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Mayor Pete is NOT moderate on abortion, nor are his Democrat opponents

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

Silly media. Or maybe confused media. Maybe even biased media?

Over, and over again, the national media reports “Mayor Pete” Buttigieg as a “moderate” candidate in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary.

So, what does being “moderate” mean?

According to Wikipedia

Moderate is an ideological category which designates a rejection of radical or ex-



Pro-abortion Pete Buttigieg

treme views, especially in regards to politics and religion. A moderate is considered someone occupying any mainstream position avoiding extreme views and major social change. In United States politics, a moderate is considered someone occupying a center position on the left-right political spectrum.

But Pete Buttigieg supports New York-style abortion on demand through birth. He even opposes the Pain-Capable

Unborn Child Protection Act, a moderate bill that bans abortions after 20 weeks, when the unborn child can feel pain.

When asked about New York’s abortion-through-birth law passed January 22, 2019, Buttigieg said he opposes government “restrictions” late in pregnancy. “I don’t think we need more restrictions right now,” he said.

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Senate Committee to hold hearing on “Born Alive” bill

Jennifer Popik, J.D. Director of Federal Legislation

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for today entitled “The Infant Patient: Ensuring Appropriate Medical Care for Children Born Alive.”

In the wake of growing evidence that babies who survive abortions are deliberately neglected and left to die, the Senate hearing will discuss the need to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act (S.311), sponsored by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb).

Background

In 2002 Congress enacted the “Born-Alive Infants Protection Act.” The legislation

said that babies who are born alive, whether before or after “viability,” are recognized as full legal persons for all federal law purposes.

The law was enacted in response to troubling

indications that some abortion providers and pro-abortion activists did not regard infants born alive during abortion procedures as legal persons – especially if the infants were deemed to be “pre-viable.”

The Born-Alive Infants Protection Act became law without even one single dissenting vote. Not one.

Unfortunately, in the time between 2002 and 2019, the landscape has entirely changed.

Evidences have multiplied that despite the clear language of the statute, some abortion providers do not regard babies born alive during abortions as persons, and that they do not provide them with the types of care that would be provided to premature infants who are born spontaneously.



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Editorials

Reasons for pro-life optimism continue to mount

Last Friday *NRL News Today*, our Monday through Saturday digital online resource, ran a post under the headline, “*The Hill* newspaper asks whether this was the ‘best week ever’ for President Trump.” In our crazy, non-stop news cycle, it’s important that we take a moment out to mine that informational ore for the truly significant nuggets.

I appreciate that with the first primary of the year taking place today in New Hampshire, we might be tempted to forget about Iowa. We shouldn’t.

It’s important not to write off former Vice President Joe Biden just because he finished fourth, or because he is highly unlikely to do well in the Granite State. But it is also true that his performance was underwhelming. Democratic-Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders and former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg finished in a virtual tie, so both declared victory. Momentum can and often is vastly overrated, but clearly the deck has been shuffled.

More important even than the party incompetence on display in the caucuses is that the intraparty sniping grows uglier by the day. Former presidential nominee Hillary Clinton is taking every occasion to bash Sanders. With Sen. Elizabeth Warren floundering, you know allegations that she has been unfairly diminished because she is a woman will contribute to further poisoning the atmosphere. Meanwhile Mike Bloomberg is busy spending tens of millions of dollars to position himself as an alternative.

All this backbiting among pro-abortion Democrats (they are **all** pro-abortion) contributing to making the “best week ever” for President Trump. But there was so much more, besides being found not guilty of both impeachment charges.

His job approval numbers—according to Gallup, no less—rose



to 49%, President Trump’s highest ever. This in spite of three + years of unrelenting, hyper-personal criticism from almost the entirety of the news media. Note, as Gallup’s Jeffrey Jones wrote, the poll was taken “in the midst of the Senate impeachment trial,” so you could hardly say the survey came at the best possible time for President Trump.

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Democrats are not just pro-abortion extremists, WaPo assures readers they are extreme on every issue

We are posting the digital February edition of **National Right to Life News** early on the day of the February 11 New Hampshire primary. The first of the primaries follows the absolutely chaotic Iowa caucuses in which, after a number of days of recalibrating (and refusal to go back yet again), the party decided that Peter Buttigieg would receive the most delegates, narrowly edging out Sen. Bernie Sanders

We won’t even touch the mind-numbing complexities of the system. Suffice it to say, as did *NBC News*, “The Iowa Democratic Party on Sunday allocated delegates based on the results of last week’s caucuses, giving former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg the largest delegate count, followed closely by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. The party said it would award 14 delegates to Buttigieg and 12 to Sanders based on the results it had collected. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., will receive 8 delegates, while former Vice President Joe Biden will receive 6 and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., will receive 1, the party said.”

Except for the candidates, most everyone is staying away from

declaring a “winner,” because “The results are rife with potential errors and inconsistencies that could affect the outcome of the election.”

There is a palpable sense of dread permeating the party leadership. Match Iowa’s embarrassing fiasco against what even Trump-hating outlets described as his “best week ever” and you understand why “Party leaders are on edge over embarrassing technical issues that marred this past week’s Iowa caucuses, as well as lower than expected turnout in the leadoff state,” as the *Associated Press* described it.”

Sanders and Buttigieg, for now the front-runners, writes *AP*’s Julie Pace, but “face questions about their long-term political viability, while some supporters of the two leading women left in the race — Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota — are raising alarms about what they view as persistent sexism.”

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From the President Carol Tobias

“Choose life so that you and your children may live.”

--Deuteronomy 30:19

By Holly Gatling

Editor's note. This month's guest presidential column is written by Holly Gatling, executive director of South Carolina Citizens for Life, and Secretary of the National Right to Life Board of Directors,

My brother Laddie is adopted. It is a fact that was never hidden from either of us. Our parents told us there are two ways that families have children. One is by birth and the other is by adoption. It made perfect sense to me and nothing could ever make Laddie not my brother.

Laddie was nine months old and I was almost three when he joined our family in Versailles, Kentucky, around June of 1953. Our older sister was 17 when I was born and there had been no children in between. My birth had been very difficult for my mother. She and I both almost died. Subsequently, she lost a baby at five months and her doctors told her and my father that they should think about adoption if they wanted another child. Mama was 36 when she had me and 37 when she lost the baby at five months. The chances of my mother giving birth again were not good.

My parents applied to adopt through the Kentucky Department of Social Services, but the news was not encouraging. They were told adoptions were taking up to five years. God had other plans. In short order my parents learned that a nine-month-old baby boy was available immediately. Now here's where things get really interesting. My older sister was born on September 10, 1933. My dad was born on September 12, 1910. When Mama was pregnant with me, they wondered if I might fill in the gap on September 11, 1950. But I was not about to share my birthday cake with anyone. I was born on August 29.

The day arrived when we picked up my brother at the Department of Social Services. Although I was not yet three years old, I have a very distinct memory of the first time I saw my brother in an office with large windows. The social worker handed my parents his birth certificate. The birth certificate information stated simply Caucasian male, date of birth September

11, 1952. From the beginning, Laddie was meant to be ours. God proved it to us.

Laddie and I grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, in the relatively idyllic 1950s when we could go as far as we liked on our bicycles as long as we were home by dark. Laddie was an extraordinarily handsome and athletic teen. By the time he was 22,



million abortions in the United States alone. I cannot wrap my mind around the number of lives that will never exist from just one abortion –let alone the number of lives lost from 61 million abortions.

One of the many reasons I have such tremendous hope for the future is that pro-life people like Laddie and Lynn are raising



he had married the red-haired beauty and love of his life, Lynn. At his first high school reunion, he and Lynn won the prize for having the most children – three at that time. Laddie once told me that after the third child, he and Lynn couldn't imagine life without a baby in the house. They ended up with 11 children. Now they have 11 grandchildren and number 12 arrives in April.

Meanwhile, I followed a career path, first as a newspaper reporter for 20 years and then as the executive director of South Carolina Citizens for Life. So, here's my point. I had been with SCCL for a number of years when one day I began to contemplate the wonderment of adoption and my brother's amazing family.

All of a sudden, the thought struck me like a meteorite. If my brother had been aborted, his would not be the only life lost. My 11 nieces and nephews would not exist and their children would not exist and generations as numerous as the stars would not exist – all because one baby was aborted. Think about that when you contemplate 61

pro-life children who are raising pro-life children. Our side is winning because we are having children. On the other hand, abortion supporters are killing their future. The abortion mentality cannot survive much longer.

There's more. My brother was famous for telling people he didn't worry about Social Security. He'd point to his growing family and say, "Here is my Social Security." His words were prophetic. My brother is completely disabled now by the devastating auto-immune disease Multiple Sclerosis. Two years ago, he had an accident in which he was thrown from his wheelchair and broke two vertebrae and deflated one lung. Because my family is pro-life, we are acutely aware of the discrimination that people with disabilities face – and we saw it first hand with my brother. In the hospital, there was resistance to treating his injuries because he has MS and is in a wheelchair. If

NRLC 2020 celebrates 50 Years of Life

By Dave Andrusko

If you are like me (and a lot of other people, I suspect), your schedule is so packed you must make plans way ahead of time. With that in mind, please consider registering to attend the 50th annual National Right to Life Convention which is in Herndon, Virginia, and will take place Friday June 26 and Saturday June 27.

For information about the convention, please go to <http://nrlconvention.com>.

Last week I sat down with Jacki Ragan, who, among all the other responsibilities she handles so adroitly, is the Convention Director. She reminded me from the very beginning that while the annual convention is always the pro-life educational event of the year, 2020 has a special symbolic and substantive importance.

“Two days after the Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v. Wade* decision, the *New York Times* announced it was time for pro-lifers to fold their tents and go home,” Ragan said. The exact quote from the editorial reads, “The Courts seven-to-two ruling could bring to an end the emotional and divisive public argument over what always should have been an intensely private and personal matter. It will end the argument if those who are now inveighing against the decision as a threat to civilization’s survival will pause long enough to recognize

the limits of what the Court has done.”

Ragan’s response? “It’s 47 years later **and we are still**

“We are meeting only a few miles from our nation’s capital—where the Supreme Court made its disastrous decision which we

the same abortion-until-birth laws and removed protections for abortion survivors.” What this means, she said, “is that you have the starkest contrast on abortion we have ever seen.”

We talked about Melissa Ohden’s Abortion Survivors Network, which brings together people that Democrats insist don’t exist—women and men who survived late-term abortions. (Within an hour of the time I spoke with Jacki I exchanged emails with Melissa who told me she had just spent the day working with another abortion survivor.)

“It has to be so frustrating,” Jacki told me, “almost humiliating. They call you a liar for telling the truth—a very ‘inconvenient truth’ for pro-abortionists.” (Melissa wrote about her experiences at the March for Life on page 11.)

As Jacki concluded her look forward to the 50th annual National Right to Life Convention, she emphasized the enormity of what is at stake come this November.

“We must re-elect pro-life President Trump, maintain control of the Senate, and do everything possible to take the House back from Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion companions,” Jacki said. “The convention will help jump-start that all-out campaign, and I hope to see a great turnout of pro-lifers.”

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here. We wish we didn’t have to be, but until we restore legal protection to unborn babies, we will work day and night to create a culture that welcomes unborn babies and assists their mothers.”

What makes this convention different, I asked?

pray someday soon they will reverse.”

What else?

“In the last year, the Democrats have just lost their minds on abortion,” Jacki said. “It started with New York but other Democrat-controlled states have passed

Before you vote, be sure to find out where the candidates stand on abortion

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

Life matters. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one knows the pain and heartache associated with that loss. They know that life matters.

More than 61 million unborn children have lost their lives to abortion in the United States since 1973. Their little lives matter, too.

As the presidential, congressional and state-level election dates are barreling toward us ever so quickly, we need to be mindful of that very fact: life matters. It's our first right. Our fundamental right.

We know that passing pro-life legislation saves lives. Therefore, electing pro-life legislators saves lives.

Democrat voters already voted in Iowa, and they will be voting soon in New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina to determine which of the remaining eleven "top-tier" Democrat presidential candidates will go on to challenge pro-life President Donald Trump in November. Each of those eleven candidates supports a policy of abortion on demand through birth.

Seven of the top-tier Democrat presidential candidates are listed in order of their polling averages in our 2020 Presidential Candidate comparison, which can be downloaded here: <http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/2020POTUScomparison.pdf>










You can download President Trump's "Record on Life" here: <http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/trumprecord.pdf>

House of Representatives
Congressional primaries begin on March 3, on "Super Tuesday," although early voting for many of the states will be in February. Super Tuesday states include Alabama, Arkansas,

California, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Nearly one third of all voters will have the opportunity to vote in one day!
Before you vote, be sure to

find out where the candidates stand on this issue.

Remember when you vote in the upcoming primaries and in November, that without the right to life, no other rights exist. Life matters.

Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?			
Candidates	Roe v. Wade/Abortion	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act	Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Abortion Providers
Candidates are listed in order of their primary election polling in the 1/23/20 Real Clear Politics average and have at least a 3.0% average.			
Where Do the Republican Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?			
 Donald Trump (R) President (86% average)	The 1973 <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and its companion <i>Doe v. Bolton</i> decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 60 million abortions since then.	The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions (with narrow exceptions) after the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion.	Direct taxpayer funding of abortion, as well as taxpayer funding of abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, means more abortion and more dead children.
 Bill Weld (R) Former Governor (MA) (3% average)	President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment through his many pro-life accomplishments as president including: appointments of pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restoring 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 at any stage."	At 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."	In 2018, President Trump's HHS Department issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. His Administration cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China's forced abortion program and he committed to defund abortion providers.
 Joe Biden (D) Former Vice President (28.7% average)	Bill Weld supports the current policy of abortion on demand. He claims to be "the most pro-choice person you're ever going to meet."	While governor, Bill Weld supported partial-birth abortions and said he would allow women to terminate pregnancies through the ninth month.	Bill Weld supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion.
Where Do the Democrat Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?			
 Bernie Sanders (I) U.S. Senator (VT) (22% average)	Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , which allows abortion for any reason.	Joe Biden criticized the U.S. Supreme Court majority for upholding the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in 2007.	Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Joe Biden says he will overturn the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.
 Elizabeth Warren (D) U.S. Senator (MA) (14.8% average)	Bernie Sanders supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Sanders cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Sanders voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Bernie Sanders voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, legislation to protect unborn children by prohibiting abortion at 20 weeks, when the unborn child can feel pain.	Bernie Sanders voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Bernie Sanders voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Pete Buttigieg (D) Mayor South Bend, IN (7.7% average)	Elizabeth Warren supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Warren cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Warren voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Elizabeth Warren voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, legislation to protect unborn children by prohibiting abortion at 20 weeks, when the unborn child can feel pain.	Elizabeth Warren voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Elizabeth Warren voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers. Elizabeth Warren has pledged to repeal the Hyde Amendment.
 Michael Bloomberg (D) former NYC Mayor (7.7% average)	Pete Buttigieg supports the current policy of abortion on demand.	When asked about New York's abortion on demand legislation passed in January 2019, Pete Buttigieg said he opposes government "restrictions" late in pregnancy. "I don't think we need more restrictions right now."	Pete Buttigieg supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers. Pete Buttigieg wants to repeal the Hyde Amendment.
 Amy Klobuchar (D) U.S. Senator from Minnesota (3.5% average)	Michael Bloomberg supports the current policy of abortion on demand. He received the Global Citizen Award in 2014 from Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, for his pro-abortion record.	Michael Bloomberg supports abortion as "a fundamental human right..."	Michael Bloomberg supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion, and he supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Andrew Yang (D) Entrepreneur (3.3% average)	Amy Klobuchar supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Klobuchar cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Klobuchar voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Amy Klobuchar voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, legislation to protect unborn children by prohibiting abortion at 20 weeks, when the unborn child can feel pain.	Amy Klobuchar voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Amy Klobuchar voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
	Andrew Yang supports the current policy of abortion on demand.	Andrew Yang supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which essentially allows abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason. He says he supports "a woman's right to choose in every circumstance..."	Andrew Yang supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers.

Pro-lifers celebrate President Trump's life-affirming State of the Union message

By Dave Andrusko

Two dominate thoughts competed in my mind as I watched President Trump deliver his third State of the Union Address.

First, this is about the 45th or so SOTU message I've observed. (Yes, I've been around a while.) Whether it be based on style or substance—in this case, Mr. Trump's message had both—it's difficult to remember a more compelling address which (according to Nielsen) 46.8 million Americans tuned in to see Tuesday night.

Second, by the time of the SOTU, the Democrats in Iowa still had not figured out what had happened Monday in the caucuses. The contrast was hard to miss.

Back to the speech which NRLC President Carol Tobias attended as a guest of pro-life South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham. You could gauge just how powerful Mr. Trump's message was by the hysteria-meter which was on full-blast, before, during, and afterwards.

When the slurs were not deeply personal, the lesson from the accounts was that there was nothing he said that couldn't be "fact-checked" out of existence or ignored. You don't oftensee venom this pure.

Then to make matters worse for the Trump-hating *Washington Post*, there was a story that ran under the headline, "Senate poised to acquit Trump as he radiates vindication." Three years+ in trying to overturn the results of the 2016 election, all for naught.

President Trump was low-key, intense, but also proud of his accomplishments. Among the many master strokes, the President brought in a living,

breathing human being to illustrate the statement he was making or the policy recommendation he would make to Congress.

For example, there is Ellie Schneider:

As we pray for all who are sick, we know that

to have you with us tonight. (Applause.)

Ellie reminds us that every child is a miracle of life. And thanks to modern medical wonders, 50 percent of very premature babies delivered at the

members of Congress here tonight to pass legislation finally banning the late-term abortion of babies. (Applause.)

I'm sure no Democrat joined their Republican colleagues in applauding that.



*Pro-life President Donald Trump
Official White House Photo by Andrea Hanks*

America is constantly achieving new medical breakthroughs. In 2017, doctors at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City delivered one of the earliest premature babies ever to survive. Born at just 21 weeks and 6 days, and weighing less than a pound, Ellie Schneider was a born fighter. Through the skill of her doctors and the prayers of her parents, little Ellie kept on winning the battle of life. Today, Ellie is a strong, healthy two-year-old girl sitting with her amazing mother Robin in the Gallery. Ellie and Robin, we are glad

hospital where Ellie was born now survive. It's an incredible thing. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Our goal should be to ensure that every baby has the best chance to thrive and grow just like Ellie. That is why I'm asking Congress to provide an additional \$50 million to fund neonatal research for America's youngest patients. (Applause.)

I don't know if Democrats stood to applaud, but they may have.

Then the President brilliantly illustrated the continuity of life and the incongruity of Democrats who endorse late-term abortions:

That is why I'm also calling upon

Then

Whether we are Republican, Democrat, or independent, surely we must all agree that every human life is a sacred gift from God.

Alas, whether any or all of the pro-abortionists running to be the Democrat's presidential nominee believe that, they still support abortion on demand up through birth, paid for by taxpayers. And, just so we don't forget, Congressional Democrats are blocking a bill to protect abortion survivors. Failing to treat these children is infanticide by neglect.

A wonderful speech by our pro-life President. If you missed it, you can watch it on YouTube.

A look ahead to NRLC 2020 celebrating 50 Years of Life; Don't forget to become a "Patron for Life"

By Dave Andrusko

As a rule of thumb, although it's early, I use the annual March for Life as the starting point to begin reminding people about Virginia, and will take place Friday June 26 and Saturday June 27. If you are already making summer plans, you can

few months, we'll announce the addition of new speakers. If you've attended any NRLC convention, you already know you will be the beneficiary of outstanding general sessions and workshops, in addition to a motivational Prayer Breakfast and an inspirational closing banquet.

a convention that flies in and houses experts from around the nation.

If there is someone whose name you want to be listed as "in memory of" or "in honor of," it will appear in the Convention Year book which every attendee to NRLC 2020 will receive. The yearbook is a year-round educational resource, a treasure-trove of information.

If you are able to arrive Thursday, the day before the convention begins, there be at dinner at 6 P.M. followed by an incredible performance of the pro-life play "Viable."

You can just to to https://shop.nrlchapters.org/Be-a-Patron_c23.htm and the Patron for Life form will appear. You can pay by credit card online or download the form, fill it out, and send it in along with your check to NRLC 2020, 1446 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

There is something you can do right now to make sure this 50th year celebration is one to remember.

Would you consider becoming a "Patron for Life"? Your assistance, whether it be as an Angel Convention Patron (\$10), a Titanium Patron (\$1,000), or anything in between, helps NRLC by defraying a portion of the expenses of putting on

Either option would be extremely helpful to us and the unborn babies whose lives we all are fighting to save.

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the pro-life educational event of the year: the annual National Right to Life Convention.

register at <http://nrlconvention.com/register>.

This year's two day convention is in Herndon,

As always, there is a big discount for early registration. Periodically over the next

"Choose life so that you and your children may live."

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he had not been disabled, there would have been no question about treating a collapsed lung and broken vertebrae. He would have been sent – no questions asked – to a rehab facility for treatment. But not only was that not offered, it was resisted by the hospital staff.

disabled people who have injuries that are not related to the disability, but complicate the disability. In the end, he came home in better shape than he was before the accident.

I am so proud to say that the hospital staff didn't know what hit them when my brother's red-headed wife, his 11 children, and myself pushed back and pushed back hard. We fought for him to be admitted to a hospital in North Carolina that specializes in treating and rehabilitating

Yes, life is tough sometime, but life is beautiful. The ancient wisdom of Deuteronomy 30:19 has never been more relevant than it is today. "Choose life so that you and your children may live." My brother and sister-in-law are setting the powerful example. Laddie is alive now because he chose life for his children and they chose life for him.



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

By Jean Garton

Editor's note. In December 2016, Jean Garton, my friend of more than 30 years and a phenomenal pro-life author and speaker, passed away. Periodically I will re-run one of her great, great columns. This ran the month before she died in the November edition of National Right to Life News.

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



Jean Garton

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?

“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.

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.”

Born-Alive Bill Passes WV Senate Judiciary Committee and Heads to Senate

By Mary Anne Buchanan

On Monday, the West Virginia Senate unanimously passed The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (HB 4007/SB 231).

The vote was 32-0. Senators Bob Beach and Doug Facemire were absent.

Last month, The Born-Alive bill overwhelmingly passed in the House, 93-5. Unsurprisingly the vote was bipartisan.

The Born-Alive Bill will enact requirements that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded “the same degree” of care that would apply “to any other child born alive at the same gestational age,” including transportation to a hospital; and mandatory

reporting of violations. The bill does not dictate bona fide medical judgments nor require futile measures. It merely



requires that babies born alive during abortions are treated in the same manner as those

who are spontaneously born prematurely.

It also calls for discipline and potential loss of license

by the WV Board of Medicine. In addition, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection

Act provides a civil cause of action to women who are harmed by violations of the Act.

“West Virginians for Life thanks the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for voting in favor of the Born-Alive Bill and sending it to the Senate floor for their desire to protect the lives of West Virginia infants,” said WVFL President Wanda Franz.

Lead sponsors of the bill are Delegates Ruth Rowan and Senator Patricia Rucker.

Governor Justice has indicated that he will sign The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.



Baby rescued via abortion pill reversal celebrates first birthday

By Katie Franklin

“Isaiah began my new life”

On a spring day in 2018, Sarah walked into a Planned Parenthood under immense pressure. Already a single mother of three children, she was pregnant with her fourth, and the baby’s father had one thing in mind: an abortion.

Against her better judgment, Sarah took the first drug in the chemical abortion regimen, returned home, and began to cry.

“I couldn’t look at my other three children in the face without breaking down and telling myself this baby deserves love just as much as these three in front of me,” she said.

With that thought in mind, she decided to act, turning to the internet to see if there was any way she could save her unborn baby.

In that moment, Sarah, like hundreds of other women, discovered a fast-growing treatment known as Abortion Pill Reversal. She quickly dialed the 24/7 Abortion Pill Rescue helpline (877-558-0333) and was put in touch with one of the network’s 800-plus medical providers.

Once she was at the doctor’s office, the baby’s heartbeat was detected and Sarah was able to begin the Abortion Pill Reversal treatment.

Used as an antidote to the abortion drug mifepristone (otherwise known as the “abortion pill” or RU-486), the reversal protocol works by flooding a woman’s body with progesterone, the natural hormone that is needed to sustain a healthy pregnancy. If administered within 72 hours of taking the abortion drug, progesterone has a 68 percent

success rate in saving unborn babies.

“I prayed for God to help me through,” Sarah said. “I wanted to try whatever I could to reverse the worst decision I



had made.”

Today, Sarah’s life looks vastly different from the heartache she faced earlier that spring day. That’s because the little baby she thought was aborted is alive and well, having recently celebrated his first birthday.

To Sarah’s immense joy, the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol worked. Her baby boy Isaiah has become an integral member of her family and has stolen the hearts of his aunts, grandparents, cousins, and siblings.

“Isaiah is starting to walk,” Sarah wrote in a message to Heartbeat International, the group that manages the Abortion Pill Rescue Network. “He’s starting to babble more and is always hungry. He is a ham and knows it. He loves jumping in on the action when his siblings are playing.”

The miracle of her child’s life

is not lost on Sarah. Since the experience of rescuing Isaiah from abortion, she has been overcome with unshakable gratitude and the desire to share her story with others.

Christa Brown, who oversees the Abortion Pill Rescue Network for Heartbeat International, says the feeling is mutual. She is encouraged by Sarah’s willingness to share her experience in the hopes of helping other moms who regret their abortions. She is also struck by Sarah’s perseverance and grace as a mother of four.

“As a single mom, we know this last year has been difficult at times for her, but we are so proud of Sarah,” she said. “She is so beautiful inside and out. As a loving mom, she accepts every challenge willingly in order to provide the best life for her little family.”

Brown says that Sarah has become an ardent champion of pregnancy help centers and other pro-life organizations and that her faith in God has been renewed. Later this spring, Sarah will return to school to pursue further education.

As Sarah prepares for that new chapter, Brown can’t help but reflect on the rippling effects of Sarah’s decision to change her mind and rescue her baby from abortion. Not only has Sarah been restored as a mother and Christian, but her family has also experienced profound renewal.

“They all love Isaiah dearly and couldn’t imagine life without him,” she said. “Abortion impacts so many and seeing the joy Isaiah has brought to this entire family makes the saving of his life even more miraculous.”

“All my children bless me daily,” she wrote. “Each one taught me lessons, but Isaiah began my new life. This morning when he woke up and smiled at me it touched my soul. I will forever be grateful that there are people out there who hold life in the highest regard.”

“I am ashamed I went for an abortion for my son,” said Sarah, “but I will forever be humble that God broke through my life and saved his life and mine with the aid of selfless, caring individuals.”

“One day, we will end abortion,” she continued. “And no woman will ever have to feel that regret and shame again and will either get to look with love at their child, or gift a couple with the blessing they have been praying for. I want everyone who works for APR to know just how much we appreciate their work!!!”

Editor’s note: Heartbeat International, which manages Pregnancy Help News, manages the Abortion Pill Rescue Network. This article appeared here and is reposted with permission.

Abortion survivor tells of two more miracles: her two daughters

By Melissa Ohden

To many, the January 24 March for Life may seem like “old news.” But is not for the hundreds of thousands who participated and heard the President of the United States pledge his solidarity with us.

help keep the issue of children who survive abortion front and center long after the March.

There’s so much to be holding onto from the March for Life this year. For me, though, the most poignant reflection comes

that heady feeling of strength I felt after giving birth the first time, even though it was actually a complicated delivery. I felt that same surge of strength with our second child, Ava, despite facing obstacles after

are being raised knowing the impact of abortion has had on our lives, our family. However, more importantly, they know the blessing that come from the gift of life.

Every life saved through your and my efforts multiplies across generations.

Although I trust many people might remember my words from that day, no one will remember them more than Olivia. And as she reflects back upon this day for the rest of her life, not only will she remember her mom’s words, but she’ll also reflect back upon how I came out from the stage area as quickly as she could, to find her and embrace her.

She’ll remember how her mom held her in an embrace and cried with a crowd of people watching. Tears of gratitude for our lives, for the momentum that I can see building for the cause of life, for a day when we don’t March for justice because Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

Yes, the 47th Annual the March for Life was truly one for the record books. But more importantly, it’s one for the memory books. The books that our children, our grandchildren will someday look through with that same sense of strength and empowerment that I felt on the stage that day; that sense of joy that comes from seeing life empowering each of us individually, and ultimately our movement and our culture.



That includes me.

Am I still reflecting upon it because we made history by having President Trump be the first President to attend in person? Of course! I was privileged to stand just a few feet away.

Am I still reflecting upon it because we made history by unveiling the “Face the Choice” video, the first of its kind featuring multiple abortion survivors (14 to be exact)? Definitely. That brief video will

from the place of motherhood in my life.

As I shared in my speech, motherhood has empowered me. It has allowed me to love and forgive my birthmother and brought us together.

Giving birth to my two miracles, my daughters, now nearly twelve years and six years ago, respectively, were a huge part of my healing as an abortion survivor. But their lives have also empowered me as a woman. I’ll never forget

her delivery as her health issues were identified.

It was that same surge of strength I felt on the stage at the March for Life as I acknowledged our oldest daughter, Olivia, who was there in the crowd for the first time in seven years.

We educate people about the generational impact of abortion, but you saw it there at the March that day and heard it in the testimony of so many speakers. My children

Pro-abortion researchers recycle same misleading conclusions about women not regretting their abortions

By Dave Andrusko

Say this for the militantly, unapologetically pro-abortion researchers at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health at the University of California-San Francisco. Has anyone ever taken one study—its infamous “Turnaway Study”—and generated more subsequent “academic” followup and mounds of slavishly favorable media coverage? The answer may well be no.

The latest “study” (as did most of its predecessors) simply mined once again research first published in 2013 all in service of its goal: to argue that because virtually no woman supposedly regrets her abortion, state informed consent laws are not only not helpful to women but detrimental.

Over time, the researchers conducted multiple phone interview with 667 women who had abortions in 21 states. Periodically, they would crank out a report with the same message: women do not regret their abortions. Thus no need to provide for a period of reflection before a woman makes a life and death decision for her baby.

Typical headlines for the study published in *Social Science & Medicine* (as Katie Yoder noted) included “Debunking the ‘abortion regret’ narrative”; “Most Women Don’t Regret Abortions. Why Would They?”; and “99% of Women Say They Feel Relief, Not Regret, 5 Years After Having an Abortion.”

Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon has debunked the original “Turnaway” study and various of its progeny in massive detail. Here are just five reasons why the conclusion of the latest

study—“These results add to the scientific evidence that emotions about an abortion are associated with personal and social context, and are not a product of the abortion procedure itself. Findings challenge the rationale for policies regulating access to abortion that are premised on emotional harm claims”—is not supported by their own data.

1. Note a very important element of this study. Despite being part of the larger “Turnaway Study” that has been going on for years, this one did not interview women who were “denied” abortions and had their babies. This latest study was confined to women who did abort. So no data here about the women who did not abort but gave birth.

How did these women feel about their outcomes? This a critical flaw which is barely even addressed in passing. But we will, in just a moment.

2. Entrenched bias. To quote Dr. O’Bannon, “If Planned Parenthood is America’s abortion chain and the Guttmacher Institute its source of statistics, then UCSF has long been the nation’s abortion training academy.” These are not non-partisans—although as is always, that truth never makes it into the reporting.

The study’s authors barely bother to conceal their agenda anymore. To quote the Washington Post’s story (arguably the fairest because it actually included a critic)

The study authors also

weighed in on the political implications of their work. They wrote that their findings “challenge the rationale for state-mandated counseling protocols ... and other policies regulating access to abortion

4. It need not be belabored because it is self-evidently and experientially true that many women do indeed experience regret and more serious psychological sequelae



premiered on emotional harm claims (e.g. waiting periods.)”

3. Even Corinne Rocca, the lead author of the study, had trouble explaining away the most obvious shortcoming: a 38% participation rate. The *Post’s* Ariana Eunjung Cha cited a study in the Catholic Medical Association written by David Reardon, who highlighted

how more than two-thirds of the women approached for the study refused to participate. Of those who agreed, half dropped out. Those who reported the highest rates of relief and happiness were the ones most likely to remain, he argued. Those who reported the least relief were most likely to drop out, he said.

after their abortions. This is something that anyone in our movement who has ever met or worked with aborting women can tell you is painfully real. As much research has demonstrated over decades, regret (and more extreme responses) over having had an abortion often does not manifest themselves for decades.

5. The objective of the original “Turnaway” study was to demonstrate that women who were denied abortions (typically because their pregnancy was so advanced—something not emphasized in the research) were worse off than had they undergone an abortion. Data from that group of women is missing from this latest study.

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NRLC's 7th annual "The State of Abortion in America," 2020 is must reading for pro-life activists

By Dave Andrusko

On January 22, 2020, the 47th anniversary of the wretched *Roe v. Wade* decision, NRLC published its 7th annual "State of Abortion in America." This 57-page overview of all things pro-life—from abortion numbers, an in-depth look at Planned Parenthood's massive abortion empire through the views on abortion of all the presidents going back to Ronald Reagan and ending with another pro-life president, Donald Trump—is an indispensable guide and must reading.

To jump ahead to the second section, "The Equal Rights Amendment," pro-abortion organizations are much more frank about how they intend to use the ERA were it to be ratified in its present form. This section of "The State of Abortion in America" goes into great detail, debunking the notion that when Virginia voted to ratify the ERA, it had now met the constitutional requirement of ratification by three-quarters of the 50 states. Here are two keep paragraphs.

Douglas D. Johnson, who directed National Right to Life's ERA-related efforts during his years as the organization's Federal Legislative Director (1981-2016), and continues to do so today as National Right to Life Senior Policy Advisor, has made the following observation:

This is an attempt to air-drop into the Constitution a sweeping provision that could be used to attack any federal, state, or local law or policy that in any way limits abortion — abortion in the final months, partial-birth abortion, abortions on

minors, government funding of abortion, conscience-protection laws, you name it. Pro-abortion advocates have been unable to accomplish their goal by

The encouraging conclusion? [Underlining added.]

In September 2019, Guttmacher Institute released a report showing there were 862,320 abortions

Supreme Court Cases"; and the aforementioned "Presidential Record on Life."


Speaking of Planned Parenthood, as a renowned expert on PPFA, Dr. O'Bannon did the heavy lifting on this chapter. In just four pages, which include very helpful graphics, you'll benefit from a keen analysis of this abortion giant. As Dr. O'Bannon writes

The organization's latest annual report makes it plain that Planned Parenthood continues to be all about abortion, in more ways than one. The record number of abortions speaks for themselves, as do the declining figures for genuine health care services.

So why doesn't PPFA's image suffer?

Much of their favorable public image stems from their obfuscation of how much abortion contributes to their bottom line, as demonstrated by a 2013 poll conducted by The Polling Company. That poll found 56% of respondents did not believe or did not know that Planned Parenthood's affiliates performed abortions

Please take some time this week to read "The State of Abortion in America," section by section. The overviews of state and federal abortions are must reading. It can be accessed at www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/stateofabortion2020.pdf.



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the amendment process provided in Article V of the Constitution — their proposal expired unratified 40 years ago — so they are attempting to accomplish it through a brazen political campaign, dressed up in legal terminology."

In "United States Abortion Numbers," Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, NRLC Director of Education & Research, offers a thorough analysis of the two primary sources of abortion data: the Guttmacher Institute and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Guttmacher is far and away more accurate because it does not rely on the willingness of state health departments to send information to it, as does the CDC. However the CDC is helpful for other reasons.

performed in the U.S. in 2017. This signals a decrease of almost 64,000 a year from the 926,190 Guttmacher reported just three years prior in 2014, and nearly half what it was at the 1990 peak when there were there were over 1.6 million recorded. Abortion rates and abortion ratios are also down, showing this reflects a real cultural change and not merely some statistical fluke.

In addition, the report addresses such important topics as "Planned Parenthood: More Abortion, Less Care—An Analysis of the Abortion Giant's Annual Report"; "Federal Policy & Abortion Overview"; "State Laws & Abortion"; "Synopsis of U.S.

Study in prestigious medical journal makes a strong case that unborn babies are capable of experiencing pain

By Dave Andrusko

Support for the position that unborn babies can experience pain by the 20th week after fertilization and “something like pain” much earlier, has come from a very unexpected source.

One of the joint authors of “Reconsidering fetal pain” is Stuart Derbyshire, who is firmly ensconced in the “pro-choice” camp. As the *Daily Mail* wrote in its coverage of the study, which appeared in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, “The controversial article has been authored British professor Stuart Derbyshire, who has written back in 2006 in the *British Medical Journal* that the practice of not talking to women seeking abortions about fetal pain was ‘sound policy based on good evidence that fetuses cannot experience pain.’”

That is no longer Prof. Derbyshire’s position. He is still pro-abortion and his “solution” to the mounting evidence that the unborn child can feel pain is “to consider some form of fetal analgesia during later abortion.” But to move forward without raising the real possibility that the unborn child could experience pain while being killed “flirts with a moral recklessness that we are motivated to avoid.”

Prof. Derbyshire and colleague John Brockmann begin with the “consensus” that fetal pain could not be experienced before 24 weeks. Then, to their credit, they write, “Arguably, there never was a consensus that fetal pain is

not possible before 24 weeks. Many papers discussing fetal pain have speculated a lower limit for fetal pain under 20 weeks’ gestation. . . . Regardless of whether there ever was a consensus, however, it is now clear that the consensus is no longer tenable.”



They then explore a variety of studies and approaches (as those who have written that the unborn baby experiences pain by at least 20 weeks have explored) that challenge the “necessity of the cortex for pain.” That is one of the reasons the 24 week cut off point for performing abortion was established—“that the cortex only becomes functional and the tracts only develop after 24 weeks.”

Near the beginning, Derbyshire and Brockmann observe

The two authors of this paper have very different views on the morality of abortion. One of us believes that abortion is necessary

for women’s health and autonomy, while the other believes that abortion violates the ethical principle of non-maleficence and ought to be restricted and discouraged. Regardless of our

abortion practices and not because of other surgical or therapeutic fetal procedures.

Near the conclusion, under the section labeled, “Final Thoughts,” Derbyshire and Brockmann conclude

The two authors came together to write this paper through a shared sense that the neuroscientific data, especially more recent data, could not support a categorical rejection of fetal pain. We also both grew increasingly dissatisfied with the rejection of fetal pain based on a definition of pain that is useful when dealing with patients presenting with pain, but not appropriate to considering the kind of pain a fetus might plausibly experience.

This evidence will, of course, be brushed aside. The Abortion Industry and its allies in academia and the media are invested in the position that fetal pain is not possible before 24 weeks.

Other who defend abortion go further—they contend that the capacity may not exist until 29 weeks or perhaps not until birth!

But studies such as this and others are chipping away at these increasingly indefensible positions.

stark differences on this question, we both believe that our moral views on abortion should not interfere with discussion of whether fetal pain is possible and whether the science of fetal development can rule out the possibility of fetal pain. We also agree that if fetal pain is likely then that has ethical and clinical significance independent of any views on the morality of abortion per se. That said, it is also clear to us that the issue of fetal pain has ethical significance because of

Please sign Petition calling on Speaker Pelosi to allow a vote on The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

By Dave Andrusko

As *NRL News Today* reported on many occasions, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives has heretofore successfully bottled up proposed legislation to explicitly require that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded “the same degree” of care that would

apply “to any other child born alive at the same gestational age,” including transportation to a hospital. The title of the measure is “The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” (H.R. 962).

NRLC is asking you to download a petition addressed to Speaker of the House Nancy

Pelosi (D-Ca.), fill it out, and return it to

**National Right to Life
1446 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314**

The Petition simply but powerfully calls on Speaker Pelosi “to allow a vote on legislation that would protect

babies who are born alive following an abortion attempt.”

You can download additional copies at www.nrlc.org/ involved or call (202) 378-8843.

We deeply appreciate your help.



TELL SPEAKER PELOSI: Protect Children Born Alive Following an Attempted Abortion

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Current federal law does not sufficiently protects babies who survive an attempted abortion. While the law recognizes that all infants born alive are “persons,” babies who survive an attempted abortion are left defenseless because there is no requirements that the abortion provider treat the infant with the same degree of care they would provide to any other newborn.

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 962) would remedy this problem by requiring that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded “the same degree” of care that would apply “to any other child born alive at the same gestational age,” including transportation to a hospital.

However, your Democrat House Leadership is refusing to hold a vote on this legislation. Therefore, we the undersigned call on you to allow a vote on legislation that would protect babies who are born alive following an abortion attempt.

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A significant Moment in History... a President's appearance at the March for Life

By Joleigh Little Bass

This year I saw the March for Life through different eyes – those of my ten-year-old daughter.

For the first eight years of her life, she didn't know what abortion was. I wanted her childhood to be as carefree and magical as possible.

But in her eighth summer of life, the Charlie Gard case happened, and became (inadvertently) a topic of conversation between my husband and me. My daughter zoned in immediately and demanded to know who Charlie was and what was going on.

So I told her, in the awkward and stinging way a mom explains (choking back tears) to her second grader, that despite his parents' heroic efforts, their child, with a special need, was being killed precisely because he had a special need.

It's hard enough to say that to a typical eight-year-old. Imagine saying it to your eight-year-old who, herself, has special needs.

The result was one I couldn't have predicted. It lit a fire in her already passionate little heart.

Since that conversation, she has developed into quite the pro-life advocate. She has attended legislative days where she led the Pledge of Allegiance, and told her story to state senators. She has attended camps and state conferences and National Right to Life Conventions and local and regional meetings. Sometimes she plays like a child should. But other times she zeroes in on the topic and shares her insights – many of which are remarkably powerful considering her age.

And so it was that I decided it was time for her to attend the largest gathering of pro-life people in the world. Airline tickets were purchased, bags were packed, and conversations were had about appropriate behavior and the solemn



significance of the occasion. Before we knew it, we were off.

Somewhere in our travels (probably when her Nana picked us up at the airport) we got the news. The President of the United States would attend the March for Life... in person!

For someone (me) who has attended countless marches and heard grainy speaker phone addresses from the White House all the way through live video feeds, this news was mind boggling. The security that would be needed was monumental. A metro stop had to be shut down because it was too close to the stage. And yet President Trump came.

My friend and I and our five kids (ages 10 to 17) were winding our way through the largest accumulation of people I have ever navigated—me clinging with my mama grip to the hand of my beautiful girl—when that unmistakable voice

of us who had gathered to listen.

Everything he said rang with the authority of his office and the authenticity of the truth.

But what brought stinging tears to my eyes was his repeated mention of adoption. Because, you see, adoption has given me the greatest gifts in my life – the girl holding my hand in that massive crowd, and her little sister back home in Wisconsin.

From two different continents, after years of living in institutions, adoption made these girls daughters, granddaughters, nieces and sisters. Adoption gave them a family (and a pretty amazing extended family in the right-to-life movement) but it also gave me the pieces of my heart that were missing.

Adoption made them – and me – whole.

As pro-lifers we have always championed adoption, but until you have lived it – the beautiful parts, the hard parts, the sleepless nights, the adjustments, the aching straining growth that takes you from total strangers to the closest of companions – you cannot fully appreciate the tragic beauty that is adoption.

To have the President stand before us and exhort the pro-life movement with these words was incredible.

“You stand for life each and every day. You provide housing, education, jobs, and medical care to the women that you serve. You find loving

started to ring out over the National Mall.

The reality hit me in that moment. The leader of the free world took time out of his day to be with us. Not just in spirit, but in the flesh. Ever the stoic maternal influence, I choked out to my daughter, “Honey, that is the President of the United States talking right now.”

He stood on the stage with pro-life leaders, including our own Carol Tobias, president of NRLC. What we heard, I am convinced, were words from his heart, delivered to an enthusiastic and welcoming crowd of hundreds of thousands

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“One-Child Nation”: New Documentary Details the Horrors of China’s One-Child Policy

By Steven W. Mosher

When I arrived in China in March 1989 I had no idea that I was about to be caught up in the most barbaric population control program the world had ever seen. It became known as the “one-child policy,” but for me and its countless millions of victims, it was a living nightmare.

I will never forget that sight of sobbing women who were arrested—arrested!—for the crime of being pregnant without permission. Or being with them when they were incarcerated, for days and weeks on end, until they submitted to the abortion that was being demanded of them.

Then came the actual forced abortion itself—the shocking sight of women seven, eight, and even nine months pregnant given lethal injections into their wombs to kill their unborn children, followed by cesarean section abortions to remove their now dead or dying babies.

All these years later, the sheer cruelty of it still shocks my conscience, as it did at the time. Imagine being in the operating room as nearly full-term babies were being killed. For myself, I don’t have to “imagine” it. I was there, standing only a few feet away from the operating table in stunned disbelief as it unfolded before my eyes.

Note to Virginia Governor Northam and the modern Democrat Party: None of the babies born alive after failed abortions were allowed to live.

Now comes a documentary, produced by Chinese victims of the policy that confirms everything that I have been saying about the one-child policy for the past four decades.

Entitled “One-Child Nation”, it is a no-holds-barred account of the four three-and-a-half decades of physical pain and emotional suffering that the policy has inflicted on hundreds of millions (!) of Chinese mothers and their families.

To say that I feel vindicated would be an understatement. It is never pleasant being a voice crying in the wilderness, and in my case my punishment for speaking out of turn was severe. As Monica Showalter writes in *American Thinker*:

Remember Stanford scholar Steven Mosher? Way back in the 1980s, the man was reviled in scholarly circles for exposing just these brutal realities about China. Instead of being praised for adding to the scholarly body of knowledge, he was abused, slandered, accused of process crimes, and eventually kicked out of his Ph.D. program because he reported the truth about what was happening. This was at the urging of the Chinese government, which wanted all news of its cruelty kept hidden — the lies-violence cycle that Alexander Solzhenitsyn described as so necessary to all totalitarian tyrannies.

I recall that controversy back when I was a student studying Chinese history, and my professor (I won’t name him, because,

well, I liked him) called Mosher “a rat” because his revelations about China’s

of the Reagan Administration to fund abortions.”

You would think that a full professor at one of America’s



forced abortions and human rights violations angered the Chinese communist government and caused it to limit opportunities for scholarly research on China.

Yet the only thing Mosher was really guilty of was the highest responsibility of a scholar, which was to tell the truth.

Most of my Stanford faculty colleagues weren’t the least bit interested in the truth. Some of them, like Paul Ehrlich, even defended China’s policy on the grounds that the country supposedly had an “overpopulation problem.” Another, the late William Skinner, explained to me that China’s treatment of women is no worse than America’s. “I find the forced abortion of women in the third trimester of pregnancy is repugnant,” he told me after reading my reports on China. “But it is no more repugnant than the refusal

most prestigious universities would be too smart to make such a fundamental error in logic: The principled refusal to participate in homicidal acts by funding them—the Reagan Administration’s position—can hardly be equated with state-mandated mass murder practiced by the Chinese Communist Party.

I left Stanford, shaking the dust from my feet.

Banished from academe but not silenced, I continued to speak out against China’s misguided population control policy at NRLC conventions and other venues in the U.S. and around the world. I wrote a dozen books as well, including *A Mother’s Ordeal*, in which I told the story of a Chinese population control worker who rejected the policy to have a second child—and then had to flee the country to avoid the same fate—a forced abortion—

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NARAL's 29th annual report: what can we learn?

By Dave Andrusko

It is always a useful exercise to read NARAL Pro-Choice America's annual take on the lay of the land. Although "Who Decides?" is no longer the idiom of choice (so to speak) for the Abortion Industrial

by an overwhelming majority of right-thinking person. (NARAL's misuse of polling data is a wonder to behold.)

Does NARAL even hint that what pro-abortionists won in places such as New York,

*That having been said, the country "faces a new reality for abortion rights," the report asserts, "with the Supreme Court now more hostile to reproductive freedom." That's an unmistakable sign that acute fear-mongering is in the wings.

*"Now more than ever, the aims of the anti-choice movement are clear: They're committed to ending *Roe v. Wade* by any means necessary, criminalizing abortion, and punishing women," Hogue says.

But is it "punishing women" to inform those who have second thoughts after beginning a chemically-induced abortion that they may be able to save their child?

Is it "ending *Roe*" merely to guarantee that parents will know when their abortion-minded minor daughter is about to make a life-and-death decision without their input?

What about legislation that forbids eugenic abortions—"terminating" the life of an unborn child because she may have Down syndrome? Or that requires that an unborn child who may well have reached the stage where she is capable of experiencing unbelievable pain does not bleed to death as she is torn to pieces? These would seem to be in spirit of fighting lethal discrimination and making a minimal concession to our common humanity. Finally

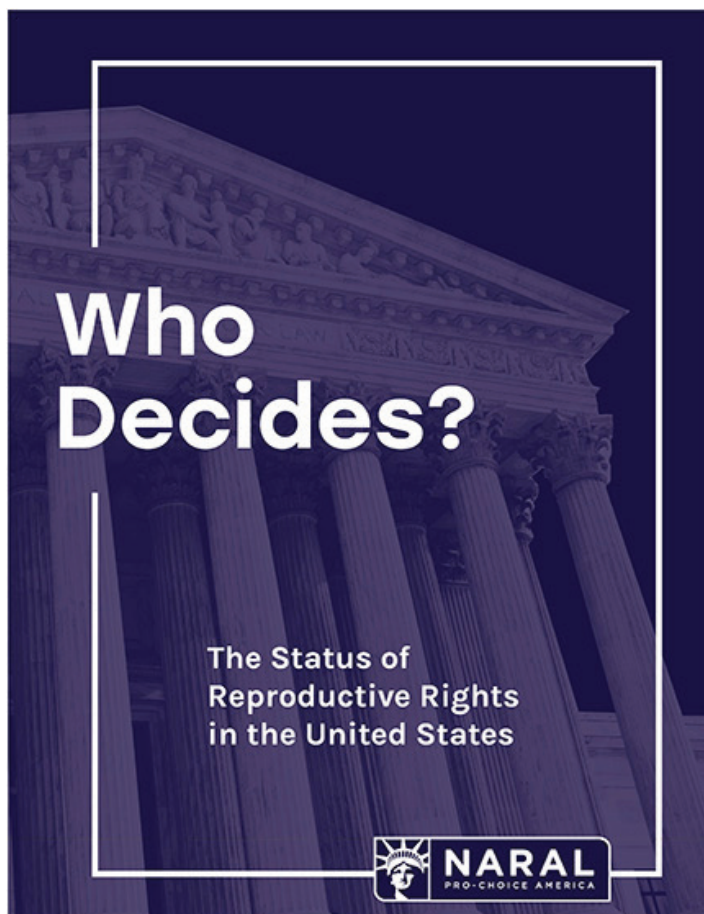
*The report tells us "The stakes are higher than ever. As we look ahead to the future, we're facing a pivotal moment in

the movement for reproductive freedom." We certainly agree that this November is a "pivotal moment" in our nation's history.

Will we re-elect the most pro-life President in our nation's history? Or will we elevate to the White House one of the numerous hyper-pro-abortion Democrats who happily toe the NARAL and Planned Parenthood line: Abortion now, more abortion tomorrow, and still more abortions both at home and abroad in the future?

No doubt it was a moment of horror for NARAL on January 24 when President Trump spoke to the March for Life. Especially, perhaps, when he said

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 the sanctity of every human life. When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world.



Complex, NARAL's 29th annual report is still titled "Who Decides? The Status of Reproductive Rights in the United States."

What we can we learn?

*To NARAL, every pro-life proposal is extreme, every "pro-choice" initiative the model of discretion, supported

Vermont, Illinois, Maine, and Rhode Island was not only lock in *Roe* but also expand the "right" to abortion up until birth? Of course not. Ilyse Hogue, NARAL Pro-Choice America President, matter of factly states "96 pro-choice measures" were enacted in 2019.

Utterly failing to understand single-issue pro-life voters

By Dave Andrusko

My favorite story that appeared the day of The March for Life in the *Washington Post* ran under the headline “March for Life activists credit Trump with wholeheartedly embracing their antiabortion

more for the pro-life community than any other president, so it is fitting that he would be the first president in history to attend the March for Life.”

To which Cunningham adds, “It’s hard to argue with that

is difficult to exaggerate the breadth and depth of the Trump administration’s full-court pro-

in other areas.”

Does she not understand that pro-lifers have a wide variety of



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agenda.” No kidding.

Here is the best of many quotes and the reporter’s response.

The *Post’s* Paige Winfield Cunningham quotes White House spokesman Judd Deere: “President Trump has done

assessment of Trump’s three-year record on reproductive rights.”

She then quotes several pro-life leaders affirming what National Right to Life discusses day in and day out at *NRL News Today*: It



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life press. This administration’s life-affirming agenda is as far from the pro-abortion Obama administration’s anti-life checklist as the East is from the West.

The unintentionally amusing part about the story—and reflects how little Cunningham understands single-issue pro-lifers—is this gem: “The bottom line in all of this: Trump has made it virtually impossible for antiabortion voters not to support him in 2020, even if they disagree with his policies

views on a host of other topics? That whether the President be Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, or Donald Trump we will have our policy differences with them on everything from A-Z?

But that is all secondary. Our first (and deciding) priority is protecting unborn babies and assisting their mothers. That is the preeminent issue for us, the commanding social justice issue of our day.

And it is on that single-issue that we will cast our vote.

President Trump's remarks to the 47th Annual March for Life

THE PRESIDENT:

Well, thank you very much and thank you, Jeanne. It is my profound honor to be the first President in history to attend the March for Life. (Applause.) We're here for a very simple reason: to defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential. (Applause.)

For 47 years, Americans of all backgrounds have traveled from across the country to stand for life. And today, as President of the United States, I am truly proud to stand with you. (Applause.)

I want to welcome tens of thousands — this is a tremendous turnout — tens of thousands of high school and college students who took long bus rides — (applause) — to be here in our nation's capital. And to make you feel even better, there are tens of thousands of people outside that we passed on the way in. If anyone would like to give up their spot, we can work that out. (Laughter.) You have a tremendous group of people outside. Thousands and thousands wanted to get in. This is some great success. (Applause.) Young people are the heart of the March for Life, and it's your generation that is making America the pro-family, pro-life nation. (Applause.)

The life movement is led by strong women, amazing faith leaders, and brave students who carry on the legacy of pioneers before us who fought to raise the conscience of our nation and uphold the rights of our citizens. You embrace mothers with care and compassion. You are powered by prayer, and motivated by pure, unselfish love.

You're grateful — and we are so grateful — these are incredible people — to be joined by Secretary Alex Azar and Kellyanne Conway. (Applause.) Thank you.

And thanks also to Senators Mike Lee and James Lankford, who are here. James, Mike

introduce them all. (Laughter.)

All of us here today understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. (Applause.) Together, we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and sanctity of every human life. (Applause.)



Pro-life President Donald Trump

— thank you, fellas. And Representatives Steve Scalise — (applause); Chris Smith — (applause); Ralph Abraham — (applause); Warren Davidson — (applause); Bob Latta — (applause); John Joyce — (applause); Lloyd Smucker — (applause); Brian Fitzpatrick — (applause); and Brad Wenstrup. (Applause.) Thank you, all. (Applause.)

And I have to say — and I look at it — I see it exactly — we have many, many more politicians in the audience. But, if you don't mind, I won't

When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. (Applause.) When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world. From my family — and I can tell you, I send love and I send great, great love.

And from the first day in office, I've taken a historic action to support America's families and to protect the

unborn. (Applause.) And during my first week in office, I reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy, and we issued a landmark pro-life rule to govern the use of Title X taxpayer funding. (Applause.)

I notified Congress that I would veto any legislation that weakens pro-life policies or that encourages the destruction of human life. (Applause.)

At the United Nations, I made clear that global bureaucrats have no business attacking the sovereignty of nations that protect innocent life. (Applause.)

Unborn children have never had a stronger defender in the White House. (Applause.) And as the Bible tells us, each person is "wonderfully made." (Applause.)

We have taken decisive action to protect the religious liberty — so important. Religious liberty has been under attack all over the world, and, frankly, very strongly attacked in our nation. You see it better than anyone. But we are stopping it, and we're taking care of doctors, nurses, teachers, and groups like the Little Sisters of the Poor. (Applause.) We are preserving faith-based adoption. (Applause.)

And to uphold our founding documents, we have confirmed 187 federal judges — (applause) — who apply the Constitution as written, including two phenomenal Supreme Court Justices: Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. (Applause.)

We are protecting pro-life students' right to free speech on college campuses. (Applause.)

Looking much closer at Gallup's new abortion polls tells us something very different than an initial reading would suggest

By Dave Andrusko

On the 47th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Gallup posted an interesting analysis of what it described as “Dissatisfaction With U.S. Abortion Laws at New High [58%].” For Lydia Saad, the biggest difference this year over last year goes like this:

“On average from 2001 to 2017, about a quarter of U.S. adults were dissatisfied with abortion laws and wanted them to be stricter. However, since then, the percentage wanting the laws to be less strict has increased to the point that roughly equal percentages of U.S. adults now are dissatisfied and favor less strict laws (22%) as are dissatisfied and want stricter laws (24%).”

Let’s dig deeper, as you must with abortion polling.

True, the percentage of dissatisfaction is the highest ever—58% in 2020—an increase of 7 points from 2019 [51%]. But I think most readers would infer from Saad’s comments that those who want abortion laws to be less strict is much higher than previously [“has increased to the point”]

and that, equally important, the difference between those favoring more strict and those favoring less strict laws has really shrunk.

But is that true? In 2019, those who wanted abortion laws more strict enjoyed a 3 point advantage [21% to



18%]. In 2020, they were the beneficiaries of a 2 point advantage [24% to 22%].

To state the obvious, this represents a tiny, tiny change and well within any margin of error.

To state the equally obvious, there is more dissatisfaction than ever with the state of our nation’s abortion laws.

Two other points (of many) especially worth considering.

1. Saad writes, “In addition to Republicans, Protestants, adults with no college education, and Americans aged 55 and older are substantially more likely to favor making the laws on abortion more rather than less strict. Men and non-Hispanic whites as a whole also lean this

way. I think about whether to tighten or loosen abortion laws? My guess is, because Hispanics are culturally pro-life, they are in category of wanting more strict laws.

2. In December Gallup posted a story under the headline “Several Issues Tie as Most Important in 2020 Election.”

Gallup asked respondents about a number of issues and asked how important any given issue would be in deciding their vote for President in 2020—“extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not important.”

What do we learn from Zach Hrynowski’s story about abortion as an issue?

64% said abortion would be very important or extremely important. Note that 28% of Republicans versus 23% of Democrats said the abortion issue was “extremely important”—a difference of 5 points.

We will see a gazillion polls between now and Election Day which purport to tell us what role the abortion issue will play in 2020. Come to NRL News Today. NRLC has experts with decades of experience in understanding and explaining what surveys about abortion truly mean.

Isn’t it interesting that Gallup does not tell us what Hispanics

Abortion is the opposite of love

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

In his book *A Defense of Abortion*, David Boonin describes photographs on his desk depicting his son, Eli, at different stages of life. “Through all of the remarkable changes that these pictures preserve,” Boonin writes, “he remains unmistakably the same little boy.”

In the top drawer of my desk, I keep another picture of Eli. This picture was taken ... 24 weeks before he was born. The sonogram image is murky, but it reveals clearly enough a small head tilted back slightly, and an arm raised up and bent, with the hand pointing back toward the face and the thumb extended out toward the mouth. There is no doubt in my mind that this picture, too, shows the same little boy at a very early stage in his physical development. And there is no

question that the position I defend in this book entails that it would have been

Boonin thinks confer rights or value. It was not enough that Eli was Eli. He needed something more in order to really count.



morally permissible to end his life at this point.

It would have been okay to kill Eli, Boonin argues, because at that age Eli had not yet acquired the characteristics that

Many defenders of abortion hold this type of view, but it raises very troubling questions. Who decides whether and when I matter? Which characteristics do I need, and why do those traits make such a difference? How much of them do I need?

What happens when I lose them (e.g., because of injury, illness, disability, or age)—do I lose my human rights? And since no two people share any such characteristics to the same degree, is equality just a myth?

Valentine’s Day is on Feb. 14. It’s all about love. And the deepest kind of love is seeking that which is good for other people—seeking their well-being or their flourishing.

But this kind of love isn’t contingent. It doesn’t seek others’ flourishing only some of the time while sanctioning their destruction at other times. It always wants that which is good for them.

Abortion is the opposite of love. Abortion deprives human beings of the good that is their life. It attacks their well-being and undercuts their flourishing. Maybe you matter at some times of your life or in some conditions, abortion says, but at other times you don’t matter at all.

Love says something else. It says that you matter just for being you. And that’s enough.

Sixth Circuit Court panel hears oral arguments in challenge to Kentucky's Dismemberment Abortion Law

By Kentucky Right to Life

The already well-argued case to end Dismemberment Abortion was presented in a nutshell January 29 at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. Deputy Solicitor General for the Commonwealth, Matt Kuhn represented Kentucky's interest, supported by Attorney General Daniel Cameron and Chad Meredith, Solicitor General.

Attorney Kuhn explained to the panel of judges why the trial to defend the Law (in November 2018) against the EMW/ACLU challenge was improperly decided. Numerous legal precedents were cited. Many who are reading this article would find the audio of the hearing very interesting. It is accessible on the Appellate Court website.

The courtroom was packed, with nearly all the seats taken by pro-lifers. The judges were Gilbert Merritt, appointed by

President Jimmy Carter; John Bush, who also served on the hearing for the Ultrasound Law (a pro-life victory!), appointed by President Donald Trump; and Eric Clay, a Bill Clinton appointee. The timeframe for their decision is unknown at this time.

Following the hearing, a media conference organized by former Rep. Addia Wuchner was held just outside the Courthouse. She championed the Dismemberment Law during her final term in the House after representing District 66 since 2005. Ms. Wuchner now heads ProLife Woman, a Women's Health Advocacy Media Group.

AG Cameron, Sen. Whitney Westerfield, and Attorney Kuhn addressed the media and answered questions. AG Cameron assured the crowd that Kentucky would pursue the case to the Supreme Court

if needed. Reference was made to a procedure during which a baby's beating heart was expelled during the D&E



*Kentucky Attorney General
Daniel Cameron*

abortion. He pointed out that the people of Kentucky would not permit this gruesome and inhumane medical procedure to be practiced on an animal. Why do we accept it for a living human infant?

All the speakers agreed that Dismemberment Abortion is a sad reality. But if it must be offered as part of the *Roe v. Wade* legal rules, then assuring the painless demise of the fetus before its limbs are torn off and its head is crushed—is essential.

AN ASIDE: The arguments insisting that it is the safest way for the woman never take the child into consideration. This hearing was timely in that scientists have recently confirmed that a fetus may feel pain as early as 12 weeks.

EMW [the abortion clinic] was represented by Atty. Andrew Beck, who is listed as an employee of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation which is located in New York City. No supporters of Dismemberment Abortion were in view when the media interviewed him.

New poll commissioned by Knights of Columbus shows continuing strong pro-life sentiment

By Dave Andrusko

Not surprisingly, two new polls on abortion were made public on January 22, the 47th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. One was the 12th annual Marist Poll conducted for the Knights of Columbus. The other was another tedious, misleading representation of the public's

ultrasounds for the simple reason they allow women to see whom it is whose existence they are "terminating."

The public thinks otherwise.

By an 11 point margin (52% to 41%), Americans support requiring a woman to have an ultrasound at least 24 hours

weeks of pregnancy, except to save the life of the mother. That includes not only 69% support among pro-lifers but also 45% among self-identified pro-choicers.

*The funding question is more pivotal than ever. Pro-abortion Democrats desperately want to

And this might slip by, but shouldn't. Over three-quarters (76%) resist using tax dollars to support abortion in other countries. That includes 61% of pro-choicers. Exporting abortion is a major objective of the Abortion Establishment.

*What about aborting children who are identified as having Down syndrome? A whopping 65% oppose abortion because the child will be born with Down syndrome.

*A total of 46% shall abortion should be available in cases of rape, incest, or to save the mother's life (26%); only to save the mother's life (11%); or never permitted under any circumstances (9%).

And finally,

*A vitally important question you only see asked in Marist Polls commissioned by the Knights of Columbus. They ask whether it is "possible to have laws which protect both the health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn" or is it "necessary for laws to choose to protect one and not the other?"

Four of five respondents (80%) say laws can protect them both!

Americans' Opinions on Abortion

January 2020



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stance on abortion from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

We focus here on the Marist survey. This annual poll is always extremely helpful because it asks questions that no one else poses.

Here is just some of the important information you can glean from reading "Americans' Opinion on Abortion."

*Pro-abortionists hate

before having an abortion. Another quality of the Marist Polls is they tell us the level of pro-life sentiment about those who identify as "pro-choice." In this instance, even 38% of pro-choicers support the ultrasound requirement.

*By a 10 point margin (55% to 45%), the 1,237 adults who responded support banning abortions performed after 20

eliminate the Hyde Amendment which bans almost all federal funding of abortions and which has saved over 2 million lives. But Democrats are way out of step with the public.

60% oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion to only 37% that do. Note that 55% of Independents are also against using tax dollars to fund women's abortions.

Abortion Industry worries as it feels the ground shifting beneath its feet

By Dave Andrusko

You could figuratively hear teeth grinding among the pro-abortion set when pro-life President Donald Trump told a massive crowd assembled at the March for Life on Friday, “The life movement is led by strong women.”

But when the President added, “Today, millions of extraordinary women across America are using the power of their votes to fight for the right, and all of their rights, as given in the Declaration of Independence — it’s the right to life. To all the women here today: Your devotion and your leadership uplifts our entire nation, and we thank you for that,” no doubt it was too, too much for the Planned Parenthoods and NARALS.

Why?

Simply because they understood that the President was undermining another media-created monopoly—the nonsensical argument that the “right” to take the lives of unborn children is strictly a “woman’s issue” and, further, that “women” are monolithically pro-abortion.

Thanks to your work and the President’s use of the “bully pulpit,” this absurd distortion continues to fall by the wayside.

But that particularly mythology is only one of the monopolies formerly enjoyed by the enemies of life that is beginning to crumble. Not without tremendous resistance from pro-abortionists, mind you, but crumbling nonetheless.

For example. While I would never underestimate the power exercised by the three major networks and newspapers such

as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, they no longer have free rein to control the narrative.

The hundreds of thousands who come daily to NRLC’s Facebook and Twitter accounts and who read *NRL News Today* are examples of how citizens are breaking through the crushing pro-abortion media conformity

This is so untrue I’m not sure even Planned Parenthood believes it. How about PPFA itself? When it comes to providing much of anything to women other than death to their babies, PPFA is heading in reverse.

While they perform 40.1% of all abortions, the number of cancer screenings and

you may have heard, Planned Parenthood does not and has never provided mammograms.”

Meanwhile Pregnancy Help Centers are multiplying all over the nation and indeed the world. In addition to all the services that these women-helping centers provide to abortion-vulnerable women, Heartbeat International manages the



to hear a countervailing pro-life voice. Moreover, every time you retweet one of our postings to your social media contacts, the impact of the message is often multiplied a hundred fold.

How about this? Beyond a blind acceptance of the fanciful notion that women are an undifferentiated mass who are hard-core pro-abortion, what could be more useful to the Abortion Industry than the slur that pro-lifers are indifferent to women and girls facing untimely pregnancies?

prevention services they provide has fallen every year since at least 2005.

In that year, Planned Parenthood performed 2,011,637 such services. But by 2018, the number had cratered—down to 566,186 in 2018— a whopping fall of more than 71.8% in just 14 years!

“And those are just simple things such Pap smears and manual breast exams,” to quote Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon, NRLC Director of Education & Research. “Despite what

Abortion Pill Rescue Network which provides women who’ve started a chemically-induced abortion and changed their minds with a second chance for their babies.

There are other fissures in the foundation of the Abortion Industry and its cohorts in the major media and much of academia, which we have previously discussed and will again.

Again, thank you Mr. President. You were and are a pro-life champion.

Mayor Pete is NOT moderate on abortion, nor are his Democrat opponents

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Interviewed on *The View* just last week, Buttigieg refused to say he opposed partial-birth abortions.

When asked about his position by a pro-life activist at a public forum, he said, “I support the position of my party...,” then he referred to abortion as “medical care.”

What is his party’s position on abortion? The 2016 Democratic platform called for unlimited abortion on demand, paid for with your tax dollars. The 2020 platform

will be no less radical, if not more so.

Seven of the top-tier candidates running on the Democrat ticket for president, as well as the four lesser known candidates, support abortion on demand through birth.

Even former Vice President Joe Biden. And even Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.

Due to their extreme positions on abortion, **none** of them should ever be referred to as “moderate.”

They have not rejected the radical position of abortion through birth.

Nor have they rejected the radical position that elective abortions should be paid for with taxpayer dollars.

The winner of the Democratic presidential primary, which may be known as early as March 3 – Super Tuesday – will go on to challenge pro-life President Trump on November 3.

President Trump and his administration have established and promoted more pro-life policies than any other president in history.

Ever.

For example,

President Trump is committed to signing pro-life legislation, including

- The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act;
- The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; and
- The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

The importance of the 2020 elections cannot be overstated. It will determine who appoints justices to the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal judges to lower courts.

The election will determine whether the U.S. Senate will continue to be led by pro-life Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), so they can confirm more federal judges. And it will also determine whether pro-abortion Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Ca.) will continue to squelch protective pro-life legislation such as the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

It’s important that voters know the differences between the candidates.

A Marist Poll (N=1,008, 2/12-17, 2019) found that 71% of adults support banning abortions performed after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except to save the life of the mother. Only 18% think abortion should be allowed until birth!

The 2020 Marist Poll found that 65% of Americans are “likely to vote for a candidate who wants significant restrictions” on abortion.

Be sure to download and share this important information with your friends and family.

For an updated downloadable presidential candidate comparison to see where the candidates stand on life issues, go to: www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/2020POTUScomparison.pdf



"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything."

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Senate Committee to hold hearing on “Born Alive” bill

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Even with very incomplete information, we know that there are numerous instances of babies born alive during abortions. They are not “rare.”

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that between 2003 and 2014, at least 143 babies died after being born alive during abortions. The number is likely far higher due to the fact that the CDC relies on state health departments which vary in their thoroughness. Additionally, California, the nation’s most populous state, along with Maryland and New Hampshire, have not reported any abortion figures to the CDC since 1998.

Only five states (Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, and Oklahoma) independently report cases of infants born alive. Even in that small sample, at least 25 children were born alive during attempted abortions in 2017 alone.

The attitude that babies born alive during an attempted abortion do not merit equal medical treatment is manifested in recent legislation, proposed and/or passed. For example, on January 22, 2019, the New York legislature passed, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) signed, the so-called “Reproductive Health Act.”

Among other provisions, the law repealed state-level protections for infants born alive during an attempted abortion. Previously, New York law stipulated that a second physician be present to care for a child 20 weeks or older born alive during an abortion.

In Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam (D) waded into the debate over a New York-style measure proposed in the Commonwealth. In a radio

interview during the Virginia legislature’s debate over State Del. Kathy Trans’ “repeal bill,” Northam said an infant born alive during an attempted abortion wouldn’t necessarily be entitled to immediate treatment other than being made “comfortable.”

His comments touched off a torrent of criticism.

In the wake of this controversy, although pro-abortion Democrats controlled the U.S. House, Republicans sprang into action by proposing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

House Republicans, led by minority whip Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), have been attempting to force a vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 962) sponsored by Rep. Ann Wagner (R-Mo.).

Democrats have blocked a vote, even denying Republicans the opportunity to hold a hearing on the legislation. In September 2019, Republicans instead held a minority hearing, with over 43 members of Congress in attendance as well as a standing-room only audience.

The legislation would enact an **explicit** requirement that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded “the same degree” of care that would apply “to any other child born alive at the same gestational age,” including transportation to a hospital. But Democrats do not want to have to vote and no committees have taken up the bill.

In addition, 80 pro-life members of the House have taken to the floor, seeking “unanimous consent” to take up the bill, to no avail. As a consequence, last April,

a “discharge petition” was presented.

If a majority of House members add their names to the petition, the bill will bypass committees run by pro-abortion Democrats and be brought to the floor for a vote. To date, every Republican and three Democrats have signed the petition. The discharge petition currently needs 14 more signatures. You can find the signers here [clerkpreview.house.gov/Dischargepetition/20190402?CongressNum=116].

In late February of 2019, the U.S. Senate considered the enhanced protective measure. Fifty-three senators voted to take up the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. However 60 votes were required to “invoke cloture” (overcome a filibuster), so the bill did not advance. The bill was supported by 50 Republicans and three Democrats.

Tuesday’s Senate hearing in an attempt to persuade more

Democrats to join their effort.

A poll taken almost exactly one year ago by McLaughlin & Associates found that 77% of respondents support legislation that “would ensure that a baby who survives a failed abortion would be given the same medical treatment as any other baby born prematurely at the same age.”

Melissa Ohden, who survived a failed 1977 saline infusion abortion, has testified before numerous House committees. According to her organization, “The Abortion Survivors Network,” from 2012-2018, they have, “...had contact with 260 survivors of abortion or their friends or family who contacted us on their behalf. We know this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to survivors—many don’t ever share their stories with anyone, and, in fact, many probably don’t even know about their survival, as it’s kept a secret.”



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POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

Together, baby; forever, baby

Pregnancy is a cooperative venture between mother and baby, medical discoveries show

Editor's note. The science of pregnancy gets more and more fascinating. To think of the mother simply 'hosting' her baby is so, well, 1973. What's going on in the womb is really a marvelous co-operative venture that may last a lifetime, as Dr Kristin Collier, an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, explains in the following interview with MercatorNet.

MercatorNet: For most of us, *Pregnancy 101* means there's a baby developing inside the mother; attached to the placenta by the umbilical cord. And, thanks to ultrasound and the photographs of Lennart Nilsson, we know what that looks like. But there's a lot more to this inside story, isn't there – could we start with the placenta?

Dr Kristin Collier Yes! There is so much more to the "inside story." Since you asked about the placenta, let's spend some time exploring this organ, as part of the "inside story." The placenta is amazing. Why you might ask? Well, for one, it is the only organ made in cooperation by two people. It is made from the growing baby's tissue and the mother's tissue together. Therefore, the placenta is known as a 'feto-maternal' organ. It is the first time that mother and baby come together to do something in cooperation.

The placenta, as many of your readers know, is the organ through which the baby and mother interface. This name 'placenta' is derived from the Latin word for a type of cake, as it is a flat organ and averages about a pound in weight. It is attached to the wall of the mother's uterus and is connected to the growing

baby by his or her umbilical cord. The placenta is the only purposely transient organ in human beings.

It also is amazing because it functions as many organs



in one. The placenta helps the prenatal child get rid of waste, helps provide nutrition and also produces hormones and protects the baby against infection. The placenta is acting like a lung, kidney, gastrointestinal tract and the endocrine and immune system. Pretty amazing for this one organ to have so many important functions.

In New Zealand, the indigenous Maori people have treated the placenta with reverence, traditionally burying it in ancestral land, which reinforces a link between people and land. Their intuitions seem to prefigure the importance of "the afterbirth" that science has discovered...

This information is beautiful to hear. It sounds like these indigenous people recognized the importance of the placenta even before modern science started to take a deeper interest. As you mentioned, the placenta

has long been called the 'afterbirth' as it is delivered after the baby. This 'afterbirth' often got short-shrifted in attention as an 'afterthought'. But no longer.

MercatorNet: Is there more to discover about this 'transient organ'?

Yes, there is always more to discover. One goal of the human placenta project is to better understand the placenta with the ultimate goal of improving maternal and child health. One interesting thing we know now about the placenta, although the full extent of this knowledge is not fully understood, is that along with functioning as many organs as one, there is a unique transfer of cellular material that happens across the placenta.

In science, microchimerism refers to the presence of a small population of genetically distinct and separately derived cells within an individual. In pregnancy, small amounts of cells travel across the placenta. Some of these cells are the prenatal child's cells that travel from the baby into her mother, and some cells also pass from the mother into her child. The cells from the prenatal child into her mother are pluripotent, which means they haven't yet differentiated into the type of cell specific for one organ or tissue in particular. These cells find their way into mother's tissue and start acting like the tissue in which they find themselves. This process is known as feto-maternal microchimerism.

MercatorNet: That is fascinating! In what ways can these fetal cells protect the mother in later life – or put her at risk?

Their full impact is still being understood, but some of these cells have been hypothesized to help mom in the time after birth and also for years to come. For

Reasons for pro-life optimism continue to mount

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Going forward, the real significance is how President Trump reached 49%. According to Jones, because of near-uniform support among Republicans and courtesy of a growing number of Independents:

Trump's approval rating has risen because of higher ratings among both Republicans and independents. His 94% approval rating among Republicans is up six percentage points from early January and is three points higher than his previous best among his fellow partisans. The 42% approval rating among independents is up five points, and ties three other polls as his best among that group.

But the Gallup numbers are not just great news for President Trump.

As Trump's job approval rating has improved, so has the image of the Republican Party. Now, 51% of Americans view the Republican Party favorably, up from 43% in September. It is the first time GOP favorability has exceeded 50% since 2005.

Meanwhile, 45% of Americans have a positive opinion of the

Democratic Party, a slight dip from 48% in September.

Additionally, *the poll finds 48% of Americans identifying as Republicans or leaning toward that party, compared with 44% Democratic identification or leaning. Recent Gallup polls had shown a fairly even partisan distribution, after the Democratic Party held advantages for much of 2019.*

The most important of Jones' conclusions is (of course) buried at the end:

If Trump's higher approval rating is being driven by Americans giving him credit for improvements in the economy, his support may increase over the course of the year, as it did for Ronald Reagan in 1984, Clinton in 1996 and Barack Obama in 2012. All of those recent presidents held office during periods of sustained economic improvement and were re-elected with job approval ratings of better than 50%.

One other survey result from a separate Gallup poll that

contributed to the "best week." Under the headline, "Record-High Optimism on Personal Finances in U.S.," RJ Reinhart writes, "Americans' views on their personal financial situation

year" and 74% say they will be better off financially in a year.

We will be keeping pro-lifers up to date as events progress. If you are not receiving *NRL*



*Pro-life President Donald Trump
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have been climbing since 2018 and are now at or near record highs in Gallup's trends. Nearly six in 10 Americans (59%) now say they are better off financially than they were a year ago, up from 50% last

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Tomorrow we will be writing about what happens today in New Hampshire.

President Trump Fights for Us

By Carol Tobias, President

On January 24, I had the honor of standing on stage at the 47th annual March for Life as President Donald J. Trump addressed the massive crowd. His attendance at the rally sent cheers of joy and excitement throughout the pro-life movement.

The crowd was so large that not everyone could see him, even though there was a huge Jumbotron. Some towards the back of the crowd had a difficult time hearing him as even the loudspeakers couldn't reach the entire area filled in by attendees. A friend said her group was back by the Washington Monument, almost a quarter mile from the stage, because they couldn't get closer!

But even if you couldn't see or hear everything the President said, be assured—the President saw and heard you.

President Trump captured our belief in the value of each and every child with passion and eloquence. “When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God’s creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world.”

A few days after the rally, I spoke with a friend who volunteers at a rural pregnancy resource center. She loved the president’s speech and said, “He thanked me!”

She was referring to the President’s shout out to pro-

lifers: “You stand for life each and every day. You provide housing, education, jobs, and medical care to the women that you serve. You find loving families for children in need of a forever home. You host baby showers for expecting moms. You make — you just make it your life’s mission to help spread God’s grace.”

from the speech was this telling comment: “They are coming after me because I am fighting for you and we are fighting for those who have no voice.” Yes, they are.

After he finished speaking, President Trump walked back and forth across the stage as the crowd roared its approval. He was looking closely at the people standing before him.

hostile media and a unified pro-abortion opposition.

After eight years of a president who worked night and day against us, we deeply appreciate that this president is working with us wholeheartedly so as to protect the most innocent, vulnerable persons in the world. President Trump’s unwavering support is even more important now



We understood—and appreciated—that President Trump was recognizing the breadth and depth of the pro-life movement, the talented and devoted people who are fighting for the voiceless and their mothers. They too often go unnoticed, but not by this President.

What perhaps struck me most

Perhaps he might have been saying to himself, “These are my people. This is why I fight.”

Pro-lifers and others who support this president are accused of being too uncritical. What an odd criticism when this man has kept every promise he made to us in the face of a

that the Democrat Party has embraced abortion on demand and refuses to allow laws to be passed to protect survivors of abortion.

In that light, showing our gratitude and appreciation for all he has done is natural, and the right thing to do.

Let's tell women the truth about abortion

By Antonia Tully, SPUC—the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Pro-abortion propaganda the world over is widespread, powerful and packed full of lies. Women are told that abortion is safe, simple and convenient. And now women are being told that they don't regret their abortions.

Recently, headlines in the US and over here, announced that five years on, the majority of women don't regret their abortion. The headlines were in response to a new study from a team of researchers at the University of California, San Francisco. But scratch the surface of this study and you'll quickly see the glaring flaws in it.

This latest study is based on data collected in what has been termed the 'Turnaway Study'. Between 2008 – 2010, researchers looked for women to participate in the study from 30 different abortion centres across 21 states in the US. The researchers then interviewed the women one week after the abortion and then at intervals over five years.

It is called the 'Turnaway Study' because it compares women who were close to the abortion time limit of the clinic and had abortions and those who those who were turned away from the clinic because their pregnancy was too advanced. A third group of women had early abortions. The significance here is that all women did not want to be pregnant and had

chosen abortion. This meant that any adverse mental health problems would be related to the abortion and not to whether the pregnancy was unwanted.

So, what are the problems with the 'Turnaway Study'?

The fundamental flaw with this study is the sample of

abortion. This makes it likely that those who did take part, and continued to the end, were more comfortable talking about their abortion and less likely to have any regrets.

Over the five-year period of the study, during which the women were contacted twice a year, the researcher lost touch

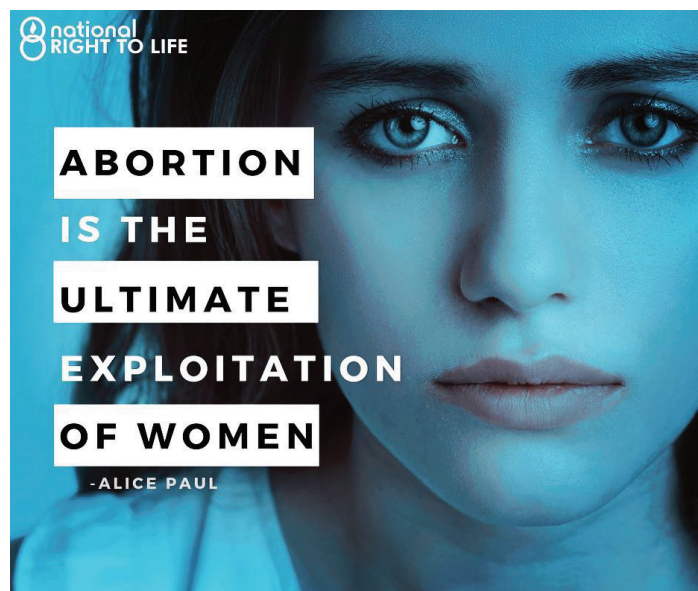
Among the reasons women may have dropped out during the research period, is their sense that the researchers were looking for particular answers. This is likely because the 'Turnaway Study' was conducted by the Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health at the University of California. This organisation is committed to free access to abortion.

Furthermore, the 'Turnaway Study' was funded by organisations such as the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, which is deeply committed to abortion.

At least 27 academic studies have been based on the data collected by the 'Turnaway Study'. This means that researchers are making claims about how women feel about abortion based on deeply flawed information.

Possibly the most damning verdict on the 'Turnaway Study' is that it contradicts the findings of the majority of other studies looking at the impact of abortion on women's mental health. The abortion lobby studiously ignores the literature from around the world, now piling up, which shows that women do regret their abortions and can suffer hugely after an abortion.

The abortion industry is built on lies. Women deserve the truth and SPUC will never stop proclaiming the truth.



women who took part. 3,000 women were approached to take part in the study between 2008-2010. But only 37.5% of women agreed to take part and of that 15% dropped out before the first interview. That left of 31.9% starting the study and only 22% of women were still participating at the five-year end of the study.

So the vast majority of women approached by researchers did not want to talk about their

with some. But some women will have dropped out because they did not want to continue answering questions about their abortion. These women may well have been suffering from psychological problems.

So now in 2020, women around the world are being told that there is no regret attached to abortion on the basis of what, at the end of a five-year study, a tiny sample of 667 of women told researchers.

Democrats are not just pro-abortion extremists, WaPo assures readers they are extreme on every issue

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Laura Keeler, a 35-year-old from Concord, New Hampshire, offered Pace arguably the understatement of 2020 when she said, “It’s a hard start.”

One other hugely important consideration which op-eds and editorials published over the last few days have illustrated with crystal-clarity. National Right to Life has discussed and illustrated in enormous detail just how over-the-top,

unrelentingly pro-abortion all eleven Democrat candidates for President, including the top seven. Political Director Karen Cross writes about that in the current issue on page one.

But in their haste to unify the party, pro-Democrat editorial pages, such as the *Washington Post’s* and *New York Times’*, are assuring “progressive” Democrats that don’t worry, should their favorites (Sanders and Warren) not win the party’s

nomination, the remainder of the field is very, very, very “progressive.”

How is this proven? Positions the party would have avoided like the plague are now mainstream. In a headline that says it all, and will come back to haunt whomever is the Democrat presidential nominee, the *Post* shouts out, “No, Pete Buttigieg and Joe Biden are not ‘centrists.’”

The editorial goes on to

argue, “In fact, every major Democratic candidate is running on an agenda to the left of Mr. Obama’s.”

We will write about the outcome of tonight’s New Hampshire primary on Wednesday at *NRL News Today*. Don’t miss it.

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“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.”

-PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Abortion Industry pushing Teleabortions in Pennsylvania

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

The abortion industry is engaged in a major push in Pennsylvania for telemedicine abortions (“teleabortions”).

These abortions occur when the abortionist is not physically present, but communicates with the woman via computer screen.

Three abortion facilities in the Keystone State recently applied for telemedicine status: Planned Parenthood in York; PPSP Far Northeast Health Center in Philadelphia; and PPSP West Chester Health Center in West Chester.

Interestingly enough, the PPSP Far Northeast Health Center in Philadelphia failed its previous inspection in October.

Chemical abortions using the abortion drug RU-486



ahead, it is expected that the chemical abortion rate in the Commonwealth will skyrocket. In light of these disturbing developments, the Pennsylvania

House of Representatives amended a telemedicine bill (Senate Bill 857) to prevent the distribution of dangerous drugs—such as RU 486—through telemedicine.

The bill has now gone back to the Pennsylvania Senate for consideration.

Urgent Legislative Alert: Pennsylvania residents are urged to contact their state Senator and encourage him or her to support the House-passed version of Senate Bill 857. If you do not know who your state Senator is, or you need contact information, go to <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/#address>

“One-Child Nation”: New Documentary Details the Horrors of China’s One-Child Policy *From page 17*

that she herself has visited on other pregnant moms.

It became a best seller in a dozen countries and is still—even if I do say so myself—probably the best first-person account of the one-child policy in its heyday that is in print.

For the most part, however, the voices of the victims and the victimizers were silent. Occasional reports would breach the great Chinese firewall, reporting that women were being fired from their jobs, or their homes destroyed to force them to submit to an abortion. We at the Population Research Institute also documented cases where the family members of pregnant moms were arrested and held as hostages until the women presented themselves for abortions. Or where illegal babies that they had secretly given birth to were taken by officials and sold to orphanages, who in turn allowed foreigners to adopt them—for a price. The cruelty and inhumanity of the Communist Party officials carrying out the policy knew no bounds.

Even twenty and thirty years into the one-child policy, however, it still had defenders among so-called Progressives, who still believed that China had no choice but to sacrifice the unborn to avoid (once again) “overpopulation.” Other Leftists simply averted their eyes from the carnage, as they do whenever the issue of abortion comes up.

The release of “One Child Nation” has opened the eyes of many. Nick Schager, a Progressive in good standing, wrote he wrote for the Daily Beast that “China’s horrifying child-killing policy was a reign of terror” that resulted “in countless abductions, forced abortions, and child deaths.”

While “One Child Nation” reveals the full gamut of human rights abuses that I witnessed so many years ago, it unfortunately buys into the falsehood that Chinese women were having too many babies. The restoration of China’s greatness required, the Party claimed, drastic limitations on births. To frighten the

population into submitting to the one-child policy, the state propagated the lie that without strict birth limitations, “China would have faced famine and potential cannibalism.”

The Communist Party use of the threat of “cannibalism” is bitterly ironic, since that is in one sense precisely what they set about doing: cannibalizing China’s future by eliminating 400 million of the most hardworking, intelligent, and business-minded people on the planet.

China today is older today because half of the last two generations of Chinese young people have been eliminated in utero or after birth. It is poorer today because of the deliberate destruction of what amounts to trillions of dollars of human capital. Its fertility rate of 1.05 children per woman is the second lowest in the world and it is about to experience absolute population decline, all because of the one-child policy.

And this is only the beginning. I believe that China may be entering what we demographers

call a demographic recession, which is a decades-long economic contraction brought on by an aging and shrinking population. In fact, China is aging more rapidly than any country in the world today and, to make matters worse, it will grow old before it grows rich.

I believe that, in the not-too-distant future, the Communist Party will embark on another “population control” program, this time not directed at the unborn but at the elderly. These “useless eaters,” the Party will say, must be eliminated to reduce the burden on society.

Given the brutal history of the one-child policy, why should anyone be surprised if this happens.

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President Trump's remarks to the 47th Annual March for Life

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And if universities want federal taxpayer dollars, then they must uphold your First Amendment right to speak your mind. And if they don't, they pay a very big financial penalty, which they will not be willing to pay. (Applause.)

Sadly, the far-left is actively working to erase our God-given rights, shut down faith-based charities, ban religious believers from the public square, and silence Americans who believe in the sanctity of life. They are coming after me because I am fighting for you and we are fighting for those who have no voice. And we will win because we know how to win. (Applause.) We all know how to win. We all know how to win. You've been winning for a long time. You've been winning for a long time. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Together, we are the voice for the voiceless. When it comes to abortion, Democrats is a — and you know this, you've seen what's happened — Democrats have embraced the most radical and extreme positions taken and seen in this country for years, and decades — and you can even say “for centuries.”

AUDIENCE: Boo —

THE PRESIDENT: Nearly every top Democrat in Congress now supports taxpayer-funded abortion, all the way up until the moment of birth.

AUDIENCE: Boo —

THE PRESIDENT: Last year, lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb right up until delivery.

AUDIENCE: Boo —

THE PRESIDENT: Then, we had the case of the Democrat governor in the state of Virginia — the Commonwealth of Virginia.

AUDIENCE: Boo —

THE PRESIDENT: And we love the Commonwealth of Virginia, but what is going on in Virginia? What is going on? The Governor stated that he would execute a baby after birth. You remember that.

Senate Democrats even blocked legislation that would give medical care to babies who survive attempted abortions. That's why I've called on Congress — two of our great senators here, so many of our congressmen here — and called upon them to defend the dignity of life and to pass legislation prohibiting late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in their mother's womb. (Applause.)

This year, the March for

Life is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which forever enshrined women's rights to vote in the United States — (applause) — and given by the United States Constitution. Such a big event. (Applause.)

Today, millions of extraordinary women across America are using the power of their votes to fight for the right, and all of their rights, as given in the Declaration of Independence — it's the right to life. To all the women here today: Your devotion and your leadership uplifts our entire nation, and we thank you for that.

The tens of thousands of Americans gathered today not only stand for life — it's really that they stand for it so proudly together, and I want to thank everybody for that.

You stand for life each and every day. You provide housing, education, jobs, and medical care to the women that you serve. You find loving families for children in need of a forever home. You host baby showers for expecting moms. You make — you just make it your life's mission to help spread God's grace.

And to all of the moms here today: We celebrate you, and we declare that mothers are heroes. (Applause.) That's true. Your strength, devotion,

and drive is what powers our nation. And, because of you, our country has been blessed with amazing souls who have changed the course of human history.

We cannot know what our citizens yet unborn will achieve, the dreams they will imagine, the masterpieces they will create, the discoveries they will make. But we know this: Every life brings love into this world. Every child brings joy to a family. Every person is worth protecting. (Applause.) And above all, we know that every human soul is divine, and every human life — born and unborn — is made in the holy image of Almighty God. (Applause.)

Together, we will defend this truth all across our magnificent land. We will set free the dreams of our people. And with determined hope, we look forward to all of the blessings that will come from the beauty, talent, purpose, nobility, and grace of every American child.

I want to thank you. This is a very special moment. It's so great to represent you. I love you all and — (applause) — and I say with true passion: Thank you. God bless you. And God bless America. Thank you all. Thank you. (Applause.)

SOURCE: The White House

Together, baby; forever, baby

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example, these cells have been found in Caesarean sections incisions helping to make collagen to help mom heal after a surgical delivery. These cells have also been found in the maternal breast and have been hypothesized to help reduce mom’s risk of breast cancer in her later years.

The ‘gift’ of these cells from the baby, entering into mom’s body and helping her heal and protecting her from cancer, is amazing to think of and really challenges our ideas of people as autonomous beings. In reality, many human beings carry remnants of other human beings in their body. These cells may even play a part in how future siblings are spaced.

What is also interesting, these cells that enter the mother are allowed to survive and are not attacked by the mother’s immune system, even though they are somewhat ‘foreign’. This again speaks to a cooperation, at the cellular level, between mother and child. And it would be one thing if these cells were inert and existed as a gift of sorts, from the child in the mother, but to think of these cells in some ways benefiting the health of the mother really speaks to a radical mutuality at the cellular level between two people that only serves to enhance our understanding of the maternal-child bond.

MercatorNet: *And what are the implications for involuntary pregnancy loss?*

Miscarriage can be a devastating event in the life of both the expectant mother and father. I’ve heard from many women that they felt, even after they lost their baby, that their baby was somehow always still with them in a way. And now, through the knowledge of the science of microchimerism, we know that this is true. Many women do have the presence, in their bodies, of a biological piece of their child and this cellular material may be aiding and assisting her not only now but in the future in ways we are only beginning to understand.

MercatorNet: *Obviously this science throws new light on the abortion debate, in particular on a woman’s autonomy when it comes to ending a pregnancy. She would be ending an*



irreducibly cooperative venture rather than a ‘kidnap’ (as Judith Jarvis styled it) and harming herself as well, would she not?

Every dehumanizing ideology succumbs to the same temptation – to see the undesirable other as a non-person. In the abortion debate, as in similar debates around marginalized vulnerable populations, language is used when describing the undesirable other that is dehumanizing. In the abortion debate, the prenatal child is referred to as a ‘clump of cells’ or even as a ‘parasite’.

As my friend Charlie Camosy writes in his book, we must resist appeals to individual autonomy that detach us from our duty to aid others, and resist language, practices and social structures that detach us from the full reality and dignity of the marginalized. A radical view of autonomy that leads to the end of another human life is one that is anti-life and oppresses the rights of another in the name of ‘freedom’.

So yes, the language that should be used to highlight the beautiful cooperation that exists in the dyad of the mother-

prenatal child relationship instead has been perverted to one that brings to mind a cancer, an infection or a crime (like a kidnapping or hostage situation). Those of us who feel called to

stand up for the vulnerable and marginalized among us, should call out such language not only in the abortion discourse but also in the discourse involving other marginalized vulnerable populations.

MercatorNet: *In a world focused on avoiding pregnancy it’s not surprising that we have heard little or nothing about these amazing pregnancy facts. Are there other reasons?*

That is an interesting question. I don’t know why this information isn’t more widely known. One reason is that there are so many other ‘practical’ things to know when you are pregnant that these other details of awe and wonder get marginalized.

Having had four pregnancies myself, I remember getting inundated with information around things to expect in pregnancy regarding my body – physical changes, symptoms etc. I remember reading in a book about what my baby was doing and looking like at each week of gestation, but I don’t remember getting information that exceeded the ‘practical’ domain.

Pregnancy and childbirth are wondrous, miraculous events! In my opinion, using language that reflects awe and wonder doesn’t discredit us in medicine, but only legitimizes the emotions and feelings the pregnant mother is likely already feeling.

MercatorNet: *What are the theological implications of these scientific insights, in your view?*

I am not a theologian, however in talking with those who are, I’ve come to think of biology now, more generally, in a relational sense that mirrors the nature of God. The scriptures speak of a God who is in relationship with his people. We then would only expect that God, being the author of biology, would create our bodily nature in a way that was also relational – even down to the level of the cell.

And in particular, when I think of the science of fetomaternal microchimerism, I think of the theological implications of cells from the incarnate word of God, Jesus Christ, in his mother, the Virgin Mary. We can say that Mary not only carried the Son of God in her body when he was in her womb, but that she likely carried his cells in her body throughout her life in a way that further magnifies her position as the glorious Theotokos. This highlights Mary’s glorious position as the Mother of God in a way I had never thought of before.

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Pro-abortion researchers recycle same misleading conclusions about women not regretting their abortions

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We know from other sources that, in fact, many of those women turned away came to see the outcome — often a born baby — in a positive light. If the UCSF researcher’s premise is correct, something close to 100% of the women “denied” an abortion should have seen that kind of outcome as negative. But they were barely even discussed here.

Back to those who did abort and were repeatedly interviewed. Should it surprise us that people who have made big decisions and have to live with them would tend to defend the rightness of those decisions? Doesn’t it tend to tilt the outcome when you know that the people conducting the survey are looking for positive responses and giving free \$50

gift certificates each time you do the survey?

Are we getting an authentic measure of people’s self evaluation of their decisions when a very selective sample of women is surveyed under these conditions (have we even determined whether or not self evaluations should be an appropriate moral, social, or psychological standard)? No.

To return to my initial point, the *Post’s* Ariana Eunjung Cha wrote that “Fifty articles have been published from the data.” This ground has been plowed multiple times. The initial crop—how the “Turnaway Study” was first presented—was impoverished. Subsequent tilling have proven to be even more barren.

A significant Moment in History... a President’s appearance at the March for Life

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families for children in need of a forever home. You host baby showers for expecting moms. You make — you just make it your life’s mission to help spread God’s grace.”

To hear him specifically mention adoption — and not just once — reminded me of the gravity of what we do in this movement. We encourage women in unplanned pregnancies to choose life, which takes a level of courage many of us will never be called upon to exercise.

And, in situations where those women cannot parent their children, we ask them to make the greatest sacrifice anyone can ever make — to choose a plan that places their child forever in the arms of another family. As the mama to two girls whose birth mothers made that choice, I cannot even imagine that pain.

From the bottom of my mama heart, thank you Mr. President, for caring about life enough to join us last Friday.

Thank you for letting my daughter experience that moment in history.

Thank you for speaking truth to all who listened, both in Washington, DC and around the nation.

And thank you, most of all, for addressing adoption. While it is far from a perfect solution, it is one that gives the gift of life and hope to so many children and families.

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