s Woman’s Right to Know law, which ensures informed consent prior to abortion, and Minnesota’s Positive Alternatives program, which empowers women who want to keep their babies by providing support and alternatives.

Sarah Stoesz, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood in Minnesota, later told the *Star Tribune*: “[Smith] really built our education and outreach efforts. She’s got a pretty strong legacy around here.”

Smith went on to serve as Gov. Mark Dayton’s chief of staff and then his lieutenant governor—a period during which Dayton vetoed numerous pro-life bills, including limits on late-term and tax-funded

abortions, and safety standards for abortion facilities—before Dayton appointed her to replace Al Franken in the U.S.



lives that they choose.”

Of course, if abortion is unjust, then it can’t be defended on the grounds that it could

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 PARENTHOOD.**

**TINA SMITH**

7-9-2018

Senate following Franken’s resignation.

Since joining the Senate, Smith has voted against protection for unborn children after 20 weeks, when substantial medical evidence shows they can experience pain, and in favor of federal taxpayer funding of elective abortions. She has a zero percent pro-life voting record, according to the National Right to Life Committee. It’s not clear that there are any conceivable limits or safeguards relating to abortion that she wouldn’t strongly and vocally oppose.

In a recent speech on the Senate floor opposing the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, Smith repeatedly used the Orwellian term “health care” to describe the ripping off of arms and legs, the poisoning of bodies, the ending of lives. She said such acts are “essential for women to have the freedom and the opportunity to live the

make life easier—no more than other human rights violations could be justified that way. Nor is abortion somehow necessary for women to flourish, as heroic women all across the country, including those facing difficult and unfair circumstances, prove every day.

But Smith’s recent remarks do capture her view of abortion. Unfettered abortion, she believes, is important. It’s a public good. And what about unborn (or newborn) human lives? They are expendable, a category of human beings who have no rights deserving of our respect.

Even worse? As the speech against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act makes clear, Smith wants to pretend that those vulnerable and marginalized humans don’t even exist.

They have no voice in Minnesota’s U.S. Senate delegation, and Tina Smith wants to keep it that way.

# Pennsylvania is key to a second term for President Trump

By Maria V. Gallagher, Legislative/PAC Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Pro-life President Donald J. Trump began the week before the election with a barnstorming tour of Pennsylvania.

The Republican standard-bearer scheduled three different events in the Keystone State in one day—a testament to the Commonwealth's importance in the 2020 Presidential contest—and has scheduled three more for Saturday.

"We win in Pennsylvania, we win the whole thing," the President told an enthusiastic crowd in Allentown, PA.

Indeed, a number of analysts say that the road to the White House runs right through Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth could indeed determine the winner of this year's Presidential election.

Pennsylvania voters have

noted the stark differences between the two candidates on the life issues. While President Trump opposes funding

full-square against late-term abortions, Biden fully supports *Roe v. Wade*, the tragic U.S. Supreme Court ruling that led

then killed. (A ban on partial-birth abortion was finally upheld in 2007 by the Supreme Court).

Where President Trump wants to safeguard our hard-earned tax dollars from paying for abortion, Biden flip-flopped on the Hyde Amendment and now supports taxpayer funding of abortion. The Hyde Amendment bans such public funding of abortion except in the rare cases of rape, incest, or to save a mother's life.

Judging by the massive crowds at his rallies, enthusiasm among pro-life voters in Pennsylvania for President Trump appears to be even greater than it was in 2016. They hope they will help carry the day for an election victory for the President November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



for abortion giant Planned Parenthood, Biden embraces it.

Whereas the President stands

to the outrageous practice of partial-birth abortions, where babies were partly delivered,

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# U.S. and 31 other nations declare ‘no international right to abortion’ at UN

By Paul Smeaton

On October 22, the United States, in a coalition of 32 countries representing more than 1.6 billion people issued a declaration at the United Nations that there is “no international right to abortion.”

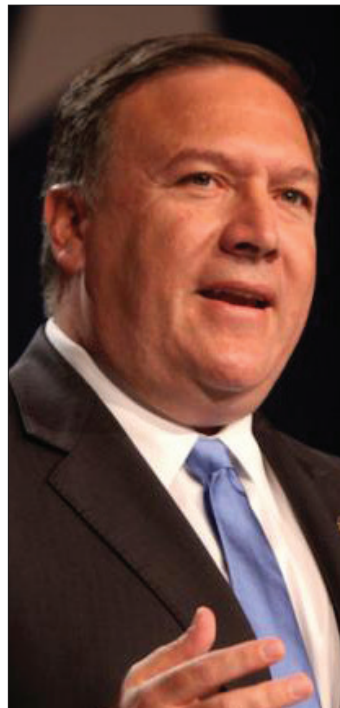
“On Thursday, October 22, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and HHS Secretary Alex Azar participated in the virtual signing of the Geneva Consensus Declaration, a historic document that further strengthens an ongoing coalition to achieve better health for women, the preservation of human life, support for the family as foundational to a healthy society, and the protection of national sovereignty in global politics,” a press release from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reads.

Along with the United States the document was co-sponsored and signed by 32 countries including Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, and Uganda.

The opening words of the declaration explain its purpose as including expressing “the essential priority of protecting the right to life” and promoting “strength of the family and of a successful and flourishing society.”

Point 3 of the declaration states that the ministers and high representatives of Governments “[r]eaffirm the inherent ‘dignity and worth of the human person,’ that ‘every human being has the inherent right to life,’ and the commitment ‘to enable women to go safely through pregnancy and childbirth and provide couples with the best chance of having a healthy infant.’”

Point 4 of the declaration states that the signatories “[e]mphasize that ‘in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning’ and



*U.S. Secretary of State  
Mike Pompeo  
Photo: Gage Skidmore*

that ‘any measures or changes related to abortion within the health system can only be determined at the national or local level according to the national legislative process.’”

The declaration further reaffirms that “‘the child ... needs special safeguards and care ... before as well as after birth’ and ‘special measures of protection and assistance should be taken on behalf of all children,’ based on the principle of the best interest of the child.”

“Under President Trump’s leadership, the United States has defended the dignity of human life everywhere and

always. He’s done it like no other President in history,” Secretary Pompeo said.

“We’ve also mounted an unprecedented defense of the unborn abroad ... Today, we’re taking the next step, as we sign the Geneva Consensus Declaration. At its very core, the Declaration protects women’s health, defends the unborn, and reiterates the vital importance of the family as the foundation of society.”

Austin Ruse, president of the U.N. human rights watchdog organization C-Fam, had high praise for the Trump administration and the U.S.’s co-signers:

C-Fam has worked for 24 years toward the declaration made by the Trump administration today together with a coalition of 32 UN Member States. There is no international right to abortion. There is no international obligation to fund abortion. The United Nations has no business interfering in sovereign decisions when it comes to protecting life in the womb.

C-Fam heartily congratulates the Trump administration and the 32 sovereign states around the world who signed on to the Geneva Consensus Declaration for defending life, family, and sovereignty. We salute President Trump, Secretary Mike Pompeo, and Secretary Alex Azar. We thank Garrett Grigsby and Valerie Huber of HHS for their hard work to deliver this result.

The Trump administration has consistently worked to defend life and oppose abortion at the United Nations, from resisting pro-abortion agenda items and resolution language to

affirming that abortion isn’t a human right and promoting abstinence education. Earlier this year, Trump announced that the U.S. would cut ties with the pro-abortion World Health Organization (WHO) due to its handling of the coronavirus crisis.

Secretary Azar said that the declaration is the administration putting down “a clear marker” in opposition to “a radical agenda” often pursued by U.N. agencies.

“The Declaration is much more than a statement of beliefs — it is a critical and useful tool to defend these principles across all United Nations bodies and at every multilateral setting, using language previously agreed to by member states of those bodies,” the HHS Secretary said.

“Without apology, we affirm that governments have the sovereign right to make their own laws to protect innocent life and write their regulations on abortion,” Azar continued.

“The stakes are too high to permit radical, divisive agendas to hinder the ability of women in countries at all stages of development to attain better health.”

Azar said that the coalition of signatories to the declaration will denounce “organizations when they overstep their mandates by promoting positions that can never gain consensus” and that they will “unequivocally declare that there is no international right to abortion.”

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# The persistent myth that the election of pro-abortion Democrat Presidents, not pro-life Republican Presidents, saves unborn lives

By Jacki Ragan

Every presidential election year, Democrats pull out all the stops to “explain” how pro-lifers can, in good conscience, vote for pro-abortion Democrats. This year is different only in the extent to which this false narrative is being spread largely, but by no means exclusively, through the use of social media.

One persistent falsehood you’ve likely seen on Facebook. They often take the form of memes or graphics purporting to show how the abortion rate fell sharply during the years a Democrat held the White House. There are long, drawn out posts to accompany them with the suggestion that the author is coming to this monumentally important decision with much angst and wringing of the hands.

So I turned to some experts to see how they would respond. Their answers were so thoughtful I have quoted them all below.

National Right to Life’s Director of Education, Dr. Randall K O’Bannon points out, “There have been drops, sometimes big ones under both Democratic and Republican presidents. However, the obvious question is why? We know what Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump have done in helping decrease the number of abortions. But what did Bill Clinton or Barack Obama ever do to help push the abortion numbers lower? Nothing. The laws and budgets they passed, the policies they promoted, the people

they appointed did nothing to discourage abortions and everything to promote those that perform them. The number of babies lost to abortion went down in spite of them, not because of them.”

Dr. O’Bannon continues. “Many things have clearly contributed to the drop. Changes in technology (such as ultrasound and fetal heartbeat stethoscopes) and public knowledge of fetology (thanks to the popularity of ultrasound and fetal photos books and films such Lennart Nilsson’s “A child is born”) that have taken place since 1973 helped to cool the meteoric rise in the number of abortions that occurred right after *Roe*, starting the trend downward.

“The arrival on the scene of pregnancy care centers and their rapid growth (there are now more than 2,500 in the U.S. alone) and increasing medicalization has made alternatives to abortion practical realities for thousands upon thousands of women and

their babies.”

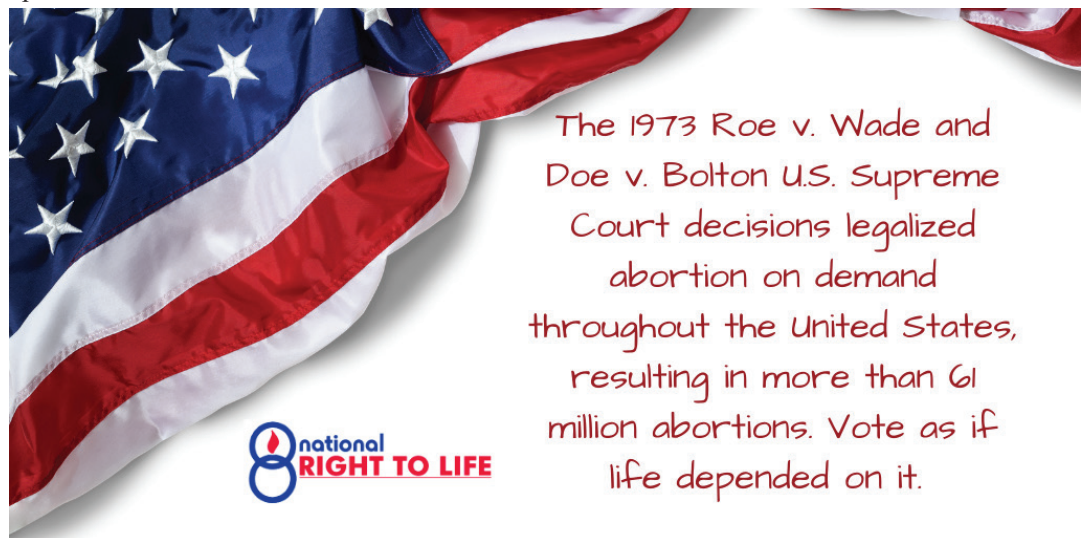
And from National Right to Life’s Federal Legislative Director, Jennifer Popik, J.D., we learn, “During the years Democrats controlled the White House—particularly Obama/Biden—the lessening abortion rate was not related to Democrat control at the federal level. During the Obama/ Biden administration, we experienced large gains in the number of Republican legislatures and governorships with the result that a huge number of pro-life laws were passed at the state level during those years. During the Clinton Administration, Gallup polling showed that the debate over banning the partial-birth abortion procedure had the effect of driving sentiment in favor of life.”

Another expert that I spoke with, Rose Mimms, Executive Director of Arkansas Right to Life, said, “This is an old argument to defend someone who wants to vote Democrat but finds it ‘uncomfortable’ because of the Democrats’ devotion to

legal abortion. Remember they want tax funded abortion at any time for any reason. That equals more abortion. We work harder when there is a Democrat in the White House — we have to — and there may have been times where we held the House or Senate and were able to keep the killing down. Our state pro-life laws combined with scientific advancement and educational efforts contribute to the reduction. And, tragically, because of *Roe v. Wade*, there are tens of millions fewer women to give birth.”

Dr. O’Bannon summed our discussion up perfectly. “Of course, none of these laws or policies could have had much of an impact if they had been struck down by the courts, and this is why presidential elections matter. While early Supreme Court nominations by Democrats and Republicans alike were a mixed bag

*See “Myth,” page 38*



# Trump appointee offers brilliant critique of appeals court decision to overturn Texas' ban on the dismemberment of living unborn children

By Dave Andrusko

We addressed this briefly before, but a decision by a divided 5th Circuit Court of Appeals panel to strike down Texas's prohibition against the dismemberment of living unborn babies is surely worth a further look.

Especially so because I've learned that the dissenter in that case—Judge Don Willett—had, as promised, filed his dissent. More about that below. It is as fine a legal opinion as I have ever read. First, the background.

In 2017, Texas lawmakers passed Senate Bill 8 (SB8), which did no more than require that the unborn child's heart is no longer beating when she is torn apart. Even this proved way too much for the abortion industry.

The law never took effect, thanks to U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel of Austin, the go-to judge for the Abortion Industry. Represented by the Center for Reproductive Rights, abortion providers, including Whole Woman's Health and Planned Parenthood, filed suit.

Obligingly, Judge Yeakel produced a 27-page opinion in which he traveled hither and yon to tell us that the ban (an amendment to SB8 which passed overwhelmingly) is all but patently unconstitutional.

Surprisingly, writing for *The Texas Tribune*, as hard-core a pro-abortion publication as you will ever find, Shannon Najmabadi offered important context. The 2-1 decision, she wrote

**comes after the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals lifted a block**

**on four Arkansas abortion restrictions in August, citing Chief**

**Texas argued this presents a different standard than was**

**difficult or expensive. ... Rather, 'the only question for a court is whether a law has the 'effect of placing a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion of a non viable fetus,'"** the state's lawyers wrote, citing Roberts' opinion.

**The [appeals] court disagreed, with [Judge James] Dennis writing that the judges agreed the "balancing test still governs"**

These babies are well-developed. But reading stories such as *Court House News* we're told that "doctors dilate a woman's cervix and use instruments such as forceps to grasp and evacuate the fetal tissue." Fetal tissue.

Or *The Texas Tribune* where Shannon Najmabadi writes that "doctors use surgical instruments to remove pieces of fetal tissue." "Pieces of fetal tissue."

The Texas Attorney General refused to buy the euphemisms.

"Live fetal dismemberment is an inhuman abortion procedure that literally tears apart a living, pain-capable child on the cusp of viability," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. "The Texas Legislature acted well within constitutional limits when it



**Justice John Roberts' opinion in the recent Supreme Court case June Medical Services v. Russo. While Roberts' crucial vote in that case awarded a victory to advocates of abortion access then, he issued a narrow opinion that said lawmakers have wide discretion "in areas where there is medical and scientific uncertainty" and that weighing the "costs and benefits of an abortion regulation" was not necessarily a job for the courts.**

**Lawyers representing**

**applied by the district court that struck down the dilation and evacuation [dismemberment] restriction in 2017. In that ruling, the burdens of the law were weighed in relation to its benefits—a balancing test rejected by the June Medical decision, the state's lawyers wrote.**

**"The Chief Justice demonstrated that is it not enough to show merely that a law imposes some 'burden' on abortion access, or that a regulation makes abortion more**

*See "Critique," page 18*

# “Except here, you are crushing the head of a baby”

By Sarah Terzo

From the partial-birth abortion ban trials, one conversation that took place under oath.

## THE WITNESS:

“The instruments are thick enough and heavy enough that you can actually grasp and crush with those instruments as if you were picking up salad...”

## THE COURT:

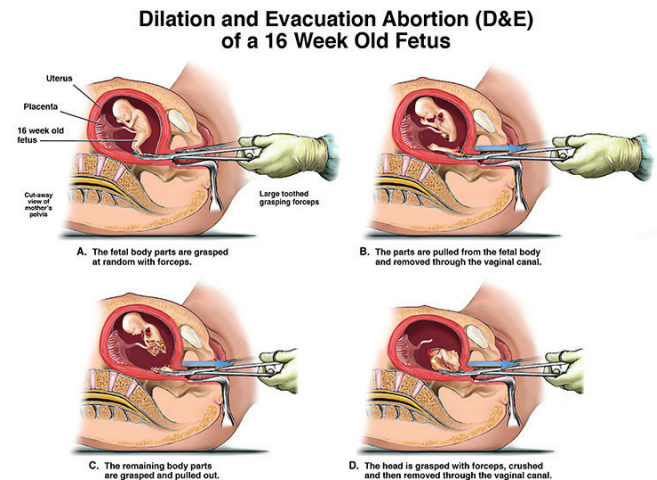
“Except here you are

crushing the head of a baby.”

## THE WITNESS: “Correct.”

Testimony of abortionist Dr. Timothy Johnson, National Abortion Federation, et. al. v. Ashcroft, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, March 31, 2004.

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## Trump appointee offers brilliant critique of appeals court decision to overturn Texas' ban on the dismemberment of living unborn children

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banned this barbaric practice. I will continue to defend the Legislature's decision.”

Nor did Judge Willett in his immensely powerfully and moving dissent. I encourage you in the strongest possible terms to read it in its entirety. His brilliant dissent begins on page 23.

His argument can be summarized in two sentences which appear near the very end: “SB8 does not *proscribe* D&E [dismemberment abortions]; it *prescribes* D&E that is marginally more humane. ... The lone thing SB8 seeks to ban is a particular form of brutality: dismembering a living unborn child.”

At the very beginning, Judge Willett writes

The law is awash in coy euphemisms. The abortion-rights debate, and the attendant language wars, are

emotionally charged, to be sure. But SB8 minces no words about what “dismemberment abortion” means for an unborn child's final moments. For its part, the district court [Judge Yeakel] offered just nine words: “The evidence before the court is graphic and distasteful.” The panel majority follows a similar tack, camouflaging things in anodyne, sanitizing abstractions that conceal more than they reveal: “Because at 15 weeks LMP the fetus is larger than the dilated cervical opening, the fetal tissue usually separates as the physician moves it through the cervix, resulting in fetal

demise.” This bit of linguistic sleight of hand is like saying “The Godfather” is about an immigrant who experiences bumps in the road while running the family olive oil business. Such cloudy vagueness deflects rather than describes.

Rhetoric must not befog reason. The majority uses gauzy, evasive language to minimize the reality of D&E and to maximize, but never quantify, the risks of various “fetal-demise” techniques. The majority then relies on this imprecision to evade exacting analysis. But without fully understanding the procedures at issue, one cannot

fully understand the State's asserted interest in reducing the barbarism of D&E on a living unborn child by requiring more humane alternatives—alternatives Plaintiffs have long used, and touted as safe, in their own provision of abortion services.

Judge Willett concludes by urging the full circuit court (“en banc”)

“to align our circuit's abortion jurisprudence with controlling Supreme Court precedent that recognizes the validity of a State's legitimate and substantial interest in valuing unborn life.”

# Big victory for Kentucky in 6th Circuit decision

By Dave Andrusko

It's been over a year since a panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard *EMW Women's Surgical Center, et al. v. Friedlander*, but on October 16, they reached the correct conclusion by upholding a Kentucky pro-life law.

Challenged by the ACLU, a Kentucky abortion clinic, and Planned Parenthood, the law requires that abortion clinics have a transfer agreement with a hospital as well as an agreement with a local ambulance provider. "Such an agreement ensures that abortion clinics can transfer patients to local hospitals in the safest and fastest way possible in the event of a medical emergency or complication," explained Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

Writing for the *Louisville Journal Courier*, Deborah Yetter explained

**In doing so, the panel struck down the 2018 decision by U.S. District Judge Greg Stivers that such rules were unnecessary and**

**posed an undue burden on women seeking abortions. Stivers' ruling followed a legal challenge by EWM Women's Surgical**



**Center and Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky.**

The decision comes more than a year after the case was argued before the 6th Circuit panel in Cincinnati.

Attorney General Cameron added, "The Sixth Circuit's ruling keeps in place an important Kentucky law for protecting the health and safety of patients by finding that Planned Parenthood and EMW

failed to prove that they could not comply with the statute and regulation." Cameron said, "Our office was proud to intervene in this case and ensure that the law was fully defended."

The nub of the lawsuit is that the transfer agreement is both unnecessary and a ruse to block access to abortion—"They're about shutting down abortion facilities," said Brigitte Amiri, an ACLU attorney for EMW. Amiri insisted there were no problems until Matt Bevin became governor."

The challenge was initially brought by EMW Women's Surgical Center of Louisville. However Judge Stivers, who heard the case without a jury, allowed Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky to join in because they intend to open an abortion clinic in Louisville.

In his 60-page ruling Judge Stivers channeled the pro-abortion arguments. "The evidence presented here establishes clearly that scant medical benefits from transfer and transport agreements are

far outweighed by the burden on Kentucky women seeking abortions," he wrote.

But in vacating the permanent injunction issued by Judge Stivers, Judge Joan Larsen, joined by Judge Chad Readler, cited Chief Justice Roberts concurring opinion in the June 29th *June Medical Services, L.L.C. v. Russo* decision. As we've explained in prior stories, Justice Roberts wrote that "states do not have to prove that the benefits of an abortion restriction outweigh the burden on a person's ability to access the procedure—it just has to show that it does not present a 'substantial' obstacle or burden." And, as Kate Smith of *CBS News* noted, Roberts also wrote "Nothing about [previous Supreme Court precedent] suggested that a weighing of costs and benefits of an abortion regulation was a job for the courts."

Planned Parenthood and EMW have the option of appealing the decision to the full 6th Circuit.

# ABC: Biden ‘Stepping Things Up’ With Campaign Events (Fact Check: He Isn’t)

By Scott Whitlock

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Election day is just eight days away and Joe Biden is mostly taking Monday off. Only *CBS This Morning* seemed to find this odd, deeming it a “curiosity.” *ABC* and *NBC* didn’t seem bothered by the decision. *ABC* dishonestly described the Democrat as “stepping things up” with his campaign. At the time senior congressional correspondent Mary Bruce said that, Biden had exactly ZERO events scheduled.

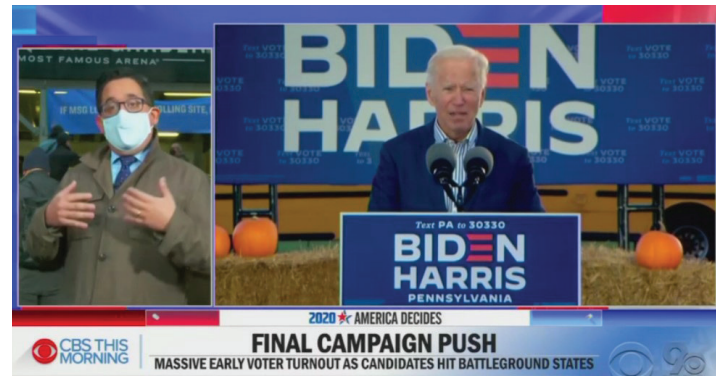
On *Good Morning America*, Bruce spun: “Now this week, Trump is ramping up his already breakneck pace planning to

visit nearly a dozen states including holding 11 rallies in just the last 48 hours. Joe Biden is also stepping things up. He’s planning to hit six key battleground states.”

Stepping things up? Not on Monday. At the time Bruce made the comment, 7:12 AM, Biden had NO events scheduled. By midday, the campaign had set up a “local stop” in home state Wilmington, Delaware. That’s it.

On *CBS This Morning*, perplexed co-host Tony Dokoupil wondered, “Somewhat of a curiosity this morning is Joe Biden is not on the campaign trail even as his competitor, Donald Trump, is all over the place. What are we to read into that fact?” (Where

have journalists been on this? Biden has been repeatedly calling a lid on his day, often before 10 AM.)



Reporter Ed O’Keefe tried to explain: “He is off the trail today. Look, it seems that he’s going out two, three times a week and skipping a day in

between. They continue to insist that they can hold virtual events, that he can do this and still reach voters.”

O’Keefe then added that this strategy will either be brilliant or a disaster:

**I don’t think we’re really going to get a good measure on whether or not that worked of course until we have results. It either will have been a brilliant play, an adaptive move to the pandemic era, or it’s going to prove to be one of the biggest missed opportunities in American politics that he wasn’t out and about.**

On *NBC’s Today*, Savannah Guthrie neutrally mentioned the leisurely pace of the Biden campaign: “Joe Biden is off the trail today, but planning his own blitz starting in Georgia tomorrow.”

Credit to *NBC*, at least, for highlighting the latest Biden gaffe. The Democrat appeared to confuse Trump for George W. Bush, the 2004 Republican nominee.

## DEMOCRAT PARTY PLATFORM

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## EXTREME ON ABORTION

# REPORT: U.S. pro-life pregnancy centers assist nearly 2 million with essential services in 2019

*Study gives emphasis to abundance of care for women and families*

By Lisa Bourne

Pregnancy help centers in the United States served scores of people in need last year, according to a new report, providing hundreds of millions of dollars in essential medical, education and support services – doing so frequently at no charge. The extensive study of approximately 2,700 pregnancy centers nationwide released Wednesday by the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) shows the centers served almost two million people in 2019, at an estimated total value of services and material assistance of nearly \$270 million.

CLI gives an in-depth look at the far-reaching impact of U.S. pregnancy help centers in its report, from the early medical care begun in pregnancy centers 35 years ago, to the centers' high standards of care, estimates of the total value of the assistance centers provided in 2019 and individual stories of those helped by the centers' services.

CLI's study also features developing areas of pregnancy help, including outreach to victims of human trafficking and the life-saving abortion pill reversal protocol.

The newest report from CLI, the research arm of Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List), is titled, "Pregnancy Centers Stand the Test of Time," and is the second in CLI's series, "A Legacy of Life and Love." It is based on national survey data provided by major pregnancy center networks Care Net, Heartbeat International, and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), along with many smaller networks.

In 2019 U.S. pregnancy centers provided almost 732,000 pregnancy tests, more than 486,000 free ultrasounds and 160,000 STI/STD tests, according to the study.

These services – usually delivered gratis by the centers – provided vital support to women and families facing unplanned pregnancy and other challenges.

"Pregnancy centers exist to serve and support mothers in the courageous decision to give their children life, even under the most difficult circumstances," said Chuck Donovan, president of the Charlotte Lozier Institute. "This report calculates the impact of their mission of love in concrete terms."

"Thousands of centers around the country provide a multitude of free services for millions of women, as well as tens of thousands of men, saving communities millions in tax dollars annually," Donovan said. "Eight in 10 people involved at pregnancy centers are volunteers, an extraordinary example of igniting points of light in the darkness."

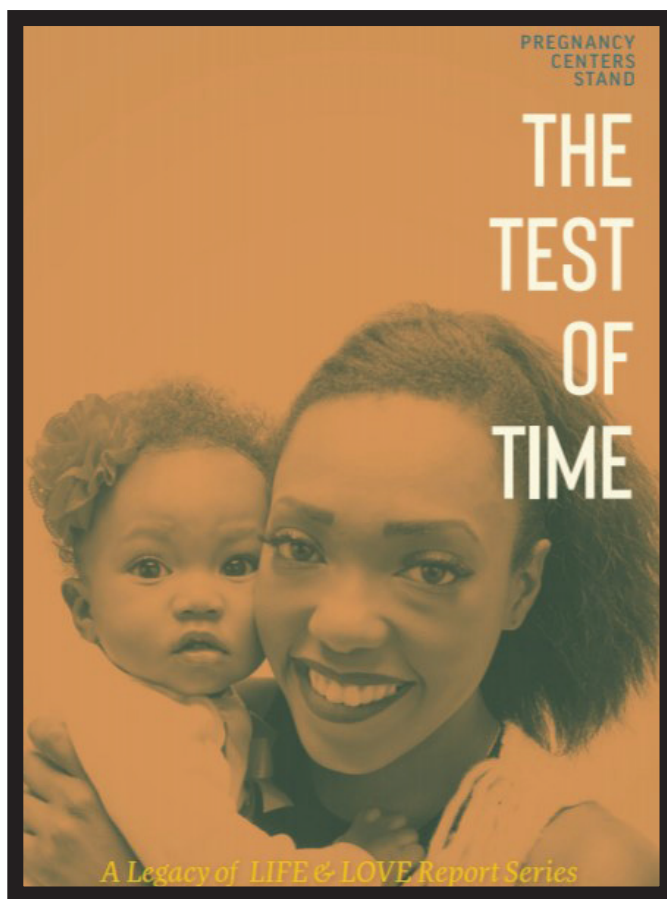
More than 291,000 clients attended parenting and prenatal education programs in 2019, CLI's study found, more than 21,000 clients received after-abortion support and more than 881,000 students attended sexual risk avoidance education presentations.

Pregnancy centers also gave out nearly 1.3 million packs of diapers and more than two million baby outfits.

Pregnancy help centers have continually taken on a

medical designation to best meet the needs of women and families with services such as ultrasound, the latest numbers reflected in CLI's report.

continues to grow and thrive," said Donovan. "All Americans benefit from these resources in communities everywhere across our national landscape."



More than 68,000 workers serve pregnancy centers, the study said, including nearly 3,800 licensed medical staff, which comprise 25% of the centers' paid staff.

Eight in 10 of these workers (53,855) are volunteers, with more than 6,400 of them, or 12% of all volunteers, licensed medical volunteers.

"Thirty-five years have now passed since the introduction of life-revealing and life-changing ultrasounds into pregnancy centers, and their medicalization

An overwhelming majority of pregnancy centers provide numerous tangible services and support to clients, with 94% offering material items, 86% offering parenting/prenatal education, 79% offering ultrasound and 72% offering after-abortion recovery.

Additionally, a growing percentage of centers offer sexual risk avoidance

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## Amy Coney Barrett is sworn as the newest member of the Supreme Court

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solemn obligation and no greater honor than to appoint Supreme Court Justices.

On this October evening, and it is so beautiful, the First Lady and I welcome you to the White House to bear witness to history. In a few moments, we will proudly swear in the newest member of the United States Supreme Court, Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

She was one of our nation's most brilliant legal scholars, and she will make an outstanding justice on the highest court in our land. Justice Barrett's oath will be administered by the court's longest serving member currently on the bench, a man whose allegiance to the law has earned him the respect and gratitude of all Americans, Justice Clarence Thomas.

Our country owes a great debt of thanks to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. We appreciate it very much, Mitch. Thank you. And we are grateful as well to the Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham. Thank you, Lindsey. Also with us, Senators Marsha Blackburn, Mike Braun, Bill Cassidy, Kevin Cramer, Ted Cruz, Steve Daines, Ron Johnson, James Lankford, Mike Lee, and Martha McSally. And I hope I didn't leave anybody out. And a very special thanks to our great Vice President, Mike Pence. Thank you, Mike.

Also, I want to thank White House Counsel, Pat Cipollone. Thank you, Pat. And very importantly, I want to welcome Justice Barrett's husband, Jesse. Thank you, Jesse. Thank you. Let me also recognize your seven

children, your great, beautiful children who have become really just very, very popular in this nation. People have been watching them and loving them and they're watching right now back home in Indiana. Thank you very much.

And I speak to everyone when I say that the Barrett family is captured America's heart. It is highly fitting that Justice Barrett fills the seat of a true pioneer for women, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Tonight, Justice Barrett becomes not only the fifth woman to serve on our nation's highest court, but the very first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. Very important.

Over the past few weeks, the entire world has seen Justice Barrett's deep knowledge, tremendous poise, and towering intellect. She answered questions for hours on end. Throughout her entire confirmation, her impeccable credentials were unquestioned, unchallenged, and obvious to all. Justice Barrett earned a full academic scholarship to Notre Dame Law School, graduated first in her class and served as a clerk for Justice Antonin Scalia. She was a beloved professor at Notre Dame Law School for 15 years before I very proudly appointed her to the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 2017. The American people have been profoundly impressed to learn of her achievements, her compassion, her generosity, her faith, and her sterling character.

Justice Barrett made clear she will issue rulings based solely upon a faithful reading of the law and the Constitution as written, not legislate from the bench. The equal, impartial and constitutional rule of law that we enjoy every day in America is one of the crowning achievements in the history of human civilization. It is the triumph of reason, experience, and the values which are eternal and everlasting. Our devotion to this inheritance is what has made America the most just, exceptional, and glorious nation ever to exist.

I want to every American child watching to understand that this is a very special and important ceremony. We are fulfilling the duty that passes to each new generation to sustained the national traditions and virtues that make possible everything we have achieved before that we will do tomorrow. Because of our Constitution and our culture of freedom, you live in a land where anything is possible and where any dream can come true. No matter who you are, no matter your background, in America everyone is entitled to equal protection under our laws, and your sacred rights can never, ever be taken away.

The march of liberty that began with the American Revolution continues onward this evening. Tonight at the White House, we carry forward the cause of freedom, equality, and justice for which so many generations of Americans have given so much. We honor the cause for which men died to win the

Civil War and for which they jumped out of airplanes and shed their blood on distant battlefields. We honor the immortal principles, inspired millions in the struggle for Civil Rights. And we take special pride in the nation that inspires billions of people all over the world. We must never take this radiant inheritance for granted. We must never lose confidence in our history, our heritage, or in our heroes. To reach for the stars, we must stand upon the strong and sturdy foundation built by those incredible Americans who came before.

Justice Barrett, as you take your oath tonight, the legacy of our ancestors falls to you. The American people put their trust in you and their faith in you, as you take up the task of defending our laws, our Constitution, and this country that we all love. We ask God to give you wisdom and courage. I know you will make us all very, very proud. As long as we are loyal to our founding and to our fellow citizens, America's future will be bright. America's destiny will be great and America's people will forever and always be free. I now ask Justice Thomas to administer the oath. Thank you very much.

[Judge Barrett officially is sworn in by Justice Clarence Thomas. Her remarks follow.]

Thank you. Thank you so very much. Thank you all for being here tonight and thank you, President Trump for selecting me to serve as

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# Missouri center celebrates 20 life-saving years, continued rise of mission impact

By Gayle Irwin

Twenty years ago, Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) began offering alternatives to abortion for women in southwestern Missouri. Today, the organization continues its mission of saving lives and strengthening families through medical services, pregnancy options education, and numerous online and in-person classes, assisting women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

## In the beginning

The center started with a group of people in 1996 envisioning a facility that would tackle the 500-1,000 abortions occurring in the Springfield community, according to Cindi Boston-Bilotta, Heartbeat International's vice president of Mission Advancement.

"The community rallied very early," she said. "A steering committee formed in 1996, beginning with prayer and then they began to give with time and treasures."

A building was constructed by volunteers, she added.

While working at the local college at the time and serving on the board to establish the center, a major career change opportunity came Bilotta's way.

"I got a phone call I wasn't supposed to get," she said. "The fingerprints of God were all over that situation."

Bilotta went on to serve as the center's director for more than 16 years.

"Many women choose abortion because of life's circumstances," she said. "I saw a lot of different pressures and situations – many were unbelievable. Abortion was

the primary method they had of dealing with the circumstances."

In 1996, more than 11,600 abortions were reported in Missouri; the number dropped to nearly 7,900 in 2000. In 2017, the number of reported abortions was about 3,900.

Today, Missouri has one abortion provider: Planned Parenthood of St. Louis. That abortion facility is located more than 200 miles from Springfield, a roughly three-hour drive. Abortion clinics in neighboring Arkansas (Little Rock), Tennessee (Memphis), and Kansas (Overland Park) are even farther away. Springfield has the Planned Parenthood Health Center, however, that location doesn't perform abortions. It does, though, provide the morning after pill.

## More positive change

Serving men became a major objective for Bilotta and the center's board and staff.

"We had one of the first fatherhood programs in (pregnancy) centers early on," she said. "I had help from the St. Louis center (and) we hobbled together a fatherhood program. They've been growing that program (over recent years)."

Lisa McIntire became PCC's president and CEO when Bilotta resigned in 2016. The fatherhood program remains a priority.

"It's been growing exponentially," McIntire said. "I think it's something when fathers take part in a program."

In just two years, PCC has experienced significant growth in the program. In 2017, 48 men were served, and in 2019,

more than 300 participated, she said.

"We make sure the female clients know the man is welcome – if (the women)

"We try to give these young men the benefit of the doubt. They are scared, and many of them never had a positive role model," she said.



*The Pregnancy Care Center team poses, having won the Southwest Missouri Nonprofit Excellence Award  
Photo: Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, MO*

choose," she said. "His reaction (to the pregnancy and ultrasound) is pivotal to if the child takes its first breath. The situation is in jeopardy because she looks to him regarding the pregnancy decision."

PCC has undergone changes to help men feel welcome. For example, a new web page was designed for men and a special space inside the clinic was created complete with a large-screen TV, a refrigerator filled with soda, and charging stations for cell phones. Additionally, male volunteers are on-site to chat with the guys who come with the pregnant women.

"We have great volunteer male coaches," McIntire said.

Men are often blamed for manipulating pregnant women to abort. That's an unfair assumption, McIntire asserted.

Two men who have participated in the fatherhood program witnessed the murder of a parent when they were young, McIntire said.

Helping men feel comfortable, not only physically inside the center, but also mentally and emotionally in sharing their stories is an important goal for the PCC staff.

"The personality of the coaches is important," she said. "They need to be relatable, not preachy."

Going forward, the center's goal is to reach more men, McIntire said.

## Reaching more clients

Another important endeavor is to reach more women and

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# All that the “most pro-life President since *Roe v. Wade*” has accomplished for the babies

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substantially change federal policies and laws on abortion, and allow taxpayer dollars to be used for the destruction of human life. I will veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage.”

**\*Making Planned Parenthood choose between abortion and genuine family planning.** In 2019, President Trump’s Health and Human Services Department (HHS) issued regulations known as the Protect Life Rule. Under the rule, abortion facilities are not be in the same location where family planning services are delivered. The rule also states that Title X grantees may not refer for elective abortion. Not surprisingly, Planned Parenthood sued. Eventually they chose not to participate rather than cut their abortion ties.

**\*Protecting abortion survivors and preemies.** President Trump signed an executive order that prohibits hospitals from unlawfully discriminating against or withholding treatment from extremely preterm infants, infants born with disabilities, or any other infants in need of emergency care, including abortion survivors. As the President has said, “Equality under the law is the bedrock of our society.”

**\*If given the chance ...** President Trump has vowed to protect babies capable of feeling pain. He has also vowed to sign, if passed, 1. The No-Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2019 which would permanently prohibit any federal program from funding elective abortion and 2. The Born-Alive Abortion

Survivors Protection Act which would extend federal legal protection to babies who are born alive during an abortion.

**\*March for Life.** On January 25th, 2020, the day the Movement commemorated 47 years under the dreaded *Roe v. Wade* decision, President Trump became the first sitting President to address the annual March for Life in person. He told the massive crowd in Washington, DC, “All of us here today understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together, we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and sanctity of every human life. When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God’s creation.”

**\*Aggressively protects right of conscience.** HHS, under President Trump, created a New Office of Conscience and Religious Freedom. The department (OCR) finalized new regulations to strengthen enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care workers who do not want to participate in abortion. The regulations clarify what recourse is available to victims of discrimination under the law and what penalties the OCR may enforce for violations.

**\*Defunding international abortion.** President Trump stopped Tax Dollars from Funding Abortion Internationally by reinstating the long-standing “Mexico City

Policy,” and then expanding its reach under the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” program. Under the latter, in order to be eligible for U.S. population assistance, a private organization must sign a contract promising not to perform abortions (except to save the mother’s life or in cases of rape or incest), lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries, or otherwise “actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. The expanded policy prevents \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry.

**\*Speaking up forcefully at the United Nations.** On September 24th, 2019, in what was a first for a sitting U.S. president, President Trump spoke directly at the U.N. about the issue of abortion. He said,

**“Americans will also never tire of defending innocent life. We are aware that many United Nations projects have attempted to assert a global right to taxpayer-funded abortion on demand, right up until the moment of delivery. Global bureaucrats have absolutely no business attacking the sovereignty of nations that wish to protect innocent life. Like many nations here today, we in America believe that every child, born and unborn, is a sacred gift from God.”**



# Another attempt to persuade Evangelicals to abandon President Trump lands with a thud

By Dave Andrusko

I don't know who Bonnie Kristian is but reading her piece, published in *The Week* on October 12, tells me some people whose opinions I have long respected are either being snookered or so dislike President Trump they've placed their critical thinking capacities in hibernation.

Can't figure out whether her piece—"The Supreme Court deal is done"—is more cynical or circular. The gist of her piece is how the "Evangelical Left" (to whom abortion may or may not be particularly important but not a deal breaker) hopes to peel off enough of the White Evangelical vote to tip the election to pro-abortion Joe Biden.

It goes like this.....

\*President Trump is insufficiently [fill in the blank] to warrant all-out support from Evangelicals. By implication, pro-abortion Joe Biden must be better at [fill in the blank]. Consequently, some Evangelicals will take the Blue pill and live in blissful ignorance that they helped elect a man who, along with his party, is not only off-the-charts pro-abortion but also rabidly hostile to first amendment protections.

\*Put another way, President Trump isn't good enough to warrant their vote. Famed Christian broadcaster Dr. James Dobson answered that in the October letter he sent to his 800,000 supporters:

**I have heard from dozens of friends and acquaintances in recent weeks who tell me they will base their decision solely on a candidate's rhetoric, tone, style, or**

**likeability. Does that describe your thinking process? ...**

**With all respect, this election isn't about you. It certainly isn't about me. It is about our kids and grandkids.**



**It is about those who are yet to come, if they are allowed to live. This vote has awesome implications for future generations and the nation we love. It is about our Constitution and the immutable, God-given rights it protects. It is about values, and truth, and greatness, and hope. That is why the notion of choosing a president based on frivolous personality characteristics is so unfortunate.**

\*Those who've found Kristian persuasive do make

one unassailable point: not every Evangelical who voted for President Trump in 2016 did so with complete conviction. Guess what? That applies to every category of human beings voting for any candidate. Some we love with all our hearts and

it is even truer in 2020.

\*So Kristian simply says ignore all that. Concentrate, instead, on this. In effect, Evangelicals made a bargain with the devil four years ago. He came through (solid Supreme Court nominations) and to "save our souls," Evangelicals ought to cut and run in 2020. Granted, her language isn't quite that blatant, but you can't miss the suggestion.

This is so stupid, she must really think very little of the intelligence of Evangelicals. To begin with, I would be surprised if 50% of the population, including his supporters, believes Mr. Biden will serve out his first term. Sen. Kamala Harris will be the power behind the throne—she and her allies in the Abortion Industry.

Moreover, while abortion is the preeminent issue for Evangelicals, religious freedom is paramount as well. They [we] can kiss that goodbye if Joe Biden becomes President. Dr. Dobson keenly understands the existential threat Biden **and** Harris pose to unborn babies and religious liberty.

\*Finally (in another slap at the intelligence of Evangelicals), Kristian argues that if Trump wins another term and replaces the aging pro-abortion Justice Breyer on the Supreme Court, that is bad.

Pardon?

"The backlash would be intense," she prophesizes. "Court-packing and/or a serious loss of legitimacy for the Supreme Court would become all but inevitable." Two things.

souls. Some we tolerate. Most are the middle.

**But** for pro-lifers and most Evangelicals (I happen to be both), they vote both offensively (because of how much they like a candidate and believe he or she will accomplish) and defensively (to ward off what the pro-abortion candidate would bring). That obviously was true with President Trump.

He made a series of promises which he has faithful kept. He has rightfully earned the mantle of the most pro-life president ever!

We also knew that a "President Hillary Clinton" would come after the defenders of unborn babies—you and me—with a vengeance. It was true in 2016,

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## Paying tribute to President Trump for all he has accomplished for “the least of these”

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This edition begins with a list of President Trump’s accomplishments for unborn babies—both at home and overseas—and his administration’s steadfast defense of the right of conscience, whether motivated

His threat of a veto helped keep pro-abortion House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s dreams of passing extremist pro-abortion legislation at bay.

His Department of Health and Human Services has been a bulwark in the defense of

choose to continue your knee-deep involvement in abortion and not receive Title X Family Planning money. Of course, they chose abortion.

From a purely dollars and cents perspective, it makes perfect sense. In 2005, PPFA

allow a vote on equal treatment for abortion survivors, President Trump signed an executive order that prohibits hospitals from unlawfully discriminating against or withholding treatment from not only from abortion survivors, but also from extremely preterm infants, infants born with disabilities, or any other infants in need of emergency care.

That is taking a stand against passive infanticide, the chosen route of cowardly Democrats who see no distinction between a baby “successfully” aborted and one who miraculously survives the first assault. They were supposed to **be** dead, so let’s not quibble, Democrats insist, over making sure they **get** dead.

Lovely people, aren’t they?

Please read Jacki Ragan’s story on page five. She eloquently and passionately explains what we must be doing in these last hours.

With that as motivation, we **will** do everything humanly possible to prevent a Biden/Harris victory, not for ourselves, but for millions and millions of unborn babies.

Thanks for working arm-in-arm with National Right to Life. It is a privilege for us to be a part of the greatest movement for social justice of our era.



by a religious faith or secular reasons. They are extraordinary.

President Trump, then candidate Trump, made a series of solemn promises to the pro-life community. In his first term, he has kept every one that was in his power to accomplish, including appointing 220 federal judges, topped off by three superb Supreme Court Justices. The last President to appoint three justices in his first term was Richard Nixon.

religious liberty and individual conscience. The Abortion Industry would stamp out the right to refuse involvement in abortion, if it could. A Biden-Harris administration would be filled with people who yearn to fulfill their secular crusade.

Trump’s administration politely but firmly called Planned Parenthood’s bluff. Choose to receive Title X Family Planning money or

performed about one in five of all abortions in the United States. In 2018 that percentage had soared to 40%. Slaughtering millions and millions of unborn babies is how you get to be a \$1.6 billion+ “non-profit.”

I could go on and on, but we’ve put together a concise summary on page one. I would, however, like to emphasize one. In the face of congressional Democrats who would not

# Medical intern horrified by late-term abortion of twins

By Sarah Terzo

In an article profiling late-term abortionist Dr. William Rashbaum (now deceased), Rebecca Paley said that late-term abortions are more dangerous than early ones, but that this is not why abortionists don't like to perform them:

**Technical difficulty, however, is not why many doctors don't want to do second-trimester abortions. What troubles them is that as a pregnancy progresses, the fetus increasingly resembles a baby....**

Paley goes on to say:

**The procedure is gruesome, as anyone who has seen it, including Rashbaum, will attest. One of**

**his former interns remembers watching Rashbaum do a D&E on well-developed**

**piece after piece of the fetuses out of the mother's uterus, ignoring the attending**

**reacted violently, running home, throwing up, and asking herself, "Is this right?"**



And then:

**Rashbaum pisses people off with his cranky, despotic ways, but the other doctors are relieved he's around to do a job they don't want."**

Rebecca Paley, "Cruel to be kind: In the twilight of his career, a late-term-abortion doctor tells all." *The Boston Phoenix* December 2003.

**twins one hot summer day. He intently leaned in closely and methodically pulled**

**staff's whispers of horror — "It's twins. It's twins" — to each other. The intern**

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## Amy Coney Barrett is sworn as the newest member of the Supreme Court

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an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. It's a privilege to be asked to serve my country in this office, and I stand here tonight, truly honored and humbled.

Thanks also to the Senate for giving its consent to my appointment. I am grateful for the confidence you have expressed in me and I pledge to you and to the American people that I will discharge my duties to the very best of my ability. This was a rigorous confirmation process. And I thank all of you, especially Leader McConnell and Chairman Graham for helping me to navigate it. My heartfelt thanks go to the members of the White House staff and Department of Justice who worked tirelessly to support

me through this process. Your stamina is remarkable, and I have been the beneficiary of it.

Jesse and I are also so grateful to the many people who have supported our family over these last several weeks. Through ways both tangible and intangible, you have made this day possible. Jesse and I have been truly awestruck by your generosity. I have spent a good amount of time over the last month at the Senate, both in meetings with individual senators and in days of hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The confirmation process has made ever clearer to me one of the fundamental differences between the federal judiciary and the United States Senate. And

perhaps the most acute is the role of policy preferences. It is the job of a Senator to pursue her policy preferences. In fact, it would be a dereliction of duty for her to put policy goals aside. By contrast, it is the job of a judge to resist her policy preferences. It would be a dereliction of duty for her to give into them. Federal judges don't stand for election, thus they have no basis for claiming that their preferences reflect those of the people.

This separation of duty from political preference is what makes the judiciary distinct among the three branches of government. A judge declares independence, not only from Congress and the President, but also from the private beliefs that might otherwise

move her. The Judicial Oath captures the essence of the judicial duty. The rule of law must always control.

My fellow Americans, even though we judges don't face elections, we still work for you. It is your Constitution that establishes the rule of law and the judicial independence that is so central to it. The oath that I have solemnly taken tonight means at its core that I will do my job without any fear or favor and that I will do so independently of both the political branches and of my own preferences. I love the Constitution and the Democratic Republic that it establishes, and I will devote myself to preserving it. Thank you.

# Expectant mom gets second chance for life with pregnancy help after failed abortion, joins pro-life prayer vigil

By Kim Hayes

Rosa\* had a dream. In her dream she saw Jesus and He told her, “You have two months.”

The 35-year-old Bogotá, Colombia, resident was shocked by her dream. Rosa pondered it over and over, wondering what it could mean.

What was as strange to her as the dream was that Rosa noticed she had continued pregnancy symptoms – strange, because she had gone to one of the abortion facilities in her neighborhood and had an abortion.

The week after Rosa’s abortion, the local 40 Days for Life group had begun its vigils in her neighborhood of Teusaquillo, which has more than 30 abortion centers. The group prays for the 40-day pro-life vigil in front of two of the largest abortion centers.

Since she was still having pregnancy symptoms, Rosa returned to the abortion clinic. Personnel there examined her and determined she was still pregnant. Understanding that her baby was still alive, Rosa was shaken by the staff’s

request to perform a second abortion.

She felt so much confusion and fear. The abortion staff’s pressing Rosa to have another abortion procedure only added to her anxiety. They certainly were not answering her many questions of how she could still be carrying a baby after undergoing an abortion.

Once more they pressed and Rosa said, “No! Let me go for a walk to think about this.”

It was then she encountered a volunteer from 40 Days for Life. A conversation was begun, and the volunteer asked, “What do you need? Are you okay?”

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

Rosa started crying. She told him about her situation. The abortion, the dream, the baby who was still in her womb, and all her confusion came spilling out.

The conversation continued

for two hours. They prayed together. Rosa found clarity in that moment. All it took was someone to listen as she put the pieces together.

Truly the Lord had given

Rosa’s various needs with its services for counseling, getting her a job, food and other material aid.

She just entered her second trimester.



“Rosa” and 40 Days for Life volunteer  
Photo: 40 Days for Life

Rosa a miracle. She would choose life for her child. In fact, Rosa joined with the 40 Days for Life effort and to this day is still praying with the group.

The next day Rosa went to a local pregnancy help center, where it was confirmed by sonogram that she was carrying a healthy baby.

The pregnancy help center immediately began to see to

Pamela Delgado, the interim Latin American Affairs Coordinator for 40 days for Life, confirmed Rosa’s testimony.

“It was a whole miracle!” stated Delgado.

Rosa’s name has been changed to preserve her privacy. *This appeared at Pregnancy Help News and is reposted with permission.*

# Saving life through in-utero surgery: The option of in-utero surgery is proving to be a more positive prospect for parents

By SPUC—the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

A remarkable, cutting age medical intervention has given joy to a family and life to their baby boy who was threatened by a rare illness in the womb. Baby Edward, also known as Teddy, developed anemia while inside the womb. In response, Dr. Amarnath Bhide used an

Robinson, described the interventions as “extraordinary.”

## Saving life through in-utero surgery

Whilst the life-saving intervention performed on unborn baby, Teddy, is indeed ‘extraordinary,’ the option of in

witnessed the astonishing account of doctors who performed key-hole surgery\* on an unborn baby with Spina Bifida, which was the first operation of its kind in the United Kingdom. Unborn baby, Jaxson, received the operation at just 27 weeks gestation [to

would have died of cardiac failure

## Human beings worth protecting

“The early interventions that can now be used to treat and save unborn children are truly astonishing,” SPUC Scotland Director of Communications, Michael Robinson, said. “The story of Edward once again proves that science is on the side of the pro-life movement. Indeed, scientific developments and new technology is now instilling a sense of awe that society never really had before, about the beauty and dignity of every unborn child.”

Mr. Robinson continued: “This case illustrates the terrible irony that medical teams spend enormous effort, time, and money to deliver babies safely and nurse premature infants back to health. Yet, in the UK we routinely and deliberately end the lives of 600 babies a day. Whilst pro-abortion campaigners insistently refer to unborn children as ‘blobs of cells’ or ‘parasites’, the use of in utero surgery, highlights that unborn children are human and worth saving and protecting.”

\*“Keyhole surgery” refers to “minimally invasive surgery carried out through a very small incision, with special instruments and techniques including fiber optics.



ultrasound sensor to insert a needle through the uterus and into the umbilical cord which injected Teddy with donated blood. Teddy received five blood transfusions before he was born; these were some of the earliest in-utero interventions to ever be performed.

SPUC Scotland, Director of Communications, Michael

Robinson, described the interventions as “extraordinary.”

utero surgery, which can save and improve the life expectancy of unborn children, is becoming a far more positive prospect. Currently, in utero surgery can treat a number of foetal health conditions including Spina Bifida, fetal tumors, Cerebral Palsy, fetal cardiac conditions, and Hyperthyroidism.

In May of last year, the UK

successfully close a hole in his spine] and as a result, had the ability to move his legs after being born six weeks later. Similarly, unborn child, Ethan Leibbrandt, underwent in utero surgery to remove the benign tumour which consumed 50% of his lung space. The in utero surgery was successful and life saving as without it, Ethan

# Record \$400 million income for abortion provider Marie Stopes, with UK taxpayer being single biggest donor

By Right to Life UK

*Editor's note. British pounds have been converted into American dollars.*

The UK taxpayer was the single largest contributor to Marie Stopes International (MSI) last year, official accounts have revealed.

The \$60,760,464 handed over to the abortion giant from the UK's Department for International Development (DfID) accounted for over 15% of MSI's record income of \$364,110,000 in 2019. The total financial contributions from DfID do not include any money the British Government provides for Marie Stopes abortion provision in the UK.

This is by far the largest amount attributed by one entity, with the next largest total being the 11,888,373 given from the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

The figure also represents a dramatic increase from 2009, where DfID provided just 1% of MSI's income for the year. Since then, the total financial contributions from DfID – which does not include money given to MSI from the Government for abortion provision in the UK – have risen drastically.

It means that over the past ten years an eye-watering \$445,240,000 has been taken from the UK taxpayer to fund Marie Stopes International. Over that same decade, MSI has had an income of over \$2 ½ billion and has been responsible for at least 32,400,000 abortions.

## Safety abuses and scandals

The huge amount of taxpayer money being handed to MSI comes off the back of a series of safety abuses and other scandals.

Just this week, a Marie Stopes International franchise



'Medical Centre' in Kenya was forced to close after the bodies of ten illegally aborted babies were discovered, discarded and decomposing, in a bin.

It isn't the first time MSI has found itself in trouble in Kenya.

In November 2018, Kenya ordered Marie Stopes to cease all abortions in the country after complaints arose about the abortion giant promoting illegal abortion 'services'. Just weeks later, Marie Stopes was allowed to resume abortions.

Closer to home, a nurse in the UK has said she was left fearing for her life and needing emergency surgery after Marie Stopes denied the woman proper counselling and pressured her to take abortion pills at home, rather than under the supervision of a doctor in a clinic.

An undercover investigation into the British Pregnancy Advisory Service and MSI

found that both abortion organisations were abusing various medical abortion pill safeguards, potentially allowing them to be used in a coercive manner.

A damning report from the UK's Care Quality Commission



(CQC) has previously accused Marie Stopes International of paying staff bonuses for persuading women to have abortions.

In addition, the CQC found the abortion group was not following proper sterilization and infection control protocols and was improperly disposing of the bodies of the babies they aborted.

In 2016, Marie Stopes International was forced to suspend abortion services for a month after an unannounced inspection by the CQC "found dead foetuses lying in an open bin and staff trying to give a vulnerable, visibly distressed woman an abortion without her consent".

## Abortion is core of MSI's mission

MSI says providing abortion is "at the core of our mission" and boasts of "shaping abortion

policy" in several countries.

Polling shows 65% of the British population are opposed to taxpayer's money being used to fund abortions overseas.

A spokesperson for Right to Life UK, Catherine Robinson, said:

**"It is appalling that 'international development' now consists of funding overseas abortions at an ever-increasing rate, along with funding lobbying teams to introduce extreme abortion laws in developing countries.**

**"This is especially concerning given the series of scandals at Marie Stopes International, where there seems to be a blatant disregard for both the law and safety in the UK and overseas.**

**"Combine this with polling, that indicates an overwhelming majority of the public do not want taxpayer funding spent on ending the lives of unborn babies overseas, the UK should cut all funding going towards international abortions.**

**"Instead, international development money should be used to better empower women and the communities they live in so they can keep their babies."**

# Once a life begins, it should be protected, cherished, and nurtured

By Maria V. Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

In his new book *Renewing Our Hope*, popular preacher Bishop Robert Barron makes note of the “outrageous statement” made in the 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

That statement, which will live in infamy, says, “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, of the mystery of human life.”

This nonsensical sentence has governed abortion law in the U.S. for decades. It mis-defines liberty as limitless. For, while we are a nation founded on liberty, we are also bound by laws which are supposed to be handed down for the common good.

In addition, the liberty described does not apply to the

defenseless human being in her mother’s womb. She is not free to live, but rather can easily succumb to an abortionist’s deadly instruments.

Facts are indisputable; they are not subject to individual whims. Our system of justice is based upon establishing facts in a court of law. Science is also based on facts, such as the law of gravity. One cannot define one’s own law of gravity; no matter what one may think, a pen dropped from the hand on planet earth will land on the floor, and not rise up to float in the air.

Similarly, one cannot define existence as one pleases—either someone exists, or not, based on scientific evidence. And the evidence is clear that human life begins at the moment of fertilization.

While it is true that aspects of human life are mysterious, the beginning of that life is

Supreme Court ruling, which legalized abortion nationwide, has led to the deaths of more



not. And, once a life begins, it should be protected, cherished, and nurtured.

This is why the case that gave rise to *Casey*, *Roe v. Wade*, must be overturned. The 1973 U.S.

than 62 million preborn children in our country. It has also caused severe emotional pain for countless women among us. The travesty of *Roe* cannot and will not prevail.

## The critical importance of helping President Trump continue to reshape the federal judiciary

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testimony, her writings, and her reputation confirm a total commitment to impartiality.

And that her clerks, students, and colleagues adore her.

Sen. McConnell continued We’ve heard moving testimony from former students whom Judge Barrett went out of her way to help and to mentor. Her past clerks describe an exemplary boss. Her fellow scholars describe a winsome, respectful colleague who is tailor made for the collaborative atmosphere of the Court.

If, like I did, you happened to have a chance to watch a YouTube video of “An Evening with Judge Amy Coney Barrett,” which took place on February 19, 2019 and was

Imagine how different the court would look today if Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 election. She probably would have nominated

securing that seat for decades. She might have had a third pick if Justice Stephen G. Breyer made the same decision as Kennedy and retired when a president he trusted was in office. The damage done by the activist liberal court Clinton ushered in would have been breathtaking.

Thanks to your work, which made an invaluable contribution to the election of President Trump, that parade of horrible did not come to pass. Just the opposite.

It is up to us to ensure that a Biden-Harris team not have the opportunity to do damage to the federal judiciary and to choose the next justices to the Supreme Court.

hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Washington, D.C., it’d be difficult not to say, “Wow.”

In that same *Washington Post* op-ed, Thiessen offered a “what-if” scenario.

a judicial activist to replace Scalia, creating a 5-to-4 liberal majority. She would have replaced Ginsburg with another liberal,





# Former Twitter Exec Calls on Platforms to ‘Mute Trump’ in *WashPost*

By Alexander Hall

*Editor’s note. This is excerpted from a post at Newsbusters.*

It will be hard for liberals to gaslight about Big Tech bias after this! A former Big Tech insider has called to silence a sitting president for using social media as a “dangerous bullhorn for causing chaos.”

Peter D. Greenberger, who formerly held “executive revenue and partnership positions at both Google and Twitter,” wrote a column proclaiming that “Social media platforms should silence the president until the winner of the election is clear.” The October 19 column for *The Washington Post* headlined “I ran political advertising for Twitter. It’s time for platforms to mute Trump” made claims of Big Tech’s political neutrality laughable. Greenberger made the disturbing suggestion that: “even at the risk of infringing on the principle of free speech,” that “Twitter and Facebook must muzzle Trump as the election nears.”

Greenberger made his disgust for President Donald Trump’s ability to speak abundantly clear: “Increasingly, though, insider, in that he “launched and led the first political advertising team at Google in 2007 before joining Twitter to do the same



*Pro-life President Donald Trump*

he is using these powerful digital platforms not only to communicate a message, nor even to send dog whistles to loyal supporters, but also as a dangerous bullhorn for causing chaos.”

Greenberger gave his credentials as a social media

in 2011.” He explained how in previous years “My team at Twitter met with political leaders and issue advocacy organizations to introduce them to the power of this platform.”

In recent years, however, he could not contain his horror at how “Few political leaders

embraced the medium as successfully as Trump.”

In one particularly damning quote, he acknowledged that Big Tech has ramped up its efforts to silence conservatives, but they haven’t gone far enough:

”But now, Twitter, Google and Facebook each have implemented escalating policies seeking to contain the damage largely caused by Trump and his supporters. It’s clear they haven’t yet solved the problem.”

Greenberger made his rationale clear that muzzling Trump for the period around the election is now an issue of national security: “In this case, however, the cooling-off period is necessary for the one candidate whose apparent sole motivation is to sow chaos and confusion around the ongoing election”

Considering Twitter’s recent censorship scandals, it is no surprise that one of its former executives is so censorious. ...

# Despite himself, *NY Times* columnist finds many reasons President Trump should be optimistic

By Dave Andrusko

While no one would ever accuse Thomas B. Edsall of being President Trump's BFF (he often drops into the apocalyptic-laden language of the Never-Trumper), he writes columns for the *New York Times* that often are filled with fascinating insights.

His October 14<sup>th</sup> analysis ran under a yawner of a headline: "Biden is Not out of the Woods." Hardly a reason to read the piece. That is provided by the subhead: "Unanticipated electoral developments are affecting both presidential campaigns in surprising ways."

To be clear, Edsall finds several reasons the Biden camp

closely follows the data on a day-to-day basis wrote in a privately circulated newsletter: [Quoting from the letter] "Since last week, the share of white non-college over 30 registrations in the battleground states has increased by 10 points compared to September 2016, and the Democratic margin dropped 10 points to just 6 points. And there are serious signs of political engagement by white non-college voters who had not cast ballots in previous elections."

That paragraph alone ought to be enough to set off alarms. This is a demographic key to Mr. Trump's coalition. And

"Republicans have swamped Democrats in adding new voters to the rolls, a dramatic GOP improvement over 2016."

What are elections ultimately about? Turnout.

\*Edsall continues. "More worrisome for Biden, the Pew survey shows modestly weakened support among Black women, a key Democratic constituency. Black women supported Clinton over Trump 98 to 1; this year they support Biden over Trump 91-6. Evangelical white protestants remain firmly in Trump's camp, backing him by 61 points over Biden, the same margin he had against Clinton in 2016."

If you look at prior surveys, I would argue there is every reason to believe that Mr. Trump could double his support in the Black community—up to 14% to 16%. What makes this Pew survey finding so significant is that Black men have expressed much more support for Mr. Trump than have Black women.

There is an all-out effort to fool White Evangelicals into voting for Biden. It won't work.

Dr. James Dobson is a legendary Christian broadcaster whom I had the honor to meet years ago. In his October letter sent to his 800,000 supporters, he, of course, does not endorse any candidate.

But he does lay out the issues that will guide his vote, including, "I'm voting for freedom of conscience for physicians and other professionals. ...I am voting for life in all its dimensions. I am voting against euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. ...I am voting for protection for the Church from oppressive politicians."

\*Democrats have pushed furiously for absentee voting. Talk about ironic, Edsall writes

**Democratic strategists are also worried about how well their voters will perform in properly requesting, filling out and mailing in absentee ballots.**

**More than twice as many Biden voters as Trump voters — the actual ratio is 2.4 to 1 — plan to cast ballots by mail, according to polling by Pew. So far, however, Democratic requests for absentee ballots have not reached the levels that surveys suggest will be needed for the party to cast votes at full strength on Election Day.**

An aside. It is depressing, to say the least, that over half of Edsall's analysis—principally, in the close-to-slanderous aspersions made by the academics he queried but his own words as well—is typical of today's journalist. They hate—no lesser word will do—anyone who supports President Trump.

The notion of "deplorables," not surprisingly, came from the mouth of pro-abortion Hillary Clinton in the latter stages of 2016 when, thinking the election was in the bag, she felt liberated to say how she really felt about us.

To most media types, the pool of deplorables has only widened and deepened over the past four years.

Most would surely deny that they "hate America." What is undeniable is that they sure hate us.



*Pro-life President Donald Trump*

should be optimistic. But if you go through his arguments point by point, you betcha "Biden is not out of the woods." Here are the major considerations 20 days out from the General Election:

\*"One way to measure voter enthusiasm is to compare voter registration trends for each party," Edsall writes. "A Democratic strategist who

what is really unsettling, if you are a Democrat, are signs that this includes those "who had not cast ballots in previous elections."

\*A related point. "David Wasserman, House editor for *The Cook Political Report*, wrote on Oct. 1 that voter registration patterns over a longer period in key battleground states show that

# Love, the heart of the Gospel message, is also the heart of the pro-life movement

By Maria V. Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

It has been said, quite rightly, that the pro-life case can be made in purely secular terms. In other words, someone could be an atheist, and still believe in the sanctity of human life. But it is also important to note that people of faith have additional reasons for supporting the pro-life cause, based on Scripture and religious teaching.

While perusing the Sunday bulletin from my church, I came across an interesting piece by a woman named Ruth Weber of Davenport, Iowa. Weber deftly addressed the issue of minors having abortions.

“Minors need parental consent to have their ears pierced. Minors need parental consent before caregivers can give them an aspirin or their prescribed medicine. Minors need parental consent to go

into the military. Minors need parental consent to marry.

“Why then is Planned Parenthood (the nation’s largest abortion operation) so against parental consent before they

or pro-death. A baby is a gift from God to be loved and cherished—not be thrown back in His Face.”

Love...the heart of the Gospel message...is also the heart of

to life and a right to expect that we, our judges and our laws, will protect them.”

And in that simple statement lies an undying truth: in a civilized society, we have the



perform abortions on minor girls? I will tell you why—they will lose money! Planned Parenthood is big business.”

Weber also wrote about the clear-cut nature of the issue of abortion.

“There is no common ground here. You are either pro-life

the pro-life movement. As pro-life advocates, we love mother and child...father and uncle...grandmother and grandfather. It is a love without limits and without qualifications.

Weber summed up her argument with this succinct observation: “A baby has a right

obligation to protect the most vulnerable from harm. That is why, in addition to pro-life ministry, we need protective pro-life laws.

Laws—and the love behind them—save lives.

## Pro-abortion Kamala Harris’ Awkward Response When Asked About Her “liberal” Record? Laughter.

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We do know from the Party platform and candidate statements made before interest groups that a Biden/Harris administration would:

- enshrine abortion on demand in federal law;
- appoint justices who will commit, in advance, to uphold abortion on demand;
- reverse the Trump Administration’s pro-life policies;
- reverse President Trump’s Title X rule that

prevents family planning grantees from co-locating with abortion clinics, or from referring clients for abortion;

- promote abortion around the world by reversing the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program which prevents federal taxpayer dollars from being used by abortion groups to perform or promote abortion overseas;
- Abolish the Hyde

Amendment and use federal tax dollars to pay for abortion on demand.

- Joe Biden would require any nominee to the Supreme Court to pledge, in advance, how he or she would rule on abortion-related cases and pledge to uphold abortion on demand.

In interviews, when challenged on their positions on these issues, both Biden and Harris dodge or become argumentative. Reporters

should follow-up and ask what the candidates are so afraid of that they won’t provide the American people with a straight answer.

Maybe it has to do with the fact that the vast majority of Americans are uncomfortable with abortion on demand and no answer justifies abortions anytime, anywhere, and under any circumstances.

# The speech of Canadian MP Cathay Wagantall in parliament opposing euthanasia Bill C-7

The following is the Hansard [official record] of the speech given by Cathay Wagantall on October 19.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today, but I find it difficult to be speaking to another attempt by the Liberal government to endanger the most vulnerable in our society.

After just four years, when the original euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation came in through Bill C-14, we find ourselves considering legislation that would further loosen restrictions, eliminate safeguards and confuse our country's understanding of the sanctity of life and the government's role in end-of-life decisions. Once again, we have been told that in order to uphold the charter rights of some we must endanger the rights and freedoms of others.

I did not support Bill C-14 for many reasons. The first is the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada [in *Carter v. Canada*] invoked such controversial and flawed legislation, which has been proven to be poorly applied around the world. The Liberals also chose to broaden the scope of the legislation, going far beyond the Carter decision. Another reason is that it has been placed ahead of and continues to overshadow any significant palliative care initiative.

In 2019, the Prime Minister [Justin Trudeau] promised to expand eligibility criteria, and on September 11 of last year, the Superior Court of Quebec ruled that it is unconstitutional to limit assisted suicide or euthanasia only to those whose death is reasonably foreseeable.

Without even appealing the ruling and seeking the advice of the Supreme Court, which has been long occupied with this matter, the Liberals accepted the ruling. They are now rushing to change the law for our entire country.

They gave Canadians a mere two weeks to have their views heard on this deeply personal and complicated issue through a flawed online consultation questionnaire. The use of convoluted and biased language left little to the imagination in terms of how the government planned to legislate assisted death. I too tried to fill it out, and I would argue that many opposed would have been discouraged in participating due solely to the language used.

With such a flawed method, and with no idea if the feedback even remotely reflects the actual views of Canadians, how can the government proceed with this legislation in good faith? This is a rhetorical question because it does not seem to matter to these Liberals. It is clear they used this brief window for feedback to satiate the need for a consultative process.

We also know the government ignored its own timeline for a review of the original assisted suicide legislation, Bill C-14. It was planned for this summer, and instead, we have been presented with this reckless legislation. In the midst of COVID, this was still something very important. Without a proper review and without input from the Supreme Court, this House has been asked to greatly broaden the scope of assisted suicide and euthanasia without a clear

enough understanding of whether the current regime is being consistently interpreted or properly enforced.

Bill C-7 is being rushed through. This is concerning. When reading through this bill,



*Cathay Wagantall*

I see elements that go beyond the scope of the Superior Court of Quebec's decision, namely, Bill C-7 would eliminate the 10-day waiting period between the date the request is signed and the day on which the procedure is carried out.

The application of the law pertaining to those whose death is reasonably foreseeable has been problematic from the very start of this debate. We know a person's reasonably foreseeable death is a flexible estimation, taking into account all of their medical circumstances, without a prognosis necessarily having been made as to the specific length of time they have remaining. The elimination of the 10-day waiting period for persons whose death is reasonably foreseeable would create the conditions for someone with an indeterminate length of time remaining in their life, possibly years, to be

rushed to the decision to receive assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Aside from simply eliminating what most Canadians would consider to be a reasonable period of reflection, this element of the bill also ignores the possibility of medical advances and improved treatment methods in an incredibly innovative medical science environment. As Cardinal Collins has said, Bill C-7 creates the conditions where an individual can seek a medically assisted death faster than the wait time for a gym membership or a condominium purchase.

I also see no logical reason why the government would reduce the number of independent witnesses required for when the request is signed. It is down from two to one. The government has even relaxed the definition of someone who may serve as a witness, including medical professionals or personal care workers, even those who are paid to provide euthanasia and assisted suicide on a daily basis. This is in clause 1(8).

Surely we can agree that, for the vast majority of those requesting euthanasia and assisted suicide, the requirement for two independent individuals to witness a request to end a life is a reasonable safeguard. How do the Liberals plan to properly protect patients from potential malpractice? How does the government plan on ensuring requesters are presented with a myriad of treatment options rather than just one opinion?

*See "Wagantall," page 41*

# Who are the real ideologues in Poland?

*The streets go wild over an abortion ruling by its highest court.*

By Michael Cook

*Editor's note. This is excerpted from a post at Mercatornet. Mr. Cook is the editor of Mercatornet.*

Tens of thousands of Polish women defying lockdown rules in the streets. Cathedrals invaded by chanting crowds. Handmaids walking down church aisles. Banners with slogans like: "You Have Blood on Your Hands" and "You are Building Women's Hell."

Ever since Poland's highest court ruled last Thursday that abortion due to foetal defects is unconstitutional, the country has been in turmoil. Now abortion will only be legal in cases of incest, rape, and life-threatening danger to the mother.

The 11-2 decision was immediately criticised by the commissioner for human rights for the Council of Europe, Dunja Mijatović, who decried it as "a sad day for women's rights".

Former liberal Polish premier Donald Tusk called it "political wickedness". "Throwing the topic of abortion and a ruling by a pseudo-court into the middle of a raging pandemic is more than cynical," said Tusk.

Poland already had one of the most restrictive laws in Europe. In 2019, according to figures from the health ministry, only about 1,100 abortions were performed in a population of 38 million. Of these, 1,074 were authorised because the fetus was believed to have an

abnormality. Of these, 435 had Down syndrome. Only about 2 percent of abortions were to save the life of the mother.

The protesters – and their supporters in the Western media – have framed the issue as one of oppressing women. They claim that many Polish women – possibly as many as 100,000 – go to other countries for abortions. They are being stripped of their right.

Right to what? Let's look at it from a different angle. They want the right to eliminate Down syndrome children. It would be much more honest if their placards read: "disabled children have no right to live" or "retards must die".

But that wouldn't sound so good, would it?

The foreign media claims that most Poles support abortion. That's hard to know. But the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, welcomed the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal. "I have talked about it many times, and I have never concealed that abortion for so-called eugenic reasons should not be allowed in Poland," Duda said. "I believe that every child has a right to life."

The children's rights commissioner, Mikołaj Pawlak, supported the decision. He said that "eugenic" abortion amounts to "denying the right to life" as it "allows for the killing of an unborn child solely on the basis of suspicion of a serious disease".

Few media reports looked

into the Court's reasoning. In language familiar to protesters in the US and UK over the past year or so, the author

about **abortion's**  
eugenic **possibilities.**  
In 1959, for example,  
[future **Planned**



of the ruling, Justice Justyn Piskorski, wrote that the foetal abnormality provision "enabled the legalization of eugenic practices".

He acknowledged that it was not the "authoritarian eugenics" which reached its apogee in the atrocities committed by doctors in Nazi Germany, but it did amount to a kind of "liberal eugenics"...

The full judgement of the Tribunal is not yet available, but the link of abortion with eugenics is supported by an opinion written last year by Justice Clarence Thomas of the US Supreme Court. He declared that "abortion is an act rife with the potential for eugenic manipulation". In a fascinating excursion into the link between abortion and eugenics, Justice Thomas contended that the two were inseparable:

**Abortion advocates were sometimes candid**

**Parenthood President Alan] Guttmacher explicitly endorsed eugenic reasons for abortion. He explained that "the quality of the parents must be taken into account," including "[f]eeblemindedness," and believed that "it should be permissible to abort any pregnancy . . . in which there is a strong probability of an abnormal or malformed infant."**

Instead of coping abuse from the world media and the Twitterverse for turning Poland into Gilead, Poles should be congratulated for standing up against eugenics, a perverse ideology tainted by its association with Nazism and racism.

# Biden's in His Basement and CNN Is Covering for Him

By Joseph Norris

Once again, *CNN's New Day* is covering for the network's preferred presidential candidate, Joe Biden, for not venturing out of the comfort of his basement. One would think that with the election eight days away, that Biden would be hitting the campaign trail and talking to the voters. Instead, as co-host Alisyn Camerota noted: "President Trump is holding three rallies in the critical state of Pennsylvania today. Joe Biden is back home in Delaware, but plans to campaign in Georgia tomorrow."

It is honestly concerning how often the Biden campaign has called a lid before 10:00 in the morning. Most people are just getting into work at this time. In order to "prepare" for the last presidential debate, Biden called a lid for the entire week leading up to it. If only everyone was able to take off so much time to prepare for a big meeting.

This is in contrast with President Trump, whose whirlwind schedule includes hosting three rallies a day

across the country. *CNN* criticized this move with senior political reporter Nia-Malika Henderson noting: "the picture of it, I think, goes against not only science, but what most Americans want to see, these big rallies with people outdoors and not wearing any masks and not social distancing either."



Fellow guest Margaret Talev, a *CNN* political analyst, excused Biden:

Biden's strategy has been part and parcel with, you have to listen to the scientists, you can't have large rallies where you're bringing groups of people together who could get

each other sick. And President Trump's strategy has been, you have to show that you're tough and stronger than the virus, plus, he's already had coronavirus, so get out there and get the basics.

Not only is the leftist network excusing the Democratic nominee's light schedule and

at its highest level in terms of cases it's ever been, go ahead."

In all fairness, Camerota did briefly report on the benefits that President Trump has to gain from these rallies. She:

"So President Trump is dominating the media coverage in battleground states, because he's going there and holding these rallies and getting all of this so-called earned media, whereas Joe Biden is not in those battleground states."

However, this small mention does not negate the fact that the media are not doing their job and reporting on the lack of activity from Joe Biden. As President Trump noted: "We can't lock ourselves up in a basement like Joe does." Maybe he is honestly concerned about the coronavirus, maybe he just can't handle the strain of the campaign trail. The American people deserve to know the reasons why, not excuses.

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general unavailability to the press, but they are praising it as a brilliant strategy. Co-host John Berman crowed: "Mr. President, Joe Biden is saying, if you want to be out there and have the picture of yourself surrounded by a thousand people when the pandemic is

## The persistent myth that the election of pro-abortion Democrat Presidents, not pro-life Republican Presidents, saves unborn lives

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before (and just after) *Roe* was decided, that all changed beginning in 1993.

The justices appointed by pro-abortion Democrats Bill Clinton and Barack Obama “have been reliably pro-abortion and have voted against every pro-life protection or policy,” O’Banannon said. “If it wasn’t for the election of Republican presidents and Republican-led United States Senates, partial-birth abortion would still be legal and there would be no Supreme Court justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh,

and Barrett.”

What about pro-abortion former vice president Biden? “Joe Biden has promised to appoint judges who support *Roe* to the courts and says he would like for the federal government to fund abortions again. A ‘President Joe Biden’ will nominate jurists to the High Court who share his philosophy,” O’Banannon said. “They would overturn our legislation, remove all restraints on abortion pills so that women can order them online, and force us to start paying for

abortions again, funneling hundreds of millions more to abortion empires like Planned Parenthood. The consequences would be that the decline in abortions we welcomed and worked so hard for from a high of 1.6 million abortions to under 900, 000 would start heading in the other direction. Many more babies would die.”

The bottom line? A vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris is a vote to not only allow abortion on demand to continue, but also to use your tax dollars to pay for it and to

see the number skyrocket. They have frankly stated they would allow abortion till birth, paid for with your tax dollars, with no limits or conditions.

The pro-abortionists are responsible for the killing of more than 62,000,000 innocent, unborn babies since *Roe v. Wade* was decided.

We have a strong pro-life president in the White House now. Millions of unborn babies’ lives depend upon his re-election. We must give him four more years to help finish the job.

## REPORT: U.S. pro-life pregnancy centers assist nearly 2 million with essential services in 2019

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presentations to youth (36%), STI/STD testing (30%), STI/STD treatment (21%), childbirth classes (27%) and breastfeeding consultations (19%).

Heartbeat International President Jor-El Godsey welcomed CLI’s findings on pregnancy centers in the United States.

“A comprehensive big-picture look at the service performed by pregnancy centers is just amazing,” Godsey said. “These pregnancy help centers work every day to empower moms and families to choose life, made possible because of dedicated staff and volunteers, and generous backers. The significance of offering this hope for life nearly 2 million individual times each year cannot be overstated.”

The number of chemical

abortions in the U.S. continues to rise, the CLI report notes, and conversely, abortion pill reversal, increasing in prevalence through pregnancy centers, offers a second chance for life.

“The life-saving intervention of abortion pill reversal is a fast-advancing medical phenomenon at pregnancy centers,” the report states. “It provides women who regret starting the chemical abortion process a real hope of stopping it.”

While the prevalence of chemical abortion continues to increase, the report notes that, “the medical phenomenon of abortion pill reversal (APR), however, continued to flourish in 2018 and 2019 as a life-saving intervention. As of the end of 2019, over 1,000 infant lives have been saved by the protocol.”

Heartbeat International’s Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN) continues to experience growth and CLI’s report points out that Heartbeat continually seeks qualified consultants to receive APR inquiries, as well as recruit more physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners into the APRN provider network.

“The fact that over 1,000 children have been born following an initiated chemical abortion and APR since (the APRN’s founding in) 2012 shows that women favor this life-saving option,” the report states. “Pregnancy centers are educating their clients about APR on an ongoing basis.”

Godsey responded, “God bless everyone who is answering the call to serve these women and make a difference in their lives.”

Previous analysis from CLI shows that an overwhelming majority of Americans, whether they identify themselves as “pro-life” or “pro-choice,” regard pregnancy centers as a valuable community resource, according to SBA List’s research group, and “post-visit surveys indicate centers have extraordinarily high rates of client satisfaction.”

See the full report at [lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Pregnancy-Center-Report-2020\\_FINAL.pdf](https://lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Pregnancy-Center-Report-2020_FINAL.pdf)

*Editor’s note: Heartbeat International manages the Abortion Pill Rescue Network and Pregnancy Help News where this appeared. For more information on Abortion Pill Rescue® visit the Abortion Pill Rescue website.*

## Missouri center celebrates 20 life-saving years, continued rise of mission impact

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lower the no-show rate for appointments.

“A staff member dug into that, to find out why the women aren’t coming,” said McIntire. “We discovered transportation was a big issue. We’re on the far south side of the city, so we looked into options. It could take three hours sometimes for some clients to come to us using the bus system.”

After working with an attorney, PCC started partnering with a cab company and began to see a positive effect.

“The receptionist sets things up between the client and the cabbie. Women are told the guidelines – the cabbie waits 10 minutes, and if she doesn’t show, the cabbie leaves. They understand the parameters.”

Potential patients are given two chances.

“We give them some grace,” said McIntire.

“Donors love the program,”

she added. “We spend \$350 to \$400 a month, but our no-show rate has dropped. That’s been awesome.”

The center’s statistics indicate strong growth in the number of clients served. In 2017, PCC saw 968 unique clients; two years later, that number grew to 1,629.

Another change has come in the form of classes, including shortening some and offering new topics. For example, instead of classes being two or three hours long, many have been cut to an hour or two. Additionally, many classes are offered online, and new topics, such as anger and stress management, have been added.

“That class is always packed,” McIntire said.

### Celebration, recognition and mission

Twenty years of serving the community of Springfield with

important services has not gone unnoticed. PCC, with a staff of 15 and nearly 65 volunteers who serve each week, partners with other healthcare groups in town, including Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Cox Health, Springfield-Greene County Health Department, and Mercy Hospital, as well as the organizations of Springfield Dream Center and Diaper Bank of the Ozarks.

PCC celebrated its milestone 20th anniversary earlier this year with a livestream event featuring Speaker of the Missouri State House of Representatives, Elijah Haahr.

Last month, the organization received a national honor – selected as Great Game™ of Business All-Star Champion in the non-profit sector. According to PCC’s website, “Our initial goal was to make PCC more financially sustainable so we could continue to fulfill our

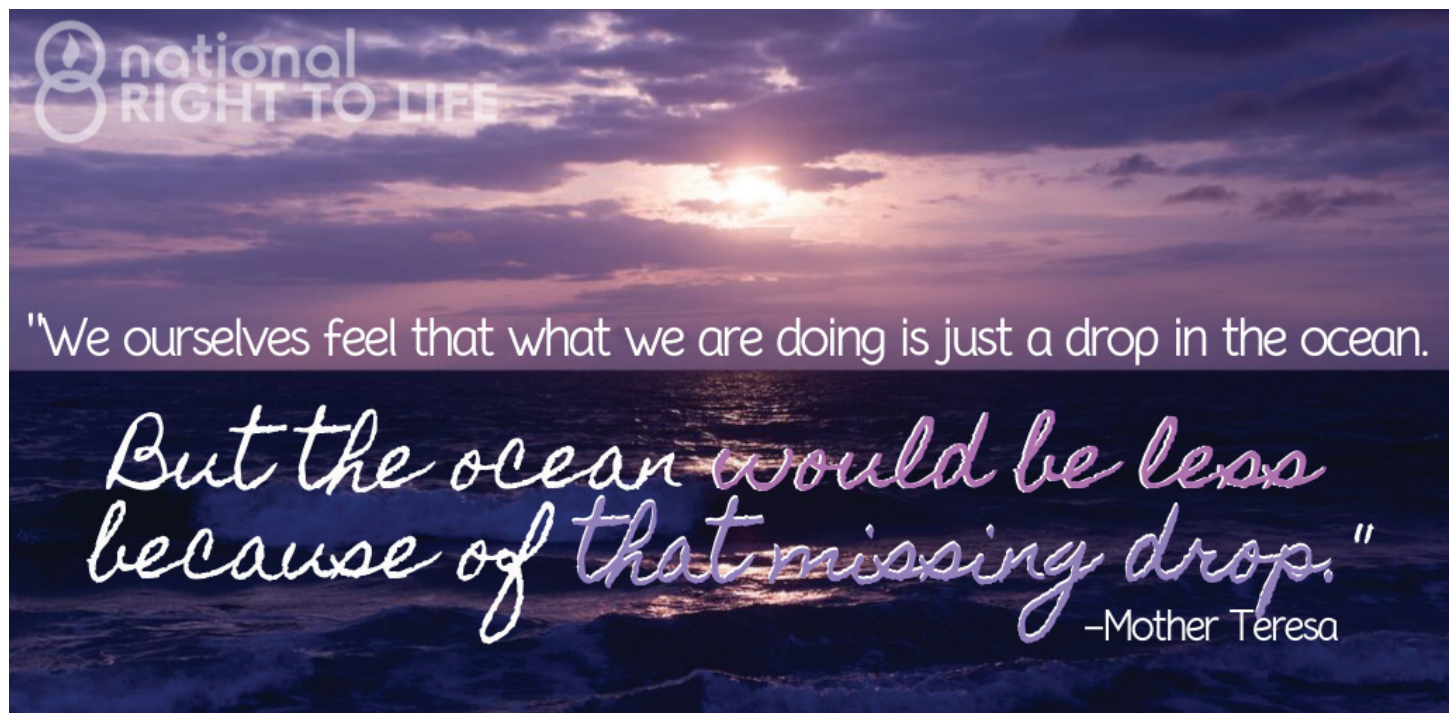
mission of saving lives and strengthening families. We also desire to be excellent stewards of the resources God and our community partners entrust to us, and Great Game™ provided the perfect framework for greater accountability and transparency.”

In 2019, PCC won the Southwest Missouri Nonprofit Excellence Award, medium division. This annual recognition is presented by Springfield-based CPA company BKD.

As PCC moves into a new year, the mission remains the focus for the leadership, staff and volunteers.

“We plan to continue to strengthen families and save lives,” McIntire said.

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## Another attempt to persuade Evangelicals to abandon President Trump lands with a thud

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First, there are different older justices who are not enamored with *Roe v. Wade*. They could retire. Guess who a President Biden would nominate?

Second, the same smears, the same charges of “court packing” were already on display in the confirmation battle over Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

From a story by Jon Ward, Senior Political Correspondent for *Yahoo News*:

**Ralph Reed, a veteran Republican operative who has helped corral the evangelical vote**

for Republicans for the last 30 years, said he thinks white evangelical support for President Trump is likely to be higher in the 2020 election than it was four years ago.

“I think the 81 percent of the evangelical vote that Trump received four years ago is the floor,” Reed, president of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, said in an interview. “I don’t think it’s beyond

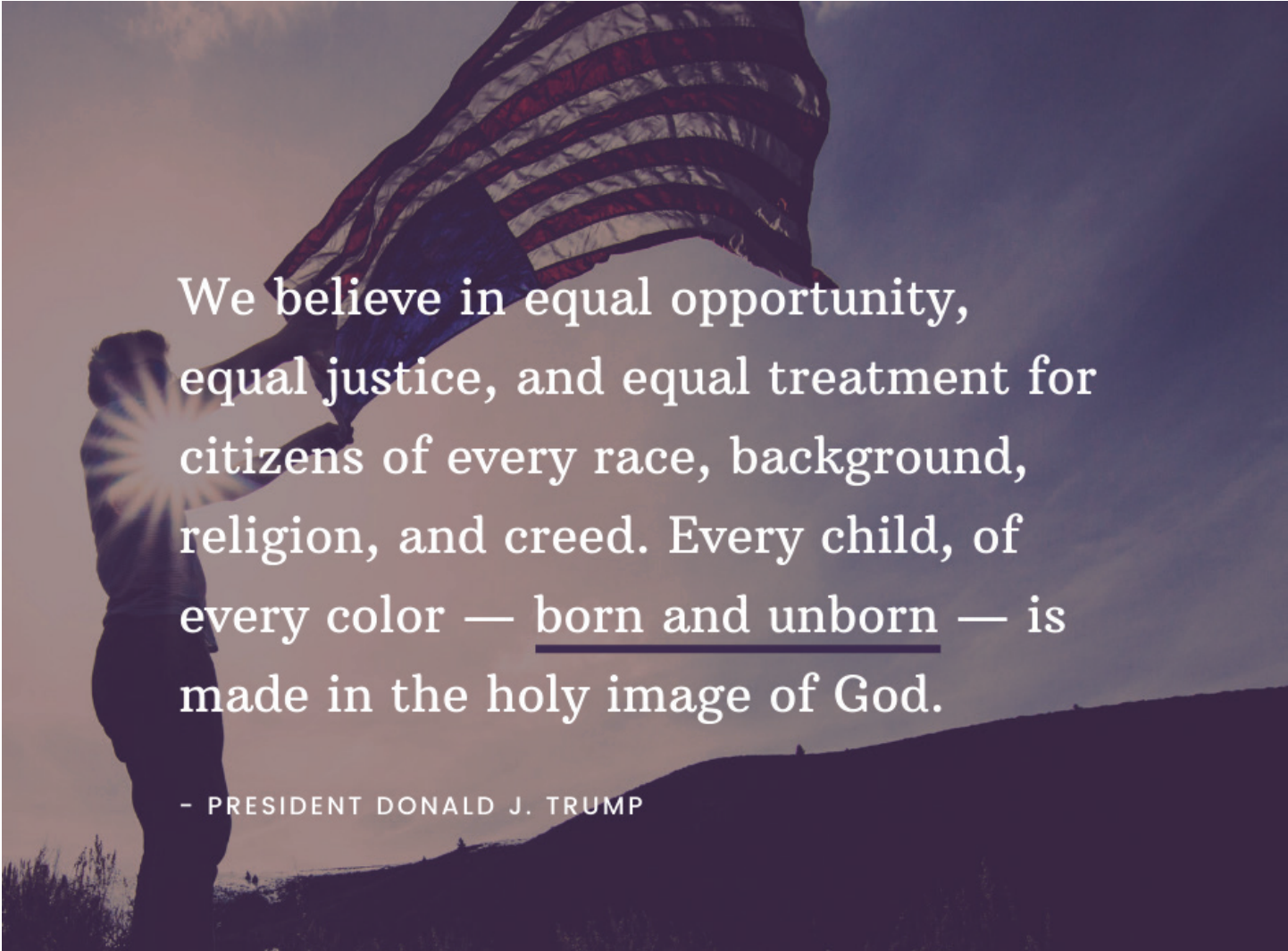
the realm of possibility that he could end up in the mid-80s.”

Reed said that by Election Day his organization will have knocked on between 3.7 million and 4 million doors in a get-out-the-vote effort.

And he predicted that the efforts of his group, and others like it, combined with white evangelical enthusiasm for Trump, will produce votes from

5 million to 10 million white evangelicals who did not vote at all in 2016. Reed claimed that there were 31 million white evangelical votes for Trump four years ago.

Optimistic? Of course. But I would trust the judgment of a man who has fought the abortion war for decades far more than I would an anti-Trumper who wants the President defeated more than anything.



We believe in equal opportunity, equal justice, and equal treatment for citizens of every race, background, religion, and creed. Every child, of every color — born and unborn — is made in the holy image of God.

— PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

## The speech of Canadian MP Cathay Wagantall in parliament opposing euthanasia Bill C-7

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The legislation continues as a series of safeguards the medical practitioner must adhere to before providing assisted suicide to those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable. One of these safeguards would require a medical practitioner to discuss with the person the means available to relieve their suffering, including palliative care.

The safeguard is even weaker for those whose death is reasonably foreseeable, requiring the medical practitioner to merely inform the person of these vital options. The government failed to follow through on its promise to invest \$3 billion in long-term care, which includes palliative care. There does not appear to be any political will whatsoever to improve palliative care.

Canadians have also been calling on the government for a long-awaited national strategy for palliative care. There is a thirst among Canadians for real solutions to end-of-life care. The government seems all too willing to ignore the 70% of Canadians without access to palliative care and, instead, attempts to impose on them a flawed, one-size-fits-all regime. We can already see the consequences of pushing forward an assisted dying agenda when there is little regard for palliative care.

In British Columbia, the Delta Hospice Society was stripped of 94% of its operating budget for refusing to provide euthanasia in a facility intended for the provision of palliative care. Despite repeated attempts to defend its Charter-protected, faith-based objection to being required to provide euthanasia and reach a compromise in good faith, 10 hospice care beds are

now at risk and will be surely defunded.

Why do the Liberals continue to ignore the voices of those who have a different perspective on the issue of end-of-life care? People who seek hospice care are seeking it for a reason. They do not desire a medically assisted death. In effect, what has happened in B.C. is an attempt to redefine what constitutes palliative care.

In fact, the Fraser Health Authority's decision flies in the face of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians,



which has clarified that euthanasia and assisted suicide are distinct from palliative care. I caution Canadians not to regard the Delta Hospice Society's situation as an isolated one. The government has shown little interest in supporting hospice care, and I would not be surprised by further attacks on the ability of Canadians to choose to end their lives naturally.

In *The Globe and Mail*, Sarah Gray put it well, stating, "The hospice isn't a place where people come to die. It is where they come to live — to live well for the little time they have left. It is a place of celebration, connection, comfort and support. It is a place of safety for the dying and the grieving."

In Cardinal Collins' words, let us work to create a "culture of

care", rather than rush toward a culture of "death on demand".

The government would also be wise to recall that much of the debate on Bill C-14 revolved around calls for a solid framework of conscience protection for medical practitioners involved throughout the end-of-life process. At committee, witnesses stated that the protection of conscience should be included in the government's legislative response to *Carter v. Canada*.

The Canadian Medical

Association confirmed conscience protection for physicians would not affect access to physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. Its statistics indicated that 30% of physicians across Canada, or 24,000, are willing to provide it. I live in a rural area of Canada, and I can assure members there are many provisions that are not available to me directly where I live.

Unfortunately, the Liberals failed to defend the conscience rights of Canadians in Bill C-14. I also found it disappointing that they failed to support, in the last Parliament, critical legislation put forward by David Anderson in Bill C-418, the protection of freedom of conscience act. It would have made it a criminal offence to intimidate or force a medical professional to be

involved in the procedure. It would also have made it a criminal offence to fire or refuse to employ a medical professional who refuses to take part directly or indirectly in MAID.

Here we are four years later, and Bill C-7 is also void of any provisions that would protect the section 2 rights of Canadians. In Canada, everyone has freedom of conscience and religion under section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. No one has the right to demand all services from all providers in all circumstances. As David stated, protections are needed for doctors and health care providers who are not willing to leave their core ethics behind when they are at a patient's bedside. Access to euthanasia and conscientious objection are not mutually exclusive.

We, as legislators, must ask ourselves where the Liberals will draw the line. There will always be the voices of those in our society who feel that the limitations and safeguards are too stringent. When will it be enough for the Liberal government? How far are they willing to go? What message are we sending to the most vulnerable and fragile in our society?

Over the last five years I have advocated for our veterans. I know there are countless veterans who appear able to cope with debilitating physical injuries, but they are extremely vulnerable in their mental health. We are all concerned about the number of them choosing to end their lives by suicide because of complications after serving our country. It is antithetical to try to prevent them from taking their own lives, yet tell them that there are government-designed opportunities to do so.