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By Abby Loftus

Maybe it’s the rapid-fire pace of the news cycle, or maybe it’s the social media world we all live in, but of late it seems as if I cannot keep up with the latest anti-life proposals. I find myself waking up each morning, thinking, “Will House (and Senate) Democrats continue to vote against innocent children born-alive from abortions? Will the people who advocate for ‘choice’ again veto a bill that only allows women to know



they could potentially save their child if they’ve started but not completed the process of a chemical abortion?”

But that’s why National Right to Life exists—to thwart pro-abortion initiatives whenever and wherever they appear and to enact protective measures in the states and in Congress.

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2020 Election: Where do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Abortion?

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

Democrats have their sights set on the 2020 elections, where they hope to unseat pro-life President Donald Trump.

Which presidential candidates support abortion on demand? Who will protect unborn children 20 weeks and older – babies capable of experiencing pain during an abortion?

National Right to Life has researched the top presidential candidates’ positions on abortion and prepared a shareable, downloadable flyer

and posted it online for your use.

The comparison considered the following issues:

- *Roe v. Wade*/Abortion
- The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Providers

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**Where do the
Candidates
Stand?**

Editorials

A tragically misguided decision by the Kansas Supreme Court must be remedied

On April 12th, Kansas Supreme Court Justices Marla Luckert, Lawton Nuss, Carol Beier, Dan Biles, Eric Rosen and Lee Johnson channeled their inner “Handmaid’s Tale” and discovered a heretofore unknown “right” to abortion in the state constitution invisible to mere mortals in the intervening 170 years since the Kansas state constitution had been adopted. There is no need to mock or ridicule the decision which took them more than two years to write. The justices did that to themselves in a 199 page long tome that is stupendously stupid, a classic example of results-driven jurisprudence.

Sympathetic reporters and pro-abortion columnists chortled about how “far” a state as pro-life as Kansas had come. But, of course, the state hadn’t suddenly embraced the ideology of unlimited “choice.” Four men and two women had, by confusing Kansas with the dystopia where women are mere breeders, created by author Margaret Atwood.

On page 50, we’re told, “Today we hold our Kansas Constitution’s drafters’ and ratifiers’ proclamation of natural rights applies to pregnant women. This proclamation protects the right to decide whether to continue a pregnancy.” [The word “Abortion,” like the name “Voldemort,” must not be uttered.]

Imagine that, a two-fer. They used the debate over the constitutionality of S.B. 95, a law that bans the dismemberment of living unborn children, to dismember the Kansas state constitution.

Not enough to give a thumbs up to allowing abortionists to dilate a woman’s cervix and then use steel instruments to dismember a living, well developed unborn baby, piece by bloody piece, until the baby bleeds to death.



In for a dime, in for a dollar. Voilà, there is a now “right” to abortion in the state Constitution’s Bill of Right which imperils any and all pro-life legislation.

The six justices lectured us about how out-of-step the framers and ratifiers of the state constitution were with today’s more

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The true face of the pro-abortionist unveiled for all to see

If we take January 22, 2019 as a starting point and scan the horizon, an unmistakable picture quickly emerges. On the 46th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* catastrophe, the militantly pro-abortion New York state legislature wildly celebrated passage of a law that liquated all limitation on abortion through all 40 weeks of pregnancy and, in its zeal, swept away protections for babies who miraculously survive abortions.

Should we have been surprised? Hardly. The finger in the dike holding back pro-abortion Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his fellow Democrats was Republican control of the state Senate. Once that fell last November, the die was cast.

In a sense this was just another dot in a pointillist portrait of the pro-abortion movement mindset that was largely completed decades ago. That is to say, in abolishing all limitations, Cuomo et al. secured the real goal that 50 years ago abortion “reformers” hid under the pretext of a mere “loosening” of state laws so a handful of victims of rape and incest could obtain abortions.

If the excuse in the 1960s was that more “flexible” abortion laws were needed to address those few “hard cases,” the pretext in 2019 was that the sky was about to fall: the Supreme Court was on the brink of overturning *Roe*. The anti-life forces in places such as New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Illinois, and Virginia were/are seeking (we were assured) merely to “protect” *Roe*, should the Supreme Court with two Donald Trump appointees dispatch it to where decisions such as *Plessey v. Ferguson* and *Dred Scott* rightly were sent: the dustbin of history.

Of course, pro-abortionists are as dishonest today as they were in the days of abortion “reform.”

The United States Supreme Court, as they well know, is not in the habit of overturning huge mistakes in one fell swoop. Moreover, as critics have correctly pointed out repeatedly, there are some

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From the President Carol Tobias

How far will pro-abortion militants go?



Over the years, I would occasionally insert something like this into my speeches: “As we come closer to that day of overturning *Roe v Wade* and protecting unborn children, the battle is going to be fierce. If you think pro-abortion extremists are rude and militant now, you ain’t seen nothing yet.”

We’re getting a glimpse of what could and, likely will, come. We have heard about exhibits being destroyed or stolen on college campuses and elsewhere. But now the attacks are increasingly on people, not property.

Last year, two physical attacks on pro-lifers in Canada garnered attention in pro-life outlets. Jordan Hunt, a hairstylist in Toronto, delivered a roundhouse kick on an unsuspecting woman at a Life Chain rally in Toronto. The following day, Gabriela Skwarko, a college student, physically attacked two other students holding pro-life signs.

Nearer to home, Jillian Ward, a student at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, flew off the handle and started punching a pro-lifer who was displaying pictures of aborted babies.

Now, we have Brian Sims, a pro-abortion Democratic state Representative in Pennsylvania, who videotaped his verbal assault on an elderly woman praying outside a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood facility. The lout proudly posted his 8-minute frenzied rant online.

We soon learned that Sims had previously videotaped and posted his harangue of three teenage girls, accompanied by the mother of two of them, who were praying outside the same facility. He brazenly stated that he would give \$100 to Planned Parenthood if someone would identify the young girls. In

the same video, he approached a young man and asked for his name and address.

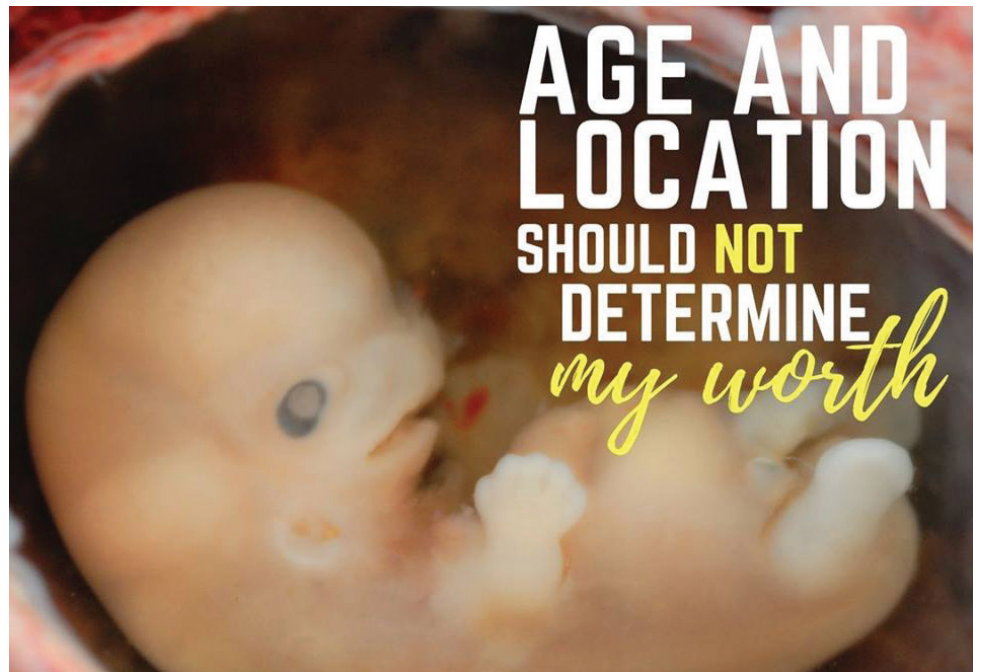
Is Sims a zealot, a bully, both, or worse? Unfortunately, I think he is representative of what can and will happen as pro-aborts become more afraid that someday they may no longer be able to kill little babies. Here are more examples:

Pro-abortion Democratic State Rep. John Rogers of Alabama, angry over the impending passage of a pro-life bill, outrageously stated on the floor of the House chamber “You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, then you send them to the electric chair. So you kill them now or you kill them later.” Adding insult to injury, Rogers said, “Some parents can’t handle a child with problems,” and “It [!]

as to the true goal of the abortion industry. Abortion for all nine months of abortion, with no limits, not even a requirement to protect the innocent child who miraculously survives an abortion.

Our opponents will fight to keep the “right” to abortion. But we are ready to stand firm, with the belt of truth buckled around our waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

We just celebrated Mother’s Day, an acknowledgement of the importance of the love mothers have for their children, born and unborn. Likewise, the pro-life movement, whose leadership is overwhelmingly female, is a movement of



could be retarded. It might have no arms and no legs.”

When Donald Trump, Jr., criticized Rogers for those comments, Rogers responded in a radio interview that Trump, Jr, is “evidently retarded” and that his mother should have aborted him. Classy guy.

The New York legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo with its “Reproductive Health Act” helped to open the eyes of many

love. We love and want to protect unborn children. We love and want to help their mothers.

That love naturally extends to the women who deeply regret their abortion and part of our mission of reconciliation is to help them by proving forgiveness, acceptance, and healing.

It is a blessing to be a part of this great movement for social justice.

Abortion Survivors refuse to allow the nation to “be New York”

By Melissa Ohden

Editor’s note. Melissa incredibly survived a saline abortion in 1977. She continues to speak around the world and will, as she has often in the past, be a part of a General Session at the NRLC convention which takes place July 5-6 in Charleston, South Carolina.

How can I sum up the last few months of my life? Is there an accurate way that captures what it’s been like to witness not only abortion being aggressively advanced and celebrated throughout pregnancy, but also legislation that would require treatment of abortion survivors, like me, debated and blocked, our existence dismissed as an impediment to “reproductive rights” if not imaginary?

I can’t put it all into one word, or even a phrase, but I’ll try my best to put it into a few paragraphs. Many months ago, I wrote about what it was like to be on *Fox Friends* with two fellow survivors. Claire Culwell, who survived the abortion that took the life of her twin, and Josiah Presley, who survived a curettage abortion in Korea, prior to his adoption by his family in the U.S.

I made it clear even then that we refuse to be “New York,” a reference to that state’s race to the bottom when it eliminated all limitations on abortion and removed all protections for babies who survivor the abortionist’s best efforts. As abortion survivors, we’ve felt a particular purpose in putting a face on and a name to this heightened discussion about abortion and even infanticide in our nation.

But those who looked to

New York and Gov. Andrew Cuomo as a model were just getting started. First there was Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran in Virginia, who frankly admitted her “Repeal Bill” would allow abortion through “all 40 weeks,” and Gov. Ralph Northam’s squishy on infanticide response to what happens to abortion survivors.

As 2019 continued to roll on, so did the hits against life and survivors. Vermont and Massachusetts are Rhode Island and Illinois are just four of the states where similar legislation is advancing. The Kansas Supreme Court recently ruled that abortion is a “right” under the state constitution.

And it’s not just legislation that’s been sweeping the nation, it’s also the actions and words of abortion supporters, too. From Representative Brian Sims verbally abusing an elderly woman and bullying teenage pro-lifers in Pennsylvania to Representative John Rogers from Alabama talking about “killing them now, or killing them later,” everyday there seems to be something new and even stranger in the abortion fight.

I know I’m not alone in feeling a bit like we’re living in the Twilight Zone. If you would have told me year ago that abortion would become a national conversation, that the American public would have their eyes opened to the truth, that polling would reflect that more and more individuals identify as pro-life, with more supporting abortion restrictions, I don’t know that I would have believed you. At least, I wouldn’t have

believed it would happen the way that it has this year under these circumstances and in this relatively short time span.

But then again, I probably wouldn’t have believed you

has been thus far stymied, to then participating in the Press Conference with Members of the House regarding the Discharge petition on the Born-Alive Act and observing 193 of



Melissa Ohden

that I would meet President Trump, as I did in the Oval Office earlier this year. It was an incredible honor to join a handful of others who are directly impacted by abortion legislation. But for me, as the survivor of an actual abortion procedure, it was truly a defining moment of my life—to shake the hand of the most Pro-Life President in our American history, to thank him on behalf of other abortion survivors, to know how hard he continues to fight for lives like mine to be protected.

There’s been a joke running around some of the pro-life organizations that I’ve spent more time in DC this year than I have at home in Kansas City. Some weeks it has certainly felt like it. From meeting President Trump to lobbying the Senate on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection that

them sign it in Chambers that very first day, I certainly have spent a lot of time in DC this spring. [The number is now up to 199.] For now, it culminated with testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

From conversations I know a lot of people are curious to know what it’s been like to be a part of each of those events or witness them unfolding. I’ll be honest. Sometimes it feels very surreal.

Even though I’ve been speaking publicly for twelve years now, it often feels like what’s happening around all of us can’t be real. “Am I really having to stand here and tell the world that I was a human being that deserved to be protected?”

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Pro-lifers respond to the Canary in the Coal Mine

By Ingrid Duran, State Legislative Director, NRLC

The seasons have a way of mirroring our daily lives. We can learn so much from nature if we simply observe the patterns.

At the beginning of state legislative sessions in January, we will recall how the winter brought a nor'easter of a storm our way. On the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the New York legislature passed an extreme pro-abortion bill signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. After fending off the "Reproductive Health Act" for years, the RHA enshrined abortion on demand in addition to removing protections from abortion survivors.

Some viewed this as the canary in the coal mine, an advanced warning of terrible things to come. They were soon proven right. A handful of states such as Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia came up with their own versions of the New York-type law.

As I write this post, Rhode Island's counterpart has passed one chamber. In Vermont, two harmful pieces of legislation are moving quickly.

However, the pro-life community heard the canary and was galvanized into action. We have resisted these attempts by educating the public of the dangers of becoming another New York.

In Virginia, pro-lifers celebrated as the "Repeal Bill" was defeated. In Massachusetts the legislation has not moved.

And although starting off with largely bad news is not promising, I can reassure readers that seeds of a better

day were planted during these times. Our affiliates have been active and engaged in exposing how dangerous these bills are in an effort to defeat them. Our affiliates have been structuring the legislative priorities behind

and even if they did not pass, pro-lifers were able to expose the extremism in this horrific and brutal abortion procedure and at least have the debate which can lead to a teaching moment.



**I EXIST AS I AM,
THAT IS ENOUGH!**

W. Whitman

bills that will effectively protect unborn children and their mothers.

In the middle of our Spring season more laws protecting unborn children have been enacted than laws that would threaten their very existence. The public is learning more about the developing child in utero and advocating for their right to exist.

Two states, Indiana and North Dakota, passed NRLC's top priority bill, the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act. It was introduced in other states

Abortion pill reversal (APR) bills are gaining steam across the nation. Not only has the NRLC model been introduced in Congress, three states, Kentucky, North Dakota, and Oklahoma, enacted a law this session. These bills provide information to abortion minded women about the possibility of reversing the intended effects of a chemical abortion, should they change their mind.

In total there are 8 states that have abortion pill reversal information: Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky,

North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Utah.

There could have been a 9th state but Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly vetoed the law that the legislature passed. The Kansas legislature fell just one vote short of successfully overriding the veto.

But looking long term, even though it was a bitter defeat, the debate was had. Now Kansans are aware that such a reversal process is possible and if I know Kansas, I know they will not give up they will not rest until the vulnerable are protected.

So far the APR technique has saved over 500 babies, imagine just how many more will be saved now that we have brought it to a national and state level and that pro-lifers have been educating and passing laws providing this vital piece of information.

The session is starting to slow down, but it is not over yet. We are now able to see some of the flowers bloom because we planted the seeds during a cold and bitter time for the unborn. It reminds me of one of my favorite quotes:

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."—Mother Teresa

I am hopeful that more laws will be passed before the session is over that will offer effective legal protection for unborn children. I know that the seeds we've planted today will be the shade in the trees future generations will sit under as they too advocate for the unborn and the vulnerable.

How opposition to protecting abortion survivors points to growing specter of infanticide

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

In late February, the U.S. Senate tried to pass legislation requiring ordinary medical care for newborn babies who survive abortion—the medical care any other infants born alive at the same age would receive.

Abortion advocacy groups like Planned Parenthood and NARAL opposed it. Forty-four senators successfully filibustered it. Meanwhile, a majority in the U.S. House has refused to consider it. The bill has not passed either chamber of Congress.

Why not? It doesn't seem controversial. It doesn't affect abortion access or women's health care in any way. It simply prevents abortion practitioners from abandoning or neglecting living babies who are already born.

Opponents have offered various explanations for their position. But none of them are plausible reasons for opposing the bill. There's definitely more going on here.

Objections to the born-alive bill

Consider the stated reasons for opposition to the born-alive legislation. One very common claim is that the bill infringes on “decisions about women's health care,” as Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) repeatedly said in a speech on the Senate floor. That's a bald-faced lie. Infant health care is not women's health care because infants are not women.

Some say the bill requires doctors to take unnecessary or extraordinary measures. That's also plainly false. The bill doesn't specify the care that is appropriate in any given

situation. It simply says that physicians can't treat certain babies differently just because of the circumstances of their birth.

Others say that cases of abortion survival don't happen—they are “imaginary,” as NARAL puts it. This would be news to the hundreds of known abortion survivors

is: Not always. Nurses have testified to seeing babies left to die after surviving abortion. Undercover investigations have produced additional evidence that born-alive infants are sometimes killed. Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia abortionist, routinely killed newborn babies after delivering them alive. Texas abortionist

mechanisms to effectively prevent neglect (or worse). That's why the current bill is necessary.

That's also why so many elected officials and groups like Planned Parenthood complain about the bill's requirements. They recognize that it does what federal law doesn't already do.

The march of infanticide

If all of these reasons are easily refuted, though, what's the real reason for unwavering opposition from abortion advocacy groups and allied politicians? Why oppose equal treatment for babies born as a result of abortion? Many politicians are probably just following the talking points they are given (the points addressed above). But what's the basis for the underlying position taken by the abortion industry? Is the “right” to abortion, according to Planned Parenthood and the others, a right to make sure an unwanted child ends up dead?

In an essay published in the *Atlantic*, Michael Wear, who worked in the Obama administration, suggests that abortion advocates oppose the born-alive bill because “support of ... [the] bill requires the acknowledgement of realities that threaten uncomplicated support for the pro-choice position.” Indeed, “If a failed abortion is one that results in a baby that is born alive,” he asks, “what does that say about the purpose and effect of a successful abortion?”



living today. The Centers for Disease Control also reports that, between 2003 and 2014, at least 143 babies were “definitively” born alive after abortion (and the actual number is certainly higher). A handful of such cases are reported here in Minnesota each year by the state health department.

But is protection for born-alive infants really necessary? Don't the people paid to kill these human beings care for them when they survive? Unsurprisingly, the answer

Douglas Karpen has allegedly done the same.

Finally, many people say the new bill isn't necessary because the law already protects infants who are born after failed abortions. Some states do require appropriate care for abortion survivors, but other states do not. At the federal level, the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act recognizes these babies as “persons,” but it does not explicitly require care, nor does it include any enforcement

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Biden splices out “Life” when quoting from the Declaration of Independence

By Dave Andrusko

Tip of the hat to *LifeNews*. While listening to former Vice President Joe Biden officially announce his 2020 candidacy for President, I missed all together this fascinating and very revealing omission.

The video begins:

Charlottesville, Virginia, is home to the author of one of the great documents in human history. We know it by heart: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.”

We’ve heard it so often, it’s almost a cliché. But it’s who we are.

What’s missing, besides an acknowledgement that is the second sentence of the Declaration of Independence?

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are



Joe Biden

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Should we be surprised? Of course not. His Road to Damascus in reverse

experience has meant that he is a reliable pro-abortionist who can always be counted on to put down those of us trying to protect unborn babies and their mothers.

But truncating something we all know by heart—the greatest explication of the universality of human rights ever written—is bold even by Biden’s standards. (Was he perhaps afraid if he quoted the entirety of the sentence, he’d be accused yet again of plagiarism? Naw.)

The *New York Times*’ Alexander Burns “annotated” Biden’s announcement video and concluded

Notably absent here: policy, biography, ideology. This is among the broadest and most oratorical announcement videos we’ve seen so far, totally bereft of the line graphs we saw in Senator Elizabeth

Warren’s kickoff or the vivid personal biography in Senator Cory Booker’s. Unlike other candidates, Mr. Biden has the luxury of already being known to most voters. But it is by no means clear that this posture of being above the fray, preoccupied with great moral questions rather than white papers and political litmus tests, is sustainable in a very crowded Democratic race.

Well, maybe. My guess is that Biden felt it more important to character assassinate President Trump’s than produce a batch of flow charts. It very much a declaration of “I’ll start low and will not weary in the pursuit of the bottom of the bottom.”

Biden makes it official: One more pro-abortion Democrat announces they are running for President

By Dave Andrusko

Literally hours after numerous reports suggested his presidential launch was floundering, pro-abortion former Senator and Vice President Biden set sail in a 3 ½ minute long video posted that morning.

As you would have expected from Biden, running in a crowd of fellow Democrats aspiring to be the party’s 2020 presidential nominee, his video combined generalities about his all-purpose wonderfulness

and very specific, hate-ridden attacks on President Trump.

We’ll skip both. Who is the 76-year-old Joe Biden, besides one of what will eventually be a boatload of rivals including Sens. Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Kristen Gillibrand, and Elizabeth Warren along with Beto O’Rourke, Pete Buttigieg, and another dozen or so others?

*For starters, even Hillary Clinton has not been running

for President as long as Biden. After consideration that went back as far as 1980, he did announce his candidacy for the presidency in 1984 and again in 1988.

I remember that aborted 1988 candidacy, which was derailed by charges of plagiarism aided and abetted by organizational chaos.

Biden was ecumenical in his verbal shoplifting. He was first accused of lifting remarks from British Labour Party leader Neil

Kinnock, later from Hubert Humphrey, Robert Kennedy, and President John F. Kennedy. He did not officially run again until 2008 only to become Barack Obama’s vice president.

*Biden has “evolved” on abortion. His earlier nod in a pro-life direction was supplanted by a vigorous shake-of-the-head

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Indiana Governor signs bills banning dismembering living unborn babies and enhancing conscience protections

By Dave Andrusko

On April 25 Gov. Eric Holcomb signed House Enrolled Act 1211, which bans the practice of dismembering living unborn children, and Senate Bill 201, which expands Indiana law to extend conscience protections to additional medical providers.

Indiana joins eleven other states in enacting laws that forbid the hideous dismemberment technique in which the abortionist first dilates the woman's cervix and then uses steel instruments to dismember the living, unborn baby, piece by bloody piece. As the ACLU warned it would, two days later it filed a lawsuit against HEA 1211.

As *NRL News Today* reported, The Save Our Children Act has been introduced in the United States House of Representative. It defines "dismemberment abortion" as "knowingly dismembering a living unborn

child and extracting such unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps,



Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb

tongs, scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers,

slice, crush or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body in order to cut or rip it off."

The Indiana Senate overwhelmingly voted in favor of HB 1211 on a vote of 38-10 as did the House, 71-25.

As it moved its way through the Senate, bill sponsor Sen. Liz Brown said " [I]n House Bill 1211, we are only restricting a particularly barbaric practice." Added Senator Sen. Jim Tomes, passing the bill was a chance to take "this ugly stain off our nation's soul," and "protect these little babies."

"Hoosiers spoke up in great numbers against the atrocity of dismemberment abortions this spring," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "Legislators listened, and thanks to Gov. Eric Holcomb's signature, children will be protected from barbaric dismemberment abortions in Indiana. We thank

our pro-life elected officials for their leadership."

Currently physicians and hospital employees can object to participating in abortions for ethical, moral or religious reasons. But SB 201, authored by Sen. Liz Brown, extends conscience protections to other medical providers, including nurses, physician assistants and pharmacists.

"Chemical abortions are on the rise in Indiana," Fichter shared. "As more women seek chemical abortions that use pills, pharmacists and other health care workers may become unwilling participants in an abortion. Thank you to Sen. Brown for authoring this conscience protection bill. All health care providers must be able to practice their profession in Indiana without helping to end a child's life against their conscience."

Governor signs “Trigger” bill to restore protective abortion laws should Roe be overturned

By Dave Andrusko

Last Friday Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee signed the Human Life Protection Act (SB1257/HB1029), a “trigger” bill which will take effect upon the reversal of *Roe v Wade*, in whole or in part, by the U.S. Supreme Court. It will enact the full restoration of Tennessee’s protective pre-*Roe* laws. The act also restores the right of Tennesseans to decide these public policies on abortion for ourselves.

“Tennessee Right to Life is grateful to Governor Lee for restoring common sense protections for Tennessee’s women, girls, and unborn children,” said Brian Harris, the organization’s president. **“The Governor ran for office as a pro-life candidate and has demonstrated his sincere commitment.”**

According to *the Tennessean*, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas are also considering trigger laws this year.

Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota, which have long had such laws in place.” Kentucky and Arkansas passed

movement to restore the fullest possible protection to the largest number of unborn children and women in our state,” said Harris, president of Tennessee Right to Life. “As states like New York seek to prepare for the possible overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, pro-life Tennesseans are working to ensure that our state is among the most protective for abortion vulnerable women, girls, and unborn children.”

The Human Life Protection Act overwhelmingly passed the Senate by a vote of 26-5 Monday night. The House followed suit, approving the legislation by a lopsided vote of 69 – 24.

After the Senate’s vote, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally called the bill “landmark, pro-life legislation.”



“Six states currently have trigger laws,” reported Anita Wadhvani and Natalie Allison. “They include Louisiana,

their version of trigger laws this year.

“It has always been the priority of Tennessee’s pro-life

Biden makes it official

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agreement that abortion was a woman’s decision. Earlier there was a lot of public “wresting” with abortion in light of his Catholicism, but expediency carried the day over the staunchly pro-life position of the Catholic Church. Biden was one of the earliest Democrats to argue that he felt he couldn’t

“impose” his personal views on anyone else which (as many have pointed out) eventually included himself.

*Because of some of the early positions he took on abortion, the Abortion Establishment was leery. That has changed as Biden and the party have embraced abortion on demand.

“Joe Biden continued his

evolution on the issue under Obama. He got there,” former NARAL President Kate Michelman told the New York Times last month. “I can’t say for absolute, 100 percent, but I would trust him as president to protect and defend women’s right to choose.” Finally...

*“We are in the battle for the soul of this nation,” Biden

intoned in his video. He is right to this extent.

Whoever the Party of Death chooses to run against President Trump in 2020, he or she will be the standard bearer for abortion on demand and non-treatment of abortion survivors.

In that critical sense, clearly we **are** “in the battle for the soul of this nation.”

Grassroots America: You May Never Know the Difference You Are Making

By Jacki Ragan, Director, State Organizational Development Department, National Right to Life

Every year, Arkansas Right to Life hosts a Chapter Appreciation Luncheon and it is one of my favorite things to attend. I had the honor of attending this event April 27.

The chapters arrive and have some time to visit with other chapters, peruse the latest in pro-life materials and prepare to give a report on their chapter's activities. There are door prizes given throughout the event and each chapter gets to pick an item or two from the special "Chapter Table" with items that every chapter needs.

Having been able to attend a dozen or more of these gatherings, I notice each time that the person giving the report generally begins with, "It was a busy year and our chapter hasn't been able to do as much as we would like..." and then proceed to list activity after activity after activity that they have done, many of them branching out into the county next to them that might not have a chapter or an active chapter.

Listening to the reports and activities of these chapters is one of the most inspiring things I get to do. I get motivated, get new ideas, get inspired, and just completely rejuvenated.

These are the folks that fuel the right to life movement, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. They provide the grassroots activities that are necessary to complete every single thing we accomplish as a movement. These are the leaders of the

movement and the movers and shakers who know how to get things done...and you will never meet a more humble group of people.

across the United States. And it is not slowing down.

With the passage of abortion until birth law in New York, and the cheering and high fiving

no exception to that. But now is truly the time to step up, and get the chapter going, and get involved and begin (or start again) to make a real



Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life (center) with members of the Perry Co. chapter of Arkansas Right to Life.

Or a more necessary group of people.

One of the seriously bright spots in last Saturday's Chapter Appreciation Luncheon was 4 brand new counties stretching across 6 counties and 2 more very interested in becoming a chapter.

2019 has seen a groundswell of chapter activity and the resurgence of many new chapters, regulated chapters, of people who have been called to service, many of whom have been called back to service all

that they did, it seriously made much of America sick to their stomachs. And so they called, and came in droves to find out what they could do to help.

We have dozens of new chapters in the works, have sent out hundreds of packets, and every single person who contacts us receives a personal call back from our State Organizational Development Department to see how we can help them help the babies.

Everyone feels overwhelmed sometimes and I am certainly

difference in saving lives. How many people ever get that opportunity?

What a honor to be called. How can we help you? Think about it and then call or email and someone will get back to you.

Thank you for being a part of one of the greatest teams ever — the chapters and state affiliates of National Right to Life.

Please, come and join us.

Call (202) 626-8809 or email us at stateod@nrlc.org.

“Doctors do not know everything”: Mom with cancer rejects advice to abort her baby

By Dave Andrusko

Kudos to Louise Bevan for an outstanding story about the very courageous Sarah Wickline Hull inspired by Hull’s terrific Facebook post.

Hull cut right to the chase. Her first sentence was

People are talking about the medical necessity of abortion to save the mother’s life. I was one of those mothers.

Almost eleven years ago, 20 weeks pregnant after years fighting infertility, Hull tells us she was “diagnosed with an aggressive cancer that was cutting off my airway.”

She writes on Facebook, “I will never forget when the first doctor, an oncologist, mentioned abortion. We had gone thru years of infertility to get pregnant. I knew I would rather die and give birth.”

Alas, she received no better advice or encouragement when the next doctor she went to “listed all of the problems the baby would have if I did not terminate.”

The moment of truth: “I stood my ground and refused.”

The doctor’s response is nothing short of chilling:

He said, “That is ok. The baby will probably spontaneously abort anyway.”

What happened next is a testimony to her determination:

I searched and found good doctors that supported me, and I gave birth to a healthy baby at 34 weeks.

Hull is celebrating 10 years

cancer-free. “I have a healthy, beautiful, bright, precious 10 year old daughter who is a living reminder that doctors do not know everything.”

And the response to her original Facebook post back in January has been remarkable,

faithfulness, trust, and courage! I marvel at how God speaks to us through others. Your tender story is a powerful witness to the light that drives out darkness.”

messages from readers who sympathized with her experience or shared similar stories of their own.

Hull’s story is powerful but only one example of courage.



Bevan reported:

Since her story was shared on Facebook, the thought-provoking post has received an overwhelming response, garnering over 850,000 likes and having been shared over 300,000 times.

One social media user wrote, “Your testimony is truly inspiring Sarah!”

While another wrote: “Thank you for your

“It’s hard to find the words that truly describe how amazing you are Sarah. The faith you had was unwavering, and you knew that when the Doctors did not. I love you,” another chimed in.

In response, Bevan wrote, “Please know that I will be praying for all of you,” Sarah posted, after being inundated with

Back in February, *Christian News* wrote

A number of mothers nationwide have shared their personal stories of refusing doctor recommendations to abort, giving others hope and encouragement in the midst of much talk about the abortion “rights” bill signed into law in New York on the 46th year of Roe v. Wade.

Canadian man murders full-term pregnant wife, her baby dies before help could arrive

By Dave Andrusko

On May 2 Ontario Superior Court Justice Jocelyn Speyer sentenced Nicholas Baig to life in prison with no chance of parole for 17 years for the viciously brutal murder of his 9-month-pregnant wife.

That's one year for each time Baig stabbed the defenseless Arianna Goberdhan in April 2017 at Baig's home. Her baby, whom she intended to name Asaara, miraculously received no injuries. "But left to bleed to death, Goberdhan and her baby couldn't be saved by the time paramedics arrived," an infuriated *Toronto Sun* columnist Michele Mande wrote.

There is no provision in Canadian law to punish someone for killing an unborn child, even Asaara, who died just 20 days before her mother's April 27 due date.

"Baig was arrested 24 hours later in Markham following a day-long search and charged with second-degree murder," according to Amara McLaughlin of *CBC News*. "Days later investigators upgraded the charge to first-degree murder after meeting with Crown attorneys, however in January he would plead

guilty to the lesser charge of second-degree murder."

The details of Baig's attack



Arianna Goberdhan and Nicholas Baig in a wedding photo in November 2016 — six months before she was killed. (Facebook)

are too gruesome to go into. Suffice it to say, according to McLaughlin's account,

Goberdhan phoned police surreptitiously, but did not speak. Court documents state

the operator heard her plead with Baig, saying: "You have to

let me go. You have to let me go home ... you can't keep me here like this in the state that you are in Nick."

Baig stabbed her to death after the call

ended, Justice Speyer said

Whatever the source of Baig's rage, a lengthy series of tweets he sent his wife, who had been living for months with her parents, rippled with hate and anger and vile language.

"He went on to write: 'You're a lying whore and I hope you die delivering. I've never wished death on anyone before. I hope to God you stop breathing while you drive. I really don't want to be married to you.'"

Friends and family "remembered Goberdhan in their victim impact statements as a vibrant and compassionate person who would light up any room she walked in to," McLaughlin reported.

Under current law, "Baig faced no charges for killing his unborn daughter," Mande wrote. "With supporters rallying outside the courthouse, Goberdhan's family urged Parliament to amend the Criminal Code in her memory."

PBS 'Frontline' Film on the Abortion Scene in Philadelphia Omits Kermit Gosnell

By Alexa Moutevelis Coombs

PBS's FRONTLINE episode "The Abortion Divide," an update of a piece by Mark Obenhaus that examined abortion politics in Pennsylvania in 1983, aired on April 23. The film bounced back and forth between the 1980s and today, ranging from the inner city of Philadelphia to the suburbs and recording five separate abortion procedures.

But one crucial topic was conspicuously missing: the crimes of Dr. Kermit Gosnell.

The most infamous abortionist in the country had a clinic in Philadelphia from 1979 to 2010, and a 2013 trial that found him guilty of multiple murders in the course of his practice. PBS never even mentions him.

There are many opportunities to bring Gosnell up, perhaps none more obvious than during this discussion about abortion regulations in Pennsylvania.

MARK OBENHAUS: In 1982, when the first film was shot, security was light. The waiting room was relaxed and felt like a doctor's office. The staff wore street clothes. Then, the procedure rooms were spare with a minimum of equipment. The clinic today has the look of a hospital. Anti-abortion groups in Pennsylvania and 23 other states have pressed for the passage of laws that mandate abortion clinics operate as "ambulatory surgical facilities."

CAROL TRACY, Executive Director, Women's Law Project: Pennsylvania implemented regulations under the Ambulatory Surgical Facilities Act, that governs everything from the width

of hallways, to where sinks are located, to the HVAC systems, to the job descriptions. Abortion care providers have come into compliance with numerous regulations at great cost, at great financial cost to the women who need abortions. And also, it's limited the number of abortion providers in this state.

JENNIFER BOULANGER, Senior Director, Philadelphia Women's Center: We had to spend over \$500,000 on



improvements that did nothing to improve the health of our patients.

The Gosnell Grand Jury Report explicitly said, "The abhorrent conditions and practices inside Gosnell's clinic are directly attributable to the Pennsylvania Health Department's refusal to treat abortion clinics as ambulatory surgical facilities."

Obenhaus wants viewers to believe Pennsylvania in with 23 other states were bullied by "anti-abortion groups" into adopting these laws. That's simply untrue. Pennsylvania's laws were enacted in response to Gosnell by a bipartisan majority in the Pennsylvania state house. But taxpayer-

funded PBS has always had a Gosnell blind-spot: in 2012 Anchor Judy Woodruff admitted she was "not familiar with" Gosnell and PBS didn't cover his 2013 trial for over a month.

One of Tracy's complaints – regulations about the width of hallways – directly relates to the Gosnell case. The grand jury report, in describing the circumstances that led to the death of Karnamaya Mongar after an abortion, said when

medication [chemical/RU486] abortions start and two surgical abortions. Two of the abortions involved sets of twins. That's seven tiny human heartbeats that were snuffed out on-camera.

One woman, named Taryn, already has two kids, is "recently single," and we find out with her during the vaginal ultrasound that she's aborting twins. After she takes the first pill, Taryn tells the camera:

What I hope I feel is a sense of peace, not only with myself and in the decision that I've made, but also a sense of peace with these two beings that I've chosen not to bring into the world. Thank you for choosing me, and I'm honored to be given this gift of life. And also, I, I can't do it right now. I can't accept that mantle in terms of the other lives that I'm taking care of and I'm responsible for.

Another mother, Shaharra, has four children and has already had one abortion. The episode shows the most of her abortion, including afterward, when we follow the cooler containing the body of her unborn baby (euphemistically called "pregnancy tissue") to a back room where a male technician pieces through the shredded remains to ensure the procedure was complete.

emergency personnel arrived at Gosnell's clinic, "responders had to waste precious more minutes trying to maneuver through the narrow cramped hallways that could not accommodate a stretcher."

In another emergency, "They discovered they could not maneuver stretchers through the building's narrow hallways to reach the patients (just as emergency personnel had been obstructed from reaching Mrs. Mongar)." And yet abortion clinics still chafe at being held to the same health standards as endoscopy, laser, and plastic surgery centers.

Over the course of the almost one-hour FRONTLINE episode, viewers watch three

Planned Parenthood Tries to Reshape Its Image... Again But Abortion Still Central to America's Largest Abortion Chain

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D. NRL Director of Education & Research

NRLC provides a bumper sticker that reads, "When you think Planned Parenthood, think abortion." Well, it must be working.

Apparently, whatever people are thinking when they think of Planned Parenthood, it isn't what Planned Parenthood wants them to think.

Two paragraphs into a recent news story from Kaiser Health News, we read, "Planned Parenthood, known as a staunch defender of abortion rights, is working to recast its public image."

Oh, they don't want to give up performing and promoting abortion. Far from it. But they want you to think of other services, those "cancer screenings" they talk so much about, and put abortion in the context of their larger "health care" mission.

But so far, it's been an uphill climb. You see, the facts keep getting in the way.

Wen's "Listening" Tour

Kaiser reports that new Planned Parenthood President Dr. Leana Wen, is visiting affiliates as part of a "listening tour," part of an effort to promote all the different health care services (including abortion) that its clinics offer.

"It's who we are," Wen told Kaiser's Shefali Luthra and Anna Maria Barry-Jeste. "We are a health care organization... That's what all our affiliates do around the country, is meeting people where they are with the health care services they need."

Wen, a medical doctor, along with other Planned Parenthood officials, has visited 17 affiliates (about a third

around the country, Kaiser says "working to identify the health programs that could be expanded and encouraging clinics around the country to consider implementing those best practices."

Visiting its Providence, Rhode Island clinic, Wen highlighted what Kaiser called the clinic's efforts to "expand its primary care offerings." Staff shared with Wen increased attention on wellness visits and programs to make help women wanting to have children be healthy before getting pregnant.

Conveniently not mentioned in the 1,110 word long article is how few Planned Parenthood clinics offer prenatal or even infertility services. In its most recent annual report (2017-18), Planned Parenthood only provided 9,055 prenatal services nationwide for 2017.

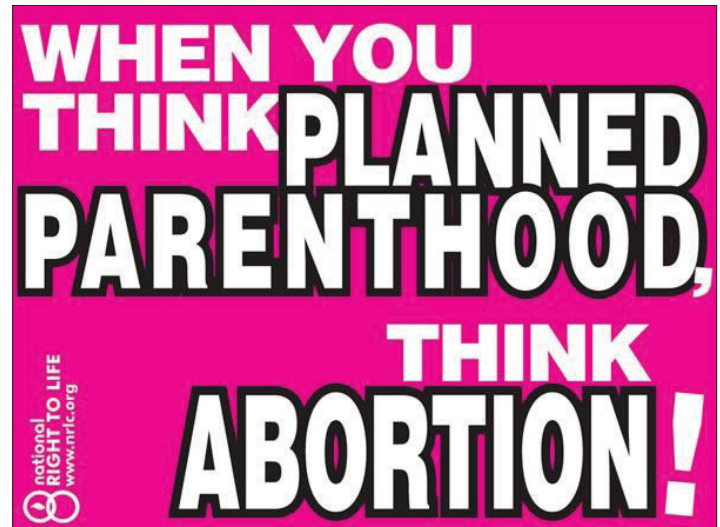
By contrast, the groups did 332,757 abortions during that same period. Infertility services haven't been listed separately for years.

To make things worse (that is, more honest), look up "Prenatal Care" on the website of one of the Planned Parenthood affiliates offering such services. What you'll see is that the largest amount of space in the paragraph on "What Happens During a Prenatal Visit" is devoted to "common prenatal tests that identify possible birth defects and other abnormalities."

Staff at the San Jose, California clinic wanted to highlight for Wen their mental health services. But what they do beyond "keeping behavioral health professionals in the building to help patients

transition seamlessly into care" is unclear. The "services" sections of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte's San Jose clinics do not have a section devoted to mental health services

Sorry, Dr. Wen, but abortion isn't health care. It doesn't cure any disease, it doesn't improve any medical condition. It simply takes the life of an unborn baby, leaves a woman empty, and fills



or anything specific under "general health care."

Luthra and Barry-Jeste do say that "At both clinics [Providence and San Jose?], staffers talked about helping patients who face a threat of domestic violence find safe housing resources, and steering them toward available resources for things like health food."

Nevertheless, even during these "listening tours" intended to highlight other services, Luthra and Barry-Jeste observe that Wen "emphasizes abortion services at each stop, trying to weave the message into the public health narrative."

At a press conference in Providence, Wen said that "Abortion is part of the spectrum of full reproductive care, and we know reproductive care is health care," adding, "And health care is a human right."

Planned Parenthood's pockets.

This not-so-subtle effort to pass abortion off as standard health care when access to health care in the United States is a prominent political concern, is hardly accidental. Those on Wen's side want people to think that any effort to limit abortion or to cut the group's funding is a threat on health care itself.

Wen told *Kaiser Health News* that Planned Parenthood simply can't drop abortion from its offerings. "We cannot separate out one of our services. That's not how medicine works."

If medicine is about healing people and saving lives, how is killing innocent babies an essential part of "health care?"

The facts are hard to spin

Why is abortion is integrally connected to Planned

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The Birth Privilege of Brian Sims

By Bonnie Finnerty, Education Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

While not one major network has covered the story, thanks to social media, most people are aware of Pennsylvania State Representative Brian Sims' disgraceful harassment of a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness in front of a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood. In his eight minute tirade, which he filmed and posted online, proudly showcasing his bullying of "an old white woman," the elected official assails her for her "white privilege." Sims is also white, but apparently he handles his "white privilege" in a morally superior fashion. Or at least that's his self-perception.

Cambridge English Dictionary defines white privilege as "the fact of people with white skin having advantages in society that other people do not have."

But what about "birth privilege"? Would that not be defined then as "the fact of people who are allowed to be born having advantages in society that other people (those denied birth) do not have"?

Unlike 61 million babies, Sims was allowed to live and grow inside his mother's womb until he was ready to breathe his own air. He was

small, vulnerable, completely dependent, and completely human right from the moment of conception when his unique combination of DNA, never to be repeated again, came into existence.



He didn't become human, like he didn't become white. He always was.

He wasn't his mother's body, some extension of her like a tooth or birthmark. He was, genetically, an entirely different human being within her body. He was and is her child.

Everyday Sims enjoys the privilege of being born, enabling him to experience liberty and pursue happiness,

to seek public office, to speak out for those he feels are under-represented. But not all are so lucky. Birth privilege is perfectly summed up in a now famous statement made by President Ronald Reagan:

powerless, older woman. He berates her verbally, mocking her because of her age, race, and faith. He attacks her character by asking how many children she had clothed that day. He calls her a hypocrite. And when she tries to walk away without comment, he follows. And this blatant act of bullying was such a source of pride, he publicized it himself!

Of course, Sims is comfortable lordling his physical presence and social status over someone less formidable than he. After all, he advocates for abortion, which does the exact same thing: the strong and empowered refuse to recognize the dignity of those smaller and powerless, and they then proceed to destroy them.

Once we lose respect for the most vulnerable human life, it should come as no surprise that no one is off limits. Not babies. Not the elderly. Not innocent prayerful women. No one. Nothing is sacred.

We can only pray that Brian Sims, like many one-time abortion supporters, repents and has a conversion of heart. Perhaps then, he can use his birth privilege to make this world one in which no human life is ever again bullied to death.

"I've noticed everyone who is for abortion has already been born."

Those with birth privilege are in the position of power and strength over the weak and defenseless, the pre-born. So doesn't that make abortion the ultimate form of bullying?

Sims, a former football player, a youngish lawyer, and an empowered public official, clearly bullies the lone,

Desperate for guidance and support, young woman finds HOPE

Editor's note. The following is testimony from a HOPE client. HOPE in Northern Virginia "provides compassion, material resources and education to women, both during and after their pregnancies. We give HOPE so women are empowered to choose life."

"Prior to coming to HOPE I felt scared and confused about my pregnancy. The baby's father was abusive and had taken me to an abortion clinic, but when I got there I was unable to go through with it.

I had no clue what HOPE was or did, but I came across HOPE as I was looking for some place or someone who would help me during my pregnancy. This was my first pregnancy, and I was desperate for guidance and support.

When I first arrived at HOPE I met with one of the volunteers, or angels as I like to call them, and my initial sit-down with

her literally changed my life. I was reassured that MY decision to keep my baby was one I could do, and that I wouldn't be alone. She made me feel brave



and strong. As cliché as it might sound, I left the house full of "hope."

I walked out with material items, but even better, HOPE paid for my first doctor's visit. I was twenty weeks pregnant and had not been to the doctor once, because my job didn't offer insurance and I didn't qualify for me Medicaid. I don't know how I will ever repay them for that.

I was and still am in shock and disbelief that complete strangers would help me the way that they did. I cried the

entire way home and told all of my loved ones about my visit. What HOPE does for struggling mothers and children in the community; it must be the work

of the Lord.

Even more than the material support, HOPE has given me strength. I am reminded how strong I am and that my situation would be tough for anyone. But I can do it. I am a single mom who left her abuser, but I'm not alone.

My son is now over four months old and the support from HOPE continues. I participate in the Friends in HOPE mentoring program and am matched with a beautiful single mom who has a son my age and has been with me

every step of the way. A donor to HOPE provided a free photo shoot and I was able to get professional pictures of my son and me.

My job had to cut my salary, and HOPE prayed for me and helped with extra baby items. Now I have a new job with benefits, praise God.

Because of your financial support to HOPE, there is a place for people like me to turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. A place where I gained a whole new family. A place where they do the work of the Lord and share His hope.

To learn more about HOPE, visit hopehousenova.org or [facebook.com/hopeinnova](https://www.facebook.com/hopeinnova)

Planned Parenthood Tries to Reshape Its Image... Again

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Planned Parenthood's name and reputation? Simply because it has made itself into the country's biggest abortion performer and promoter.

Its share of the nation's abortions has grown to more than a third, even while other clinics have seen business dry up.

Despite cries that the group and its funding are under attack, Planned Parenthood still reports record revenues of over \$1.6 billion a year (with about a third of that coming from taxpayers).

It wasn't making all that money by expanding services like "cancer screenings." In 2005, they did 2,011,637 "cancer screenings." In 2017, just 614,361. That's a drop, not an expansion, of 69.4%!

And none of those screenings involved mammograms, because Planned Parenthood doesn't invest in that technology.

Planned Parenthood had a big year for prenatal care in 2009, reaching a peak 40,489 services, the same year it

performed 331,796 abortions. In 2017, prenatal care was less than a quarter of that—just 9,055.

Perhaps Wen means to change this, but current trends are not indicative of a broader move to emphasize prenatal care and maternal wellness and she never misses an opportunity to affirm Planned Parenthood's commitment to abortion.

Even contraception, which is supposed to be Planned Parenthood's signature "reproductive health care"

product, has taken a hit. The figure peaked at 3,989,474 in 2006. By 2017, the figure for contraceptive services was 2,620,867, a decline of 34.3% in just over ten years.

People associate Planned Parenthood with abortion because that is what Planned Parenthood does. Calling cold blooded killing for cash "health care" doesn't make it so.

HHS announces final rule protecting individuals and health care entities from discrimination on the basis of their exercise of conscience

“Health care providers should never be forced or coerced into participating in abortion”—Rep. Chris Smith

By Dave Andrusko

On May 2, National Right to Life thanked the Trump administration for release of the final HHS rule that protects individuals and health care entities from discrimination on the basis of their exercise of conscience in HHS-funded programs. The title of the final 440 page long rule is “Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care; Delegations of Authority.”

“I’m grateful that HHS is taking meaningful action to protect the conscience rights of all Americans,” said Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), chairman of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus “Health care should be about saving life, not taking life. Health care providers should never be forced or coerced into participating in abortion. The Office for Civil Rights is now better empowered to protect individuals from having their moral convictions about the sanctity of human life violated.”

Rep. Smith is a cosponsor of HR 1014, the “Conscience Protection Act of 2019,” which passed the House of Representatives in previous Congresses. The bill would guarantee a private right of action for victims of abortion discrimination.

Here’s how Health and Human Services outlined its objectives:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human

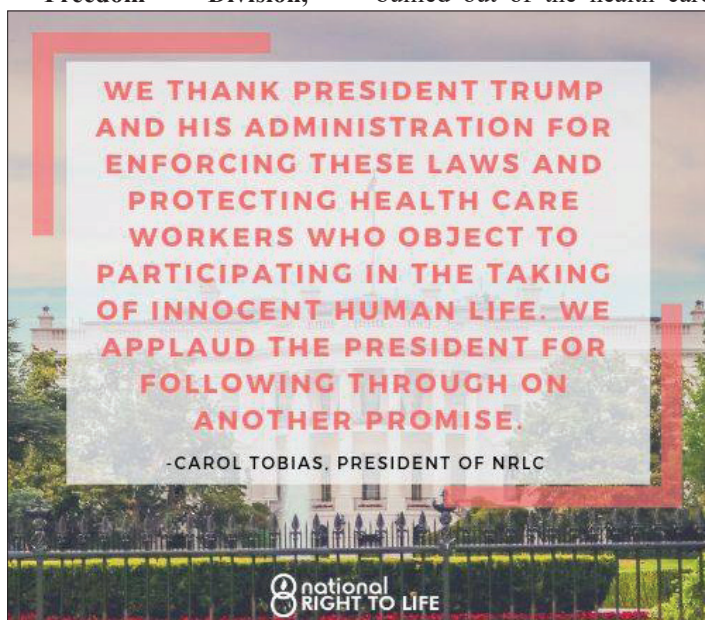
Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced today the issuance of the final conscience rule that protects individuals and health care entities from discrimination on the basis of their exercise of conscience in HHS-funded programs. Just as OCR enforces other civil rights, the rule implements full and robust enforcement of approximately 25 provisions passed by Congress protecting l o n g s t a n d i n g conscience rights in healthcare.

The final rule fulfills President Trump’s promise to promote and protect the fundamental and unalienable rights of conscience and religious liberty, a promise he made when he signed an executive order in May 2017 protecting religious liberty. In October 2017, the Department of Justice issued guidance encouraging other Departments, including HHS, to implement and enforce all relevant religious freedom laws.

As a result, in

January 2018, following the launch of its new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division,

law,” said OCR Director Roger Severino. “This rule ensures that healthcare entities and professionals won’t be bullied out of the health care



HHS announced the proposed conscience rule. OCR received over 242,000 public comments, and analyzed and carefully considered all comments submitted from the public on the proposed conscience regulation before finalizing it.

“Finally, laws prohibiting government funded discrimination against conscience and religious freedom will be enforced like every other civil rights

field because they decline to participate in actions that violate their conscience, including the taking of human life.”

Severino concluded, “Protecting conscience and religious freedom not only fosters greater diversity in healthcare, it’s the law.”

All of this is anathema to those (and their numbers are legion) bound and determined to compel health personnel to be involved in abortion. It

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Woman walking into abortion clinic meets pro-lifers, chooses life

By Sarah Terzo

Suzan, a British woman, told her story. She was pregnant and already had three children. She didn't think she could cope with another, and she scheduled an abortion. But she met pro-lifers on the way in:

“When I got there [pro-life protesters from the group Abort 67] gave me information about abortions...

They had some leaflets about abortions and they started talking to me. They had pictures of a foetus at eight weeks and they had pictures of aborted babies.....

I was really scared. I told them I had three kids already and I didn't need this baby but they told me I didn't have to go through with the termination.....

They took me to a coffee shop, they bought me tea and I said I would go home and try to think about it.

I tried not to listen to them, but they were praying for me and I was crying and shaking.

The way they talked to me gave me faith and their encouragement [and] made me decide to keep the baby.

Now I thank God I didn't pass through that process. At eight weeks you can really see the leg is already

She has made me and my partner stronger.

The campaigners have also helped me by providing clothes for the baby.

They don't pressure you outside the clinics if you don't want to listen. They're just giving their opinion.

They should be allowed to do it because some people will change their minds. If I didn't listen to them, I would have regretted it all my life....

I want people to have the happiness and peace that I have.

My daughter Miracle is now eight months and two weeks old. She's standing, walking around the table on her own. She's really growing fast.... I thank God I didn't do it.”



I promised them I'd go to the doctor in a few days. They promised to come with me.

They kept in touch and came to my home to encourage me. They kept checking I was ok. That kept me going.

formed, the head, the face.

Then when I finally saw my daughter, I thought, ‘How could I have wanted to terminate this baby?’

She has given me joy and peace in my family.

From ‘I thank God I didn't abort my baby’ *BBC Newsbeat* Nov 28, 2014.

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Alabama Democratic State Rep's unforgiveable abortion comments

"You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, then send them to the electric chair. So you kill them now or kill them later."

By Dave Andrusko

At the risk of stating the self-evident, had a Republican (in a different context) made remarks as ghastly, as vicious, and as riddled with bias as were the abortion comments of Alabama State Rep. John Rogers (D-Birmingham), the outrage would reverberate for decades.

But only a handful of outlets commented, mostly pro-lifers shocked (why is it that only pro-lifers can be shocked about abortion?) about Rogers' dehumanizing comments made April 30.

Kudos to Brandon Moseley of the *Alabama Political Reporter* for providing several comments from Rogers, and less so to the *Washington Post* (which did its best to "contextualize Rogers' heinous remarks).

Here's the setting. All but a handful of Democrats had left the chambers after their amendments to State House Bill 314, sponsored by Rep. Terri Collins, were rejected.

According to *The Post's* Katie Mettler

"I'm not about to be the male tell a woman what to do with her body," he [Roger] said, repeating a common refrain among abortion-rights advocates. "She has a right to make that decision herself."

Then his argument took a turn.

"Some kids are unwanted, so you kill them now or kill them later," he said. "You bring them into the world unwanted,

unloved, then you send them to the electric chair. So you kill them



*Alabama State Rep.
John Rogers*

now or you kill them later. But the bottom line is that I think we shouldn't be making this decision."

But there's more where this came from, omitted by Mettler but included by Brandon Moseley:

"Some parents can't handle a child with problems," he said. "It could be retarded. It might have no arms and no legs."

[You can watch a clip at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxoXH92I_64.]

Condemnation was swift and pointed, although conspicuously none came from Rogers' fellow Democrats.

"Rep. Rogers' remarks are chilling," said Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed. "Kill them

now, or you kill them later? His comments should be condemned at the state and

national level."

"Every human life, no matter how weak or small, has inherent dignity because we are all made in the image of God," Reed continued, according to Moseley. "House Bill 314, which the House passed 74-3, recognizes and protects the dignity of human life, and the Alabama Senate looks forward to debating and voting on this important pro-life measure in the coming days."

Moseley provided other blistering condemnations of Rogers:

"So easy for every human alive to pontificate and decide why others in the womb, who can't speak, should be destroyed and denied their life,"[Alabama Republican Party Chairman Terry]

Lathan said. **"Thanks to the AL House Republicans for passing one of the toughest abortion bills in the nation yesterday. Babies are pro-life if you could ask them."**

"This is one of the most horrific statements I've ever heard from an elected official, and it follows the previous disgusting comments from Gov. (Ralph) Northam in Virginia," said Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Bradley Byrne, R-Montrose. "The American people must put our foot down and say enough is enough. Every single life is precious and worth fighting for. I'm disappointed Alabama has a senator in Doug Jones who is unabashedly pro-abortion and refuses to stand up to this type of extremism from members of his own party. Alabama deserves a 100 percent pro-life voice representing us in the Senate."

Donald Trump Jr., tweeted. "This is stomach curling and makes Ralph Northam look like a moderate on abortion. "Every Democrat running for President needs to be asked where they stand on this. The extreme turn we've seen from Dems on abortion recently is truly sickening."

Study reveals safety concerns among abortionists over chemically-induced self-abortion

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D. NRL Director of Education & Research

When it comes to chemical abortions (“medication” abortions, in pro-abortion parlance), rhetoric and reality have increasingly been on a collision course.

Advocates have diligently argued that chemical abortions are so simple and safe that women can do them on their own (the rhetoric). But simultaneously many have also insisted that women “denied” access to abortion would be in danger if they tried to self-abort (the reality).

What do abortionists who have encountered such women in their clinics—as opposed to activists and academicians—say?

Safety concerns about chemical self-abortion stand out in a study published April 16, 2019 in the journal *Contraception*. It is titled “Abortion Providers’ experiences and views on self-managed medication abortion, an exploratory study.”

Between July and September of 2017, researchers from the University of Iowa did an online survey of the memberships of the Society of Family Planning, the Association of Reproductive Health Care Providers and the Abortion Care Network. They inquired about their experiences with and opinions of “self-managed abortion.”

Of the 650 respondents, just over half (359, or 55.1%) were abortionists. Results?

More than two thirds (230) of the abortionists reported having experience with women trying to abort on their own. More than three quarters (153) of those with such experience

indicated those women were using mifepristone (RU-486) and/or misoprostol, the abortion drugs currently sold in the U.S., but legally available only through an abortionist who meets certain conditions laid down by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). *



Women have been known to pick up misoprostol – which can be used alone to abort, though not as successfully – on the black market at places like border town flea markets^[1] and have been able to order packets of foreign manufactured mifepristone and misoprostol from the internet^[2].

Certain abortion researchers and advocacy groups (e.g., Aid Access, Women on Web^[3]) have been promoting the idea of self-managed abortion with pills bought over the internet. One, Gynuity, has been conducting trials in several states where abortion drugs can be mailed to women after an online consult^[4]

In the University of Iowa survey, though, barely half (53.3%, or 171 of 321 abortionists**) said they thought the use of misoprostol/

mifepristone for the self management of abortion was safe. That means that nearly half of those who did abortions were not satisfied that it was safe for women to use drugs to perform their own abortions.

More than a third (34.9% or 117 of 335 abortionists**)

that perhaps one of every 20 patients may require surgery to either stop the bleeding or to complete the abortion. This would actually be a lot of cases for a drug we are told is used by hundreds of thousands of American women a year.

Promoters of the abortion pill have tried to soft-pedal complications

The University of California-San Francisco’s ANSIRH (Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health) compiled an August 2016 Issue Brief on the “Safety and effectiveness of first-trimester medication abortion in the United States.” The Issue Brief claimed that there are serious complications with mifepristone and misoprostol in less than 0.5% [one half of one percent] of patients.

Women on Web, major promoters of online-facilitated abortions, appear willing to concede a greater incidence of complications. They said that between 2-3% of women having a “medical” (chemical) abortion “have to go to a doctor, first aid center or hospital to receive further medical care.”

These admissions seem at odds with the experiences of abortionists who participated in the University of Iowa survey.

From the figures given, we don’t know the percentage of self-aborting patients that had problems. But we do know that they were frequent enough that at least a third of the abortionists in the survey encountered them—and that some were quite serious, serious

said they had witnessed complications from self-abortion. The most common complication was an incomplete abortion, but also reported were hemorrhage, sepsis (infection), and uterine rupture.

What the study tells us

Several results are very much worth noting.

One obvious thing is that “incomplete abortion” was mentioned so frequently as a complication in the study that failure is clearly a far bigger issue than advocates would have us believe. These results fly in the face of assurances by promoters that these drugs have proven to be “highly effective.”

If official statistics from Danco, the U.S. distributor of mifepristone are accurate (claiming 93-98% effectiveness), this still means

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2020 Election: Where do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Abortion?

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A candidate's position on abortion, in spite of what you will hear in the media, is important to the electorate. In 2016, 49% of all voters considered the issue of abortion when they voted.

It will be again in 2020. Consider just what has happened since the beginning of 2019.

On January 22, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) signed and celebrated the "Reproductive Health Act" (aka the Abortion Without Limits Until Birth and Beyond Act). It removed all limitations on abortion through birth and protections for abortion survivors.

Almost simultaneously, Virginia Del. Kathy Tran (D) admitted her bill would allow abortions up until the moment of birth. Soon afterward Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D) casually announced that doctors [abortionists] could allow infanticide on babies who survive abortion.

This and actions in other states and the resistance of pro-abortion Congressional Democrats means that 2020's percentage of voters who consider the issue of abortion is likely to be higher than 2016 and 2018 voters' interest.

So where do the presidential candidates stand on abortion?

Not surprisingly, the Democrat candidates have very different views on abortion than Donald Trump's.

Following is an overview of their positions on abortion-related issues. (The downloadable version of "Where do the Candidates Stand on Life?" is available here.)

Roe v. Wade and Abortion on Demand

Donald Trump has proven his pro-life commitment through his many pro-life

accomplishments as president. Among many others they include: appointing pro-life advocates to his administration and cabinet; restoring and then expanding the "Mexico City Policy"; nominating strict constructionists to federal courts and the Supreme Court; and pledging "to veto any

legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life in any state."

In contrast every one of the top twenty Democratic presidential candidates (who have filed to run and are polling at least 0.5%) support New


York-style abortion on demand policies: Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Julian Castro, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris, John Hickenlooper, Jay

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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
The candidates listed below have announced their candidacies for president and have scored a minimum of .5% in a national poll.	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.

Where Do the Republican Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?

 Donald Trump (R) President	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 is committed to defund abortion providers.
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Where Do the Democrat Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?

 Michael Bennet (D) U.S. Senator from Colorado	Michael Bennet supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Bennet cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Bennet voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Michael Bennet 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.	Michael Bennet voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Michael Bennet voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Joe Biden (D) former Vice President	Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. 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 voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.
 Cory Booker (D) U.S. Senator from New Jersey	Cory Booker supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Booker cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Booker voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Cory Booker 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.	Cory Booker voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Cory Booker voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Pete Buttigieg (D) Mayor of South Bend, IN	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.
 Julian Castro (D) Mayor of San Antonio	Julian Castro supports the current policy of abortion on demand.	Julian Castro vigorously opposes legislation that would prohibit abortions after the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion.	Julian Castro is "proud of" the nation's largest abortion provider. Julian Castro supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 John Delaney (D) former MD Congressman	John Delaney supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Delaney voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	John Delaney 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.	John Delaney consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. John Delaney voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Tulsi Gabbard (D) Congresswoman from Hawaii	Tulsi Gabbard supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Gabbard voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Tulsi Gabbard 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.	Tulsi Gabbard consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Tulsi Gabbard voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Kirsten Gillibrand (D) U.S. Senator from New York	Kirsten Gillibrand supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Gillibrand cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Gillibrand voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Kirsten Gillibrand 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.	Kirsten Gillibrand voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Kirsten Gillibrand voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Kamala Harris (D) U.S. Senator from California	Kamala Harris supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Harris cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Harris voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Kamala Harris 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.	Kamala Harris voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Kamala Harris voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.

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Inslee, Amy Klobuchar, Seth Moulton, Beto O'Rourke, Tim Ryan, Bernie Sanders, Eric Swalwell, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson, and Andrew Yang.

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

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

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."

Again, every one of the top twenty Democratic presidential candidates listed above support New York-style abortion on demand policies, which allows abortion after 20 weeks, when the unborn child is capable of feeling pain.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Abortion Providers

Direct taxpayer funding of abortion, as well as taxpayer funding of abortion providers – such as Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider – results in more abortions and more dead babies.

Data demonstrates that restricting taxpayer funding of abortion saves lives. Yet the 2020 Democrat Party platform will no doubt repeat the 2016 platform plank which calls for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment (which restricts the use of federal funds for abortion). The Hyde Amendment is responsible for saving at least two million lives.

Their platform also supports government funding of abortion providers.

By contrast President Trump opposes using taxpayer dollars

to pay for abortion, and he is committed to defund abortion providers. 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.

Nearly all of the leading Democrat presidential candidates support taxpayer funding of abortions and/or taxpayer funding of abortion providers. Many have voting records. To see their positions, go to: nrlc.org/

[uploads/records/2020POTUS-comparison.05.10.19final.pdf](https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/2020POTUS-comparison.05.10.19final.pdf)

Please download and share the flyer. A downloadable version of the flyer, "Where do the Candidates Stand on Life?" may be found here.

Look for updates in future *National Right to Life News Today*.

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
 John Hickenlooper (D) former Colorado Governor	The candidates listed below have announced their candidacies for president and have scored a minimum of .5% in a national poll. 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. John Hickenlooper supports the current policy of abortion on demand.	The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions (with narrow exceptions) after the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion. John Hickenlooper supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which essentially allows abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason.	Direct taxpayer funding of abortion, as well as taxpayer funding of abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, means more abortion and more dead children. John Hickenlooper supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Jay Inslee (D) Governor from Washington	Jay Inslee supports the current policy of abortion on demand. As a U.S. Congressman, Inslee maintained a 0% record, voting against the pro-life position on every vote. In 2003, Inslee voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, thus voting to allow the gruesome procedure to continue.	Jay Inslee consistently voted to allow partial-birth abortions to continue.	Jay Inslee consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Jay Inslee voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Amy Klobuchar (D) U.S. Senator from Minnesota	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.
 Wayne Messam (D) Mayor of Miramar, FL	Wayne Messam supports the current policy of abortion on demand. "I think it's settled law..."	Wayne Messam supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which essentially allows abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason.	
 Seth Moulton (D) MA 6 Congressman	Seth Moulton supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Moulton cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Moulton voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Seth Moulton 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.	Seth Moulton voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Seth Moulton voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke (D) former Texas Congressman	Beto O'Rourke supports the current policy of abortion on demand. O'Rourke cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. O'Rourke voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Beto O'Rourke 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.	Beto O'Rourke consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Beto O'Rourke voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Tim Ryan (D) Ohio Congressman	Tim Ryan supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Ryan cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Ryan voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Tim Ryan 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.	Tim Ryan consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Tim Ryan voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Bernie Sanders (I) U.S. Senator from Vermont	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.
 Eric Swalwell (D) California Congressman	Eric Swalwell supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Swalwell cosponsored a bill that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortion. Swalwell voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.	Eric Swalwell 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.	Eric Swalwell consistently voted to use tax dollars to pay for abortion. Eric Swalwell voted for taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Elizabeth Warren (D) U.S. Senator from Massachusetts	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.
 Marianne Williamson (D) Author	Marianne Williamson supports the current policy of abortion on demand.	Marianne Williamson supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which essentially allows abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason.	Marianne Williamson supports taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
 Andrew Yang (D) Entrepreneur	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.

Mother awakens after 27 years in a “minimally conscious” state

Son says, “I never gave up on her because I always had a feeling that one day she will wake up”

By Dave Andrusko

There are so many layers of miracles to Munira Abdulla’s awakening after 27 years, it’s hard to know where to start.

Last week, *The National*, an Emirati-based newspaper, first published details of Abdulla’s amazing recovery, at the urging of her family.

Her family spoke exclusively to The National about their ordeal for the first time, describing a modern-day miracle, and how she has woken to a quite different world.

“I never gave up on her because I always had a feeling that one day she will wake up,” said her son Omar Webair, 32.

Abulla was a passenger in a car in 1991 which collided with a school bus in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. Omar, then four years old, experienced only minor injuries, while his mother suffered a brain injury so devastating doctors were convinced she would never regain consciousness.

Why did Omar escape with just a bruise to the head? “My mother was sitting with me in the back seat. When she saw the crash coming she hugged me to protect me from the blow,” Mr. Webair told *The National’s* Haneen Dajani.

1991 was long before cell phones were common and Omar (now the same age his mother was when she was injured) said it was hours before help arrived. According to Dajani

Ms. Abdulla was taken to hospital, from where she

was transferred to one in London. She was completely unresponsive, with next to no awareness of her surroundings. Doctors diagnosed a minimally conscious state. She



Munira Abdulla, who awoke after 27 years, visited the at Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which was built 16 years after a road crash left her in a coma. [Khushnum Bhandari for The National.]

was moved to a hospital in Al Ain, where she would remain for the next few years. Tube-fed, she underwent physiotherapy to prevent her muscles deteriorating.

Ms Abdulla spent years in hospitals in the UAE, until April 2017 when “the Crown Prince Court heard about her story and gave the family a grant for a comprehensive multidisciplinary programme in Germany.”

And, speaking of miracles, then there were the circumstances preceding her awakening. According to Dr. Ahmad Ryll, Ms. Abdulla’s neurologist in Germany, “Our primary goal was to grant her fragile consciousness the opportunity to develop and

prosper in a healthy body, like a delicate plant that needs good soil to grow.”

And “she seemed to gain awareness of the people around her,” Dajani reported.

“I told the doctors I was expecting her to start talking

said everything was normal.

“Then, three days later, I woke up to the sound of someone calling my name.

“It was her. She was calling my name. I was flying with joy. For years I have dreamt of this moment, and my name was the first word she said.”

Now receiving treatment in Abu Dhabi, after all these years Ms. Abdulla’s rehabilitation still has a long ways to go. But, as Dajani reports,

When visited in hospital, Ms Abdulla was able to answer questions, albeit with difficulty, and recited verses from the Quran. She recently visited Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which had not been built when she was injured, accompanied by The National.

again and they told me ‘you are running wild with your imagination,’ Mr. Webair told *The National*. “We are only doing rehabilitation to fix her quality of life’.”

But then the “unexpected happened” last June during Abdulla’s final week in Germany.

“There was a misunderstanding in the hospital room and she sensed I was at risk, which caused her a shock,” Mr. Webair said. He had been involved in an argument at his mother’s bedside when she began to stir.

“She was making strange sounds and I kept calling the doctors to examine her,” Mr. Webair said. “They

Why did her son share his mother’s story? “[T]o tell people not to lose hope on their loved ones,” Mr. Webair said. “Don’t consider them dead when they are in such a state.

“All those years, the doctors told me she was a hopeless case and that there was no point of the treatment I was seeking for her, but whenever in doubt I put myself in her place and did whatever I could to improve her condition.”

President Trump personally added strong pro-life, anti-infanticide language to State of the Union Address

By Dave Andrusko

When he spoke at the 15th annual National Catholic Prayer breakfast, Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney said that President Trump personally added the strong anti-infanticide message in the annual State of the Union Address.

The *Washington Beacon's* Nic Rowan reported that Mulvaney said

that Trump's comments on abortion in 2019 State of the Union speech, which focused in large part on the then-recent scandal surrounding Virginia governor Ralph Northam's (D.) apparent endorsement of infanticide, were added in by Trump himself shortly before the speech.

"The president was looking at it the very last time before he went out to give the speech, and he made some notes—he didn't tell us what he was doing when he made the notes," Mulvaney said. "If you remember the speech, you heard what the president was writing. The president was writing more about how important it was to protect life and how terrible it was to see what Virginia was doing."

As *NRL News Today* reported the day after the February 5th SOTU speech, President Trump lambasted without naming embattled pro-abortion Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam who (the President said) "basically stated he would execute a baby after birth" and called on Congress to

pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

The President also harshly criticized New York which had just passed its reprehensible

To defend the dignity of every person, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term

leaders about the importance of protecting the rights of Christians," Rowan reported.

Leonard Leo, Executive Vice President of the Federalist



"Reproductive Health Act" that both legalized abortion on demand throughout pregnancy and withdrew protections for abortion survivors. He told Congress and the nation

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 moments before birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world. And then, we had the case of the Governor of Virginia where he basically stated he would execute a baby after birth.

abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb.

Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children — born and unborn — are made in the holy image of God.

In his remarks to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Mulvaney also highlighted the Trump administration's dedication to protecting religious liberties, at home and abroad. "Mulvaney told the audience of Catholic leaders gathered in Washington, D.C., that in addition to emphasizing religious liberty during his public speeches, during private meetings at the White House Trump also speaks with world

Society, seconded Mulvaney's remarks. Leo

praised the Trump administration's defense of religious liberty, citing the president's originalist judicial nominations and his executive order cancelling the individual mandate in President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act requiring businesses to provide contraception for all employees.

"These are several of many actions that mark the commitment of President Donald Trump's administration to the advancement of religious freedom and belief in this country," Leo said.

Pro-lifers fall one vote short: Kansas House votes to uphold veto of Abortion Pill Reversal Information bill

By Dave Andrusko

When we first posted about the attempt by the Kansas legislature to override Gov. Laura Kelly's veto of the Abortion Pill Reversal Information bill, the Senate had succeeded but the House had fallen short by the narrowest of margins.

One pro-life Representative intentionally switched his vote from favoring the override to supporting the governor's veto, making the count 82-43. [The threshold is 84 — two-thirds].

And by being on the prevailing side, he was allowed to make a motion to reconsider the override vote within 24 hours.

Unfortunately, that final 84th vote again proved elusive, in this instance on the motion to allow a reconsideration of Wednesday's vote. The vote was 83-41, one short of the two-thirds majority supporters

of SB 67 needed.

"The failure of the House to override Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's veto of SB 67, the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) Notification bill, is a tragedy for women and their

unborn babies," said Mary Kay Culp, executive director of Kansans for Life. "Despite the fact that the APR Notification bill did not become law, the practice of abortion reversal itself will continue in the state

of Kansas where there are at least 15 providers. The travesty is that now many women won't find out about it in time to save their babies."

Culp added, "Today's vote does not affect the timing of Kansans for Life's plan to amend the state's constitution. We have always said that we plan to act very strategically and take the time necessary to guarantee success, and we will be making announcements on that vitally important subject as warranted." [For more on the veto and the subsequent decision by the Kansas Supreme Court finding a "right" to abortion in the state constitution, see page 2.]

Eight states have passed APR legislation—Arizona, Arkansas, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Kentucky, and Oklahoma.



PBS 'Frontline' Film on the Abortion Scene in Philadelphia

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[WARNING: Graphic]

O BENHAUS: Shaharra chose to have a surgical abortion under IV sedation.

MALE NURSE: You might feel a little warm feeling going through your IV site, okay? It's normal, and it will go away.

O BENHAUS: IV sedation was not an option for the patients at the clinic where the first film was shot.

[Excerpt from 1983 film] Female clinician: Easy does it. Nice and slow; lots of cramps.

O BENHAUS: Patients then were awake, and the procedure was uncomfortable, even painful.

MALE NURSE: You're drifting off to sleep, okay? Take

some nice, big, deep breaths.

O BENHAUS: Most patients opt to have a surgical procedure. Like Shaharra, they want to leave the clinic with the abortion behind them.

ELIZABETH LIVERIGHT, M.D., Philadelphia Women's Center: Surgical abortion is incredibly safe. The woman is in stirrups. We do a bimanual exam to feel the positioning of the uterus. I place the speculum, clean off the cervix, and then place a small clip on the top of the cervix to straighten out the uterine canal. The second part of the procedure is dilating the cervix, which is using instruments to gently open the entry into the uterus, and then removing the pregnancy

tissue, using suction. It takes somewhere between two and five minutes. Complications are incredibly rare.

REBECCA MERCIER, OB-GYN, Philadelphia Women's Center: One of the most important components of safety with abortion procedures is making sure all of the pregnancy tissue has been removed from the uterus. The tissue is taken to a special room within the clinic. It is rinsed off. And it's looked at in a special dish with a little backlight on it that lets us confirm that we are seeing all the tissue that would be expected for the gestational age for the pregnancy. And that lets us know that there weren't any complications.

O BENHAUS: The gestational age of this fetus was nine weeks and one day.

MERCIER: Up to nine to ten weeks, it's just a small little piece of translucent sac tissue, with nothing that looks recognizable as any kind of fetal parts. After that, you do see small bits of tissue that are recognizable as fetal tissue.

Also of note, PWC abortionist Lisa Perriera calls infamous late-term abortionist Dr. George Tiller, who was murdered in 2009, "one of the idols in our community."

But, again, no word on what they think of Gosnell.

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‘We are lights put upon this earth for a purpose’: Young people inspire Pro-Life Movement

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

The pro-life movement is a movement filled with joy, because it recognizes the great wonder of human life.

Nowhere is that joy more

Right to Life convention in Charlotte, South Carolina (See nrlconvention.com).

The high school juniors and seniors who participated in our

Nathalia noted that “we are lights put upon this earth for a purpose.” What an amazing insight from a high school student!

Nathalia pointed out, “What they forget is that the mother and the baby are not biologically one and the same thing.”

To the claim that “no one can say with certainty when flesh becomes a person,” Nathalia stated that even the Encyclopedia Britannica recognized back in 1974 the distinct life created at fertilization.

And to those who claim that laws against abortion amount to unnecessary “government interference,” Nathalia pointed to time-honored statutes against the taking of innocent human life. When a life is threatened, the government actually has a duty to intervene.

Nathalia ended her well-reasoned speech by stating that “our purpose is to not only make abortion unlawful but ultimately unthinkable.” Certainly, that is a lofty goal, but it is also an attainable one, thanks to the promise and perspective of young people such as Nathalia.

The next generation of pro-life advocates is just as impassioned as seasoned pro-life veterans, which means our movement is, indeed, in good hands.



apparent than in our annual oratory contest. Students from throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania compete for the chance to take part in the national contest, which will be held this summer at the National

competition were clearly on fire for life. They also posed brilliant arguments defending the rightness of the pro-life position.

Take, for instance, Nathalia Ulsh, a high school junior.

Nathalia then went on to decimate one tired pro-abortion argument after another. For instance, in response to the claim that “every woman has the right to control her body and make her own reproductive choices,”

HHS announces final rule

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started when the Department of Health and Human Services announced the formation of a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

That was bad enough. But then when someone—Roger

Severino—who takes religious liberties very seriously was appointed to be head of OCR, it was almost too much to bear.

There were any number of snarky critics who (as we wrote back in 2018), “scoff at the idea that believers can be coerced

into violating their beliefs. They are, we’re snootily informed, “more often the perpetrators of injustice than victims of it.”

However, those of us with friends and family in the real world know how untrue this is and how critically important

it is to have a legal backstop in place to protect rights of conscience.

Congratulations and thank you to President Trump.

The real reasons abortion activists and academics so oppose providing information about Abortion Pill Reversal

By Dave Andrusko

Above and beyond the truism that the Abortion Industry opposes anything pro-lifers propose, why are they so dead set against informing women they have a good chance of reversing their chemical abortions if they change their minds early enough and do not take the second of two drugs? Here are three (of many) possibilities.

*It's reflexive. If you believe (as abortionists and their media colleagues fervently do) that virtually no woman ever regrets her abortion mid-stream (so to speak), then why bother adding this information to the state's informed consent language? They know better, of course. There is enough conversation within pro-abortion publications to let us know that they know many women have grievous doubts just before having the abortion.

But informing women of alternatives (in any shape, manner, or form) violates the anti-life Prime Directive, which is never allow anything to slow down the killing machine. No sand in the gears, heck, not even a bump in the road leading to the closest Planned Parenthood clinic.

But what if the abortionist is required to tell women that after taking the first drug (mifepristone), if they do not take the second drug (misoprostol) and instead take progesterone to offset the impact of the mifepristone, they have a good chance of saving

their baby? You are challenging the abortionist at his very core. He tells himself that abortion is



not only not wrong, it is the best "solution," certain for single women and maybe even more so for women who already have other children.

*After you move pass the self-image of selfless combatants for "women's reproductive health," the ugly reality is that abortion clinics make a lot of money off of "terminating" unborn babies. Planned Parenthood is hitching chemical abortifacients to "telemedicine" with hopes of greatly increasing their outreach to "underserved" areas and fattening their pocketbooks in the process.

Telemedicine's original purpose was for a physician to be able to use videoconferencing to deliver healthcare services

to people in remote areas—no in-person visit required. The Planned Parenthoods of this

world want the abortionist to deliver a "service"—provide a by-the-numbers interview via videoconferencing and then push a button which opens a drawer from which the woman plucks the abortifacient drugs.

Using a video-conferencing system, a single abortionist could "supervise" many, many times the number of women he could actually abort, were he to be required to be in a woman's presence. The added revenue is staggering.

The exact numbers vary, but extrapolating from what the CDC and the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute report, the best guess is that between 30% and 33% of all abortions are now chemically-induced "medication" abortion. The

number continues to grow each year.

One other thing.

*The Abortion Industry works hand-in-glove with academicians who pump out papers celebrating the wonderfulness of chemical abortions. Safe, safe, safe, including "Do It Yourself" abortions.

That is why I hope you will read Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon's terrific post, "Study reveals safety concerns among abortionists over chemically-induced self abortion," on page 20.

Abortion activists and academicians are gung-ho, but abortionists who actually see women who have chemically self-aborted know what is happening "on the ground."

Dr. O'Bannon wrote of the results of a study published April 16 in the journal *Contraception* that "Nearly half of the abortionists who answered the University of Iowa survey ... won't call it safe. They don't seem willing to consider self-managed abortion a good idea."

This is so for a variety of reasons, beginning with the truth that there are far more "complications" than proponents let on.

As NRLC said years ago when the push was on to distribute RU-486 in the United States, chemically-induced abortions are inherently dangerous to women.

Vermont House and Senate overwhelming support pro-abortion legislation and pro-abortion amendment to state Constitution

By Dave Andrusko

While a lot of attention has rightly focused on pro-abortion militants in New York and Virginia and Illinois and Rhode Island, the Democratically controlled legislature in Vermont is bound and determined not to play second fiddle to any abortion extremist.

Last Tuesday, in a pincher-like move, the House and Senate moved to “protect” abortion rights on two fronts.

Following in the footsteps of the state Senate that passed Proposal 5 last month on a vote of 28-2, the Vermont House “voted 106-38 for a constitutional amendment that would give Vermonters a fundamental right to kill a fetus at any stage of pregnancy up until the moment of birth, unless infringement of that right is ‘justified by a compelling State interest,’” according to Michael Bielawski.

Proposal 5 would add this language to the Vermont Constitution: “That an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

But according to Sharon F. Toborg, Policy Analyst for Vermont Right to Life, “Proposal 5 is not *Roe v. Wade*. It would be interpreted by State courts in light of the discussions and deliberations

of Vermont Right to Life, told *NRL News Today*, “When asked by Legislative Committees what might constitute a ‘compelling state interest’ under Proposal 5, witnesses from Legislative Counsel and the Attorney

Also (in this case following the House’s lead), the Senate by a vote of 24-6, approved H.57 “that would create a state law guaranteeing a woman’s right to an abortion,” the *Associated Press* reported.



that took place around its passage. It is clear from the testimony around Prop 5 (and the contemporaneous passage of H. 57), that the intent of Prop 5 is to protect an unlimited right to abortion throughout pregnancy.”

What about the “compelling state interest” language? Mary Beerworth, executive director

General’s office would not speculate, and certainly did not suggest, that it includes an interest in prenatal life at any stage of development.”

In Vermont, to become part of the state Constitution, Proposal 5 must pass both houses again in 2022 and then be on the ballot in November and win majority approval.

More specifically, the “bill would prohibit governmental interference with access to abortion, and it also ‘recognizes the fundamental right of every individual who becomes pregnant to choose to carry a pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child or to have an abortion,’” Mike Faher reported.

Oklahoma Gov. Stitt signs Abortion Pill Reversal bill

By Dave Andrusko

And now there are eight.

On April 25, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed SB 614 into law. Abortionists are now required to tell an abortion-minded woman at least 72 hours before her scheduled abortion that she might be able to reverse a “medication” [chemical/RU486] abortion, should she change her mind.

SB 614 overwhelmingly passed the House, 74-24 six weeks after the Senate approved SB 614 by a lopsided margin of 39-8.

Oklahoma joins Arizona, Arkansas, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, and Kentucky in assuring that women know that if they have second thoughts prior to taking the second set of pills, they have a solid chance of saving their babies.

In addition, the law requires that signs “must include language saying a medically induced abortion may be reversed, include the phone number for a 24-hour Abortion Pill Reversal hotline and multiple websites that contain information about the development of an unborn child.”

How APR works

“Abortion Pill Reversal” requires that after taking the first drug (mifepristone), the woman not take the second drug (misoprostol) and instead



Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt

take progesterone to offset the impact of the mifepristone.

As is typically the case, the effectiveness of the “Abortion Pill Reversal” was misreported in the story written by Carmen Forman of the *Daily Oklahoman*.

She wrote

The idea that medically induced abortions can be reversed stems from a 2012 case study of seven women, four of whom did not take the second dose of the two-dose abortion pill regimen and continued their pregnancies.

The same California-based doctor, who opposes abortion, did a larger study last year and found that 48 percent of 547 patients who took the first of two abortion pills and then took progesterone, to counter the effects of the first pill, within 72 hours had pregnancies that resulted in a live birth.

But abortion proponents have said both studies are flawed. There are no other studies on the efficacy and safety of reversing an abortion.

*When pro-abortionists compile their studies (on APR or anything else), never are their

credentials as a supporter of abortion ever mentioned. The results are valid or they are not.

*The second study Carmon alludes to was to see if a much larger study confirmed why it made medical sense for APR to have saved over 500 babies.

*The 48% figure is correct but highly misleading. The same study showed success rates of 64% and 68% for two subgroups respectively.

The former received the progesterone intramuscularly initially or exclusively. The latter “received oral progesterone, 400 mg twice a day for three days, followed by 400 mg once a day until the end of the first trimester.”

*There are more studies in the works while pro-abortionists reflexively insist that studies they don’t like are “flawed.”

“Don’t we owe it to these mothers to tell them of the possibility their baby’s life may be saved” said Ingrid Duran, NRLC’s director of State Legislation? Isn’t that what “choice” is all about? Or is choice only validated when mothers get biased information that offers no hope at all?”

Another failed effort to hide Democrats' support for infanticide

By Dave Andrusko

You can always, always, **always** tell when you've uncovered a truth that anti-life forces desperately want kept hidden. They will scream to high heaven, mix categories so as to blur the point, and insist that they would never do what they just got through suggesting they **would** do.

Welcome to infanticide by neglect, an ugly truth that embattled pro-abortion Gov. Ralph Northam exposed in an interview on *WTOP's* "Ask the Governor." [You can hear him at wtop.com/ask-the/2019/01/virginia-gov-northam-joins-wtop-live-jan-30. The abortion discussion begins at the 30 minute mark.]

Why am I bringing up the Democrats' insistence in the state legislatures and in Congress that there be no obligation to provide abortion survivors with equal (no more, but no less) medical treatment? Well, because the reliably inaccurate and over the top *CNN* cranked out a piece that hammered President Trump for the remarks he delivered about infanticide at a rally in Green Bay.

Running under the incendiary headline that "Trump rally offers incendiary falsehood on abortion at Wisconsin," Eli Watkins recycles every talking point Democrats trot out to explain that surviving an abortion happens "rarely"; why there is no such thing as an abortion survivor who is not treated equally to a child born under normal circumstances; or that, coming full circle, what happens next is up to the mother and the "physician"—aka, the abortionist who

"failed" to kill the baby on his first try.

Watkins reports (based on a *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* story) that President Trump said Gov. Tony Evans "shockingly stated that he will veto legislation that protects



Wisconsin babies born alive."

But that's exactly what Evers told the *Journal Sentinel*. Evers argued (as do virtually all Democrats) that the law is not needed because babies are already protected under the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act.

They refuse to acknowledge that evidence has surfaced demonstrating abortionist do not take seriously the provisions of BAIPA—most specifically that the terms "person," "human being," "child," and "individual" in federal law include **every** infant born alive, even after an abortion.

This is probably not surprising because there are no penalties for ignoring the requirements. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, by contrast, has enforcement teeth.

Watkins again quotes from the article:

"The baby is born," Trump said. "The mother meets with the doctor. They take care of the baby. They wrap the baby beautifully,

would be resuscitated, if that's what the mother and the family desired. And then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

As we have discussed a gazillion times, even pro-abortionists concede this first statement is not true.

In April 2018 a Congressional Research Service report quoted from a study by all-purpose abortion apologist Dr. Diana Greene Foster who "believes that abortions for fetal anomaly 'make up a small minority of later abortion.'"

The point the President made in Green Bay was the identical point he made in his State of the Union Address. Whether or not a child is "resuscitated" is up to the mother and the abortionist. Likewise during the ensuing "conversation," a decision on anything additional would also be up to the mother and abortionist.

If it's thumbs down, the baby is left to die. So rather than be honest, they quibble over the President's use of the word "execute."

The rest of Watkins post is to try to extricate Gov. Northam from the mess he made by what Northam said on *WTOP* and in the process criticize President Trump. How?

What else? By talking about how "exceptionally rare" is "abortion later in pregnancy," as if that somehow addressed the question of what happens when the baby **does** survive.

and then the doctor and the mother determine whether or not they will execute the baby. I don't think so."

President Trump was referring to Gov. Northam's comments. Here's what Northam said on *WTOP*:

"[Third trimester abortions are] done in cases where there may be severe deformities. There may be a fetus that's nonviable. So in this particular example, if a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen.

"The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant

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A tragically misguided decision by the Kansas Supreme Court must be remedied

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“progressive” thinking. Yet backwards as they were they had unknowingly set the stage for the state High Court to find a right to abortion in the word “liberty.”

The meme that the court majority adopted (as Justice Stegal wrote in his brilliant dissent) was that S.B. 95 represented “a battleground in a war on women,” which, as Stegal correctly noted, “is a ruse.”

“Abortion restrictions are not relics of a patriarchal society—they are a longstanding feature of Kansas law,” he wrote. “A ban on dismembering a living human being in utero is not inherently sexist and discriminatory. There are women on both sides of this debate—one that involves complex considerations about the nature of life itself; the contours of a just and fair society; and competing interests, each of which may have a legitimate claim on society’s attention.

Justice Stegall rightly invoked George Orwell who famously wrote “Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.”

The very language chosen by the majority to describe the act prohibited by S.B.

95—“instrumental disarticulation,” “collapse of fetal parts,” “fetal demise,” etc. is designed to “name things without calling up mental

unsanitized facts “too brutal for most people to face” [another Orwell quote].

Many thoughtful people have critiqued *Hodes & Nauser*,



pictures of them.”[A quote from Orwell’s “Politics and the English Language.”] In the majority’s narrative, even the word abortion is set aside in favor of the anodyne decision to “continue a pregnancy”—a phrase occurring more times in the majority opinion than I can cite. Perhaps the majority finds the

MDs v. Schmidt, some of whom we have reposted at National Right to Life News Today. [To join, take 30 seconds out and go to <https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/join-the-email-list>.]

One example is Elizabeth Kirk who posted last week at *The Public Discourse* under the headline, “The Kansas Supreme Court Has Declared a ‘Natural Right’ to Abortion.” Here is just one of a dozen keen insights

that springs from the truism that the justices “imposed a standard on abortion laws that is stricter than the current federal one (the ‘undue burden’ standard of *Casey*).”

[As one commentator shrewdly observed to me privately, “When a state supreme court – in essence – criticizes the U.S. Supreme Court as not being pro-abortion enough, things have turned really, really bad.”]

Bear in mind the law the justices eviscerated dealt with the practice of dismembering large, living unborn children with techniques that remind you of nothing so much as the final scene in “Braveheart” in which William Wallace (Mel Gibson) is hanged, disemboweled, beheaded and quartered.

When a state’s highest court reaches into its bag of penumbras and emanations to find a “right” to abortion in the **state** constitution, the only remedy is to pass an amendment to the state constitution establishing that there is **no** right to abortion. That is the task Kansans for Life have before them.

It will be long. It will be expensive. But, as was the case most recently in Tennessee and West Virginia, it can and will be done.

Kansas Decision Shows Importance of Louisiana's Love Life Amendment (HB 425)

NEW ORLEANS – On April 26, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled in *Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt* that the Kansas Constitution guarantees a “right” to abortion.

In the decision, the Kansas court decided that the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act violates the state constitution’s Bill of Rights, which they argue guarantees a “right” to abortion.

Louisiana HB 425, the Love Life Constitutional Amendment authored by Rep. Katrina Jackson (D-Monroe) that recently passed the Louisiana House of Representatives, would prevent any decision

by the Louisiana Supreme Court similar to today’s Kansas decision.

“Today’s decision in Kansas is exactly why Louisiana

must pass the Love Life Amendment to the Louisiana Constitution,” said Benjamin Clapper Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life.

“Kansas has become the 13th state to have its Supreme Court discover a right to abortion in its state’s constitution, thereby forcing abortion-on-demand in Kansas.

“By passing the Love Life Amendment, we can make sure that activist judges will never protect abortion by using the Louisiana Constitution.”

Kansas’ Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act is similar to Louisiana’s 2016 Act 264 Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act that is currently in federal court litigation.



State Rep. Katrina Jackson and the Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life Benjamin Clapper

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How many babies are aborted at 21 weeks or later? Guttmacher says “slightly more than 1%” (the CDC says 1.3%). That would be over 12,000 abortions each year.

And, as everyone who follows this knows, some of the largest states with the most abortions don’t provide data. That 12,000 figures is a **very** conservative estimate.

One other point from Watkins who wrote, “CNN spoke with a pair of ob-gyns earlier this year, both of whom took issue with the phrase ‘late-term’ and rhetoric around the issue.”

Are these pro-life ob-gyns? Of course not. Are they even mildly neutral? Of course not.

One is “a fellow with the advocacy group Physicians for Reproductive Health” and the other is “vice president of

health policy at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists” whose rabid support of abortion is unquestioned.

Final thought. When she filed her (later tabled) bill, Virginia Del. Kathy Tran readily conceded her bill had no time limits. Northam’s specific contribution to that in his radio interview was instead of agreeing with Tran that only one doctor must sign off that the abortion was acceptable, Northam wanted two physicians, down from the current figure of three physicians.

Where Northam got in trouble was when one of the hosts frankly and honestly repeated what Tran had said in a “very contentious committee meeting.” The co-host noted

that Del. Todd Gilbert had “pressed Tran.” (You can watch the Gilbert/Tran exchange on Youtube.)

Gilbert probed to see just how late in the third trimester could a physician perform an abortion under her bill. Tran answers “through the third trimester, the third trimester goes all the way up to 40 weeks.”

Gilbert clarifies, “[T]o the end of the third trimester?” To which Tran casually responds, “Yep, I don’t think we have limits in the bill.”

Gilbert gives Tran a chance to walk back her outlandish remarks. He pauses before he asks the next set of questions while Tran impatiently drums her fingers on the rostrum.

Could she abort if the woman has reached the point where “she’s dilating”? Tran tries an

evasion but Gilbert politely insists on an answer.

“My bill would allow that, yes.”

So when Northam gets criticized for saying the baby would be “delivered,” what else was he supposed to say? That they’d smother the child who is moments away from birth? Take a hammer to her head?

The President turbo-charged the discussion over the real and present danger of infanticide by neglect, beginning with this State of the Union Address. No wonder Democrats and their media friends like Eli Watkins will do anything to get the discussion moved off of abortion through 40 weeks and their casual insistence that abortion survivors be medically neglected.

Three pro-abortion responses to their inexcusable behavior

By Dave Andrusko

If militant pro-abortionists were capable of shame, they would be shamed on behalf of Pennsylvania pro-abortion Pennsylvania Democratic State Rep. Brian Sims even if Sims himself cannot see how shamefully he treated an elderly pro-life woman peacefully walking in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic.

As you recall, Sims repeatedly mocked and belittled and attempted to intimidate the unidentified woman. For added spite, Sims (whose ego required that he videotape his verbal mugging) asked if anyone knew the woman's home address so they could "protest out in front of her home." We later learned he had previously harassed three teenage girls and a woman who was the mother of two of them.

Feeling the heat, Sims subsequently offered one of those "if it offends you" non-apology apologies. But you can understand why he was so unwilling to be genuine, given this introduction to his video:

"Push back against Planned Parenthood protestors, PLEASE! They prey on young women, they use white privilege, & shame. They're racist, classist, bigots who NEED & DESERVE our righteous opposition. Push back, please."

That's a mouthful even for a man marinating in his own self-righteousness.

On the other hand, you have a Toronto pro-abortionist who apologized in court for her unprovoked attack last year on Katie Somers and Blaise Allyene. No one except Gabriela Skwarko

knows whether her apology was genuine or just an attempt to get a reduced sentence. (The prosecution and the defense agreed on a recommendation of a conditional discharge and 18 months' probation.)

Somewhere in the middle is pro-abortion Alabama Rep. John Rogers (D) who went ballistic when Republicans wouldn't accept his party's amendments to a bill.

According to the *Washington Post's* Katie Mettler

"I'm not about to be the male tell a woman what to do with her body," he [Roger] said, repeating a common refrain among abortion-rights advocates. "She has a right to make that decision herself."

Then his argument took a turn.

"Some kids are unwanted, so you kill them now or kill them later," he said. "You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, then you send them to the electric chair. So you kill them now or you kill them later. But the bottom line is that I think we shouldn't be making this decision."

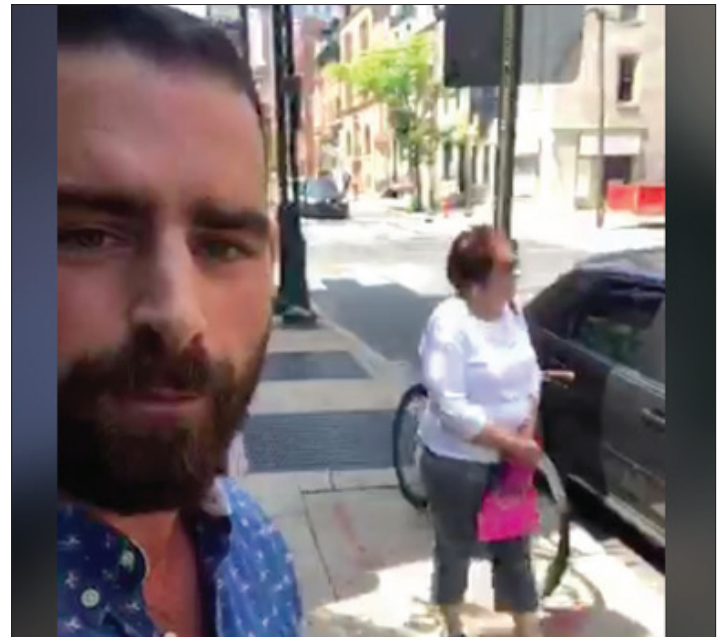
But there's more where this came from, omitted by Mettler but included by Brandon Moseley of the *Alabama Political Reporter*:

"Some parents can't handle a child with problems," he said. "It could be retarded. It might have no arms and no legs."

Donald Trump, Jr. tweeted in response, "This is stomach curling and makes Ralph Northam look like a moderate on abortion. "Every Democrat running for President needs to be asked where they stand on

But calling Donald Trump, Jr. "retarded" turned out to be something even Rogers had to walk back.

Appearing a week ago Monday on *Talk 99.5's* "Matt & Aunie Show," Rogers spoke



this. The extreme turn we've seen from Dems on abortion recently is truly sickening."

According to *Fox News*, when asked by a local television station to respond to the President's son,

Rogers laughed, saying Trump Jr. was "proof" that women should have a right to an abortion and called his statement "stupid."

He even suggested that Trump Jr. was "retarded or crazy."

"I know there's something wrong with that boy," Rogers said. "I look at him and I can tell there's something wrong with him. That's the best defense I have for more abortions right there looking at him."

as if all's fair in love, war, and politics and that what he had said about Donald Trump Jr. was just "hyperbole," according to Kyle Morris.

But

Rogers also discussed his remarks when he said Donald Trump, Jr. was the best argument for abortion... "I intended it to be below the belt. I dislike him that much," Rogers said. "I'm not in love with Donald Trump or Donald Trump, Jr."

However, Rogers had less success excusing away his slur, finally saying, "I was wrong about the retarded thing."

He added, "I'm shying away from the fact that I used the word retarded."

Democrats' twitter poll blows up in their face, President Trump's approval numbers continue to rise

By Dave Andrusko

To paraphrase an old saying, be careful what you tweet for.

Democrats are so infatuated with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and so dismissive of Justice Brett Kavanaugh that the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee brainstormed and decided to conduct a twitter poll asking, "Do you want more Supreme Court justices like Ruth Bader Ginsburg or more justices like Brett Kavanaugh?"

A whopping 71% responded "justices like Brett Kavanaugh" while a paltry 29% said "justices like Ruth Bader Ginsburg." First posted on a Friday, the poll had vanished by following Sunday afternoon.

Naturally Republicans had a great time teasing Democrats for deleting the poll.

For instance there was this from Republican National Committee spokeswoman Elizabeth Harrington.

Democrats, refusing to accept voting results (again) — Elizabeth Harrington (@

LizRNC) May 5, 2019

Pro-life President Donald Trump also has enjoyed a string of improving numbers, including at Gallup, whose contempt for Trump practically oozes out.

Under the headline, "Gallup: Trump Approval Hits New High, Now Higher Than Obama's And Reagan's At This Point,"

Allahpundit explained the president's highest numbers since his first week in office this way: Democrats.

Although only 12%, not so long ago Trump's approval numbers among Democrats was a mere 4%.

Beyond Gallup, Allahpundit observed that Trump's is enjoying "44.0 percent approval in RCP's [Real Clear Politics's] poll of polls, which is creeping up towards his best mark since March 2017." Even Harris/Harvard had the president at 46%.

In addition, President Trump's approval numbers

among Hispanics is at or near 50%. Steve Cortes writes **McLaughlin** &

that shocked cynics with its own 50% approval finding. Even



Associates revealed that Hispanic approval for Trump in March jumped to 50%. This number matched the January Marist/NPR/PBS survey

if those polls are too aggressive, February's Morning Consult/Politico poll showed Trump's Hispanic approval vaulting to a still-impressive 45%.

UN Committee prevents disabled man from being dehydrated to death in France

By Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director – Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

The United Nations committee on disability rights is intervening in the Vincent Lambert case in France, asking “France to suspend any decision to withdraw life support,” France24.com reports.

Lambert was cognitively disabled in a motorcycle accident injury in 2008. In 2014, his wife petitioned a French court to have all treatment and care ceased, including food and water.

His parents urged that their son be transferred to a rehabilitation center. The legal battle concerning withdrawing fluids and food from Lambert has continued.

According to France24.com, the French government responded to the UN disability rights committee by suspending any decision to withdraw fluids and food from Lambert. However, France’s Health Minister, Agnes Buzyn, told *BFMTV* on Sunday

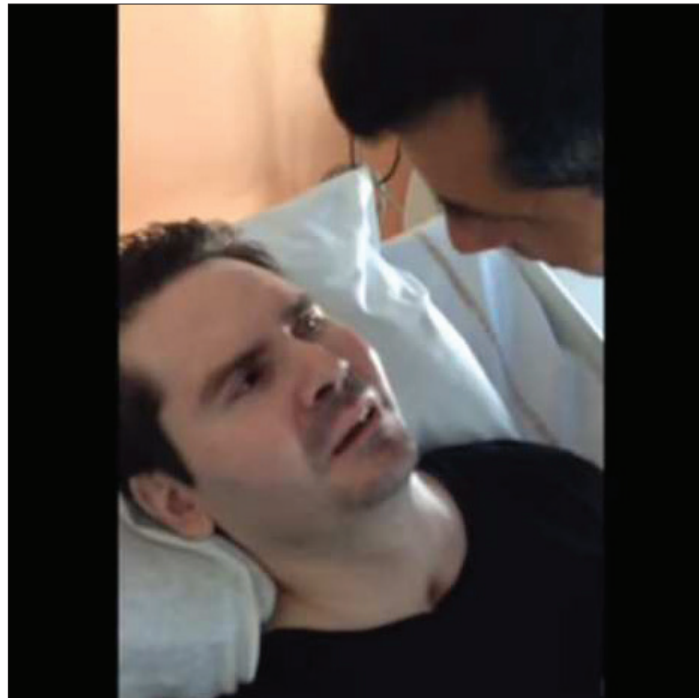
“We are not legally bound by this committee, but of course we will take into account what the UN says, and we will

respond,” she told *BFMTV* on Sunday.

“All the legal appeals have been exhausted and all judicial bodies, both national and

European, confirm that the medical team in charge of his case has the right to halt (Lambert’s) care.”

Lawyers for Lambert’s parents denounced the minister’s remarks as “irresponsible.”



Vincent Lambert

Vincent Lambert is a man with disabilities, who is not dying or nearing death. To intentionally kill a person by withdrawing fluids, when the person is not otherwise dying, is euthanasia by dehydration since the person is directly and intentionally dies of thirst.

Recently a UN disability rights envoy urged Canada to amend its euthanasia law to ensure protections for people with disabilities from euthanasia.

Editor’s note. This appeared on Mr. Schadenberg’s blog and is reposted with permission.

Abortion Survivors refuse to allow the nation to “be New York”

From page 4

Do I really have to listen to Democrats talk about how bills like the Born-Alive Act are ‘unnecessary?’

Did I really just tell the Senate Judiciary Committee that although I appreciated all of the Democrats’ talk about ‘women’s rights,’ I’d like to talk about mine, the rights of other female abortion survivors, the rights of second-generation survivors like my daughters and the rights of unborn girls who lose their lives to abortion?

When I speak at conferences or rallies or when I testify I always remember that Truth,

with a Capital “T,” has always been on our side. Science is on our side. Faith strengthens many of us. People around the world are being awoken to the devastating reality to abortion.

Survivors and even their family members are reaching out to me through The Abortion Survivors Network. We’ve now connected with 286 survivors or their friends/family who communicated on their behalf. Survivors are being encouraged and emboldened to not only reach out but get involved. You’ll soon be seeing more faces like mine, get to know

more stories, and hear their names. I wish we didn’t have to fight this battle. I wish lives were protected and respected. But here we are. And I can’t think of anyone more fitting to join in the battle alongside all of us than fellow survivors.

There is such momentum in our fight, and in reality, the more our fight, the truth about abortion and the faces and names of survivors are in the public eye, the actions and words of abortion supporters and the Democratic Party will continue to shock and awe us. We’ve been waiting for this,

working for this, praying for this. And now, well, now I think there’s nowhere for them to run from the truth. And if the last few months have shown us anything, it’s shown us that the truth may set you free, but until you accept it, it will cause you to deny the existence of survivors, it will cause you to fight for legislation that attacks life, it’ll cause you to lash out at others.

Join me in South Carolina at the NRLC Convention in July to hear more. Until then, keep fighting!

Fight for the Innocent and Save Lives—Attend National Right to Life’s Convention July 5th and 6th in Charleston, South Carolina

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That is the blessing of working for National Right to Life, the largest pro-life group in the nation with 50 state affiliates and 3,000 local chapters. Along with the rest of the staff and grassroots pro-lifers like you, we work *each and every day* to protect the lives of innocent unborn children and the medically dependent elderly.

Like you, I work to fight for the forgotten members of our society. Like you, I work to fight abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. We would be nowhere without our grassroots supporters—like those of you are reading this article.

So let me ask you, will you join us this year for **the** pro-life educational event of the year?

We will be hosting our annual convention in Charleston, South Carolina, July 5th-6th. You can register at nrlconvention.com.

We will kick it off with our opening Luncheon on the 5th, followed by workshops and general sessions, and ending with our closing banquet on the 6th.

With 48 workshops to choose from, it’s an embarrassment of riches. The 48 workshops

available touch on abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, adoption, grassroots organizing, community outreach, lobbying, legislative strategies, political action, communications,

Planned Parenthood, and much more.

The general sessions cannot be missed. Our first one will include Ashley Bratcher, the star of *Unplanned* who was

also almost aborted; Melissa Coles, from the movie *I Lived on Parker Avenue* who almost chose abortion over life, and Tessya Whatley, who was an actress in the *Gosnell* movie and has an amazing personal story herself.

Another general session will feature state right to life leaders who have been at the forefront of fighting proposed abortion laws that would legalize abortion up until birth: Christina Fadden of New York State RTL; Olivia Turner of the Virginia Society for Human Life; Mary Beerworth of Vermont RTL; Barth Bracy of Rhode Island RTL, and also Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor herself.

The hotel will have complimentary breakfast, free parking, free happy-hour each night, and more...this is an annual event that is like no other. We would love to see you there, fighting for what you believe in. Again, if you have gotten this far in the article, I know you are interested. Register now at nrlconvention.com and join us in Charleston for your July 4th weekend.

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The true face of the pro-abortionist unveiled for all to see

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limitations to *Roe*, particularly in light of subsequent decisions which have opened the door to a handful of commonsensical limitations such as a ban on partial-birth abortions.

In reality, far from “protecting? *Roe*, New York’s “Reproductive Health Act” and its evil-twin companion proposals in other states, far exceed *Roe*. The RHA

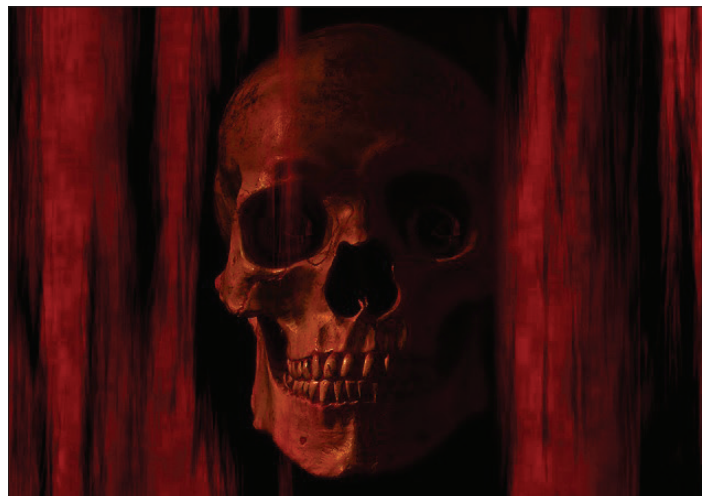
- Allows non-doctors to perform abortions.
- Allows abortions for any reason throughout a woman’s pregnancy.
- Removed all criminal penalties for abortion, even if it is contrary to the mother’s choice.
- Removed the state’s protections for infants accidentally born alive in the course of an abortion.

But proposing extremist-by-any-standards legislation is just one “dot” in the portrait of pro-abortion extremism. Pro-abortionists are also doing their best to menace pro-lifers into giving up their First Amendment rights.

We have the likes of Democratic state Representatives, such as Brian

Sims of Pennsylvania, harassing and intimidating teenagers and elderly women as they peacefully pray outside abortion clinics.

Then there is state Rep. John Rogers of Alabama, who went ballistic when Republicans



wouldn’t accept his party’s amendments to a bill.

“Some kids are unwanted, so you kill them now or kill them later,” he bellowed. “You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, then you send them to the electric chair. So you kill them now or you kill them later.”

Worse yet, Rogers said, “Some parents can’t handle a child with problems,” adding

“It [!] could be retarded. It might have no arms and no legs.”

Both Sims and Roger offered lame, totally insincere “apologies,” which is what you would expect.

But there is one more major

development” is a “person” for all federal law purposes. All it requires is non-discriminatory treatment of abortion survivors, nothing more but nothing less.

Even after the Kermit Gosnell trial, where the West Philadelphia abortionist was convicted of murdering three babies he delivered alive, Democrats refuse to admit the obvious: that abortion survivors are neglected (or, as with Gosnell, worse), even as one of their own—Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam—matter-of-factly said it is up the abortionist and the mother whether an abortion survivor is treated.

The challenges we face are formidable. They’ve always been that way, but especially once the Democratic Party became a wholly owned subsidiary of Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and EMILY’s List.

But as long as the children have you, all the money and the muscle and the media support will never ultimately carry the day. That is the blessed assurance that supports, sustains, and strengthens pro-lifers in season and out.

I trust you had a wonderful Mother’s Day.

“dot” in the portrait of pro-abortionists at their absolute worst. At the state level and in Congress, Democrats refuse to allow legislation to be considered that would add enforcement muscle to the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (BAIPA).

This important law states that “every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of

Only *Fox News* Covers Dem State Rep Harassing Pro-Life Protesters

By Ryan Foley

As *NewsBusters* has previously reported, the networks ignored the outrageous story about Pennsylvania State Rep. Brian Sims harassing an elderly pro-life protester outside of a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood clinic and threatening to dox her. Cable news was not much better. Only *Fox News* bothered to give the

the Pennsylvania Democratic Party for not commenting on Sims' behavior and pointed out that his status as a "star" in the Democratic Party likely explains why he has not faced stronger condemnation from liberals in both the media and the Democratic Party.

One of Carlson's guests, YouTube personality Dave

video of himself harassing the elderly woman. In the tweet accompanying the video, he urged people to "push back on Planned Parenthood protesters, PLEASE! They prey on young women, they use white privilege, & shame. They're racist, classist bigots who NEED & DESERVE our righteous opposition." Two

Rubin concluded that double standards exist "not only when it comes to how the media deals with these people but also the tech companies." As of right now, Sims has yet to face suspension from Twitter for violating the terms of service; his Twitter page containing multiple rants against Planned Parenthood protesters remains available for all to see.

In addition to interviewing Rubin, Carlson spoke with Ashley Geracht, the mother featured in the first video. Geracht pointed out that despite the fact that Sims slammed them as "a bunch of white people protesting outside a Planned Parenthood," her daughter's friend was not white and she pointed that out to him. Geracht also noted that her oldest daughter and her friend experienced even worse treatment at the March for Life, which they attended with their high school.

From the harassment of pro-life protesters by Representative Sims to the vilification of pro-life teenagers from Covington Catholic High School, it looks like pro-lifers cannot escape the rancor of liberal politicians and their pro-choice allies in the media.

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Tucker Carlson Tonight screen grab

story airtime.

On *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, one of the handful of Fox News shows to cover the story, the eponymous host pointed out that "nobody at *CNN* is denouncing him. In fact, *CNN*'s website doesn't even have a story about this as of this hour. Why would it? He's their kind of politician so it's not news."

In addition to calling out *CNN* for practicing bias by omission, Carlson slammed

Rubin, pointed out that if "he was a conservative or a Republican or anyone that remotely leaned right or was anything other than a full-on leftist progressive and he was doing the exact same thing, the media would be having a field day." Rubin also mentioned that Sims violated the terms of service for the Periscope app on Twitter by threatening to dox the protesters.

Sims posted an eight-minute

weeks earlier, Sims filmed himself harassing a mother and three teenagers protesting outside the same clinic, offering \$100 to anyone willing to dox them.

Rubin predicted that in spite of violating Periscope's terms of service by threatening to dox the pro-life protesters, "the tech companies aren't going to ban him." After mentioning that Twitter had suspended conservative David Horowitz,

Study reveals safety concerns among abortionists over chemically-induced self-abortion

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enough that almost half the abortionists were unwilling to tell researchers they considered it safe.

“Adverse events”

The latest FDA postmarketing report on mifepristone indicates that, since approval in 2000, there have been over four thousand cases where there has been a reported a significant “adverse event.”

The FDA reported that 24 patients are known to have died in the U.S. during that time, at least a third from rare bacterial infections. (Some of the 11 mifepristone patients who died in other countries also died of these infections.)

The over 4,000 figure includes over a thousand hospitalizations, more than 500 patients requiring transfusions, and more than 400 “severe infections.”

No matter how many thousands managed to endure the drugs’ grueling, painful process without any obvious immediate or enduring damage, if such a number of women have died or faced serious complications, it is a clear indication that the drugs are potentially quite dangerous.

And note this: most of these deaths and complications are associated with standard clinical use of the drugs, **before** studies of mail order abortions were launched and **before** webcam abortions became available in very many states. And there is nothing about the webcam or mail order abortions that would make complications like incomplete abortion, ruptured ectopic pregnancies, or deadly infections any less likely. It just might make medically qualified, timely help **less** likely—something that would concern any good doctor.

Abortionists at odd with Activists and Academicians

Perhaps the most significant finding in the University of Iowa study is that many of the rank-and-file abortionists do not appear to be on the same page as the academics and advocates who are pushing hard for at-home chemical abortions.

Those advocates are doing their own studies. They then tell the public that women can order these abortifacient drugs on line or pick them up at their local pharmacy and “manage” their abortions themselves with little or no supervision.

Daniel Grossman, popular abortion researcher, chemical abortion “expert,” and advocate, raved about self-abortion in an interview with *National Public Radio* [3/11/15]: “It would really be quite easy for women to actually use this [mifepristone/misoprostol] on their own.... It could almost be eligible for the kind of medication that could be available over the counter.”

In February of 2013, Grossman told *Contraception* that “Women can use misoprostol on their own and with accurate information; they do not necessarily need a health care provider to use it safely and effectively.”

He told *CNN* on November 5, 2018 that “When it comes to self-managing abortion, research shows that when people have accurate information and high-quality medication, **they can use the abortion pill safely and effectively on their own.**” (Emphasis added.)

Beverly Winikoff, of Gynuity, is currently in the middle of the “TelAbortion Study” using telemedicine (webcams) to counsel and screen patients and then mailing them the mifepristone and misoprostol

to use at home. Winikoff claims that there had been no problems with the 200 women who had enrolled in the study as of November of 2018. (*CNN*, 11/18/18.)



Women, she said, were satisfied. “The results are equivalent to what’s happening in the clinics.”

The World Health Organization said “There is no evidence that home-based medical abortion is less effective, safe or acceptable than clinic-based medical abortion” (*Vox* 10/22/18).

Yet nearly half of the abortionists who answered the University of Iowa survey seem to think otherwise. Many of those who deal with aborting women at their clinics on a regular basis, who have practical, clinical experience versus the detachment of a university researcher or an activist, won’t call it safe. They don’t seem willing to consider self-managed abortion a good idea.

Winikoff and her Gynuity pals are likely to come out soon with a study of their own, claiming to have proven that mail order abortion drugs taken at home after an online consult are “safe” and “effective,” along with an assurance that women found them “satisfactory.” When they do, remember this

University of Iowa study and the abortionists with the real life experience that led them to a far different conclusion.

*The FDA approved mifepristone, used in conjunction with misoprostol, for abortion in September of 2000. However it has limited its distribution to “certified healthcare providers” who 1) have the ability to date pregnancy accurately & diagnose ectopic pregnancy; who 2) provide (or have made arrangements for) surgical intervention in cases of incomplete abortion or severe bleeding ; and who 3) indicate they have read and understood the prescribing information (which contains warnings about possible “serious and sometimes fatal infections or bleeding”).

**We did not have full numerical tables when it came time to post. But apparently different numbers of abortionists responded to different survey questions.

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How opposition to protecting abortion survivors points to growing specter of infanticide

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That might explain why some abortion defenders pretend the bill says something other than what it actually says. It makes abortion look bad. So, forced to choose between casting abortion in an unflattering light and rejecting infant equality, they choose to reject infant equality.

Barack Obama's comments about this issue were more explicit. In the Illinois Senate, he repeatedly voted against protection for abortion survivors because, as he explained in 2001 on the Senate floor, he thought protecting the rights of "previable" newborn babies logically undermined the right to kill those babies while still *in utero*. After all, if newborns deserve protection, then unborn babies at the same age deserve protection too. And he wasn't okay with that.

Many pro-choice philosophers and bioethicists actually follow similar reasoning. "The location of the baby inside or outside the womb cannot make such a crucial moral difference," write Peter Singer and Helga Kuhse. "We cannot coherently hold that it is all right to kill a fetus a week before birth, but as soon as the baby is born everything must be done to keep it alive."

The two ethicists add: "The solution, however, is not to accept the pro-life view that the fetus ... [has] the same moral status as yours or mine. The solution is the very opposite: to abandon the idea that all human life is of equal worth." (*The New Yorker* calls Singer "the world's most influential living philosopher.")

Most philosophers who defend abortion think unborn human beings don't have

rights because they lack certain characteristics, such as the current ability to perform abstract mental functions. But infants, among others, may also lack those characteristics. While some ethicists struggle to find ways to avoid the disturbing implications of this view, a number of the foremost pro-choice thinkers—like Singer, Michael Tooley, and the late bioethics pioneer Joseph Fletcher—are willing to accept them.

"After-birth abortion: Why should the baby live?" is the title of a widely read 2012 article published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Infanticide, Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva argue, is permissible for all the same reasons as abortion, including socio-economic reasons.

"Both a fetus and a newborn certainly are human beings," the authors acknowledge, but "merely being human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life." Unborn and newborn babies are morally equivalent, Giubilini and Minerva contend, "in the sense that both lack those properties that justify the attribution of a right to life to an individual."

This intellectual support for infanticide isn't just academic theory. It has a real-life effect—especially when it comes to sick and disabled infants.

Consider two cases that drew international attention in 2017 and 2018. Charlie Gard and Alfie Evans were infants born in the United Kingdom with serious and mysterious health problems. Authorities denied both children medical care (against the wishes of their parents) in order to cause their deaths—based on

the judgement that their disabled lives weren't worth living. This was intentional killing by omission.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's comments in late January—which helped spur the consideration of the born-alive bill in Congress—seem to endorse a similar ethic. Northam explained that babies born alive in the context of abortion should be "kept comfortable" but only "resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired." He later said he was talking about babies with disabilities or terminal conditions.

The Netherlands, which pioneered the practice of euthanasia, goes one step further. Dutch doctors have an accepted protocol for *active* killing (i.e., lethal injection) of newborn babies with severe diseases or disabilities—infants who are judged by others to be better off dead.

Make no mistake, though: Infanticide advocacy isn't just about killing for the purpose of euthanasia. That's only the tip of the spear.

"While some defenders of infanticide have focused on cases of severe disability," explain Calum Miller, Daniel Rodger, and Bruce Blackshaw in the journal *The New Bioethics*, "this focus has only pragmatic grounding." After all, the typical position of pro-infanticide ethicists isn't merely that killing disabled or sick babies is permissible. It's that *no newborn babies*, disabled or not, count as "persons" or bearers of rights. So killing any of them could be justified for many different reasons.

Miller, Rodger, and

Blackshaw note that this position has implications for the treatment of infants that go far beyond killing. Philosopher Jeff McMahan (who has been called "the most intellectually sophisticated" supporter of abortion), for example, thinks killing healthy orphaned infants in order to harvest their organs is morally permissible—or even obligatory. Peter Singer says there's nothing wrong with breeding children to use for spare parts.

This is the unfolding of "pro-choice" logic. As Singer succinctly puts it in his book *Practical Ethics*: "If ... the fetus does not have the same claim to life as a person, it appears that the newborn baby does not either."

An ethic of exclusion

Despite the views of some philosophers, politicians, and advocacy groups, most people recognize that infanticide is truly horrible. Yet infanticide is very difficult to avoid once we divide humanity into those who matter and those who are expendable. If a society excludes from protection human beings *in utero*, it's going to exclude other vulnerable members of the human family too.

There's only one alternative. The alternative is to include everyone. Our value doesn't depend on how others feel about us. It doesn't depend on health or ability. And it doesn't depend on a certain level of cognitive functioning. All human beings have human rights simply because they are human beings.

Infants matter. And that means unborn children matter too.