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**2016 Senate Elections:
Here's why you MUST vote!**





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Where do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Abortion?

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

Every presidential election year, National Right to Life publishes a downloadable comparison flyer about the presidential candidates. This year's flyer is entitled "Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?" The downloadable version of "Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?" is available at: www.nrlc.org/uploads/2016POTUScomparison.pdf

Not surprisingly, the candidates have very different views on abortion. Here is an overview of their positions on abortion-related issues.

Abortion on Demand

Donald Trump said, "Let me be clear – I am pro-life," adding, "I did not always

hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me."



Presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton

In contrast, in the U.S. Senate Hillary Clinton voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision which allows abortion for any reason. She says, "The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights," later adding she believed this to be true even on the unborn child's due date.

Partial-Birth Abortion

The partial-birth abortion procedure – used from the fifth month on – involves pulling a living baby feet-first out

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2016 Senate Elections: Staying Home is NOT an Option!

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Each election year brings with it new challenges, and it's not an exaggeration to say that this election has been the most unpredictable election year in our lifetime!

But there do remain constants.

Every election, we encounter those who are so discouraged with how some races are shaping up that they hide behind their anger and sacrifice their right to vote.

And, every election, we



make decisions that will have consequences, for good or ill, for generations to come.

In politics, we have to always be looking forward, being watchful and vigilant in a field that is constantly changing. But we can't just look to the future, we must also learn from our past, being ever mindful to not repeat history's mistakes.

It's no wonder then, that I have always been fascinated by history. Reading over the founding of our country, I am in awe of those willing to fight the necessary battles, who gave

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Editorials

Could the stakes be any clearer this November?

Throughout the August digital edition of *National Right to Life News* you'll find story after story laying out in chapter and verse what is at stake Tuesday, November 8. And because so much depends on our willingness to fight through every obstacle, I'm depending on you to read the edition cover to cover and forward *NRL News* to your entire list of pro-life contacts.

Will it be easy? Is it ever easy? No. Our job, in season and out, is to never take our eye off the objective: moving us forward to the day all unborn children are welcomed in life and protected in law.

Let's talk about just a few of the many, many election-related stories. On page one, we have a to-the-point presidential comparison piece--the Republican Donald Trump and the Democrat Hillary Clinton, the poster child for abortion extremism on steroids.

On page eight there is a line-by-line comparison of the party platforms on life. If you read nothing else in this issue, these two stories paint a contrast so stark, no single-issue pro-life voter could ever be confused which about direction the candidates and their party will take us and, most importantly, the littlest Americans.

We wrote and wrote and wrote about last month's Democratic National Convention. That much of the last night was a veneer of kudos to Middle America intended to cover the party's foundational out-of-the-mainstream agenda was the final and best example of Hollywood slick.

For our single-issue purposes, give the devil her due. Clinton did not mention the "A" word, but abortion advocacy saturated the three-day event.

The last couple of years we've written several times about Cecile Richards' decision to at long last talk about her abortion. I argued that the likely explanation was she was flushed out by militants so



PPFA President Cecile Richards waves as she walks onto the stage at the Democratic National Convention where abortion advocacy was at a fever pitch. [Photo credit: Getty]

radical the head of Planned Parenthood was afraid of being dubbed a "moderate."

By now it's routine for Richards to expound on her abortion, although her role at the Democratic National Convention was more about bashing Donald Trump and vouching for Clinton. As she said

As first lady, Hillary declared to the world that, "women's rights are human rights." ...

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82 days...and counting

While it may seem as if Election Day, November 8, is still a long ways off, in truth the moment of decision is only 82 days away. Ten and a half weeks is one way of illustrating the onrushing date.

Another and far more tangible way is to remember that as the nation considers whether it will elect to our highest office a pro-abortionist so militant, so uncompromising, so unyielding, and so ambitious that the determination of her husband (a former president himself) to spread the abortion menace pales in comparison, 237,798 unborn babies will have perished.

The August digital edition of *National Right to Life News* is replete with stories and comparison pieces and quotations. If you take the time to read even a handful, you will know that Hillary Clinton not only intends to destroy every remnant of protective pro-life legislation, she is not shy about abridging your religious liberties if they get in the way of multiplying the number of dead babies at home and around the world.

As often as we post about the topic, I honestly believe only a very small portion of Americans understand the right of conscience is already under siege in places like Canada over the "right" to assisted suicide. That plague does not respect borders.

Likewise, it is no accident (as the Marxists used to say) that the

Democratic Party has enshrined in its platform a call to overturn the Hyde Amendment. That 40 year-old provision of an annual bill which eliminates public funding for abortion except in very limited cases is the legislation most directly in Hillary Clinton's crosshairs.

Remember for the Sisterhood of Death, the "right" to abortion is meaningless unless it can be exercised. And if any woman cannot "exercise" the right to kill her unborn child because the Hyde Amendment bars your tax dollars and mine from financing abortions, then the Hyde Amendment must go. It also must go because it says implicitly that abortion is not a "good" thing.

Never mind that the public overwhelmingly opposes tax-financed abortions, many on the basis of a conscientious objection. Never mind that the even a sizable percentage of "pro-choicers" find this unacceptable as well.

Thought experiment. As a way of predicting how the machinery of government would work under a President Hillary Clinton, observe the sickening and cynical attempt by pro-abortion Democrats to use the Zika virus health scare to direct even more

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From the President Carol Tobias Imagining a Clinton Legacy

Hillary Clinton is a known quantity. As *NRL News* editor Dave Andrusko so succinctly summarized Clinton's position, "Abortion for any reason or no reason, as late in pregnancy as desired, paid for by the public." If she were elected president for four, maybe even eight years, what would be her legacy to this great country?

The short answer? A further entrenchment of abortion on demand and millions more unborn babies whose lives are ended because they are 'inconvenient' or someone deemed them not worthy of respect.

In the 1990s, when Hillary's husband was president, their often quoted position was that abortion should be "safe, legal, and rare."

No one in the pro-life community ever believed that cover story, but many did.

Her position became very clear, however, with the Health Security Act, also known as Hillary Care. This "health" plan, formulated by Hillary Clinton and pushed by her husband's administration, was a dream come true for the abortion industry. It would have required that every health plan or policy sold provide a federally defined benefits package which covered abortion on request; that every working American and every employer must purchase the federal benefits package, including abortion; and that abortion facilities be accessible in every region of every state. In addition, the law would have repealed many state laws on abortion including parental consent, waiting periods, limits on third-trimester abortions, conscience clauses, etc.

In other words, Hillary's health plan would have been all abortion all the time. The pro-life community worked extremely

hard to make sure that Hillary's plan never became law.

For years, even some pro-abortion candidates were unwilling to voice support for tax-funding of abortion, knowing that was not a popular position with the American public. One of the most successful means of reducing the number of abortions was the Hyde Amendment, sponsored by the late pro-life Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL). Conservative estimates from five years ago put the figure, at that time, at one million persons who are alive today because abortion funding was not available.

Hillary? She wants to do away with the Hyde amendment and its repeal is now part of the Democrat Party radical abortion on demand platform plank. So what if you have a moral or conscientious objection to paying for abortion? What you and millions of other Americans want doesn't matter when it comes to killing unborn babies.

What would Hillary do on an international level? She would push her radical abortion on demand policy through the United Nations.

As Jeanne Head, RN, NRLC's vice-president of international affairs, noted in 2009, achieving pro-life goals at UN meetings became increasingly more difficult when hostile U.S. delegations, led by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, were determined to pursue a goal of making abortion a fundamental human "right" worldwide. That could and would be used as a battering ram against protective laws around the globe.

Why might that be important domestically? Because some Supreme Court justices have shown a willingness, even eagerness, to recognize international law when dealing with U.S. cases.

In a 2003 address to The American Society of International Law, Justice Stephen Breyer stated, "...we find an increasing number of issues, including constitutional issues, where the decisions of foreign courts help by offering points of comparison. This change reflects the 'globalization' of human rights, a phrase that refers to the ever-stronger consensus (now near worldwide) as to the importance of protecting basic human rights, the embodiment of that consensus in legal documents, such

as national constitutions and international treaties, and the related decision to enlist judges - i.e., independent judiciaries - as instruments to help make that protection effective in practice."

Similarly, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has explained that "comparative analysis [of international law] emphatically is relevant to the task of interpreting constitutions and enforcing human rights. We are the losers if we neglect what others can tell us about endeavors to eradicate bias against women, minorities, and other disadvantaged groups." Unfortunately, Ginsburg does not consider unborn children to be members of the disadvantaged groups who are worthy of protection.

There can be no doubt that a President Clinton would appoint justices to the Supreme Court who will strike down pro-life laws passed at the state or federal level. It is highly likely that her appointees would also use international law to determine whether unborn babies in the United States live or die.

When a new president takes over in 2017, there will already be an opening on the Supreme Court-- that of the late Justice Antonin Scalia. If Clinton is elected, she will appoint someone whose position on the Constitution is 180 degrees different from Scalia. A voice who recognized the right of states to protect unborn children would become a voice against the babies.

In addition, we have 83-year old Ginsburg, 80-year-old Anthony Kennedy, and 78-year-old Breyer on the court. It's possible Clinton could appoint four justices and we would be looking at many more years of abortion on demand.

We know a President Clinton would follow any avenue to overturn the Hyde amendment. Her administration will look for any way possible to fund abortion in *all* health plans established under Obamacare. We could also have an international law that says a woman has a "right" to kill her unborn child, with a majority of the Supreme Court willing to recognize that law as superseding any U.S. law that "limited" abortion.

Pro-lifers are a hopeful people but there isn't any question our task will get much more difficult with a President Clinton administration.

In just 57 seconds, and in her own words, a summary of Hillary Clinton's abortion fanaticism

By Dave Andrusko

I write for a living, but I thoroughly understand the power of visuals—to educate, to motive, and often to enchant. And to terrify.

Last week Gary Bauer's American Values Action PAC released a YouTube video that in a mere 57 seconds encapsulates why Hillary Clinton is (by anyone's definition not on the abortion industry's payroll) an abortion extremist. These are Clinton's own words and they are not taken out of context.

Watch it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3Kk7m8LV_4

Of course there are many dimensions to the multi-layered Clinton abortion agenda that are not addressed, but the four items the YouTube video highlight will make your blood run cold.

#1. Expanding taxpayer funding for abortion, specifically for Planned Parenthood. Clinton has

forthrightly called for the end to the Hyde Amendment, which would put you and I back in the business of taxpayer



Pro-abortion Hillary Clinton

funded abortions and increase by hundreds of thousands the number of dead babies.

#2. "Deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be

changed." This is even more ominous than it sounds; Democrats are not big believers in freedom of conscience or

religion. The words quoted above are from remarks from a speech Clinton delivered this year to the "Women in The World Summit" in New York City. In context the message

was impossible to miss: to bring real "reproductive health care" to the ends of the earth (Hillary and Bill Clinton are anti-life missionaries), a lot that means a great deal to billions of people must be jettisoned. And you don't change what Clinton labeled "deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases" with pleasantries. You do so coercively, with the power of the state.

#3. Unborn babies have no constitutional rights whatsoever, up to and including "just hours before delivery."

#4. A pledge to appoint to the Supreme Court only people "who believe that *Roe v. Wade* is settled law."

There is no way to exaggerate the level of Clinton's commitment to multiplying the number of dead babies at home and aboard.

Listen to her. She is not hiding it.

NRL Convention CDs and MP3s now available for purchase

By Dave Andrusko

You'll be glad to know that all the tremendous educational resources from the annual

powerful workshops, general sessions, Prayer Breakfast, and banquet can be purchased at

shop.nrlchapter.org. You can purchase individual recordings for \$5.00 each or full sets of either. We know that only a tiny

fraction of the millions of pro-lifers can attend National Right to Life's annual convention. That is why the convention goes to such lengths to make sure you have the next best thing to physically being present in Herndon, Virginia.

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The CDs, the MP3s, and the photos will make you feel as if you were there, or enhance your memories about what a great time you had.



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What You Can Do Right Now to Help the Unborn!

The *Associated Press* carried an article today about 119 Democrats in the U.S. House who are sponsoring legislation to eliminate the Hyde Amendment.

According to the article, no Republicans have signed on as co-sponsors.

The Hyde Amendment is a policy in force for the past 40 years that says no taxpayer dollars can be used in programs

like Medicaid to pay for elective abortions except in very limited cases.

In other words, the 119 House Democrats want to force you to start paying for abortions with your federal tax dollars, no matter what reasons of conscience or belief make you understand that abortion is morally indefensible.

There is something we can all do about this new threat to

human life. First, follow the races in your area and know who the candidates are who oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

But you don't even have to wait until election day to help us stop this threat. Donate now to the National Right to Life Victory Fund at https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_sclick&hosted_button_

id=3NDD77247AL64 to help elect candidates who support a full range of protections for the unborn, including NO taxpayer funding for these elective abortions.

Unborn babies need us to stand up for them now more than ever! Please vote, and please support the unborn with your generous donation today!



Autos for Life receive a very special gift...

By David N. O'Steen, Jr.

Through the years, Autos for Life has received a huge variety of vehicle donations, including classic and luxury cars, trucks, SUVs, minivans, family cars, boats, jet skis, and motorcycles.

But recently, we received a

to him after his grandfather's passing, so obviously there was a sentimental attachment to the vehicle.

After speaking with the donor over the phone several times, I decided that I should

wanted the car to go to National Right to Life as well.

The car had been sitting for over a year untouched. Not started, not driven, not moved. Left exactly as it was when last parked, and yes, I have a good

and most down-to-earth people that I have ever met! Well, after a little fiddling with the car, it was time to try and start it.

To both our surprise, not only did we get it started, but it ran BEAUTIFULLY!!!

So after visiting for a short time more, it was time to bring the car back. Pulling away from the donor's house, I saw him in the rearview mirror looking happy, and a little sad at the same time. However, I had assured him that 100% of the proceeds from the sale of his grandfather's Pontiac would be put to use saving the lives of unborn babies and the most vulnerable members of our society.

I absolutely love stories like this! Isn't it AMAZING that the donation of a car, or truck, or motorcycle, can help save innocent lives?

If you or anyone that you know has a vehicle that they would like to donate to further our life saving work, please contact David N. O'Steen Jr. at (240) 418-8860 or (202) 626-8823, or dojr@nrlc.org. And remember that you will receive a tax deduction for the full sale amount!

We at National Right to Life are so grateful for each of these special gifts. Please keep them coming! The generosity of our supporters is truly fantastic!



BEAUTIFUL 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GT from a loyal supporter in Virginia. The car had been his grandfather's car, and had been passed on

go pick the car up in person which I often do. I knew that this donation meant a lot to the donor, and also came to find out that his grandfather would have

idea of when and why that was.

The meeting with the donor was an emotional one as you'd expect, and I can honestly say that he was one of the nicest

2016 Senate Elections: Here's why you MUST Vote!

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The next president will nominate a successor for the late Justice Antonin Scalia. He or she will also likely have the opportunity to nominate successors to at least two more justices.

As we anticipate those nominations, perhaps the greatest responsibility we in the political field have right now is to ensure we have a pro-life Senate that will confirm pro-life nominees and block judges who would entrench and expand *Roe*.

There are a lot of races we will need to work on to accomplish this task. But I know that equipped with the right information, you will go back to your communities and rally the necessary troops to see this through.

As we discuss these Senate races, I will be talking a lot about the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, and Emily's List, which is the extreme pro-abortion PAC that only works for Democrat women who support abortion for any reason.

Whenever you read "Planned Parenthood" you should think "the nation's largest abortion provider." I never say Planned Parenthood without clarifying "the nation's largest abortion provider."

And whenever you hear EMILY's List, you should think "the extreme pro-abortion PAC."

This year, there are 34 U.S. Senate seats up for election: 10 Democrat seats and 24

Republican seats.

All of the Democrats up for re-election are pro-abortion.

According to *Cook Political Report*, eight of the 10 Democrat seats are currently "safe," while 13 of the 24 Republican seats are vulnerable. Democrats

you can make an impact in the battle before us, let's review the most pressing Senate races we face in November.

In June, pro-life Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fl.) announced he would run for a second term. Senator Rubio has voted pro-

In contrast, Cortez Masto is supported by NARAL Pro-Choice America and EMILY's List.

In New Hampshire, pro-life Senator Kelly Ayotte (R), who has a strong pro-life voting record, is being challenged by



need a net gain of five seats to regain control of the Senate, or four if they win the White House.

The Senate elections will be tough.

Please do not fall into the trap of thinking that if you don't live in one of the "toss-up" states, this election doesn't affect you. Remember we are all in this together, and we need to support each other, regardless of our location. Find out how you can support your colleagues via social media. Reach out to your friends and family who may live in states with competitive Senate races.

Never stop looking for an opportunity to make a difference. We are all responsible for these races and for the future of our country.

So with an eye towards how

life on every occasion.

Following the August 30 primary, Rubio's opponent will be pro-abortion Rep. Alan Grayson or pro-abortion Rep. Patrick Murphy. Both Grayson and Murphy are so extreme that they even voted against the bill to require care for babies who are born alive during an abortion. Of course, they also voted to continue funding Planned Parenthood.

Pro-life Congressman Joe Heck (R) will face pro-abortion former Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto (D) for the Nevada U.S. Senate seat that is being vacated by retiring Senate Democratic Leader the Harry Reid.

Congressman Heck voted for the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and he voted to defund Planned Parenthood.

pro-abortion Governor Maggie Hassan (D), another candidate supported by EMILY'S List.

In Ohio, pro-life Senator Rob Portman (R) is facing a challenge by pro-abortion Ted Strickland (D), a former member of the U.S. House and a former governor.

Portman has a strong pro-life voting record, while Strickland had a dismal voting record in Congress, voting against the pro-life position nearly 80% of the time in a 10-year span. Strickland has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

In Pennsylvania, pro-life Senator Pat Toomey (R) is facing a challenge by Katie McGinty (D), another candidate supported by EMILY'S List.

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Keep This One Thing in Mind When You Vote This November

By Mike Fichter, CEO, Indiana Right to Life

In July, political junkies were glued to their television screens watching the Democrat and Republican Parties' political conventions. The highlight of political conventions, of course, is the nomination of an individual to head the party's ticket in the November presidential election. The Democrats selected former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (and her running mate Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine), while the Republicans put forward businessman Donald Trump (and his running mate Gov. Mike Pence, of our great state).

Back in May, the Libertarian Party met to select Gov. Gary Johnson (and his running mate Gov. Bill Weld) as their nominee.

Not always captured in the convention headlines are the important policy decisions that take place at the party gatherings. Each party's respective Platform Committee met to form a document that officially states the party's priorities and policy positions.

When you vote this November, keep in mind the parties' drastically different platform positions. The Republican, Democrat and Libertarian platform positions are pasted below in their entirety.

Republicans adopted a platform position that is being called the "Most Pro-Life Platform Ever."

The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's

proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth

Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We

by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. Failure to require a father to be equally responsible for a child places an inequitable burden on the mother, creating a financial and social hardship on both mother and child.

We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their



Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, and Gary Johnson

Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on

oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne

hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasounds and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental

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Fewest number of abortions ever in North Dakota

By Dave Andrusko

The news from North Dakota just keeps getting better and better.

The latest numbers from the state Department of Health reveal that the Red River Women's Clinic in Fargo, the state's lone abortion facility, performed 98 fewer abortions in 2015 than it did in 2014—1,166 as compared with 1,264.

That represents an 8% decline and the lowest figure since record keeping began in 1981.

Previously the fewest number of babies lost to abortion was in 2013—1,182. In 1982, the number was almost unimaginably high: 3,076.

“Of the abortions performed in North Dakota last year, 822 of the women were from North Dakota, 280 were from Minnesota, 55 were from South Dakota and nine were from other states,” according to Mike Nowatzki of *Forum News Service*.

According to Nowatzki, **Medora Nagle, executive director of the anti-abortion**

group North Dakota Right to Life, said she believes efforts to educate women about alternatives such as adoption and the “brutal” nature of

Folda of Fargo said in a statement that 6.77% of pregnant women in North Dakota had abortions in 2015 — the lowest percentage since 1998, the year

the hard and often difficult work of pregnancy centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes which have expanded and touched so many women and children during these years. It is also a testament to the commitment of North Dakotans to the culture of life at every level.”

The *Associated Press* provided demographic breakdowns. Except for women over 40, teenagers had the lowest number of abortions with women ages 20-24 accounted for the most abortions in North Dakota.

“The health department said 974 of the women who had abortions last year were not married,” the *AP's* James McPherson reported. “More than

half of the woman who had abortions had at least one living child, and most have at least a high school education, data show.”



abortion procedures have contributed to the decline in abortions.

Speaking as president of the North Dakota Catholic Conference, Bishop John Thomas

that statistic started to be tracked.

Bishop Folda, Nowatzki reported, said the downward trend “is a testament to

Mike Pence: “The great work of crisis pregnancy centers is changing hearts, minds every day”

By Jay Hobbs

Speaking on *The O'Reilly Factor*, Republican Vice-Presidential nominee Indiana Gov. Mike Pence made a strong endorsement of community funded pregnancy help organizations.

Asked about his thoughts on *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion on-demand the law of the land in all 50 states, Pence said that while voters at the state level should decide the issue, he hopes recent gains by the pro-life community are an indicator of things to come.

“I hope to live to see the day when we restore the sanctity of life back to the center of the law,” Pence said. “I’m pro-life, I don’t apologize for it. I truly do believe that *Roe v. Wade* was wrongly decided and... overturned over a century of pro-life laws that had been enacted through the democratic process in all 50 states.

“But, we’re making great progress. More people today embrace the sanctity of life than ever before. The great work of crisis pregnancy centers across

my state and across this nation is changing hearts and changing minds every day.”

As governor of Indiana, Pence authorized \$3.5 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to go



to pregnancy help organizations in the current budget cycle after a \$1 million pilot program through Real Alternatives served over 8,400 clients in the state last year.

Pence, who was elected governor in 2013, was tabbed

July 15 by Donald J. Trump as his pick for Vice Presidential nominee.

Asked by host Bill O'Reilly how he responds to the abortion lobby's allegations that he is anti-woman because of his pro-

positions and women in senior leadership in our executive branch. We've celebrated the accomplishments of women all across the state of Indiana.

“We'll let the left do their [thing], the way they like to

life stance, Pence brushed off the accusations.

“That just comes with the territory,” Pence said. “People who know me and look at my administration in the state of Indiana—we've had women in senior leadership in our cabinet

divide things up and segment the population, but we're going to promote the policies that are going to benefit all Americans.”

Editor's note. This appeared at Pregnancy Help News.

Mike Pence ably defines his pro-life record, says he is “grateful to be standing with Donald Trump in his strong commitment to the right to life”

By Dave Andrusko

If you had a chance to watch “Fox News Sunday” yesterday, you know that moderator Chris Wallace grilled pro-life Indiana Gov. and Republican vice presidential nominee Mike

an abortion because her fetus has genetic abnormalities. Now, I know that you would like to see Roe versus Wade reversed. But

countries have taken, that abortions for the reason of race or sex are morally offensive, and we stand by that. But we also cherish

now, and the courts will resolve that matter —

WALLACE: But you still believe that?

PENCE: I believe in the sanctity of life, and I stand for that principle, and I’m grateful to be standing with Donald Trump in his strong commitment to the right to life.



Pence. Which is fine although it would be nice if pro-abortion Hillary Clinton and Sen. Tim Kaine would get the same level of scrutiny on all the Sunday talk shows.

Our single-issue focus is on what Wallace calls “a lightning round — quick questions, quick answers.” The last exchange in particular. Here it is in its entirety:

WALLACE: Finally, you signed an abortion bill this year that bans a woman for getting

given the fact that it’s still the law of the land, why does the state have the authority to limit the reasons a woman has to end her pregnancy?

PENCE: Well, I’m pro-life, I don’t apologize for it. I’d like to see Roe versus Wade overturned and consigned to the ash heap of history.

We took a stand in the state of Indiana, that frankly many

those who have disabilities in the state of Indiana, and taking a step in the direction of protecting the unborn — who are facing physical challenges and disabilities, I think was the right thing to do.

WALLACE: And you still believe that, that a woman should not be allowed to have an abortion —

PENCE: Well, it’s before the courts right

Two quick points. First, every offensive against abortion on demand, whether the narrowest or much broader, will be contested in the courts. Such as it been, such as it will ever be.

Gov. Pence made no apologies. He made the straightforward point that destroying an unborn child because she is a she and not a he or because a prenatal test finds a genetic anomaly is particularly abhorrent. In passing HEA 1337, the Indiana legislature said no to a blatant act of discrimination.

Second, the route that someday ends with Roe being “consigned to the ash heap of history” will sometimes be straight ahead, other times more circuitous. But each effort is intended to highlight how grotesquely at odds abortion is with the founding principles of our democracy.

And slaughtering an unborn child because she is a girl or because she doesn’t meet someone’s arbitrary definition of perfection powerfully illustrates that incongruity.

Sen. Rubio, the Zika virus, and erring on the side of life

By Dave Andrusko

Pro-lifers never, ever deny that choosing life can be difficult. We write about the need for courage and determination and support from others all the time.

And that is why I so admire pro-life Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fl.) who is in a tough re-election fight, for holding steadfast in his convictions, knowing his pro-abortion Democratic opponent and the entirety of the Mainstream Media will clobber him over his comments about the Zika virus which has spread in Florida.

Here's what he said, according to POLITICO's Marc Caputo:

"I understand a lot of people disagree with my view – but I believe that all human life is worthy of protection of our laws. And when you present it in the context of Zika or any prenatal condition, it's a difficult question and a hard one. ...

"But if I'm going to err, I'm going to err on the side of life."

Sen. Rubio did not minimize the possible damage to a baby born to some women infected with the Zika virus. In Caputo's story we read

"Obviously, microcephaly is a terrible prenatal condition that kids are born with. And

when they are, it's a lifetime of difficulties," Rubio said. "So I get it. I'm not pretending to you that that's an easy question you asked me. But I'm prolife. And

with which to club Republicans. Writing for National Review Online, Alexandra DeSanctis tells her readers

While most of the funding outlined in the bill would go to

block the entire bill because none of this small portion was earmarked for Planned Parenthood.

"The conference committee increased health-care block-grant funding and provided guidance on who could receive the funding," Stewart tells National Review. "Planned Parenthood was not listed as a potential recipient, and Democrats want them to be explicitly listed as a recipient — even though the president's initial request didn't ask for any."

As is often the case, a failure to specifically earmark money for Planned Parenthood is described as "cutting" funding.

For his part, Senator Rubio told POLITICO

"The Planned Parenthood angle is something they basically made up to have a political reason not to pass Zika so they can come back in August and campaign on it," he said. "That's what I mean by political volleyball."



Pro-Life Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fl.)

I'm strongly prolife. I believe all human life should be protected by our law, irrespective of the circumstances or condition of that life."

Of course, as is always the case with pro-abortionists, they are turning a bill to prevent severe anomalies into a tool

mosquito prevention and vaccine research, a small segment is dedicated to public-health efforts. According to Don Stewart, deputy chief of staff for Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Democrats chose to

Kaine tells CNN he is “fully committed” to supporting all elements of the Clinton agenda which includes repealing the Hyde Amendment

By Dave Andrusko

Let’s see how many iterations Sen. Tim Kaine (Hillary Clinton’s pick for vice president) can go through in explaining his position on the Hyde Amendment, a provision of an annual bill which eliminates public funding for abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother, is credited with saving over a million lives. Yes, no, no, yes, I’ll check it out.

What’s the latest? Could have changed in the last 20 minutes. Here’s how the *Hill’s* Jonathan Swan explained a recent “clarification”:

Kaine, who says he personally opposes abortion but will support all elements of the Democratic presidential nominee’s agenda, created confusion over his stance Sunday when he said on CNN’s “State of the Union” that his position on the Hyde Amendment had not changed.

“On Hyde, my position is the same. I support the Hyde Amendment. I haven’t changed that,” he said.

“As the vice president, I have to get comfortable with the notion that I can have my personal views but

I’m going to support the president of the United States, and I will.”

One of the “elements of the Democratic presidential nominee’s agenda” which

“We’re just not going to speculate about the future, we’re focused on winning in November,” the aide said.

Kaine spokeswoman Karen Finney added: “As Tim Kaine has

testing wording, hoping they can find some formulation that works for Clinton and Kaine.

They can’t.

Last month we wrote about the latest Marist poll taken for the Knights of Columbus which showed a whopping 62%



Tim Kaine says he supports all of pro-abortion Hillary Clinton’s political agenda.

pro-abortion Hillary Clinton passionately embraces, is gutting the Hyde Amendment.

Then there arose the question what would Kaine do, should Clinton be elected President, and Kaine is presiding over the Senate. Swan writes

As vice president, Kaine could be called upon to cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate. ...

Asked how Kaine would vote in that circumstance, an aide declined to respond.

said, while he supports the Hyde Amendment, he has also made it clear that he is fully committed to Hillary Clinton’s policy agenda, which he understands includes repeal of Hyde. “

As *NRL News Today* has reported on many occasions, it is not—not—a winning position for Democrats to campaign on forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions. Various pro-Democratic organizations keep

opposition to using taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion.

Here is a further breakdown that gives you a better sense of the breadth and depth of the opposition.

That opposition includes 65% of African-Americans; 61% of Latinos; 58% of Millennials (18-34); and 66% of Gen X (35-50).

What about Democrats? 44% oppose “using tax dollars to pay for a woman’s abortion” as does even 45% of self-identified pro-choicers!

Why “Safe, Legal and Rare” is passé to Hillary Clinton

By Dave Andrusko

Granted, the pace may be glacial, but ever, **ever** so slowly the Mainstream Media is acknowledging that “this ain’t your grandmother’s Democratic Party.”

I don’t mean a nod to the super-obvious: the party has raced Left. That is embraced by most journalists, so long as Hillary Clinton does not scare off the electorate which, as always, is center-right.

What I do mean is a vague acknowledgment that Clinton’s mind is soaked in abortion extremism. Put another way, it’s as if all the zaniest pro-abortion initiatives were dishes on a Lazy Susan. They are all so good (in a twisted pro-abortion sense) that Clinton cannot pass up even one.

Abortion for any reason or no reason, as late in pregnancy as desired, paid for by the public. And that’s just the start.

Clinton is a rock star in the International Abortion Community. Her commitment to making abortion an internationally recognized “right” is as long-standing as it is unyielding.

While the media, which is bent on electing Clinton

President, will never put all the pieces together, parts of it is working its way into some of the coverage. For example, that the old Bill and Hillary



Pro-abortion Hillary Clinton

Clinton mantra—abortion “safe, legal and rare”—is (to borrow a phrase from Hillary Clinton’s youth) inoperative.

Why is the phrase so repugnant to today’s abortion militants and, indeed, even to the pro-abortion fellow traveler? Simply because the wording,

the tone—the connotations and the denotations—suggest abortion is not something to be undertaken casually. That is, the fewer the better.

embraced rather than kept to a minimum.

Indeed, they turn death inside out. We are constantly being told that having aborted a kid (or two), women like NARAL’s Ilyse Hogue are better mothers.

Abortion is to be understood as a rite of passage, like going to college, and every bit as positive. To the anti-life set, ripping a baby apart is a kind of demented baptism. Having slaughtered her own child, the woman emerges from the abortion clinic a new creature.

Which is why they so zealously embrace Do-It-Yourself chemical abortions: empowerment. No third party necessary. Just you, your kid (“product of conception”), and your RU-486 chemical cocktail.

Clinton and NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood are counting on a kind of collective nonchalance where no matter how barbaric their behavior or how inhumane their attitudes, people will say, “Whatever.”

It’s up to you and I to make sure that could never, ever come to pass.

Not so any more, not to Clinton or the Sisterhood of Death of which she is a charter member.

Abortion has been transmogrified from an action undertaken “in sorrow and regret” to a (twisted) life-affirming action, one to be

Olympic Stories of Choosing Life

By Matthew Wagner

“You always dream of going to the Olympics and winning gold. I’ve learned over the years that there are lots of gold medals, but certain stories stick out and make a difference.” – Two-time Olympian and gold medalist Kerri Strug.

I love the Olympics. It doesn’t matter if it is track and field, swimming, gymnastics, or any other Olympic event. I

decorated gold medalist in world championship gymnastic history. However, her story is even more impressive because of how it began.

Biles was born into a fatherless home and to an “unfit” drug-addicted mother... the ideal target for Planned Parenthood. Thankfully, Biles did not become an abortion statistic, instead eventually going into foster care, and then

Another powerful story is the witness of Olympian volleyball player Kerri Walsh Jennings. In an interview with NBC, the three-time Olympic gold medalist (and we hope soon to be four time winner) compared

a day, because you see someone or something, and you’re inspired.”

Abortion advocates like to argue that abortion has to be necessary for women to

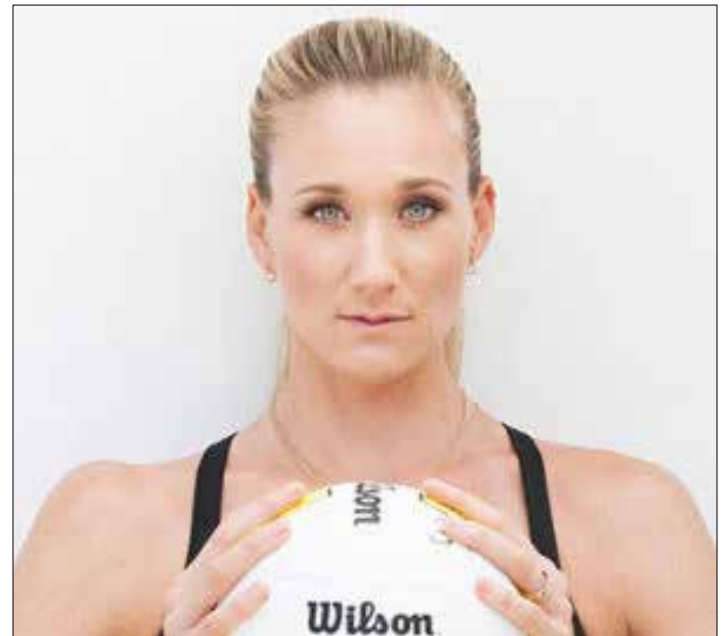


Simone Biles

love the patriotism shown by the athletes I love the sheer strength of will on display. What I love the most though are the stories that come to light of the personal challenges the athletes have to overcome.

One such life-affirming story is that of Simone Biles who is often referred to as the most

ultimately being adopted by her grandparents whom she simply calls Mom and Dad. They introduced her to gymnastics and now her story is just one example of a person who has made history because someone (in this case both her birth mother and her grandparents) chose life.



Kerri Walsh Jennings

competing in the Olympics to having children, saying:

“When you go through something that’s so momentous, and it’s either really hard or really inspiring, you kind of forget the details, and you just remember the feeling that you’re left with. Childbirth obviously leaves you with the best gift ever, and the Olympic experience has as well. But you forget the little things. And now that I’m here, it’s like, ‘Oh, my gosh. I forget how special this is.’ I literally get goose bumps 20 million times

continue their careers. After all, the argument goes, you can’t expect a woman to be able to have successful careers while raising children. Jennings, with her 3 gold medals, is living proof that a woman can be successful in her career and raise children at the same time.

The Olympics are underway, so there will undoubtedly be more stories like Simone Biles’ and Kerri Walsh Jennings’ that stick out and remind us that there is always a reason to choose life.

Editor’s note. This appeared on the blog of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

A 1 in 80,000 birth: baby born inside an intact amniotic sac

By Dave Andrusko

If you go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3ghl8Diojo, be prepare to be stunned—in a beautiful and haunting way.

A number of publications ran almost reverential stories, along with the enchanting YouTube video, about a little unborn Spanish baby who was delivered still inside the intact amniotic sac—moments after its twin was delivered in the

normal fashion. Odds that the amniotic sac would survive the rigors of childbirth? One in 80,000!

As you can see in the video, the baby is moving about. Josh Hanrahan of the *Daily Mail* described it this way:

Moving occasionally, the baby is clearly visible inside the sac with the blue umbilical

cord – through which the baby is receiving oxygen – easily distinguishable.

The amazing video shows the newborn lying on a hospital table, curled up inside the clear sac which is tightly stretched around its body.

With its movements

increasing in regularity, the youngster is seemingly ready to escape the sac and meet its little brother or sister.

No memo needed for pro-lifers—or hopefully for anyone else—to explain what this tells us about the continuity of life and the beauty of childbirth—in or out of the amniotic sac.



UNC Study Shows Enormity of Abortion's Impact on Public Health, Minorities

Study included abortion in nation's mortality statistics

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

Public health statistics do not, as a rule, take account of the unborn lives lost to abortion when calculating mortality. A team of researchers from the University of North Carolina has challenged this omission and published a paper examining just how much the correction of this omission would change our perceptions of America's most preventable health crises.

The consequences are enormous, across the board, but the impact is absolutely devastating on black and Hispanic communities. When one considers not only the lives, but the years lost, the loss is staggering.

Something missing from death stats

The paper, "Induced Abortion, Mortality, and the Conduct of Science" was written by James Studnicki, Sharon J. Mackinnon, and John W. Fisher and was published in the June 2016 online edition of the *Open Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

It starts with a statement both bold and obvious: "There is no credible scientific opposition to the fact that a new genetically distinct human organism begins with fertilization and that, simply stated, human life begins at conception." The authors then affirm that, barring natural fetal losses (e.g., miscarriage), "conception usually results in a live birth."

Given that, the authors draw the logical conclusion that abortion results in a human death.

Despite this undeniable truth, these deaths are not counted in the nation's mortality statistics. When added back in, some astounding conclusions are revealed.



Research the major causes of death in the United States for 2009, as the authors did, and you will find that the top two causes are "diseases of the heart," which accounted for 599,413 deaths, followed closely by "malignant neoplasms" (cancerous tumors) at 567,628.

Not surprisingly, cancer and heart disease are considered major health concerns, and with good reason.

But when one considers abortion as a cause, it is almost equivalent to the government's top two causes combined! Using estimates for 2009 from the Guttmacher Institute, Studnicki and colleagues calculate that the 1,152,000 deaths from abortion easily make it the nation's leading cause of death, responsible,

when added back in, for almost a third (32.1%) of all the deaths recorded that year.

Abortion leading cause of death among minorities

While abortion has harmed society as a whole, the impact on minorities is even more significant.

As many pro-lifers know, abortion rates for minorities are considerably higher than they are for whites. Figures cited by authors from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), combined with data from Guttmacher, showed that 11.9% of non-Hispanic white pregnancies were aborted, 17.1% of Hispanic pregnancies, and 35.5% of those of non-Hispanic blacks.

Applied to the overall pregnancy figures, this translates into 383,000 abortions for whites, 252,000 abortions for Hispanics, and 445,000 abortions for blacks. Looked at in relation to other causes of death by race and ethnicity, this makes abortion responsible for 16.4% of white deaths—the third most significant cause behind heart disease and cancer. But abortion is by far the leading cause for Hispanics, responsible for 64% of deaths, and for blacks, at 61.1%—close to two out of every three deaths experienced by these communities.

Lost years as well as lives

The authors point out that much more is involved here

than abortion simply increasing the numbers of deaths.

One of the reasons that mortality statistics are carefully collected and scrutinized is to determine how best to focus research and public resources. If cancer, heart disease, or the like constitute the leading preventable causes of death in the United States, it makes some sense to focus attention and funding on those conditions and diseases.

Another way researchers measure the impact of disease is to count not only the lives lost but the relative years lost. This calculates how many additional, potentially productive years of life people would have experienced if they had not succumbed to that particular malady.

"Years of potential life lost," or YPPL, is the standard used by the NCHS, now pegged as "YYPL 75" to reflect the idea that 75 years is now closer to the average American's longevity.

However, when abortion is considered and contrasted with other causes of death, the disparity is even more jaw-dropping.

For everyone in the U.S., cancer was responsible for nearly 4.4 million YPLL. Heart disease was responsible just over 3 million. All other remaining causes of death (accidental, homicide, diabetes,

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Local Indiana pro-lifers commemorate loss of 35,000 unborn babies to now-closed abortion facility

By Dave Andrusko

Three months ago abortionist Ulrich Klopfer, notorious even by the abortion industry's standards, closed his Women's Pavilion abortion clinic in Indiana, but not before aborting over 35,000 unborn babies.

Last week, Right to Life St. Joseph County held a prayer vigil near the Women's Pavilion to commemorate the babies lost at the South Bend abortion clinic and celebrate the abortion clinic's closure. The competing emotions were on display in the speeches delivered to 200 people from Jeanette Burdell and the Most Rev. Kevin Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend.

"I think that it's a mixture of emotions," Burdell, executive director of Right to Life St. Joseph County, told Howard Dukes of the *South Bend Tribune*. "There is heavy heartedness and sadness over the lives that no longer exist in our community." She added

"They would be gifts to our community.

"They would be students and workers and contributing their talents, but they're missing."

But there was cause for celebration as well. "I am grateful that for at least nine months, we have not had an abortion facility for the first time in years in our community," Burdell said.

'Years of shoddy abortion practices have finally caught up

with Dr. Klopfer," said Cathie Humbarger, Indiana Right to Life's Vice President of Policy Enforcement, when the South Bend clinic was about to close. "Klopfer compromised the

Klopfer's shady practices under the rug. It's a good day for the health and safety of Hoosier women."

NRL News Today has reported on Klopfer for years.



Chase Robertson, 7, hands out flowers during a Right to Life vigil near the closed Women's Pavilion in South Bend on August 10. South Bend Tribune photo/Michael Caterina

health and safety of women who sought abortions from him in Gary, Fort Wayne and South Bend, and we're relieved he is finally being shut down. Hoosier women deserve better. We extend our appreciation to the [Gov. Mike] Pence administration and the ISDH [Indiana State Department of Health] for refusing to sweep

2014 and 2015. He surrendered his Gary facility license in June 2015.

Last November Klopfer dropped his appeal of the ISDH's June decision to not renew his South Bend facility operating license. That decision came on the heels of two complaints by the ISDH to revoke his South Bend facility operating license. Klopfer had been scheduled to appear before an administrative law judge in a hearing that could have taken up to three days.

The ISDH filed the first complaint to revoke Klopfer's South Bend operating license in January. According to the complaint, the facility was charged with violating Indiana Code 16-21 and multiple health and safety rules. In June, the ISDH filed a second complaint to revoke Klopfer's South Bend operating license, following a license complaint investigation of the facility by the ISDH.

The June investigation revealed multiple additional deficiencies, including Klopfer's failure to abide by Indiana's 18-hour notification law that requires a woman to give her voluntary and informed consent and view the fetal ultrasound and hear the fetal heartbeat, at least 18 hours before an abortion. Indiana law had allowed Klopfer to continue doing abortions while he appealed the ISDH's decision to not renew his operating license.

For decades Klopfer, an Illinois resident, operated abortion facilities in Gary, Fort Wayne, and South Bend. Klopfer lost his Fort Wayne back-up physician with admitting privileges, required by an Allen County ordinance and state code, in December 2013. This rendered him unable to do abortions in Fort Wayne in

Upcoming AMA fight foreshadows potential Supreme Court Battle

By Jennifer Popik, JD, Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics

There is an effort currently underway within the American Medical Association (AMA) to abandon its long-standing position opposing assisted suicide and take a neutral stance. Assisting suicide is now legal in Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and California, and the practice may have some legal protection in the state of Montana.

Why is that important? Both the national and state medical societies' opposition to doctor-prescribed suicide have been instrumental in stopping the spread of these dangerous laws. In fact, when the Vermont and California medical societies took neutral positions, it was devastating to the efforts in the legislature to block legalization.

Following the national annual AMA meeting several weeks ago, its Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs was instructed to "study aid-in-dying as an end-of-life option." Moreover, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs has been directed to develop a recommendation "regarding the AMA taking a neutral stance on physician aid-in-dying."

The Council is only slated to talk with physicians who have participated in suicides. This sets the stage for a full debate on doctor-prescribed suicide by the AMA House of Delegates next summer. Absent a grassroots groundswell from within its ranks, it seems likely that the AMA will move from opposition to adopting a neutral stance.

The stakes could not be any higher.

While, as noted, four states have affirmatively legalized the dangerous practice of doctor-prescribed suicide, and

legislative efforts continue to expand that number, an even greater threat may be posed by the United States Supreme Court. We are in a situation, with the current Supreme Court vacancy, under which whoever gets to appoint the new justice can definitively shift the High Court's ideological balance.

In 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Washington v. Glucksberg*, unanimously



rejected the claim that there was a constitutional "right" to assist suicide. But many of the concurring justices suggested they agreed only because there was not yet enough evidence to show that states could not rationally fear abuses.

Moreover, in one concurring opinion in *Glucksberg*, then-Justice John Paul Stevens made a point of saying that he did not intend to "foreclose the possibility that an individual plaintiff seeking to hasten her death, or a doctor whose assistance was sought, could prevail in a more particularized challenge."

If more states join the ranks of those allowing the dangerous practice of doctor-assisting suicide (Supreme Court Justices have indicated that they like to look at trends), it increases the

likelihood of decisions that emulated the Supreme Court of Canada. You'll recall the Canadian high court not only declared doctor-prescribed suicide a constitutional right but also authorized "surrogates" to "choose" euthanasia for patients who are not mentally capable of making health care decision, like children born with disabilities or those with Alzheimer's disease.

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has called assisting suicide "an appropriate right to have." In her first campaign question on the issue in a town hall in February, *Politico* reported "...she said, 'It is a crucial issue that people deserve to understand from their own ethical, religious and faith-based perspectives.'" Clinton added that she wants to examine what other countries, like the Netherlands, have experienced after enacting laws."

With the composition of the Supreme Court in the balance, it is more urgent now than ever before to raise awareness and fight back on this important issue. We must tell both the AMA and our elected officials that killing the patient must never be condoned as a reasonable "solution" to human problems!

It is important to try and persuade any physicians you might know belonging to the AMA to make their opinion opposing assisted suicide known.

You may also Contact the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs with your opinion against assisted suicide:

Council on Ethical
and Judicial Affairs
American Medical Association
330 North Wabash Avenue,
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Chicago, IL 60611-5885
ceja@ama-assn.org

So while you might not live in one of the states where doctor-prescribed suicide is legal, if more states join the ranks of California, Oregon, Washington, and Vermont—and above all if 2016 sees the election of a president and Senate likely to use the next Supreme Court vacancy to nominate and confirm a justice sympathetic to euthanasia—there is the real risk the U.S. Supreme Court might well follow the Supreme Court of Canada recent decision holding there is a federal constitutional right to assist suicide.

And should the AMA end its strong and influential opposition to the dangerous practice, we can expect many more states will face fierce legalization battles. We will all be at risk.

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All charges dropped against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt

Produced undercover videos exposing attitudes of high ranking PPGA officials

By Dave Andrusko

Vindication is sweet, especially when a wrongfully accused defendant, in this case David Daleiden, bucks the system rather than accept a plea bargain.

Last month prosecutors with the Harris County District Attorney's office dropped all charges against Daleiden and Sandra Merritt before the pair could pursue their legal motion to quash the charges at a hearing this morning.

As Life News wrote

On the night the head of the Planned Parenthood abortion company is slated to speak to the Democratic National Convention, the man behind the undercover videos has been vindicated. Again.

The undercover videos were taken by the Center for Medical Progress of leading Planned Parenthood officials laughing and joking about and negotiating for the delivery of intact baby organs, including livers, hearts, lungs, kidneys, brains, and trachea. The ensuing outrage fueled congressional inquiries and a cancellation of Planned Parenthood funding in a number of states.

Daleiden and Merritt were charged with crimes as serious as they were bogus—tampering with a government record (for

using false identification to gain access to Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast), a felony with a possible jail term of 20 years.



David Daleiden

Daleiden was also charged with a misdemeanor—soliciting the sale of fetal tissue. Harris County Court at Law Judge Diane Bull dismissed the latter on June 14.

At the time of the charges CMP said

The Center for Medical Progress uses the same

undercover techniques that investigative journalists have used for decades in

exercising our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and of the press, and follows all applicable laws.

Daleiden characterized the dismissal as “a resounding vindication of the First

Amendment rights of all citizen journalists, and also a clear warning to any of Planned Parenthood's political cronies who would attack whistleblowers to protect Planned Parenthood from scrutiny.” He added, “Planned Parenthood tried to collude with public officials to manipulate the legal process to their own benefit, and they failed.”

Peter Breen of the Thomas More Society, who represented Daleiden said, “This meritless and retaliatory prosecution should never have been brought. Planned Parenthood did wrong here, not David Daleiden.”

Added Mat Staver, the founder of Liberty Counsel, who represented Merritt, “The indictment was politically-motivated and should never have been filed in the first place.”

Although initially called to investigate Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast PPGC, Ben Johnson explained, “the Harris County grand jury indicted Daleiden and Merritt for using false identification, a felony, and a misdemeanor charge. ...The defendants turned down offers of a plea bargain that would result in probation instead of risking decades in a Texas prison, confident they would prevail.”

The Wisdom of NRLC's Legislative Strategy

By Dave Andrusko

A story from Kaiser Health News posted at the *NPR* website talks about the Right to Life Movement's legislative strategy going forward and is very much worth reading for a number of reasons.

Julie Rovner makes some important distinctions that help pro-lifers appreciate the wisdom of National Right to Life's approach.

As we've written, the Supreme Court, as presently constituted, is two votes short of upholding laws such as Texas' HB 2 which the justices struck in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*. The law required abortion facilities to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical clinics and abortionists to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles.

The five-member majority swallowed whole the argument that abortion clinics are already safe, safe, safe and thus such requirements constitute an "undue burden" on a woman's right to abortion.

However, as Rovner writes

The nation's oldest anti-abortion group, the National Right to Life Committee, has never embraced the push for health and safety regulations aimed at women.

"Our focus has always been on the humanity of the unborn," said its president, Carol Tobias, rather than potential risks to women seeking abortions.

Her group has instead been pushing

state and federal bills to ban abortions after 20 weeks and also ban "dilation and evacuation" abortions, which are the most common procedure performed after the first trimester of pregnancy.

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sarily going to impact those types of legislation, and I know it's not going to affect us," she said.

Rovner is referring to the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Act. The former says it is not legal to kill an unborn child who has reached 20 weeks fetal age, a point by which she can experience excruciating pain as she is killed.

The latter bans a particularly grotesque abortion "technique" which tears and pulverizes living unborn human beings, ripping heads and legs off of

agreed that her side has more work to do. "We've got to change hearts and minds," she said. But Laguens insists it is abortion opponents who are "out of sync with America and out of sync with the new generation."

With a more "social justice minded" generation of millennials now coming of age, she said, foes of abortion are the ones on the defensive. "They're in a last-gasp moment," she said. "They feel it slipping away."

"Changing hearts and minds"? Of course. The battle

between the forces of life and the forces of death is always a contest whether the appeal to the better angels of our nature or the appeal to panic, fear, and our darker side will prevail.

Millennials are their constituency? Nobody believes that.

More specifically which best appeals to the instinct for "social justice"? Kill your kid

because you don't want her to get in the way of your career plans? Or nurture your baby during her time of greatest vulnerability, ignoring the PPFAs and NARALs who are whispering in your ear that you are weak, weak, weak and your baby is nothing, nothing, nothing?

I'm putting my money on the latter. And if you attended the Teens for Life Convention that took place at the same time as the National Right to Life Convention in July; or if you've ever sent your kid to a pro-life camp and saw how he returned, you know the future belongs to Life.

‘Hush’: How a pro-choice filmmaker blew the lid off a major abortion cover-up

By Jewels Green

“It has to hurt if it’s to heal.” — Urgl, a healer; *The Never Ending Story* (1984)

When I was 6 years old, I broke my leg playing football. Well, it wasn’t regulation football, but a game the neighborhood kids called “fumble-itis,” which I’ve come to learn is called “Kill the Man with the Ball” in other places. There were other little kids like me playing, but also big kids. Like, really big kids.

I caught the ball (miraculous!) and was tackled by a 13-year-old girl and, SNAP, there went my right tibia. It wasn’t just a thin hairline crack either. The X-ray showed that it was a complete fracture with quite a bit of space between the two halves of the bone that broke. It didn’t break the skin, but I had a lump on my lower leg that was half of my bone pushing underneath the surface.

I vividly remember the emergency room doctor telling my mom to leave the room while a nurse stayed by my side. (Did she hold me down or hold my hand? I can’t remember.) Then the doctor said to me, “I want you to scream as loud as you can” and he gripped his hands around my shin and pushed the broken halves of my tibia back together so they would heal together straight. (This process is innocuously called “setting the bone,” and I think methods may have advanced since 1977. Or at least they use anesthesia or something nowadays.)

No matter how it was accomplished, there was no way my bone would have knit itself back together properly without first setting things in

place to facilitate healing. And that hurt. A lot. It has to hurt if it’s to heal.

I’ve carried this lesson with me through trials and troubles in my life, and no single tragedy has affected me more profoundly than succumbing to the pressure to abort my first child at 9 ½ weeks when I was 17 years old. My subsequent suicide attempt failed and it has taken decades of psychotherapy, reconciliation with God, and a loyal support system to heal from this trauma. But as stormy weather can sometimes make my right leg ache below the knee, so can the world sometimes make my heart ache just below the surface of my scarred soul.

That old familiar pain paid me a visit when I watched the brilliant award-winning documentary *Hush*. Punam Kumar, a pro-choice filmmaker, diligently researched the deliberately hidden (and scientifically and statistically verifiable) links between abortion and breast cancer, preterm birth, and lasting negative psychological and emotional aftereffects. Her speaking style is professional yet conversational, and never condescending or judgmental. She even broaches the topic of gender-selection abortion and its devastating effects worldwide.

We follow her path of discovery and she honestly confesses her own pro-choice bias but refuses to let this interfere with her objective view of the unquestionable data presented by pro-life researchers. She lets us share in her own ordeal of late-term pregnancy loss. Her multiple attempts to seek answers from

the largest and most prestigious research institutes are rebuffed. She gives a platform to a group of women who unflinchingly share their sorrow, guilt, and regret after their abortions — yet this segment lends credence to the maxim that sharing the pain lessens it.

The sheer magnitude of the truths uncovered in this film affect millions of women. Many of whom have suffered greatly as a result of the

due to my abortion (which occurred when I was under 18 and further than nine weeks pregnant) has compelled me to finally call for that mammogram appointment I have been putting off for a few years.

As an ardent and public pro-life advocate, I disagree with Kumar’s personal conclusion that abortion needs to remain a legal option, but I wholeheartedly agree with her demand that the medical



political motivation to suppress full disclosure of the risks of induced abortion, and many more who will suffer in the future as this vital information continues to be avoided in discussions in abortion facilities. Kumar makes an undercover visit to an unnamed abortion center and records her conversation with the clinic director, who denies that any evidence exists to support the claim of increased risk of breast cancer following abortion. (Hushfilm.com, the website for the film, includes links to all of the studies referenced in the movie.)

As a woman who deeply regrets her abortion, this film was difficult to watch at times. Learning that my breast cancer risk may be 800 percent higher

community eschew politics for the sake of women’s health and the health of future generations.

This is a movie that needs to be shown to any woman who cares about how her reproductive and abortion history affects her health and the health of her future babies. This is a movie that needs to be shown to doctors, nurses, abortion workers, and anyone who has had an abortion. For some, it may scratch open some old wounds, but that just might be what needs to happen for the heart to mend properly.

Knowledge is power. Don’t hide from it.

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Opposition to abortion in central to building a loving society says Knights of Columbus leader

Addressing convention, Carl Anderson defends religious liberty, persecuted Christians

Because it has resulted in human devastation on a massive scale, “abortion is different” the CEO of the Knights of Columbus told a convention of the organization’s members and nearly 100 Catholic bishops in Toronto. He added that “it is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.”

support abortion – regardless of political party – should not get the vote of Catholics.

Anderson repeated words that he spoke at the Knights’ 2008 convention held in Quebec: “Once again we meet during a presidential election campaign in the United States and once again the question confronts us: ‘How should Catholics

kill the innocent on a massive scale. We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates. It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.”

“We will never succeed in

new charitable and membership records set by the Knights of Columbus this year. He cited charitable activities on the local, regional and national levels, including distributing 310,000 new coats for kids since 2009, supporting Special Olympics in the U.S. and internationally, and donating more than 57,000 wheelchairs over the past decade and a half. Anderson also pointed to the plight of Middle Eastern Christians that has been a top priority for charity and advocacy by the K of C.

“Christians and other religious minorities are facing extinction,” said Anderson. “Many receive no support from their governments or from the United Nations. They have had to rely on their fellow Christians, and they have been able to rely on the Knights of Columbus.” The K of C has raised more than \$11 million for Christian refugees since 2014

“That money has been a lifeline,” said Anderson, noting also that the K of C’s public awareness and advocacy campaign for these persecuted Christians helped move the U.S. State Department to declare that genocide against Christians – and other religious minorities – is taking place in the Middle East at the hands of ISIS.

The K of C will hold a news conference tomorrow at its convention with several bishops from the Middle East to discuss the ongoing issues faced by Christian communities in that region.



Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson greets members of the audience prior to delivering his report to the 134th international convention of the KOC in Toronto.

These remarks by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson’s were part of his report to the 134th international convention of the Knights of Columbus in Toronto, which also highlighted the organization’s enormous charitable contributions, its protection of Catholic families, the need to defend religious liberty at home and around the world, and the Knights advocacy work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

While rejecting voting based on party identity, Anderson noted that politicians who

exercise their responsibilities as citizens?”

He rejected the notion that other issues are important enough to offset a candidate’s support for abortion. Not “just another political issue,” Anderson said abortion “is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths” [now 59 million].

Continuing from his 2008 remarks, he added: “What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? Abortion is different. Abortion is the

building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death,” said Anderson.

Anderson noted that support for restrictions on abortion is the consensus view in the United States. Citing a recent Marist poll commissioned by the Knights. That survey showed that a majority of Americans are against taxpayer funding of abortion, and that about 8 in 10 Americans would significantly restrict abortion.

Anderson highlighted the

“Enough talk about funding the dead end of abortion. Let’s talk about equal rights to maternal love.”

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

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* website ran a refreshing headline recently: “Rather than fund abortion, let’s invest in alternatives.” (http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20160807_Rather_than_fund_abortion_let_s_invest_in_alternatives.html)

The column, penned by writer Marybeth Hagan, began with a description of the Democratic National Convention, which was held in July in Philadelphia: “Democrats seem dead set on being the party that celebrates abortion and bills taxpayers for it.”

Hagan cites Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards, who told conventioners that Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton “will always stand up for *Roe v. Wade* and the right of every woman to access a full range of reproductive health care, including abortion, no matter her economic status.”

The columnist notes that later in the evening, at an event referred to as “Sex, Politics, and Cocktails,” Richards enthusiastically intoned, “We have to repeal the Hyde Amendment!” The Hyde Amendment is the legal firewall which prevents our hard-earned taxpayer dollars from being spent on abortion, except in the rare instances of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother.

As Hagan astutely states, “Should a President Hillary Clinton and congressional

supporters get their hands on the Hyde Amendment, Richards’ organization would have much to gain.”

That is because the nation’s largest abortion operation, which performed a mind-boggling 323,999 abortions in 2014, literally would have

homes, adoption agencies, and social service programs.

In addition to its compassionate counseling, Real Alternatives provides baby supplies, maternity and baby clothes, mentoring, parenting classes, and even child care assistance. Its

support). These girls are loved by their counselors.”

As Hagan concludes, “So enough talk about funding the dead end of abortion. Let’s talk about equal rights to maternal love. Let’s back up that rhetoric with taxpayer support for programs like Real



more money to kill if Hyde were scrapped.

Hagan notes, “Many of us would rather see our tax dollars invested in a state-funded, nonprofit program like Real Alternatives (www.realalternatives.org).” Real Alternatives administers Pennsylvania’s groundbreaking alternatives to abortion program, which has become a model for a number of states.

Real Alternatives has assisted more than 260,000 women and girls over the last 20 years, providing free services through a solid network of pregnancy resource centers, maternity

award-winning safeguarding of taxpayer dollars led to its duplication in Michigan and Indiana. In addition, Real Alternatives helped establish the Texas Pregnancy Care Network, which provides similar assistance to pregnant women in the Lone Star state.

Real Alternatives provides a lifeline to mothers, not only during their pregnancies, but also 12 months afterward.

As Real Alternatives President Kevin Bagatta told Hagan, “Our counselors establish a personal relationship with their clients who dearly need someone to trust. Many of them have no one (to turn to for

Alternatives that, in the words of our Constitution, ‘secure the Blessings of Liberty’ not only ‘to ourselves,’ but also to ‘our Posterity.’”

Alternatives to abortion programs are a wise investment for taxpayers—and a life-saving option which helps to empower women and to build strong families. These programs certainly provide a better return on taxpayer investment than Planned Parenthood, which sabotages women and destroys families, leading to a profound socio-economic cost from which the U.S. has yet to recover.

What is the Unborn? A Case for Biological Humanity from Fertilization

By Clinton Wilcox

Aside from the sourced quotations and arguments in this article, it has been heavily influenced by a prior article “Justice for All.”

I have written before on how we know the unborn are persons from fertilization. But now I’d like to address how we know the unborn are biological members of our species from fertilization. This is a basic, undeniable fact of science and yet I still encounter many people who deny this reality.

Before you can even answer the question of whether or not abortion is moral, you must first decide what the unborn is. For as Greg Koukl of Stand to Reason observes, if the unborn is not human, then no justification for elective abortion is necessary. It would be no different from having a mole removed or a tooth pulled. But if the unborn is human, then no justification for elective abortion is adequate.

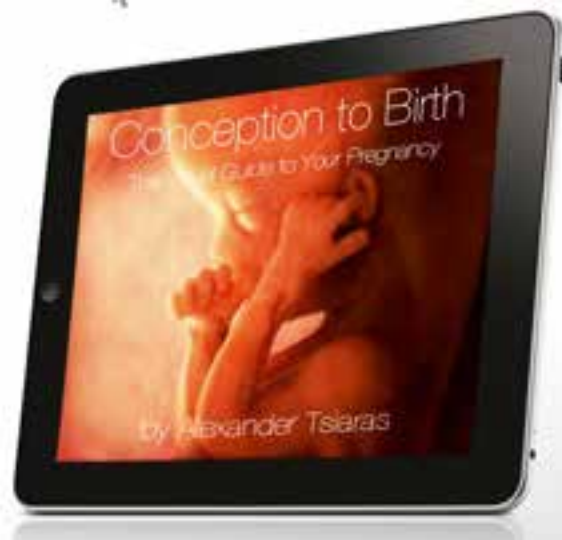
If it’s true that no one can tell when human life begins, then the benefit of the doubt should go to life. We should not be aborting the unborn because there’s a chance we could be aborting living human entities. If a hunter hears a rustling in the woods, does he shoot right away or does he make sure the rustling wasn’t caused by another human? Or if you’re driving down a road in the dark and you see the outline of something that may be a child or may simply be the shadow of a tree, do you drive into it or do you slow down? Or if you’re about to blow up a condemned building and you’re not sure if someone’s inside, do you blow

it up anyway or send someone in to make sure?

However, it’s not true that no one can tell when human life begins.

The unborn from fertilization are alive because they exhibit the properties of living things. They grow through cellular

and be born white. In fact, if the unborn organism were simply a “part of the mother’s body,” then following the law of transitive property (if A is a part of B, and B is a part of C, then A is a part of C), every pregnant woman would have four arms, four legs, two heads, four eyes, two noses,



reproduction and division, they metabolize food for energy, and they respond to stimuli. In fact, the only things the unborn need to survive are adequate nutrition, a proper environment, and an absence of fatal threats. That’s all any of us need. There is no point in human development at which the developing entity goes from non-life to living.

The unborn are also human from fertilization. We know that everything reproduces after its own kind; dogs have dogs, cats have cats, and humans have humans. They have separate human DNA from, and often a different blood type than, the mother. A white human embryo can be created in a petri dish, implanted into a black mother,

and roughly half the time male genitalia. But this is absurd. At no time during human development does the unborn ever go from non-human to human.

Finally, the unborn from fertilization are organisms. They are living human entities separate from the mother, with their own functional parts that work together for the good of the whole, developing themselves from within into a more mature version of itself, along the path of human development. Zygote, embryo, and fetus are not non-human entities, they are early stages of development in human life.

Philosopher Richard Stith once made a valuable observation. He discovered that the reason pro-choice people

tend to think pro-life people are absurd is that they tend to think of the unborn entity as being constructed in utero, like a car on an assembly line. When does a car become a car? Is it when the frame resembles a car, or when the tires are attached, or when it drives off the lot? It requires an outside builder to put all the pieces together into what we understand is a car. A car is not present from the beginning, because the parts that make a car can be used in the construction of something else (such as a boat or a plane).

However, the unborn’s development is different. He or she directs his or her own development from within. He or she does not have an outside builder, he or she directs his or her own internal growth and maturation, and this entails continuity of being. Professor Richard Stith illustrates the difference with the following analogy:

“Suppose we are back in the pre-digital photo days, and you have a Polaroid camera and you have taken a picture that you think is unique and valuable — let’s say a picture of a jaguar darting out from a Mexican jungle. The jaguar has now disappeared, so you are never going to get that picture again in your life, and you really care about it. (I am trying to make this example comparable to a human being, for we say that

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As Secretary of State, she was a champion for women and girls around the globe.

And she will always stand up for *Roe v. Wade* and the right of every woman to access a full range of reproductive health care, including abortion, no matter her economic status.

Talking about her own abortion fell into the willing hands of NARAL Pro-Choice America's Ilyse Hogue. Her remarks were hailed as nothing short of historic, a landmark—the first time a woman had talked about her abortion at a national political convention.

To those eager to “normalize” abortion and to demonstrate the Democrats’ complete capitulation to the outer fringes of the pro-abortion movement, Hogue 4 ½ minute long speech was a breakthrough.

For almost everyone else, it was also a sight to behold and depressing to hear. Hogue began by announcing that she was a fourth generation Texan and that

Texas women are tough. We approach challenges with clear eyes and full hearts. To succeed in life, all we need are the tools, the trust, and the chance to chart our own path. I was fortunate enough to have these things when I found out I was pregnant years ago. I wanted a family, but it was the wrong time. I made the decision that was best for me – to have an abortion

– and was able to get compassionate care at a clinic in my own community. Now, years later, my husband and I are parents to two incredible children.

I have no doubt that Texas women are tough. But this Texan evidently was not tough enough to spare an unborn child's life if his/her presence came “at the wrong time.”

I am glad that she and her husband have “two incredible children.” I would be even gladder if she had three incredible children, whether that third child resided with them or with a loving couple that would have taken that first baby into their home.

But Hogue did us one favor, she was straightforward. She unambiguously explained the reason why that baby is dead: because that decision “was best for me.”

As for Hillary Clinton, like virtually all Americans—and certainly as a husband, the father of three adult daughters, a father-in-law to my son's wife, and the grandfather of Emma—I celebrated that a major political party could endorse a woman for President of the United States. But what I celebrate in principle is what countless millions like me lament in practice: the choice.

Once Hillary Clinton officially became the Democrats’ presidential nominee we were informed (to list just a few items) that we should set “petty partisan differences” aside; recognize that she is more qualified than her husband was when he ran for President (and won) in 1992; and that anything less than flattery of the former

Secretary of State is thinly-disguised (or not so thinly-disguised) sexism.

However when you are talking about Hillary Clinton, the epicenter of the worldwide campaign to eradicate not disease but as many “unwanted” unborn babies as possible, then your happiness that a woman can ascend to the most powerful political office in the world is negated by who that woman is.

Put another way, I lament with every fiber in my body that the woman who “broke the ultimate glass ceiling” did so at least in part over the broken bodies of unborn babies all over the world.

In what sense is that charge true, and not an exaggeration? Look on page one which links to a downloadable flyer. Ask yourself these questions:

Is there an abortion—any time, any place, for any reason—that Clinton would say, “That goes too far.”

No.

Does the unborn child have any recognizable rights, let alone constitutional protections?

In April, Chuck Todd, on *Meet the Press*, asked Clinton: “When, or if, does an unborn child have constitutional rights?” She answered,

“Well, under our laws currently, that is not something that exists. The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights.”

On the off-off chance Clinton wanted some wiggle room, two days later, Paula Faris (of *The View*) asked this follow up question:

“And Secretary, I want to ask you about some comments that you made over the

weekend on *Meet the Press* regarding abortion. You said, ‘the unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights.’ My question is at what point does someone have constitutional rights, and are you saying that a child, on its due date, just hours before delivery still has no constitutional rights?

Clinton responded,

“Under our law, that is the case, Paula. I support *Roe v. Wade*.”

By overwhelming margins, the American people do not want to finance abortions. Surely, as a “pro-choicer,” Clinton believes that the public should have the choice whether to pay for abortions, right?

Surely you jest.

When she pocketed Planned Parenthood's endorsement last January in Manchester, New Hampshire, Clinton boldly went into uncharted territories.

Any right that requires you to take extraordinary measures to access it, is no right at all. ... and not as long as we have laws on the books like the Hyde Amendment making it harder for low-income women to exercise their full rights.”

As a reflection, for the first time, the party platform calls for the elimination of the Hyde Amendment. And, needless to say, her running mate, Senator Tim Kaine (Va.), quickly jettisoned his support for the Hyde Amendment in favor of supporting “all elements of the Democratic presidential nominee's agenda.”

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New Video Memorializes American Victims of Abortion 30 Years

Powerful movements often bubble up from painful life experiences. American Victims of Abortion (A.V.A.) is one such movement, now commemorating its 30th year. A specially produced video was the kick-off to a general session dedicated to A.V.A., at the recent National Right to Life Convention held in Herndon, Virginia just outside of Washington, D.C.

Olivia Gans Turner, the President of American Victims of Abortion since 1985, and Karen Cross, the Political Director for National Right to Life, helped craft the video's message. Both women experienced abortions.

"We were sold a bill of goods — that abortion was an answer to social and personal problems," says Olivia. "The lie persuaded us to avoid seeking real answers that

respect the dignity of both the mothers and their children. Many of us felt emotionally overwhelmed by the despair, anger and grief."



(left to right) Olivia Gans Turner, Pam Rucinski, and Karen Cross

Pam Rucinski, the film's writer/producer met Oliva and Karen when A.V.A. was still a young organization. At the time, Rucinski was producing a

video on Post Abortion Trauma — one of the first films ever created on the issue.

Both Oliva and Karen were involved in that project and

abortion's aftermath.

As the new video points out, A.V.A. can also be credited for bringing men, grieving the loss of an aborted child, into the movement. They've worked with the media, provided testimony in multiple Supreme Court cases, spoke across the globe, impacted legislation, and fostered research on Post Abortion Trauma and other health damage, including the link between abortion and breast cancer.

"A.V.A. has come a long way," says Rucinski. "It's an impressive outreach of National Right to Life. I feel honored to know these women and the many others who have put their heart and soul into healing abortion victims and building a society that values life."

For more information on the video contact: Rucinski@RucinskiReez.com or call 715-241-7316.

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As Americans, our first thoughts are what a President Hillary Clinton would mean for our unborn children here at home. But we care about unborn babies everywhere, and a President Hillary Clinton's global influence is enough to make your blood run cold.

On May 19, Clinton delivered a video message to the Women Deliver 2016 conference in Copenhagen. Clinton called for renewed efforts to "break down the barriers holding back women and girls around the world" and stated, "Gender equality, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, must be a core priority."

As Marie Smith, of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, has written

It is well-known that Clinton has long supported abortion on demand throughout pregnancy calling it not only a woman's right, a human right and a 'reproductive right' but unabashedly proclaimed in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in April 2009 that "reproductive health includes access to abortion."

Activists have pushed

for expansion of the sexual and reproductive agenda since the 1995 Women's Conference in Beijing when Clinton led the US delegation as First Lady. In her remarks she referenced Beijing and stated, "And the gains we've made since then prove that progress is possible. But as you all know too well, our work is far from finished. This is an important moment as we chart a course to meet the new Sustainable Development Goals.

We have to break down the barriers holding back women and girls around the world."

Hillary Clinton believes Americans should not hide the light of abortion under a bushel. We should put it on a stand and share it with the world.

I have called Clinton a True Believer's True Believer. But this really does not do justice to a woman whose determination to multiply the number of abortions around the globe is unmatched.

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Where do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Abortion?

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of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007, in a 5-4 decision.

In 2000, in his book *The America We Deserve*, Donald Trump wrote that after consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure he concluded that he would support a ban on that method.

In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (voted to allow partial-birth abortions to continue) every chance she got.

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

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

In May 2016, Donald Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he

would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, “By the way, these judges are all pro-life.”

Hillary Clinton has said that she would only nominate

the U.S. House, including votes for passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. As governor of Indiana, Mike Pence champions pro-life measures.

Hillary Clinton chose U.S.

Platform affirms “that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life,” opposes using government funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund abortion providers, and supports legislation to assist babies who survive abortion.

The Democratic Party Platform supports abortion on demand, and calls for repeal of the Hyde Amendment (which restricts the use of federal funds

for abortion). The platform also supports government funding of abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.

Feel free to download and share the flyer. A downloadable version of the flyer, “Where do the Candidates stand on Abortion?” may be found here: www.nrlc.org/uploads/2016POTUScomparison.pdf



Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision that legalized abortion on demand, saying, “I would not appoint someone who didn’t think *Roe v. Wade* is settled law.”

Vice Presidential Candidates

The contrasting positions of the vice presidential candidates are listed.

Donald Trump chose Indiana Governor Mike Pence to be his running mate. Mike Pence had a solid pro-life voting record on abortion during 12 years in

Senator Tim Kaine as her running mate. Tim Kaine voted against the pro-life position in the U.S. Senate every chance he got, even voting against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Tim Kaine co-sponsored a bill (S.217) that would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including late abortions.

Party Platforms

The party platforms reveal a great contrast on abortion.

The Republican Party

Missing the point about the beginning of life entirely

Editor's note. This appeared on the blog of Minnesota Citizens for Life (MCCL), National Right to Life's state affiliate. While this ran a while back, it rebutted an error that refuses to go away: the insistence that there is a "debate" about when human life begins.

At the *Idaho Statesman Journal's* science blog, Susie Bodman (an editor at the paper) responds to the pro-life contention that life begins at conception:

"As a biology student, I'm sorry, but the stipulation that 'life begins at conception' is laughable to me.

life and distinguish it from inanimate things, such as rocks. Living organisms are characterized by having the capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity and continual change.

"A single cell is a form of life, and guess what eggs and sperms are. Yep, that's right. They are CELLS.

"If eggs and sperm are already alive, well, then to a biologist life exists BEFORE conception.

"Also, if those egg and sperm cells are made by

"Therefore, life doesn't just begin at conception. It's more like life BEGAN with the first cell 3.8 billion years ago."

Bodman really, laughably, misses the point. When we say "life begins at conception," we mean (obviously, I thought) that the life of an **individual** human being begins at conception. Biological life in general is continuous, as she notes; even the sperm and egg are "living."

But the sperm and egg are mere parts of larger organisms, not human beings themselves. When they unite a new single-celled organism (the zygote) is formed — a member of our species at the earliest stage of development — who (given an adequate environment and nutrition) will actively develop himself or herself toward maturity.

The textbook *Human Embryology & Teratology* explains: "Although life [defined broadly] is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is

thereby formed."

In short, Bodman apparently has yet to learn how biologists distinguish organisms (e.g., you, me, an embryo) from biological entities that are not organisms (e.g., sperm, egg, or a strand of my hair).

That a distinct, living and whole (though immature) human organism comes into existence at conception is a matter of biological fact.

Embryology textbooks and leading experts overwhelmingly confirm this:

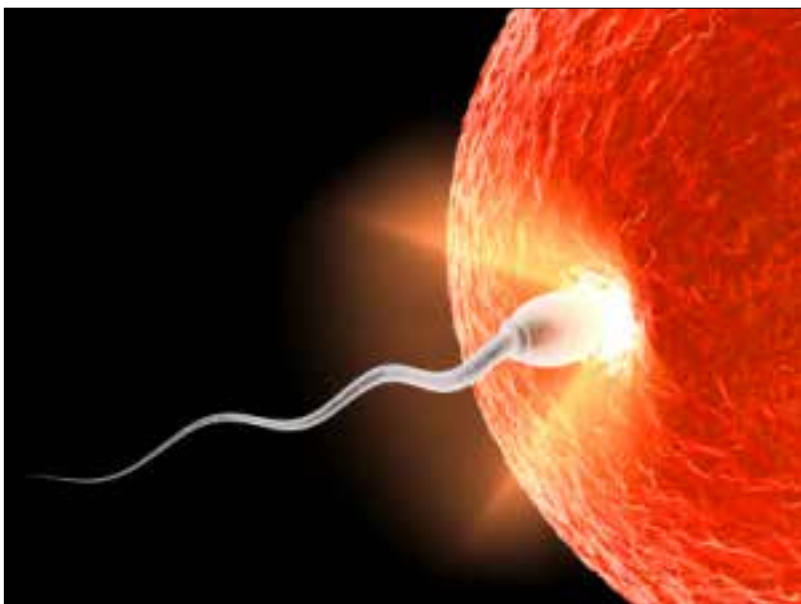
The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology: "Human development begins at fertilization when a male gamete or sperm (spermatozoon) unites with a female gamete or oocyte (ovum) to form a single cell—a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marked the beginning of each of us as a unique individual."

Langman's Embryology: "The development of a human begins with fertilization, a process by which the spermatozoon from the male and the oocyte from the female unite to give rise to a new organism, the zygote."

Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology and Birth Defects: "Human development begins when an oocyte (ovum) from a female is fertilized by a sperm (spermatozoon) from a male. ... This cell [the zygote], formed by the union of an oocyte and a sperm, is the beginning of a new human being."

Dr. Jerome LeJeune, discoverer of Down syndrome chromosome: "To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion. The human nature of the human being from conception to old age is not a metaphysical contention; it is plain experimental evidence."

Dr. Micheline Matthews-Roth, Harvard University Medical School: "It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception, when egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and this developing human always is a member of our species in all stages of its life."



However, it's not for reasons you might assume — that I'm a godless scientist-in-the-making, a stereotypically liberal journalist, a pro-choice protagonist, a fire-breathing feminist or whatever else you might conjure up.

"It comes from how biologists define

you, and you were at one time conceived from egg and sperm cells arising from a couple who were conceived from egg and sperm cells and so on, so long as you're not at the end of an extinct lineage, life really is **CONTINUOUS** until you get back to the very first cell that formed on Earth.

2016 Senate Elections: Staying Home is NOT an Option!

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up their happiness – even their lives – for the opportunity to give **us** the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of our own.

I often find this selflessness reflected in the pro-life movement.

Millions of pro-lifers have dedicated their lives to fight for the rights of people we will never meet, making sacrifices so that others may live.

As pro-lifers, we are constantly on the battle lines. We battle for the hearts and minds of Americans. We are on the frontlines in a spiritual battle as well.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We forget that these words represented a *truly radical idea* of the time. They fought on the frontlines of history, incapable of knowing the ripple effect their efforts would have on future lives. But they knew that these ideas, life, liberty... were worth fighting for.

We now find ourselves in a ferocious battle to keep pro-life leadership in the U.S. House and Senate, so that we can pass protective pro-life legislation that saves lives – and prevent the enactment of sweeping new pro-abortion legislation that would cost countless lives.

Each time you enter the voting booth, you have a ripple effect that will impact the entire country. You will be electing

senators and representatives who will determine the direction of our nation and who will decide the next members of our Supreme Court. You will be electing local representatives who will decide whether your state respects life or passes laws that prey on the vulnerable.

Those local representatives whom you elect may eventually run for higher office. And so the cycle continues. Each vote we cast, or do not cast, **will** have consequences.

You may tire of hearing me tell you that each election is the most important we have ever seen, but with each election comes new opportunities, new dangers, and fresh faces. Each election is a chance to protect mothers and their unborn children, and each election I will sound the call for you to take up your arms and work for political leaders who will represent ALL of us – born and unborn.

The freedom to vote and the opportunity to have an impact of this magnitude is both a great privilege and a great responsibility we all bear.

As we look to upcoming Supreme Court nominations perhaps the greatest responsibility we in the political field have right now is to ensure we have a pro-life Senate that will confirm pro-life nominees and block judges who would entrench and expand *Roe*.

This year, there are 34 U.S. Senate seats up for election: 10 Democrat seats and 24 Republican seats. **All** of the Democrats up for re-election are pro-abortion.

According to Cook Political Report eight of the 10 Democrat seats are currently “safe,” while 13 of the 24 Republican seats are vulnerable. Democrats need a net gain of five seats to regain control of the Senate, or four if they win the White House.

(For an overview of the 2016 Senate Elections, see page one.)

In the House of Representatives Democrats need a net gain of only 30 seats to take pro-abortion control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The battle for majority control of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives will have sweeping implications for the future of the pro-life movement and our battle to save unborn babies. The loss of the pro-life Republican majorities would be devastating to life issues.

I began by talking about history, and the importance of reflecting upon where we have been, so as to not repeat the mistakes of the past. A radical idea in the 1700s, that we all have the equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness carries us through in our actions today.

But today we make history of our own. Today we make choices for future generations to reflect upon. Will they look back in 300 years at our choices and deride us for staying silent in the face of evil? Will they admire our diligence in protecting the weak and the vulnerable? Will they wonder why we didn’t do more?

No. That last one is off the table – ***we will do all we can.***

The late Elie Wiesel, an Auschwitz survivor, told us, “[T]o remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all.”

Abortion is the ultimate human discrimination and we. Will. Not. Stay. Silent.

We will fight with our last breath for those who cannot speak for themselves. As long as there is the violence and injustice of abortion there will be those of us who stand against it, and work to protect all of our unborn brothers and sisters.

In every battle, there are soldiers, and every soldier needs their marching orders. These are yours:

Do not stay silent.

Do not be discouraged.

Do not allow fear to guide your steps.

The stakes are too important, and every voice will be needed to ensure the Senate holds. We must hold the Senate. YOU must hold the Senate. If you do nothing, we will fail.

For instance, one way you can do this is to share this edition of *National Right to Life News*, and you can reenergize your troops at home.

When the grassroots march as one, we will succeed. And with our success will come a culture that makes good on the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all, born and unborn.

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

“On behalf of my family here and gone”

By Dave Andrusko

While my kids have seemingly memorized every line from every movie of the last two decades, I’m lucky if I can remember what I had for breakfast. But the second line of Gov. Mike Pence’s vice presidential acceptance speech instantly reminded me of the famous line from “Jerry Maguire” in which the character played by Renee Zellweger says, “You Had Me At Hello.”

What did the pro-life governor of Indiana say right out of the box that so tugged on my heart?

Mr. Chairman, delegates, friends, and my fellow Americans: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am deeply humbled by your confidence, and on behalf of my family here and gone, I accept your nomination to run and serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

“On behalf of my family here and gone.” Don’t ask me why, because I can’t tell you why, but after just a few seconds, I teared up.

Maybe it’s because my wife was with our daughters finishing up plans for the wedding of our youngest daughter and I was watching the convention by myself. (She even took the dogs with her!) I don’t like empty houses.

Maybe, on a happier note, it was because Gov. Pence is a fellow Midwesterner. (We do stick together.)

Maybe it’s because he is a rock-solid pro-lifer who will be vilified and viciously caricatured beyond recognition for standing up for unborn babies.

Maybe, just maybe, it was because—even though I have followed this day by day for



Pro-Life Indiana Gov. Mike Pence immediately after delivering his vice presidential acceptance speech on the third day of the Republican National Convention.

and Planned Parenthood and EMILY’s List, will not rest until every shred of protection we

On behalf of my family here and gone.

Roe v. Wade unleashed America’s onslaught against unborn babies. You and I have fought this monstrous evil since the deadly misnomer of “abortion reform” was coined in the 1960s.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

But if Hillary Clinton is elected President, there will be another certainty as certain as death and taxes. And that is a President Clinton, along with her pro-abortion sisters at NARAL

well over a year—the gravity, the magnitude of the stakes in this presidential election suddenly almost overwhelmed me.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

I have called Mrs. Clinton a True Believer’s True Believer. Is this not an over-the-top exaggeration? After all, there is no shortage of women and men whose lives revolve around killing unborn babies or defending the “right” to pulverize the most defenseless among us.

No.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

There is a fanaticism about Mrs. Clinton that pro-lifers should never, ever underestimate. She has been

singing the song of abortion as female empowerment for so many decades Clinton doubtlessly believes it with every fiber in her body.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

That is a small choir she is singing to, but relentless. “Only” a little over a million abortions each year (just in the United States)? The conclusion for most Americans is “Good!”

For Hillary Clinton, it is a sign of an unmet demand for death. After all, in the “good old days,” we killed 1.6 million per year—and that was with a much smaller population.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

She is at the intersection of a web of private and governmental and UN-funded entities who see their destiny as killing as many unborn babies in as many countries as humanly possible as soon as possible. Death is their calling card. Death justifies their existence. Death is their reason for living.

On behalf of my family here and gone.

If Hillary Clinton is the next President of the United States, there will be many more millions of unborn babies “gone” worldwide. Not because of natural causes, but because of the most unnatural act of all:

Killing our own progeny.

Let not a single pro-lifer look back four months from now and, like the Ghost of Jacob Marley, bitterly recall, “No space of regret can make amends for one life’s opportunity misused.”

On behalf of my family here and gone.

82 days...and counting

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resources into Planned Parenthood's already overflowing coffers.

Most of the rest of us know little other than the Zika virus has spread to the United States and that is it is linked to microcephaly, a birth defect that results in babies with small heads and developmental issues.

Sanika Dange called "to-be mothers" who are carrying the Zika virus.

Ms. De Clercq, born in the small African nation of Malawi, has two adult children, Andrea and Robbie, born with microcephaly. (Her oldest daughter lives in New York.)

excels at computers and technology, while Robbie takes to the arts. His paintings hang throughout De Clercq's home.

"I never expected that I could give them an instruction and that they would follow that

avoiding us like someone with leprosy.

"And then you get the third category that I love with all my heart that come to me and say, 'What happened? Why are they like this?' And my smile is even wider because someone wants to know my story."

The *WPBF* profile concludes with De Clercq saying that she hopes more research will be done to find a way to fight the virus. And then comes an incredibly powerful closing message intended for pregnant women who are infected with the Zika virus:

"And that's what I want those mothers to know, that it's not the end of the world because you have these kids. They will teach them so much. They'll teach them how to love. They will teach them patience, which is the greatest gift. Everything is in God's time, and if we have the patience to go through that, the rewards are so much greater. And my kids are my greatest gift. They are the greatest gift God has ever given me."



Andrea and Robbie De Clercq

The Democrats know media manipulation and brute power.

But life-affirming responses to the 100% understandable worries and concerns raised by the Zika virus also show how people in general, people of faith, in particular, can turn back the anti-life tide. Let me offer just one example I wrote about earlier this week.

In a story that aired on *WPBF* Channel 25 in West Beach, Florida, Haneefa De Clercq offered a stirring defense of the lives of children born with microcephaly and encouragement to what reporter

They attend a special needs school in Miami. Doctors initially gave Andrea only four months to live. Dange explains that

She's now 37 years old and her brother, Robbie, is 33 years old. Though Andrea's mind is that of a 3-year-old, and her brother's that of a 7-year-old, De Clercq says they dazzle her every day. De Clercq believes they both have a photographic memory. Andrea

instruction and do it properly," De Clercq admits. "I see the love between them and it gives me tears of joy

In the interview with Channel 25, she explains her belief there are three kinds of people. The first would be the kind that would hurl ugly taunts at Andrea and Robbie--"every name you could think of," including monkey.

"The second type are the ones that don't know where to look," she told Dange. "They see my kids and it's like, 'Oh my God,' crossing the road,

I write all that to say this. We could in store for a patch of very, very rough waters.

But as long as we have the "patience to go through" those tough times--and the endurance and the confidence that our cause is just--the time will come when unborn children will be welcomed in life and protected in law.

The Collicott family and a Life for Christopher

By Marcy Thompson, Wisconsin Right to Life Intern

Hi everyone, I'm Marcy, Wisconsin Right to Life Summer intern! I wanted to share with you all the wonderful adoption story of my friends, the Collicott family:

In 2014, Lynda Collicott saw this video of Christopher and knew she was being called to bring this little boy home.

Christopher was from Bulgaria, and weighed a mere 10 lbs 2 oz and was 29 inches long when he was adopted shortly before his 6th birthday. Having several special needs, he was ignored and neglected in the orphanage, barely fed and not cared for.

When the Collicotts adopted him, he was unfamiliar with being held and would poke himself in the neck to pass the time, having never had anything else to do.

He was adopted just over six months ago on January 18th. Since then, he has made remarkable progress.

He now weighs nearly twice the weight when he was adopted, 20 lbs 3 oz, and is 33 inches long. Now in a loving family, he enjoys interacting with people, wants to be held, and can roll over on his own.

His parents run the Facebook page "A Life For Christopher" where you can follow him on his journey.

Just remember, if anyone says pro-lifers don't care about kids after they're born, just think of the Collicott family.

Adoption truly saves lives!

Editor's note. This appeared at wrtl.org.



Christopher's before-and-after photo after 6 months with the Collicotts

UNC Study Shows Enormity of Abortion's Impact on Public Health, Minorities

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respiratory diseases, etc.) were responsible for only about 13 million YPLLs.

The calculations of these researchers on the years of potential life lost due to abortion? Even after subtracting for estimated "natural fetal losses" — a staggering 68.4 million years!

Minorities were hit the hardest. Of the 17.7 million

YPLLs lost by Hispanics, nearly 15.5 million (or 87.4%) were due to abortion. Of the 29.4 million YPLLs lost by blacks, 25.4 million (or 86.5%) were from abortion.

The cost is extraordinarily high

No disease, no kind of violence comes close to having the impact on these

communities that abortion does. Not only lives are lost, but years of creativity, productivity, and love.

Billions are spent to try to eradicate heart disease, to end cancer, to stop violence. To the extent we succeed and families enjoy a few more years with their loved ones, we all celebrate.

But if the figures are telling

us that abortion is, by far, the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, wouldn't the prevention of abortion represent one of the best possible uses of our time, resources, and efforts?

Indiana Court of Appeals Overturns Feticide Conviction against Purvi Patel

By Dave Andrusko

A three-judge panel of the Indiana Court of Appeals has vacated the charge of feticide against Purvi Patel and reduced her neglect of a dependent conviction from a class A felony to a class D felony.

Patel will be resentenced for the far less serious charge by Joseph Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Hurley, the same judge who in March 2015 sentenced Patel to 20 years in prison a month after a jury found her guilty.

Prosecutors said she took abortifacient drugs to induce an abortion and failed to get medical help for the 25-30-week-old baby when he was born alive. Following a trial that took place over six days and which 20 witnesses offered testimony, Patel was convicted of feticide and child neglect.

But the appeals court panel decided otherwise, according to the *Associated Press* and *The Guardian*. “The appeals court ruled that the state Legislature didn’t intend for the [2009] feticide law ‘to be used to prosecute women for their own abortions,’” according to the *AP*’s Tom Davies.

The ruling “was not a uniform victory for Patel,” according to Molly Redden of the *Guardian*. “The court held that the state had mounted sufficient evidence to show Patel knew the infant was born alive [but also] agreed with Patel that the state did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the infant could have survived.”

At trial, the prosecution presented testimony from a variety of sources. Dr. Kelly McGuire, an obstetrician,

testified he was called in to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center on July 13, 2013, to give a second opinion on Patel. Patel had been admitted to the labor and delivery unit bleeding with a protruding umbilical cord.

“This was not a simple



Purvi Patel

(Photo courtesy St. Joseph Jail)

miscarriage,” he testified. “I drew a conclusion that there should have been a baby at the end of the umbilical cord.”

WNDU’s Mark Peterson reported that Dr. McGuire “became convinced that Patel had given birth to a baby who was out there somewhere and in need of help.”

Peterson added, “Dr. McGuire testified that, given the size of Patel’s umbilical cord and the position of her placenta, he fully expected to find a live baby.”

WSBT’s Kelli Stopczynski reported that McGuire told jurors that he learned that Patel had

told another doctor she’d put the baby in a dumpster behind Super Target in Mishawaka.

Then, McGuire

rushed there in his own car.

“I thought time was of the essence and if they found the baby then potentially I could help with the resuscitation if needed,” he testified.

“Did you believe this baby could still be alive?” asked deputy prosecuting attorney Mark Roule.

“Yes,” McGuire replied.

Prosecutors told the jury that in July 2013 Patel took abortifacients purchased online from overseas and then deposited the body of her dead 25-30 week-old baby into a dumpster in back of Moe’s Southwest Grill.

The defense argued, contrary to testimony from prosecution witnesses, that Patel’s baby boy was not viable and was already dead when born; that there was no physical evidence she’d actually taken the abortifacients; and that Patel tried to revive the baby, attributing her failure to call 911 to shock.

But in summarizing and quoting from the prosecution’s closing argument, WSBT’s Stopczynski wrote

The state told jurors Patel’s intent was to give herself an illegal abortion, and that’s what prosecutors say she did.

“This whole production is about a little boy...” said Deputy Prosecutor Mark Roule. “He

wasn’t expected, he wasn’t wanted. He lived a brief and horrible life. What happened to him was very, very wrong.”

Roule reminded jurors about details they’ve already heard — that the baby was born on the bathroom floor at Patel’s home. She wrapped him in plastic bags and put him in a dumpster behind Moe’s Southwest Grill in Mishawaka — a restaurant her family owns.

Then, when her pain and bleeding wouldn’t stop, Patel went to the emergency room.

“She continued to lie to doctors and nurses... she tried to keep secret the fact that she’d been responsible for another life and done nothing,” Roule said.

Then, six months of text messages between Purvi Patel and her best friend about her irregular period, a positive pregnancy test in June and the abortion pills she ordered online and took, according to those texts.

According to WNDU

Patel’s attitude was perhaps captured in a text to a friend that read, “Just lost the baby. I’m going to clean up my bathroom floor and then go to Moe’s.”

Chinese government sources admit forced abortion continues under two-child policy

By Women's Rights Without Frontiers

"China abandons the One-Child Policy." This is how the Chinese government announced its move to the Two-Child Policy, giving the misleading impression that all coercive population control had ceased. A close analysis of several reports coming out of China, however, demonstrates that Chinese government sources themselves inadvertently have admitted that forced abortion continues under the Two-Child Policy.

1. **BBC.** A May 4, 2016, BBC article entitled "Reinventing China's Abortion Police" discusses a small collaborative project by Stanford University and Shaanxi Normal University to repurpose 69 Family Planning Officials — apparently on the assumption that they are no longer needed now that China has moved to a two-child policy. The article follows one Family Planning Official, Li Bo, who has been "reinvented" from "hunt[ing] down families suspected of violating the country's draconian rules on how many children couples can have" into a rubber duckie squeezing, nursery rhyme singing "Chinese Father Christmas," complete with "a bag full of toys and picture books."

Has his job really been "reinvented," or is he really a member of the womb police, masquerading as "Chinese Father Christmas" — the new face of China's Family Planning Police? Buried deep in the article is the following account of the dark side of Li

Bo's job — an important piece of original reporting by the BBC:

Since the start of 2016, all Chinese couples have been allowed two children. But they can have no more than that unless they are from ethnic minorities — so Li Bo still spends some of his time working as a birth-control enforcer. In the town's health clinic he is busy screening local women. All women of childbearing age have check-ups four times a year to ensure they're healthy . . . and to see if they are pregnant. . . . But Li is also a loyal Communist party official who believes the state knows best and society's needs are greater than those of individuals. So he is matter-of-fact about the unpleasant task of telling women who couldn't afford the fine to terminate their pregnancies. "People didn't swear at us but they probably did behind our backs," he says. "It's natural because we were carrying out the law and they were breaking it so it is just like the clash between a policeman and a thief." He adds that as long as restrictions are in place, such clashes will continue.

From these words, uttered by a Chinese Communist Family Planning Official, we learn that:

1) **Coercive pregnancy screening continues.** Under the Two-Child Policy, Family Planning Police continue to screen



Reggie Littlejohn, President, Women's Rights Without Frontiers

women of child-bearing age for pregnancy four times a year.

2) **Forced abortion continues.** It is still illegal for single women to have babies in China, and for couples to have third children. It appears that some may be given an opportunity to pay a fine, but Li Bo tells "those who couldn't afford the fine to terminate their pregnancies." In other words, if a woman is

illegally pregnant and cannot pay the fine — which can be as much as ten times her annual salary — she is forced to abort. Forced abortion, therefore, continues under the Two-Child Policy.

3) **Women pregnant without permission are considered criminals.** Li Bo's statement that women who are pregnant without permission "were breaking it [the law] so it is just like the clash between a policeman and a thief" demonstrates that such pregnancies are still considered illegal; and illegally pregnant women are regarded lawbreakers deserving of punishment, just like thieves.

4) **Forced abortion continues to cause unrest.** Li Bo is correct in adding that "as long as restrictions are in place, such clashes will continue." This statement is an admission that these clashes — often resulting in forced abortion — continue to this day, due to the two-child restrictions.

2. **Sixth Tone.** A July 22, 2016, Sixth Tone article entitled, "Guangdong Families Told to Have Abortion or Lose Job," discussed two Guangdong families. Both families were remarried. Both families were

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Discrimination on top of discrimination

By Paul Stark

By permitting abortion — the killing of human beings before they are born — we discriminate on the basis of age, size, stage of development and condition of dependency.

This discrimination enables further discrimination based on disability and gender. More than 90 percent of unborn human beings diagnosed with Down syndrome are killed for that reason.

Babies with many other disabilities and “imperfections” are also aborted. Abortion for sex-selection (aborting a female baby because her parents want a boy) is widely practiced in China and India. And it also happens (to a much lesser extent) in the United States.

Such discrimination would be considered noxious and indefensible in any other

context. Only because the unborn have already been discriminated against (excluding them from the human community of those who are owed respect and

protection) may they be further discriminated against on the basis of characteristics widely recognized as morally trivial.

Discrimination on top of discrimination.

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2016 Senate Elections: Here's why you MUST Vote!

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In Wisconsin, pro-life Senator Ron Johnson (R) faces pro-abortion former Senator Russ Feingold (D).

Senator Johnson has a strong pro-life voting record.

In contrast, Feingold supports the current policy of abortion on demand, and voted against the partial-birth abortion ban every chance he had. He is also endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

In North Carolina, pro-life Senator Richard Burr (R) is facing a challenge by former Assemblywoman Deborah Ross (D), a candidate supported by EMILY's List.

In Arizona, Congresswoman

Ann Kirkpatrick (D), another candidate supported by Emily's List, is challenging pro-life Senator John McCain (R).

Senator McCain's pro-life record contrasts greatly with Kirkpatrick's, who voted against the pain-capable legislation, and voted to fund Planned Parenthood.

Pro-life El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn (R) is challenging pro-abortion Colorado Senator Michael Bennet (D).

Michael Bennet voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and has been awarded a strong lifetime rating by Planned Parenthood.

Pro-life Congressman Todd Young (R) will face former Senator Evan Bayh (D) for Indiana's open Senate seat.

Todd Young has a strong pro-life voting record, while Evan Bayh, who has a mixed record on abortion, voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand.

In Missouri, Senator Roy Blunt (R), a pro-life leader in the U.S. Senate, is facing a challenge from pro-abortion Secretary of State Jason Kander (D), who had a 100% pro-abortion voting record while in the Missouri House of Representatives.

And finally, in Iowa, pro-life Senator Chuck Grassley (R), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is facing a challenge by pro-abortion former Lt. Governor Patty Judge (D).

Senator Grassley has a strong pro-life voting record, while Patty Judge is so extreme on abortion she is supported by EMILY's List *and* Planned Parenthood.

As you can see, the stakes couldn't be higher in 2016.

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

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Less than a third of churchgoers say their pastors preached on abortion, but virtually all were against

By Dave Andrusko

A new Pew Research Center survey is a classic bad news/good news for pro-lifers.

Of the 40% of Americans who reported attending religious services once or twice in the few months before the poll was taken, only 29% said they heard a message from the pulpit about abortion.

But those who preached about abortion were seven times more likely to preach against (22%) than in favor of (3%). The remaining messages were mixed.

Beyond that favorable overall percentage, there are many nuances to the survey conducted June 5 through July 7. For example

(1) Overall, 64% said they had heard their pastor speak out about at least one of six social or political issue.

(2) “White evangelicals and Catholics are more likely than white mainline and black Protestants to have recently heard clergy speak out against abortion. For both groups, the message is consistently conservative,” Pew reported.

(3) More specifically 36% of White evangelicals told Pew they had heard their clergy speak about abortion. Only 1% preached in favor. Likewise 36% of Catholics had heard their clergy speak about abortion. Only 2% spoke in favor of abortion.

(4) White Mainline Protestants and Black Protestants—although still hearing virtually no messages in favor of abortion—reported hearing the fewest messages about abortion—21% and 16%, respectively.

Half of white evangelical churchgoers hear clergy speak out about religious liberty
 Among U.S. adults who have attended religious services in the past few months, % who say the clergy have spoken out about ...

	All recent attendees	Protestant	White evangelical	White mainline	Black Protestant	Catholic
	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Religious liberty	40	42	52	31	32	38
In defense of religious liberty	32	33	45	28	17	32
To say they don't believe it is under attack	2	3	2	1	5	2
Both	6	6	5	2	10	6
NET Homosexuality	39	43	45	38	39	31
Against homosexuality	20	27	34	17	22	8
To encourage acceptance of gays and lesbians	12	10	6	19	9	13
Both	7	5	5	2	8	10
NET Abortion	29	28	36	21	16	36
Against abortion	22	23	33	19	8	28
In support of abortion rights	3	2	1	1	3	2
Both	4	3	2	1	5	6

Note: Figures may not add to subtotals indicated due to rounding. Whites and Blacks include only those who are not Hispanic.
 Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 7-July 5, 2016.
 "Many Americans Hear Politics From the Pulpit"
 PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Guttmacher’s own study demonstrates state waiting periods have little impact on how long it takes women to secure abortions

By Dave Andrusko

A new study by the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute is a study in artifice.

How do you maintain the myth that “punitive” abortion laws are causing lengthy delays when your own study proves otherwise?

To begin with, we are told the authors—Rachel K. Jones and Jenna Jerman—“relied on data from a national sample of patients obtaining abortions in nonhospital facilities, which was gathered through the Guttmacher Institute’s 2014 Abortion Patient Survey.”

Let’s examine the Guttmacher press release headlined, “Most Patients Able to Obtain an

Abortion Within One Week of Calling for an Appointment; Nearly One in 10 Wait More Than Two Weeks.” (<https://www.guttmacher.org/news-release/2016/most-patients-able-obtain-abortion-within-one-week-calling-appointment-nearly-one>)

#1. We learn from “Time to Appointment and Delays in Accessing Care Among U.S. Abortion Patients” that within a week of calling to make an abortion appointment more than 3 in 4 women “are able to obtain the procedure.”

#2. What explains “the delay of more than 14 days” for 7% of the women? (Interesting, but

typically, Guttmacher rounds 7% up to “nearly one in 10 abortion patients.”)

Three characteristics: “exposure to disruptive life events, such as losing a job or falling behind on rent (which may lead to financial hardships that require patients to use additional time to find money for the procedure); obtaining a second-trimester procedure and living in a state with a waiting period requirement.”

#3. What explains “shorter delays”? According to Guttmacher, “having had two or more births, exposure to disruptive life events, reliance

on subsidies or discounts to pay for abortion care, and living in a state with a waiting period requirement.”

So, 76% of women have their abortions within a week of calling the abortion clinic. Most delays are because they have living children, have financial problems, and/or because they are seeking later abortions which fewer abortion clinics perform and which are much more expensive.

What about the impact of waiting periods? “Finally, legal restrictions in the form of waiting periods could lead to a longer time to appointment.”

These people are shameless.

Keep This One Thing in Mind When You Vote This November

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consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation. We condemn the Supreme Court's activist decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* striking down commonsense Texas laws providing for basic health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

We applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for leading the effort to add enforcement to the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act by passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which imposes appropriate civil and criminal penalties on healthcare providers who fail to provide treatment and care to an infant who survives an abortion, including early induction delivery whether the death of the infant is intended. We strongly oppose infanticide. Over a dozen states have passed Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Acts prohibiting abortion after twenty weeks, the point at which current medical research shows that unborn babies can feel excruciating pain during abortions, and we call on Congress to enact the federal version. Not only is it good legislation, but it enjoys the support of a majority of the American people. We support state and federal efforts against the cruelest forms of abortion, especially dismemberment abortion procedures, in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb.

We call on Congress to ban

sex-selection abortions and abortions based on disabilities—discrimination in its most lethal form. We oppose embryonic stem cell research. We oppose federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. We support adult stem cell research and urge the restoration of the national placental stem cell bank created by President George H.W. Bush but abolished by his Democrat successor, President Bill Clinton. We oppose federal funding for harvesting embryos and call for a ban on human cloning.

The Democratic Party is extreme on abortion. Democrats' almost limitless support for abortion, and their strident opposition to even the most basic restrictions on abortion, put them dramatically out of step with the American people. Because of their opposition to simple abortion clinic safety procedures, support for taxpayer-funded abortion, and rejection of pregnancy resource centers that provide abortion alternatives, the old Clinton mantra of "safe, legal, and rare" has been reduced to just "legal." We are proud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women.

In sharp contrast, position being called, "the most liberal in Democrat history."

Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing

reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women's, men's, and young people's health and wellbeing. We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people. We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment. We condemn and will combat any acts of violence, harassment, and intimidation of reproductive health providers, patients, and staff. We will defend the ACA, which extends affordable preventive health care to women, including no-cost contraception, and prohibits discrimination in health care based on gender.

We will address the discrimination and barriers that inhibit meaningful access to reproductive health care services, including those based on gender, sexuality,

race, income, disability, and other factors. We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care, evidence-based sex education and a full range of family planning services help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and thereby also reduce the need for abortions.

And we strongly and unequivocally support a woman's decision to have a child, including by ensuring a safe and healthy pregnancy and childbirth, and by providing service during pregnancy and after the birth of a child, including adoption and social support services, as well as protections for women against pregnancy discrimination.

We are committed to creating a society where children are safe and can thrive physically, emotionally, educationally, and spiritually. We recognize and support the importance of civil structures that are essential to creating this for every child.

Libertarians want to ignore the ethical implications of abortion altogether:

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

What is the Unborn? A Case for Biological Humanity from Fertilization

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every human being is uniquely valuable.) You pull the tab out and as you are waiting for it to develop, I grab it away from you and rip it open, thus destroying it. When you get really angry at me, I say blithely, 'You're crazy. That was just a brown smudge. I cannot fathom why anyone would care about brown smudges.' Wouldn't you think that I were the insane one? Your photo was already there. We just couldn't see it yet." (Richard Stith, "Does Making Babies Make Sense? Why So Many People Find it Difficult to See Humanity in a Developing Foetus," Mercatornet, September 2, 2008.)

As pro-life philosopher Scott Klusendorf notes, "The science of embryology is clear. From the earliest stages of development, the unborn are distinct, living, and whole human beings. Therefore, every 'successful' abortion ends the life of a living human being." (Scott Klusendorf, *The Case for Life*, Crossway Books, 2009, p. 35.)

Embryologists, who are the experts in the field on human embryos, consistently agree that the unborn are alive and human from fertilization. Consider the following from the most-used textbooks on the issue:

"Although life is a continuous process, fertilization (which, incidentally, is not a 'moment') is a critical

landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new genetically distinct human organism is formed when the chromosomes of the male and female pronuclei blend in the oocyte." (Ronan O'Rahilly and Fabiola Muller, *Human Embryology* and

an embryo. Sophisticated pro-choice philosophers also know that human life begins at fertilization:

"It is possible to give 'human being' a precise meaning. We can use it as equivalent to 'member of the species Homo sapiens.' Whether a being is a member of a given species is something

"Perhaps the most straightforward relation between you and me on the one hand and every human fetus on the other is this: All are living members of the same species, Homo sapiens. A human fetus after all is simply a human being at a very early stage in his or her development." (David Boonin, *A Defense of Abortion*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003, p. 20.)



In fact, Alan Guttmacher, former president of Planned Parenthood, in 1933 (a full forty years before *Roe v. Wade* was passed), wrote:

"This all seems so simple and evident that it is difficult to picture a time when it wasn't part of the common knowledge." (Alan Guttmacher, *Life in the Making: The Story of Human Procreation*, New York: Viking Press, 1933, p. 3.)

Additionally, a Planned Parenthood brochure from 1964, when answering a question about whether or not abortion is birth control, states: "Absolutely not. An abortion ends the life of a baby after it has begun."

In my next article, I will address objections to biological humanity from fertilization. But the facts of science are clear: human life begins at fertilization.

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Teratology, 3rd ed., New York: Wiley-Liss, 2001, p.8.)

"A zygote is the beginning of a new human being (i.e., an embryo)." (Keith L. Moore, *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, 7th ed., Philadelphia, PA: Saunders, 2003, p.2.)

There are many more examples I could give. In short, you didn't come from an embryo, you once were

that can be determined scientifically, by an examination of the nature of the chromosomes in the cells of living organisms. In this sense there is no doubt that from the first moments of its existence an embryo conceived from human sperm and eggs is a human being." (Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics*, 2nd ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993, pp.85-86.)

Chinese government sources admit forced abortion continues under two-child policy

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pregnant with a third child, when counting children from previous marriages. One family was told to abort or both husband and wife would lose their government jobs. The other family was told they must pay a fine of 260,000 yuan, the equivalent of \$39,000 U.S. – “a huge amount of money” for this family.

The fact that Sixth Tone is a state-controlled media outlet implies an admission by the Chinese government that it is continuing to forcibly abort women who get pregnant without permission.

3. China Women’s Federation. On August 3, 2016, an article appeared on womenof-china.cn, the English language website of the Communist Party-affiliated China Women’s Federation. The article, entitled, “Couples Not Waiting for Two-Child Policy,” stated: “Remarried couples in Guangdong province who are pregnant with their second child will not

be forced to have an abortion, even though they have not yet been granted permission for a second child. The provincial population and family planning commission will also not suggest that employers dismiss or punish those who are pregnant with a second child without permission, the [provincial] commission said on Tuesday.”

It is unclear whether the statement of the provincial commission would affect the families whose plight is discussed in Sixth Tone. For both families, three children were involved. Will they be allowed to maintain their pregnancies without losing their jobs or paying a “terror fine”? Only time will tell.

Regardless, the Women’s Federation article goes on to quote demographer Zhai Zhenwu, who states, “the provincial commission did not violate any regulations when they did not force couples to have abortions.”

Why would the Chinese

government need to clarify that government officials “did not violate” family planning regulations when they did not force couples to have abortions, unless forced abortion is continuing and indeed standard for unapproved pregnancies under the Two-Child Policy?

In addition, the Women’s Federation article quotes a remarried woman from Guangdong as saying, “Some wives who have been pregnant with their second child have had an abortion because they fear being dismissed by their employers.” The decisions of these married women to abort their second children rather than lose their jobs underscores the ongoing human agony and tragedy caused by coercive population control in China. Forcing women to choose between having an abortion and losing their jobs is a form of coercion. Women can be forced to abort by physical or financial coercion.

The Women’s Federation article concludes by noting that

“the birthrate in [Guangdong] – which lacks a sufficient workforce and relies on people migrating from other provinces – has remained low for decades . . .” This is the real reason for the adjustment from a One-Child Policy to a Two-Child Policy. The Chinese government has not repented of its women’s rights atrocities. Rather, it fears the inevitable economic consequences of its 35-year history of coercive population control.

Forced abortion continues in China to this day, by admission of Chinese government sources, either through the words of its officials or its official publications. This atrocity must be eradicated from the face of the earth. With its population of 1.3 billion, one woman in five lives in China. The women of the world will not be free until the women of China are free. Women’s Rights Without Frontiers demands the immediate cessation of all coercive birth control in China.

Marist Institute for Public Opinion shows strong majorities against federal funding of abortion and for limitation on abortion

By Dave Andrusko

As we've discussed before the Marist Institute for Public Opinion Polls conducted for the Knights of Columbus are very interesting because they ask a lot of questions that no other survey does. But for today let's

Remember: for Democrats, never enough abortions, for any reason or no reason, at home and abroad, and as late in pregnancy as a woman desires.

A whopping 62% of those surveyed oppose taxpayer

she wants medical personell to be forced to participate, directly or indirectly, in abortion.

But according to the Knights of Columbus summary of the poll

By almost 20 points, a majority of Americans (56 percent to 37 percent) do not believe that healthcare providers should be forced to perform abortions against their conscience or religious beliefs. This includes 6 in 10 Latinos (61 percent) and 4 in 10 who identify as pro-choice (41 percent).

And, as you would expect, the public disagrees with last month's Supreme Court decision torching two provisions of HB 2, the 2013 pro-life Texas law.

78 percent want abortion clinics to be held to the same standards as other outpatient surgery centers. "About three quarters of those who

identify as pro-choice (74 percent) agree, as do strong majorities regardless of party affiliation," according to the poll.

"In addition, 70 percent of Americans want doctors who perform abortions to be required to have hospital admitting privileges. ...Pro-life and pro-choice adherents are also equally likely to support such a requirement at a rate of 7 in 10 for each group (71 percent).

Finally, "The majority of Americans in favor of abortion restrictions has been consistently around 8 in 10 for the better part of a decade, said Barbara Carvalho, director of the Marist Poll. "Though self-identification as pro-life or pro-choice can vary substantially from year to year, the support for restrictions is quite stable."



look at the bottom line public policy numbers that come out of a survey of 1,009 adults conducted July 5-12.

In the fertile pro-death mind of the Democratic Party, the newest explicit target is ending the Hyde Amendment, a funding restriction on the use of taxpayer money that has saved well over 1 million lives.

funding for abortion. Notice that even 44% of Democrats agree as do 65% of American Africans and 61% of Latinos and 45% of self-identified pro-choicers.

Also, the Democrat Party has taken dead aim on the conscience rights of Americans. So not only does Hillary Clinton want you to pay for abortions,