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*Pro-Life Champion Chris Smith and Prayer Breakfast Speaker Jean Garton together at the banquet that closed NRLC 2016.
(Photo Credit: Bill Molitor.)*

Donald Trump selects Pro-Life Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his V.P.

By Dave Andrusko

Ending weeks of speculation, presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump announced today on Twitter, "I am pleased to announce that I have chosen Mike Pence as my Vice Presidential running mate."

There will be a Saturday news conference, he added. Mr. Trump had been expected to have the news conference today but he held off because of the "horrible attack" that took place Thursday in Nice, France.

"With a solid pro-life voting



Indiana Gov. Mike Pence joins presumptive Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump at a July 12 rally in Westfield, Indiana. (Photo: AP)

record on abortion during his time in Congress, and through his pro-life actions as Indiana Governor, Mike Pence has proven himself to be a strong and outspoken leader for the right-to-life," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

From the single-issue pro-life perspective, the selection of Pence, who also served six terms in Congress, would be difficult to surpass.

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In sharp rebuke to Obama Administration, U.S. House votes to protect health care providers from state-mandated abortion

By Dave Andrusko

Wednesday night, National Right to Life commended Republican leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives for winning passage of a bill to protect health care providers from the growing threat of state-government attempts to coerce participation in abortion. The near straight party line vote--virtually all Republicans voting for the *Conscience Protection Act* and virtually all Democrats against--was 245-182.



That 182 members of the House opposed a law that does no more than end discrimination against people, plans, and providers who choose not to be involved in abortion speaks volumes about just how radically anti-life the Democratic Party has become.

"State agencies in California and New York are mandating insurance coverage of abortion, and the Obama Administration recently made it clear that it will

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Editorials

Would a President Hillary Clinton be any worse than other pro-abortion Democrat Presidents? Yes! Here's how

Surely it is understandable if a pro-lifer might come to the conclusion that if you've seen one pro-abortion President, you've seen them all. They could be forgiven if they asked themselves, could Hillary Clinton possibly be any different --any worse--than her husband, former President Bill Clinton, or the current pro-abortion occupant, Barack Obama? After all both Bill Clinton and Barack Obama are pro-abortion to the core.

But unless you understand the progression--in our view, the degeneration--of leading Democrats' position on abortion and how she is the nexus for the domestic and the International Abortion Industry, you can't fully appreciate how devastating a President Hillary Clinton would be.

Bill Clinton didn't accidentally come by the moniker, "Slick Willie." A deft politician, he hid the practical abortion-on-demand implications in the mantra of abortion as "safe, legal, and rare."

Obama slid down the slope even before he became President. As an Illinois state Senator he thrice opposed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, legislation to provide legal protection for babies who are born alive during abortions. We remember his comment at a town hall meeting in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. If either of his daughters were someday to "make a mistake," he said, "I don't want them punished with a baby."

And there was his glib "it's beyond my pay grade" answer to Rick Warren's question, "at what point does a baby get human rights?"

His record as President has been an unmitigated disaster, much too long to detail. Suffice it to say that he threatened to veto a bill to prevent sex selection abortion, is attempting to strangle laws



that protect freedom of conscience, engineered ObamaCare which resulted in federal funding of over 1,000 health plans that pay for elective abortion, and threatened to veto a bill that would protect pain-capable unborn babies from abortion.

Can Hillary Clinton be worse? Oh, yes. Let me count just some of the ways.

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A brief overview of what's happened since the June NRL News

Since last month's edition of *National Right to Life News*, so much has happened it is wonderful that we have *National Right to Life News Today* to fill you in daily, Monday through Saturday, on the latest turns of event. Where to begin?

The bookends, if you will, are the decision by the United States Supreme Court to toss commonsense--and women's health--to the wind by overturning two key components of the pro-life omnibus 2013 Texas law known as HB 2, and NRLC's National Convention.

On June 27, in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, five justices proved what NRLC has warned *ad infinitum*. Without a considerable turnover on the court, the argument that abortion facilities should not be allowed carte blanche to be as indifferent to women's health as they wish falls on deaf ears.

In his dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas' opening sentence cut to the chase: "Today the Court strikes down two state statutory provisions in all of their applications, at the behest of abortion clinics and doctors."

Thomas then immediately quoted from the late Justice Scalia's dissent in *Stenberg v. Carhart* where Scalia wrote of the Court's troubling tendency "to bend the rules when any effort to limit abortion, or even to speak in opposition to abortion, is at issue."

At its three-day National Convention in Herndon, Virginia less than two weeks later, NRLC offered insight, encouragement, strategic advice, a reminder that we have an alternative approach to abortion legislation, and constant reminders that the election of pro-abortion radical Hillary Clinton would be "catastrophic."

In light of *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, Mary Spaulding Balch, JD, director of state legislation for National Right to Life, told the *New York Times*, "Our legislation focuses on the humanity of the unborn child." The *Times* correctly noted NRLC has two top priorities.

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From the President Carol Tobias

The Battle Before Us



Editor's note. These remarks were delivered at the opening general session of the 2016 National Right to Life Convention. You can watch general session addresses at [facebook.com/nationalrighttolife/](https://www.facebook.com/nationalrighttolife/)

Did you know there is an election this year? Of course, you did. On the ballot this year will be candidates for president, in 34 states you will have candidates for U.S. Senate, you will have candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, some of you will be voting for Governor, Attorney General and other state offices, and most of you will have state legislative races.

Let's look at the presidential candidates.

Donald Trump wrote in a news column earlier this year,

“Let me be clear — I am pro-life. I support that position with exceptions allowed for rape, incest or the life of the mother being at risk. 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.”

Donald Trump has expressed his support for the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. He has expressed his opposition to taxpayer funding for abortion and abortion providers, and said he would appoint pro-life judges.

Hillary Clinton having been in elected office and just been around for a long time, has a much longer record. As a U.S. Senator, she voted 100% against the babies.

There was no limit on abortion that she would accept. We had a 12-year battle to ban a particular type of abortion, called partial-birth abortion. In this procedure, the abortionist, grabs the unborn baby's leg with forceps and pulls the baby into the birth canal. The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except for the head. He jams scissors into the baby's skull and opens the scissors to enlarge the hole. The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is then removed.

Horrifying? Gruesome? Hillary Clinton voted repeatedly to keep partial-birth abortion legal. Thankfully, in 2007, the Supreme Court upheld a ban on partial-birth abortion.

More than half of the states have in effect laws that require parents be notified, or give consent, before an abortion can be performed on their minor daughter. However, these laws are often circumvented when minors are transported to other states that do not have parental involvement requirements, often under pressure from older boyfriends. Congress tried to protect the rights of parents in these situations, but Senate Democrats, including Hillary Clinton, blocked the bills. Clinton didn't care about your rights as a parent. She apparently has no problem with someone taking your daughter out of state to get an abortion so you don't have to be told.

Let's look at more of her record. The State Children's Health Insurance program, or SCHIP, is a federal program that provides funds to states primarily so they may provide health services to children of low-income families. In 2002, the Bush Administration issued a regulation giving states the option of covering unborn children under the program, a policy known as the “unborn child rule.” Since this was an administrative rule which could be changed by a future administration, the Senate, in 2007, held a vote to codify

the “unborn child rule.” The amendment would have written explicit language into the SCHIP statute to guarantee that a covered child “includes, at the option of a State, an unborn child.” Hillary Clinton voted no. This woman, who wants us to think she really cares about health care, didn't think unborn children should get health care.

Last year, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to protect from abortion unborn children who are capable of feeling pain. Hillary Clinton issued a statement saying that she opposed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. She apparently thinks it's okay to kill unborn babies who have developed far enough that they can feel pain.

And, of course, Hillary Clinton is Planned Parenthood's favorite candidate. The nation's largest abortion provider announced it will spend around \$20 million to elect Hillary Clinton and pro-abortion Senators.

When Bill Clinton was president, he said that abortion should be “safe, legal, and rare.” Hillary doesn't bother to say rare. She just wants it legal. In fact, she has said the unborn child has no constitutional rights up until the day of birth.

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.”

Two days later, on *The View*, Paula Faris said, “And Secretary, I want to ask you about some comments that you made over the weekend on *Meet the Press* regarding abortion. You said, quote, ‘the unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights.’ My question is at what point does someone have constitutional rights, and are you

Abortion facilities just as active in the summer; unborn babies still need your help!

Summer should be a time of peace and relaxation for everyone.. But for a about quarter million unborn babies in the United States, summer is the season in which their lives will brutally end in an abortion facility.

Every season - fall, winter, spring, summer - a quarter of a million unborn babies are killed by abortionists. National Right to Life is there to fight for their lives every single day of the year.

But for some reason, the financial support we need to do that life-saving work falls off significantly during the summer months.

We understand that families are traveling and spending important time together in the summer. It is a wonderful time. But we hope our loyal members won't forget that it is also a perilous time for so many unborn children.

And we hope you will remember us - and those babies - in your summer giving.

Currently, we have a special need for support for our main fund, the National Right to Life Committee. In the fall, National Right to Life's political committees will have special needs to help elect pro-life officials to be the voice for the unborn in the halls of Congress and elsewhere. Those funds will likely be contacting you then to share information about their vital needs.

But the very vital need today exists in the NRL Committee. Most of National Right to Life's life-saving work is done through the Committee . . . but the support the Committee needs always seems to drop significantly in the summer.

You could do a tremendous

amount to help us save babies' lives this summer by making a special donation to the National Right to Life Committee today!

Quietly, but powerfully, National Right to Life is fighting in the summer months to change our culture and save lives. We just held our annual National Right to Life Convention, held this year in Virginia, near Washington D.C. This annual event brings together pro-life activists and leaders from around the nation for education and motivation in the most effective ways to change the culture and save lives.

NRLC runs an internship program during the summer months that trains future leaders in the pro-life movement.

And NRLC staffer members are among the experts who teach classes in our acclaimed National Right to Life Academy, which draws talented college students from around the country, and educates them on all aspects of the pro-life movement.

Each of these important programs are either run by the Committee, or have costs shared in important ways by the Committee. And each of them needs your help!

Please consider making an urgently needed summer donation to the National Right to Life Committee by [clicking here](#). The National Right to Life Committee works to change the laws to save unborn babies' lives, so donations to it are not

tax-deductible, but every life we save is such a blessing that our members don't complain!

Thank you for considering helping National Right to Life with our immediate needs to save lives. But this fight for the unborn will continue for years

of a few thousand dollars - or, as we've occasionally received, hundreds of thousands of dollars - is put immediately to work to augment programs that are already saving lives.

This means that including National Right to Life in your



to come. We hope you will also consider a legacy gift to help National Right to Life in the future.

Many of us can contribute at a certain level at this stage in our lives, but after retirement or in our wills, we can designate greater amounts to our heirs and the charities we consider important. A bequest left to National Right to Life can do a tremendous amount to help us build the programs that save even more lives in the future!

This "extra" funding we receive is really not "extra" when you consider the powerful and well-funded forces we are up against, and will continue to have to fight for years to come. A bequest from a will

will leave a legacy of lives saved, of people persuaded to the pro-life side, of fewer women suffering from the effects of abortion . . . of helping to build a lasting Culture of Life!

To receive information about how you can include National Right to Life in your will, or other planned giving opportunities such as annuities or remainder trusts, please write to development@nrlc.org or call us at 202-626-8813.

There are so many ways you can save lives, immediately and in the future. Please help us save every possible vulnerable unborn baby with your generous support today . . . and in the future! Bless you for all you can do!

Autos for Life receives 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. 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!

Recently, we received a 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 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 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 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 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 and most down-to-earth people that I have ever met! Well, after a little fiddling with the car, it

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!

Again, please keep them coming!

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

The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time

By Jean Garton

Editor's note. The following are the remarks delivered by Dr. Garton to the NRLC 2016 Prayer Breakfast.

Thank you and Good Morning to you who are people loved by God and by the many unborn babies who are alive today because of your work and witness. They may never know you or return to thank you, but the Lord of Life knows each of you by name.

It is an honor and a privilege to be with you this morning, although I

we come together around the Convention theme: *Building a Pro-Life Future*.

Building a Pro-Life Future? Really? How likely is that given the recent Supreme Court ruling? Besides, isn't that what many of us in this room have been trying to do for over 40 years?

What has all that effort gotten us? A lot of criticism, name-calling, ridicule, lost friends, family divisions, and over 58 million aborted babies. In addition, who knows how many other victims of abortion

theme of this Prayer Breakfast - Where There is Life, There is Hope - is one of comfort and truth because *The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time*.

Consider these examples from a few decades ago. The year was 1939, and the World's Fair came to my town in Queens, Long Island, NY. A 30 minute trolley ride took us to a wonderland of amazing exhibits, rides and new products. I was 10 years old at the time (do the math later!) so I visited the World's Fair many times.

There were so many new

visitors to the Fair about the value of using their product.

They claimed it would calm their nerves and would give them a sense of well-being. It would strengthen their body's systems and, overall, it would improve a person's health.

Can you guess what that wonder product was? Cigarettes.

The National Cancer Institute recently reported that "The number of premature deaths each year caused by cigarette smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke is 440,000.»

Like many claims made by abortion advocates, the claims for cigarettes, in time, proved to be untrue.

We can have *Hope* for *Building a Pro-Life Future* because *The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time*.

A second example of the accuracy of that saying was another product at the World's Fair. It attracted men in particular because it featured a new product which its promoters claimed would revolutionize the construction industry. Without giving you any details - other than to say it began with an "A" - can you guess what that new wonder product might be?

How about *asbestos*! The optimistic claims made for asbestos proved to be untrue and harmful not only to women and men involved in the building industry but also to people who lived with that product in their home.

Abortion, too, has been a detriment not only to unborn children but also to



Dr. Jean Garton (far right) with Marie Smith, wife of Rep. Chris Smith, and two of the Smiths' children at the banquet that closed NRLC 2016.

am experiencing a bit of intimidation to be following last year's speakers - the Duck Dynasty people. I was at that Breakfast last year, and never for one moment did I expect to be here today. It's a big leap from beards and country charm to a white-haired lady with a Brooklyn accent!

Nevertheless, it is a blessing to be with you as

are out there - the many scarred, guilt-filled men, women and girls who mourn the "choice" they made to abort an unborn child.

While what we do may be unpopular and disappointing and often may seem hopeless, that is the nature of any battle for truth. God is doing something bigger than we can see now. The

things to see such as fluorescent lights, nylon stockings, and a small box with people who moved and whose voices we could hear. It was called "television."

One company promoted its product by having men in white medical jackets standing outside its display entrance. They were handing out free samples of their product and telling

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NRL Convention resources and photos available next week

By Dave Andrusko

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: CDs, MP3s, and photos of the nearly 100 workshops, general sessions, Prayer Breakfast, and the closing banquet.

The CDs and MP3s will go on sale next week. For ordering information, go to nrlconvention.com. You can purchase individual recordings of either or full sets.

Bill and Mary Lou Molitor have been the convention's official photographers for decades. Their work is just stupendous and will also be available next week. Here's how you make your selections:

1. Go to timelessphotoboise.com and click on the Professional Photography category.
2. Then click View Your Portrait Gallery on the left-hand side.
3. Search for NRLC 2016 gallery and click on that.
4. Enter the password -- Virginia

If you have any problems, call 208-343-4501 or email state@timelessphotoboise.com Both 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.



The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time

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men, women, the medical profession and to fundamental relationships. *The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time.*

China's One Child Policy, which involved a staggering number of abortions, is another example of the significance of time. Intended to curb a surging population, the policy has skewed China's demographics by reducing the size of the work force at a time when the country has increasing demands from the growing ranks of elderly.

That policy has also inflated the ratio of boys to girls because unborn female babies were chosen most often for abortion. The result is that now men are discovering it is difficult to even find women to marry.

These three examples of harmful products and policies, whether imposed on a nation

by the Chinese government or by our own Supreme Court, demonstrate why we can experience *Hope* because *The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time.*

We still have a long way to go as a Movement, but we are in a different place today - a better place - than when we first began. And because we know the value God places on all human life, we can embrace the theme of this Prayer Breakfast that *Where There is Life There is Hope.*

Because there is *Hope*, we can leave here committed to the work and witness needed to go about the Father's business of *Building a Pro-Life Future*, confident that our Father's timing is always perfect!

It is said that the average person speaks about 125

words per minute. Our brains, however, have the ability to understand about 400 words a minute ... which explains how it is so easy (and so natural) to let our minds wander in a meeting, in church, and in a setting like this.

But there was one Prayer Breakfast I attended where everyone's attention was totally focused on the speaker. It happened in 1994 at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington. The speaker was helped to the lectern only to discover that she was too short for the audience to see her as she stood behind the lectern.

Staff people rushed off stage to get a box for her to stand on and, then, the speaker, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, took center stage to address a hushed assembly of the elites of Washington. That tiny, ailing

nun from halfway around the world did what some powerful leaders in our government then (and today!) lack the courage to do.

She brought up the big moral issue of the day - abortion. Without hesitation she said simply that God's Word prohibits taking the life of an unborn child. That was her authority. Period. And she said it, without apology, to those in the audience who thought *they* had the authority to do otherwise.

She didn't just include it with a list of other issues in our country. She didn't just mention it in passing. In her quiet, gentle voice she said: "We are carved in the palm of His Hand, and the unborn child

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Defending Life Has Never Been More Challenging, Difficult or More Necessary

By Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)

Editor's note. The following are the remarks of Rep. Smith delivered at the closing banquet of the 2016 National Right to Life Convention. The references in the first paragraph are to Carol Tobias, NRLC President; David N. O'Steen, Ph.D., NRLC Executive Director; Darla St. Martin, NRLC Co-Executive Director; and Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life Legislative Director.

Thank you NRLC for four decades of extraordinary leadership in defense of the weakest and most vulnerable. What a truly amazing team of smart, faithful and faith-filled doers of the word—Carol, David and Darla, and Doug Johnson (the most effective policy guy in Washington) and the rest of the team. May God continue to give you—and all NRLC affiliates—strength and wisdom.

I am joined tonight by my dear wife Marie—we actually met in the pro-life movement in college, she is director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI)—part of Fr. Frank Pavone's family of ministries—and our two daughters—Melissa and Elyse.

In 1976—40 years ago—I was at the National Right to Life Convention in Boston, as a presenter on working with the media, when Congressman Jim Oberstar of Minnesota arrived to announce spectacular news—passage of the Hyde Amendment.

All of us in the room that day—including some in this room tonight—rose to our feet in sustained almost wild

applause, filled to overflowing with gratitude to God and deep respect for courageous lawmakers like Henry Hyde, Jim Oberstar and Silvio Conte.

The early Hyde battles were protracted and bitter—eleven

(This past Wednesday, we successfully defeated a floor amendment by Congressman Grayson of Florida to strike the abortion funding ban in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.)



Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)

weeks of struggle with the Senate in 1976 and five months of impasse in 1977.

By 1979, however, pro-life riders like Hyde had been added to six appropriations bills.

A narrow 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Hyde in 1980.

Today, numerous abortion funding restrictions ensure that taxpayers aren't complicit in the violence of abortion.

were alive because of the Hyde Amendment. He was filled with emotion and joy—mothers spared the agony of post abortion pain, children alive and well, growing up, going to school, playing sports, dating, marrying and having kids of their own. All because the abortion facilitating subsidies were prohibited by law.

Henry Hyde was one of the most accomplished and most distinguished Members of Congress ever to serve. He was a class act.

On the human rights issue of our time—the fundamental right to life for unborn children—Congressman Henry Hyde will always be remembered as the great champion. No one was more logical, compassionate or eloquent in defense of the disenfranchised. In floor debate, you always wanted Hyde as your closer.

And no one more skillfully navigated the legislative terrain as he. For example, in 1993, President Bill Clinton and Democrat majorities in both the House and Senate eviscerated every pro-life funding rider but one by using a house rule that precludes legislating on an appropriations bill unless a waiver is first granted by the Rules Committee.

Undeterred, Henry Hyde found and employed a 1908 parliamentary precedent in the rules that govern Congressional procedures that allowed the Hyde Amendment to be offered, debated and voted upon. Caught by complete surprise,

Before the enactment of Hyde, the Medicaid program was paying for about 300,000 abortions annually. When abortion funding is proscribed, there is a body of empirical data that suggests that about a fourth of the children who would otherwise be killed are spared and born.

I remember the day when Henry first learned that an estimated one million children

Bringing life-affirming resources to teens facing unplanned pregnancies in your community

By Elizabeth Spillman

NRLC 2016 was an energizing three days with the opportunity to be with amazing and hardworking pro-life activists from all over the country. I had the opportunity to share with them about the work StandUpGirl.com is doing to reach young women in crisis pregnancies, with life-affirming resources and support.

I wanted to take a moment and share about our outreach with those of you who were not able to make it to Virginia.

Oregon began asking the question: How do we reach abortion minded women using emerging internet technology?

Through the ensuing years, we have constantly evolved with technology to reach them where they are at with the media and communication modes they already use. We are now one of the top pregnancy-related websites in the world.

We are comprised of 14 dedicated women volunteers and 3 employees. We give

abortion and provide resources, guidance, and connections to life affirming centers in the girl's immediate local area. Perhaps the most important component of the website is the real-life stories of girls facing their own crisis pregnancies and how our StandUpGirl.com team provides personal and individual guidance and support to help young women in crisis to make a choice that both they and their baby can live with.

almost 4 million visitors this year. We historically average around 300,000 visitors per month!

However, we know we can't do this alone. It takes all of us, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, doing what we each can do, to provide the life affirming resources that are needed to change a culture. It has been our goal to build a community, all striving to help these young women.

How can you help by bringing StandUpGirl.com to your community? First, make sure pro-life leaders and youth leaders in your area know about StandUpGirl.com and its online community of support and resources. Talk to your Pastor/Priest, youth leader at your church, your local Students for Life of America group, local Young Life chapter, and 40 Days for Life group about StandUpGirl.com. We also offer a variety of beautiful and professional materials, free of charge, that direct women in crisis to our website. A few creative ways that we recommend using these materials:

- Give some cards to your local Pregnancy Resource Center to hand out to their clients
- Pass cards out to women when you are doing sidewalk counseling

The advertisement features two young women. On the left, a blonde woman with her hand to her chin looks thoughtful. On the right, a woman with dark hair and a headband looks off to the side with a serious expression. The text 'Pregnant?' is in purple, 'Scared?' is in green, and 'StandUpGirl.com' is in large, stylized purple letters. Below the logo is the tagline 'Providing hope and courage when you need it most.' There are several heart icons scattered around the text.

I especially want to pass along how you can help bring the hope and courage StandUpGirl.com offers, to your community.

The StandUpGirl.com Foundation is an online community designed to reach out to abortion minded women in pregnancy crisis. We started 15 years ago when a small group of pro-life leaders in

our hearts, time, and past experiences to lead these young women in crisis to make life affirming decisions.

Our unique approach allows us to "reach across the aisle" to young men and women who would not think about going, or want to go, to a pro-life website. We cross the great divide of the issues related to

To reach these vulnerable women, StandUpGirl.com needs to have a presence in the world. We need to stand above the opposition to get these girls attention. Miraculously, God continues to open doors for us...we have had just under 2 million visitors in the first 6 months of 2016!

This puts us on target to reach

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A Historic General Session—“Sharing Our Stories: How Abortion Affects Women’s Lives”

By Dave Andrusko

On the first night of NRLC’s National Convention, NRLC brought together a genuinely unique panel to discuss “Sharing Our Stories: How Abortion Affects Women’s Lives.”

Two women—Sarah Zagorski and Melissa Ohden—survived abortions. Two more women—Jewels Greene and Catherine Adair—had abortions and went on to work in abortion clinics.

One other woman—Olivia Gans Turner—underwent an abortion as an unmarried college student but went on to found NRLC’s American Victims of Abortion. A.V.A. is now celebrating its 30th year as an outreach not only to women who have aborted, but also to fathers, siblings, grandparents—all those family members affected by the loss of

that unborn child.

Many people stopped NRLC staff and echoed what one participant had said about the session: that it was “historic.”

Melissa’s story is familiar to many pro-lifers. She survived a saline abortion in 1977, a gruesome process that took place over five days, and now has started an outreach of her own to abortion survivors. Melissa added details most of the audience did not know, including that for 30 years, her mother thought Melissa had died from the abortion. Her story of a gradual reconciliation with her birth mother, who, she learned, had been coerced into having an abortion by a family member, as well as with other family members, was extraordinarily powerful.

Sarah Zagorski’s early years

were exceptionally grim, filled with abuse. She was rescued by foster care and adoption. However “Playing God”—aborting a child because of real or perceived difficulties—“doesn’t solve anything,” she explained.

Jewels Greene told a story of being raised by an “aging Hippie mother” in a totally pro-choice environment. But when she became unexpectedly pregnant, her first instinct was to care for her baby—she described herself as “intuitively pro-life.”

Her boyfriend did not push abortion initially, Jewels explained, but as the other woman he had impregnated grew larger, he began to push Jewels to abort.

Jewels’ reaction, after her abortion, was “swift and

severe.” She even tried suicide, really wanting to “be with her baby.” But instead of becoming pro-life, Jewels became a “hard-core pro-abortion feminist.”

Her story of attending the 1989 pro-abortion march in Washington, DC and then working in an abortion clinic was riveting. She quit once, but went back to work at the abortion clinic even though she was herself pregnant at the time.

Her moment of truth, her pro-life conversion, came after a surrogate mother learned she was carrying a baby with Down syndrome. When the biological parents offered to pay her in full if she aborted, she did. Jewels likened it to a “mob hit.”

She explained that once she “was able to say that this abortion was wrong,” she began to ask herself about abortion in general. Then the question arose: “What have I done?”

Both women who worked in abortion clinics talked about the importance of non-judgmental, loving witness by pro-lifers who were at the clinics, in bringing them into the Pro-Life Movement.

The stories each woman told were immensely telling. In the final Q&A with host Lynda Bell, the importance of their stories came out clearly. The media tries to stifle those stories because they don’t fit the narrative.

They illustrate that abortion is not a cure; that it is not done on behalf of women but to them; and (perhaps most of all, as Catherine Adair explained), their stories expose that the abortion industry is “anti-woman.”



The top four finishers in NRLC’s Oratory Contest:
4th. Veronica Faye Minnesota; 3rd. Danielle Quesinberry Tennessee
2nd. Nathan Grime Indiana; 1st. Karli Olson Oregon
photo credit: Bill Molitor

Three accounts of deadly medical discrimination

By Dave Andrusko

Convention goers to NRLC 2016 heard three first-hand stories of “Deadly Consequences of Medical Discrimination” at an opening day general session. All were true accounts that would break your heart.

In 2010 Sheryl and Scott Crosier’s son Simon was born with Trisomy 18, a severe genetic anomaly. But rather than seeing their son’s birth as a “curse” (as described in the documentary, “Labeled”), they saw him as a “blessing,” as Scott told the audience.

After their son’s condition was diagnosed, the family could see in retrospect, the hospital staff tried to manage and manipulate them into seeing Simon as a syndrome rather than a baby. The Crosiers rejected that dehumanizing approach and worked against a staff that continued to tell them there was nothing they could do for Simon. They went so far as to ask, when the parents sought care for their youngest son, “are you doing this to Simon or for Simon?” as if they were harming him, Mrs. Crosier said.

She told the audience that she could still hear Scott telling

the staff, “We are not here to expedite his demise.”

But 88 and one-half days after Simon was born, he died. Only afterwards did they learn that the hospital, without asking them for permission or telling them, had placed a “DNR”—Do Not Resuscitate—on Simon’s chart.



The care was so minimal, Sheryl said, that had their son not stopped breathing, he would have starved to death.

The Crosiers are the driving force behind “Simon’s Law”—introduced in Kansas and Missouri—so that no DNR order can be placed on a minor without parental consent and requires that hospitals and

medical facilities must disclose any “futility” policies if asked.

Scott said that a reporter asked all 165 hospitals in one state if they had futility policies in place and only five said no.

NRL News Today readers are very familiar with Jahi McMath, the teenager who

to a hospital in New Jersey. Her mother filled in the details, which made the story even more heartrending.

For example, Jahi had a premonition she would not wake up from the surgery. That it was not until Nailah’s mother, a nurse of 30 years standing, returned to the hospital that they were told how serious Jahi’s condition was. Mrs. Winkfield outlined how they had stalled for time and called in the media to save Jahi and how her lawyer agreed to take on the case without being paid.

At various times, Nailah was told Jahi would be dead within a couple of days. Two and a half years after the surgery, Jahi is still alive and still responding. Her mother is caring for her full-time. And why? “My kid is not dead.”

Terri Schiavo’s brother, Bobby Schindler, provided a much appreciated update on the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Foundation, which he started to honor his sister and to help other cognitively impaired individuals in perilous situations, and how he was privileged to help Mrs. Winkfield.

After an intense legal battle, she was allowed to move Jahi

National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Winners, 2016

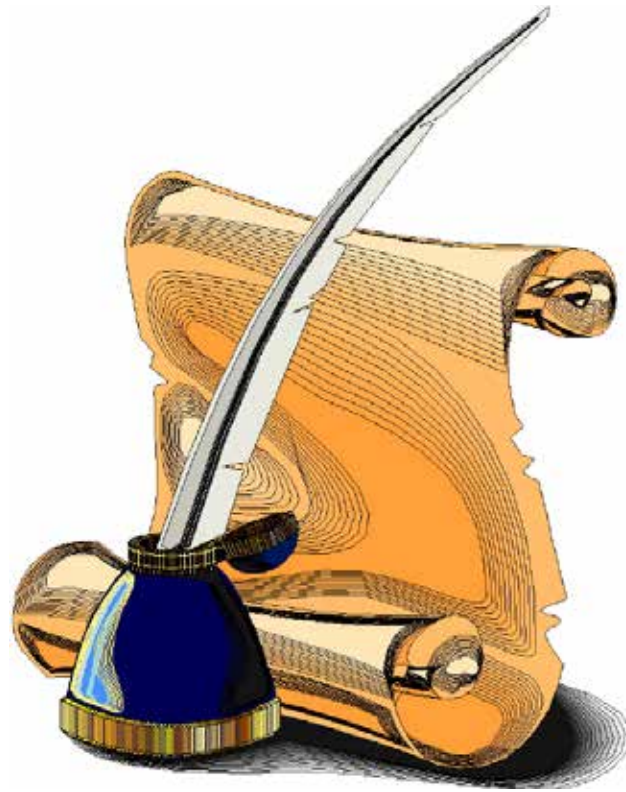
Editor's note. The following winning essays were written for the National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest. At the senior level, grades 10–12, Maranatha C. Cobb (Minnesota) took first place, Elyssa M. Warren (Indiana) won second, and Caroline Smith (Indiana) won third.

At the junior level, grades 7–9, Zachary Bruna (Kansas) won first, Sarah Payton Crosby (Washington) won second, and Juliana Bassetta (New York) won third.

The Right to Truth

By Maranatha C. Cobb,
Grade 10

Seventeen years ago, I was conceived. I was perfect, one cell floating in a sea of amniotic fluid. All my characteristics were written in my genes – my height (tall), eye color (brown), sex (female). I only needed time. And time I received. By eleven weeks, all my organs



functioned. My feet were perfectly shaped, all the little toes intact – yet I was only a few inches tall.

So I grew, and at nine months and a week, by mother held me

in her arms.

Another baby was conceived too, just about then. She too was perfect, her every potential etched on strands of DNA. She also grew and developed. But

then her life was sucked down a hose and ended. She might have been a singer, a teacher, or a senator.

She might have been a sunbeam, brightening every life she touched. We'll never know, because her life disappeared forever, and with her went her contributions to the world.

Why does our culture murder its children? Some tout family planning, others discomfort. Others say the babies would be neglected, that such a life is better left un-lived. The baby is not a person, they claim, only tissue to be discarded at will.

So we educate, showing new and ancient proofs that the baby is indeed fully human and fully alive. We elect congressmen who will pass laws restricting abortion. When the world knows it's murder, the horrors will cease.

Or will they? According to the article, "A New Ethic

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Stand Up for Life and Create a Pro-Life Generation

By Zachary Bruna,
Grade 8

How would you feel if you didn't get a chance at life and could never see the sun rise or fall? Did you know that 1.1 million babies die each year from abortion (Synder, Michael)? If you kill a bald eagle, you get put in jail with an additional fine. But if you kill an unborn baby, there are no consequences for that act.

What can I do to build a pro-life generation? As a young person with my whole life

ahead of me, I feel privileged that it is my mission to go out and preach the great news of pro-life. My mom chose life for me and your mom also chose life for you. If you weren't aborted, then why should you feel you have the right to kill an unborn baby?

"As a Pro-Life generation, we want to end abortion by creating a world where every child is loved and cared for, where every mother has the support that she needs to raise a child or to make an adoption plan for her child," ("How You

Can Make a Difference"). God desires that we all value every human life and I want to follow His will and lead by example in my word and deed.

"We are all needed to step up and become a pro-life leader. Pre-born babies, their mothers, and their families are counting on us" (Ohden, Melissa). One way I can do this is by attending the March for Life rally to stop killing unborn babies. "Because there are hundreds, if not thousands of abortion survivors who exist in the world, and whether they

are open about their survival or not (most are not), marching sends a powerful message to them that they are recognized, supported, and they are not alone" (Ohden, Melissa).

In every way possible, we all need to prove to Congress that killing babies is wrong, and I am eager to do my part! Every human being has the right to life!

How would you feel if you didn't get a chance at life and

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“Hush”: A new, must-see documentary film about abortion’s effects on women

By Joel Brind, Ph.D.

Finally, there is it on the screen: a full two-hour documentary on the long-term harm abortion does to women. The documentary reports; you decide.

No, it’s not the *Fox News Channel*, but the investigative journey of a “pro-choice” woman film-maker through the testimony of experts on both sides of the abortion issue. Writer-director Punam Gill wants to find out the truth that no one seems to want to talk about, what important facts always seem to bring a hush over the international conversation about women’s health issues.

Appropriately, *Hush* is the title of the film.

Punam narrates the documentary herself from beginning to end, giving you the sense of taking the journey with her to find out the truth about abortion’s effects on women’s health.

Along the way, she shares her heart-rending story of the son she lost to a third-trimester miscarriage, and how that affected her own emotional

being and her own future health risks. The documentary maker’s art shows most clearly in her ability to make her journey your journey.

The film examines the links between abortion and breast

testimony (including that of post-abortive women) on these subjects. Thus the viewer is provided an almost encyclopedic summary of a very broad field in an understandable and engaging

authorities, the ObGyn societies that represent the abortion industry and well known public health and voluntary institutions. Punam is left to dig for it for herself for the actual evidence that

would purportedly counter the evidence that abortion increases a woman’s health risks. The absence of counter-evidence speaks volumes.

It is also easy to catch yourself, along the way, expecting a conclusion that the pro-lifers are right after all, and that the film-maker herself has moved toward a pro-life conversion herself.

But she never lets

on, either way which is perhaps the greatest testimony to this master storyteller’s art.

She refuses to insult the viewer’s intelligence by telling us what to think. She does something that is much more valuable long-term.

Punam lifts the veil off the secret world of post-abortion consequences, gives us lots to think about, and allows the viewer to reach his or her own conclusion.



cancer, premature birth and psychological/emotional damage. More time is spent on the first than the others, likely due to the availability of more scientific experts (yours truly included) engaged in breast cancer research.

With the expert interviews skillfully and artfully interwoven with biologically accurate and clear animations, *Hush* presents an extraordinary amount of evidence and

way. (The DVD of *Hush* is a must have resource for every pro-life reference library.)

Along the way, it is also telling how little evidence of abortion’s purported safety to women is offered by “pro-choice” experts. Abortion practitioner and advocate Dr. David Grimes is there to offer his opinions that abortion is safe for women in the long term.

But for this he cites, as

General Conference of the United Methodist Church votes overwhelming to withdraw from Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

By Dave Andrusko

An incredible turn of events. May 19, on a vote of 425 to 268 (61% to 39%), delegates to the quadrennial General Conference meeting of the United Methodist Church voted that two United Methodist entities withdraw immediately from membership

Today, RCRC “is dedicated to keeping abortion—all abortions, of all unborn children, for any reason or no reason—legal in American society. In other words, RCRC never, ever speaks or lobbies or writes against abortion.”

“There is nothing moderate

United Methodist director at the Institute on Religion and Democracy. “In contrast to the United Methodist Church, RCRC dismisses the value of unborn human life. RCRC even promotes rituals to bless all the work of elective abortion clinics, describing aborting unborn children as always ‘holy work.’”

Lomperis added, “This is a necessary and good step towards affirming that the unborn are persons of sacred worth. This also shows the UMC moving away from other liberal, declining, ‘mainline’ denominations to embrace a new faithful, global identity.”

The *United Methodist Reporter* published addition details and background on yesterday’s turnabout.

“[F]ive annual conferences submitted a petition to withdraw from the RCRC—Mississippi, North Carolina, Indiana, Western Pennsylvania and Alabama-West Florida—stating that RCRC’s advocacy often directly contradicts The United Methodist Church’s Social Principles on abortion, but it still uses the UMC name,” according to Jessica Brodie. “The committee assigned to this petition, Church and Society 2, voted 44-25 last week to adopt it.”

Opponents tried to soften

the impact by offering an unsuccessful motion “to refer the petition to the General Council on Finance and Administration, but the UMC gives no money to RCRC,” Brodie, the editor of the *South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*, explained.

Brodie quoted an opponent who “urged fellow delegates to keep the UMC’s voice at the reproductive health table.” But delegate Katherine Rohrs from West Ohio, was having none of that. Speaking in favor of the withdrawal she said

she’s heard time and again about the need to stay at the table because the UMC’s voice matters, but nothing has changed.

“RCRC refuses to talk about unborn children as just that,” Rohrs said. “They refuse to condemn abortion as a form of birth control or gender selection. They affirm abortion in any way.”

“I don’t speak for all young women who are United Methodist, but as a mother of two, I speak for those who have not been surrounded by the church’s support to cheer them on to life.”



The Rev. Beth Ann Cook, Indiana Conference, introduces a petition from the Church and Society legislative committee regarding The United Methodist Church’s association with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. [Maile Bradfield, UMNS]

in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC)

The two coalition members of RCRC are the General Board on Church and Society (GBCS) and United Methodist Women (UMW).

As the Rev. Paul Stallsworth has written for *NRL News*

or nuanced about RCRC, which has consistently lobbied to defend grisly ‘partial-birth’ abortions, even after our Social Principles included a statement ‘call[ing] for the end of this late-term practice,’” said John Lomperis, a delegate to the General Conference and

Abortion in Minnesota, 2015: Fewer unborn babies aborted

Annual abortion report shows more women find lifesaving alternatives, choose life

ST. PAUL — Abortion numbers have dropped in eight of the last nine years in Minnesota to their lowest level since 1974, confirming the success of life-affirming laws that provide women with abortion information and alternatives and empower

of 2.6 percent follows a trend of fewer abortions statewide since Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) helped to enact the Positive Alternatives law, which took effect in July 2006.

The report also shows that nearly 1,700 women decided

MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. “Today’s report is further evidence that women don’t want abortion, and when they find help they have hope.”

Pro-life legislation has helped to empower women in their desire to give birth to

considering abortion also serve to empower women and girls with factual information and trustworthy support. Ultrasound, in utero surgery and other technologies have caused more Americans to reject what unquestionably kills a developing human life in the womb.

“Many factors have contributed to this long-term trend of declining abortions,” Fischbach said. “Women in need have been helped and protective laws have been enacted. Pro-life educational efforts and ultrasound technology have revealed to more and more people the humanity of the unborn child and the injustice of abortion.”

The 2015 total of 9,861 abortions is a reduction of 2.6 percent from the previous year’s 10,123 total. More than half were performed on women in their 20s. A total of 11,553 women received the Woman’s Right to Know informed consent information, meaning 1,692 women chose not to abort after learning about fetal development, abortion risks and complications, and abortion alternatives.

The MDH report also shows that taxpayer funded abortions grew to 43 percent of all abortions reported in the state, the highest percentage since the 1995 *Doe v. Gomez* Supreme Court ruling requiring taxpayers to fund abortions.

Full reports for 2015 and prior years are available at the MDH website. (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/abrpt/abrpt.htm>)



them to choose life for their unborn children—and themselves.

Women are turning away from abortion and embracing life in greater numbers, according to the latest annual Abortion Report issued July 1 by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The 2015 decrease

to give birth after considering the Woman’s Right to Know factual information about fetal development, abortion and alternatives.

“Minnesotans can take pride in the fact that all of the services and resources being marshalled to help pregnant women are actually reaching them and saving lives,” said

their unborn babies. Positive Alternatives offers women life-affirming alternatives to abortion by funding programs that help them with health care, housing, education, transportation and much more. The state’s Woman’s Right to Know informed consent law and the parental notification law for minors

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

featured in the video. Rucinski believes A.V.A. and its predecessor WEBA (Women Exploited by Abortion) opened the gateway to healing from

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.

Bringing life-affirming resources to teens facing unplanned pregnancies in your community

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- Pass them out at your county fair or local festival when your chapter/group has a booth
- Take them to your church and ask the youth minister to give them to the students
- Take them when you give a speech or presentation at a local school or church
- Put them in the bathrooms at your local college or university or ask the school health

clinic or student life director to display them

We also have an exciting, brand new way you can help. With help from our donors, our first ads on public transportation went up earlier this year in Portland, Oregon. We have various ads running on Portland Tri-Met buses and Max train lines, specifically on the routes that pass Planned Parenthood clinics and a bus shelter ad located 5 blocks from the largest Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Portland. Our

desire is to greatly expand this type of outreach to other states.

This is another fantastic way for you to reach your neighborhood. If you have an abortion facility near you that is on a major bus/train route or with a vacant billboard nearby, consider a fundraising drive with your local right to life chapter or church, to place display StandUpGirl.com ad.

We are so excited to hear the creative ways you have in mind to bring the hope and courage of StandUpGirl.com to teens in your state. Imagine the lives

transformed and babies saved when this information gets into the hands of a young woman in the midst of crisis.

But, we can't reach them all alone. We invite you to join with us as we continue to bring life-affirming support and resources to young women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Visit www.standupgirlfoundation.org, call 503-304-1531, or e-mail ejspillman@standupgirl.com to get started or for more information.

Together we are changing hearts and saving lives.

New Mexico Supreme Court unanimously upholds law protecting citizens against assisted suicide

By Dave Andrusko

In late June a unanimous New Mexico Supreme Court gave opponents of assisted suicide a huge victory.

On a 5-0 vote, the justices upheld an appeals court decision which ruled that Bernalillo County District Court Judge Nan Nash had erred in 2014 when she struck the decades-old New Mexico Assisted Suicide law which protected the state's citizens from assisted suicide.

"If we were to recognize an absolute, fundamental right to physician aid in dying, constitutional questions would abound regarding legislation that defined terminal illness or provided for protective procedures to assure that a patient was making an informed and independent decision," Justice Edward Chavez wrote for the court.

Justice Chavez was joined by Justices Barbara Vigil, Petra Jimenez Maes, Chief Justice Charles Daniels, and Fifth Judicial District Judge James Hudson of Roswell who was designated because Justice Richard Bosson had announced his retirement when the case was submitted.

The justices were clearly receptive to the case presented at oral arguments by the New Mexico Attorney General's Office—that the final decision on the legality of the assisted suicide belonged not with the courts but with state lawmakers.

The origins of the case go back to 2012 when Dr. Katherine Morris and Dr. Aroop Mangalik, two University of New Mexico Hospital oncologists, later joined by Aja Riggs, a woman

who had been battling stage 3 cancer, and whose prognosis was terminal, challenged the 1963 Suicide Act.

Four years later, Ms. Riggs' cancer is in remission.

In January 2014 Judge Nash, ruling in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU of New Mexico and Compassion & Choices, concluded that that killing a terminally ill patient with that person's consent is a "fundamental right" under the state constitution. As *NRL News Today* reported, Judge Nash asserted in her 14-page opinion that prescribing lethal drugs to a patient, or as she defines it, "aid in dying," is merely another type of medical treatment.

Last August the New Mexico Court of Appeals overturned Judge Nash in a stinging 142-page decision. The three-member panel concluded that Judge Nash had erred in concluding that "aid in dying is a fundamental liberty interest."

"We are not persuaded by Plaintiffs' position that a modern desire to hasten death under the rubric of medical privacy can be inferred to take priority over the express fundamental interest in life," it concluded. "Any development of the importance that society may eventually attribute to dying with autonomy and dignity remains inferential and secondary to life..."

Judge Timothy Garcia added, "At its core, aid in dying challenges the longstanding and historic interest in the protection of life until its natural end as well as the equally longstanding prohibition

against assisting another in hastening that process." Further, "This treasured right to life is not only considered sacred under the common law but is also recognized as an

the claim that there was a constitutional "right" to assisted suicide. Having that as a backdrop was and is critical.

However as Jennifer Popik, JD, of the Robert Powell Center



inalienable right, even for those condemned to death."

Writing about the decision for the *Albuquerque Journal* Scott Sandlin noted

Although the law was challenged under the state constitution, the New Mexico justices in making their decision considered the U.S. Supreme Court's 1997 ruling in a case from Washington state that looked at physician assistance to terminally ill patients seeking to end their lives. In that case, *Washington v. Glucksberg*, the constitutionality of Washington's assisted suicide law was affirmed.

More specifically, the High Court unanimously rejected

for Medical Ethics, has written

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."

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Hope Abounds at 2016 National Right to Life Convention

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

Poet Emily Dickinson once wrote a short, sweet poem with the title, “‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers.”

The first stanza reads

*‘Hope’ is the thing with
feathers —
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the
words—
And never stops—at all...”*

It was that hope that I rediscovered July 7-9 at the 2016 National Right to Life Convention

Even in the wake of a disturbing U.S. Supreme Court decision last month basically declaring open season on women in abortion facilities, the hope of the national pro-life movement remains strong, vibrant, and very much alive.

I saw that hope in workshop after workshop, general session after general session.

I saw hope in former abortion center workers Jewels Green and Catherine Adair, who had each survived the dual trauma of personal and professional abortion experiences. They had at one time been ardent supporters of legal abortion, but eventually came to embrace the truth that abortion destroys children and damages women. Their testimonies about their transformations were heartfelt, riveting, and profound.

I was moved by that hope when I attended a workshop presented by Dr. Gunter Franz, a brilliant academic who reviewed the change in abortion statistics throughout the years. As Dr. Franz made clear,

we haven’t seen 1.6 million abortions in a given year since 1990, when abortion totals were at their highest. Today, while still tragically high, the number is down to just over 1 million.

The downward trend for abortions has been going on for a lifetime now—and so many, many lives have been saved



Maria Gallagher

by the steady, stalwart pro-life movement.

I saw that hope in author, lecturer, and teacher Dr. Jean Garton, the legendary author of the classic *Who Broke the Baby?*

Garton reminded us that “time is the friend of truth.”

At age 88, Garton remains an eloquent and powerful spokeswoman for the pro-life cause. And she serves as a living reminder of what a treasury of truth older Americans hold for us.

And I saw that hope in so many gifted teenagers who offered creative, enlightening speeches during the convention’s national

pro-life oratory contest. Showing wisdom beyond their years, this racially and geographically diverse group of young people mesmerized their audience with stories and statistics demonstrating the inherent rightness of the pro-life position.

It is an incredible feeling to hear a young woman and a young man speak with immense gratitude for the parents who adopted them and the birth mothers who had the courage and selflessness to place them for adoption. What incredible students these are. I couldn’t help but think of the more than 58 million other young people who never got a chance to speak because their lives were ended in the womb.

Most of the young attendees at the convention were too young to remember the legislative and court struggles over the grisly practice of partial-birth abortion. Thankfully, they have not had to confront such a heinous act, since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the federal ban on it years ago. The fact that they have been shielded from such an atrocity gave my heart hope.

The abortion industry, its advocates, and its media sympathizers would like the general public to believe that the pro-life movement is despairing after the Supreme Court’s *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* ruling which struck some provisions of a Texas law designed to ensure that abortion facilities meet basic health and safety standards. Why don’t pro-lifers just fold up their tents and move on?

Because pro-lifers have been down this road before—the road paved with bad court decisions, chest-thumping pro-abortion claims of victory, and a slew of news reports announcing our Movement is toast.

The outrageous practice of partial-birth abortion was not banned on the first try, thanks to Hillary Clinton’s husband, then-President Bill Clinton. And yet, in the end, truth won out, and a brutal abortion procedure is no more.

You see, hope—and the pro-life movement—are actually winning every day.

Every single time a mother chooses life over death... every time a depressed patient decides against doctor-prescribed suicide... every time an adoptive father holds his first child... victory over darkness and despair can be claimed.

And in those precious moments that you will not see broadcast on the national news, families win—and American wins.

That is the legacy that is celebrated at a National Right to Life convention. And it is a legacy which will live on.

That legacy lives on, thanks to the foundation that the pioneers of the pro-life movement have built. The dedication of the Millennials who proudly call themselves the Pro-Life Generation rests on the shoulders of these pro-life giants.

These young people are determined to defend the gains made by their grandparents, and to surpass them until the day comes that all children are welcomed in love and protected in law.

2016 Democratic platform even more pro-abortion

By Dave Andrusko

In case there was any doubt that Democrats are tilting left on many issues including abortion, a story from the *Washington Post* that appeared in late June ["Democrats release draft of platform, with shifts to left on death penalty, abortion, taxes"] removed all questions.

Here's David Weigel's lead:

The Democratic National Committee released the latest draft of its 2016 platform late Friday afternoon, a week after Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.) promised to fight "on the floor of the convention" if more progressive planks did not make it in.

Weigel tells his readers reporters previously only had a summary of the platform and a leak on which to base stories about the party's platform. "After multiple requests from the media, and at least one leak, the party is effectively giving the public one week to peruse the language before the full platform committee meets in Orlando."

So what is the party's position on abortion? Only a tiny portion of the section is included in Weigel's story. Instead he writes about how, for "the first time, the 2016 Democratic platform says that the party will attempt to repeal the Hyde Amendment."

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



Pro-abortion Hillary Clinton

support the repeal of harmful restrictions that obstruct women's access to health care information and services, including the "global gag rule" and the Helms Amendment that bars U.S. assistance to provide safe, legal abortion throughout the developing world.

Translated out of
AbortionSpeak and into

English, what is the party is going after?

The Hyde Amendment is a provision attached to the annual appropriations bill that covers many federal health programs (including Medicaid). More

federal funding means more—lots more—dead babies.

The most conservative estimates are that at least a million people (not to count their descendants) are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment. Testifying before a congressional committee in 2011, NRLC Federal Legislative Director Douglas Johnson said NRLC "believes that the Hyde Amendment has proven itself to be the greatest domestic abortion-reduction law ever enacted by Congress."

The public overwhelming supports not allowing federal funding of abortion.

Getting rid of the Hyde Amendment is a major priority for Hillary Clinton, the pro-abortion presumptive Democratic nominee for President.

The Helms Amendment is a law that prohibits the use of certain types of foreign aid funds for abortion "as a method of family planning."

Weigel says there are other portions of the platform that Clinton would not agree with. She agrees 100% with the platform on abortion.

Just a word about the remainder of the section on "Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice." Here are the first three sentences, which is indicative:

"Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally 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."

Nearly 6 in 10 believe Clinton should have been charged by FBI

By Dave Andrusko

An *ABC News/Washington Post* poll released July 11 asked Americans if they agreed with the FBI's recommendation not to charge pro-abortion Hillary Clinton with a crime over her handling of email while serving as Secretary of State. The headline was bad but further details found in the body of the story were even worse for Mrs. Clinton.

A whopping 56% disagreed with the decision not to charge the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. Only 35%—barely a third—agreed. What else?

People were also asked, “Does it make you worried about what she’d do if elected President?”

57% said it made them worried, to 39% who said it was “not related” to how she would perform.

Then we are told in the *ABC News* story written by Gregory Holyk, “Most also say the email controversy won’t affect their vote choice in the presidential election,” which is true but incomplete.

Note the very next sentence: “[M]ore say it leaves them less rather than more likely to support Clinton, 28 percent vs. 10 percent.” Think about for a second.

By a difference of 18 points, more people say the decision

not to charge her will make them less likely to vote for her in November than say it will make them more likely!

As you would expect,

virtually all Republicans [nearly nine in ten] “disagree with the FBI’s decision and say it worries them about what she’d do if she became

president,” according to Holyk.

But even “three in 10 of Clinton’s own party faithful think she should have been charged,” Holyk writes, and “Further, as noted, political independents side more with Republicans on the issue, with roughly six in 10 saying the FBI was wrong and that the issue raises worries about Clinton as president.”

One other result, this time from Rasmussen Reports. Under the headline, “Qualifications, Now Rate Trump Equal,” we learn two major things.

First, that 2/3rds (65%) disagree with President Obama that “there has never ever been any man or woman more qualified for this office than Hillary Clinton.”

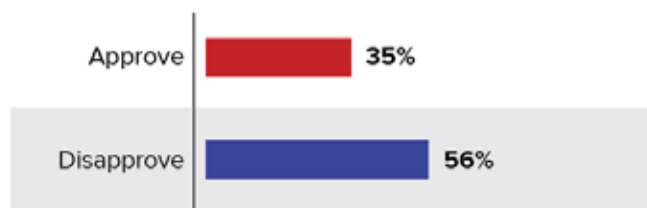
Second, according to Rasmussen,

When given the choice, 41% of all voters think Clinton is better qualified to be president, but just as many (40%) say that of Trump. A sizable 19% are undecided.

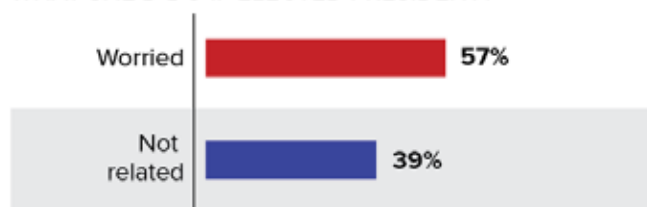
That’s a noticeable shift in Trump’s favor from April when 50% said Clinton is qualified to be president, but only 27% felt that way about the billionaire businessman.

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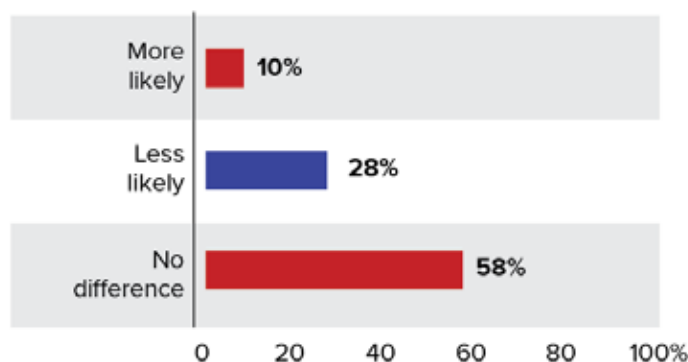
FBI'S DECISION NOT TO CHARGE CLINTON



DOES IT MAKE YOU WORRIED ABOUT WHAT SHE'D DO IF ELECTED PRESIDENT?



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SOURCE
ABC News/Washington Post poll



Encouraging new report reveals significant dip in Texas abortion numbers, nearly 9,000 fewer babies lost to abortion in 2014

By Texas Right to Life

A new report by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reveals a significant drop in the Texas abortion total between 2013 and 2014, the most recent year for which comprehensive Texas Vital Statistics are available.

This is good news in the wake of last week's Supreme Court decision striking down important safety provisions of House Bill 2, the Pro-Life Omnibus Bill of the 2013 Legislative Session.

For the sixth consecutive year, the total has fallen to a new low. In fact, if abortion numbers had remained steady between 2008 and 2014, about 25,000 more abortions would have been committed in that time period.

A few takeaways from the 2014 report:

- The total number of abortions reported in

2014 was 54,902. This is a drop of nearly 9,000 compared to 2013, when the total number of abortions was 63,849.

- In 2014, 426 girls under the age of 16 underwent abortions in Texas. Some of these were 11 years old and younger.
- Unmarried pregnant women overwhelmingly outnumbered married women who underwent abortions.

One of the most notable changes from 2013 to 2014 was the drop in the number of pain-capable children killed by dismemberment abortion at 20 weeks' gestation and beyond. Thanks to an unchallenged provision of House Bill 2, most pain-capable preborn children

are protected from the torture of dismemberment in the womb after 20 weeks, which is the halfway mark of a typical pregnancy.

In 2013, 278 unborn babies suffered a barbaric "Dilation and Evacuation" (dismemberment) abortion death; in 2014, this number dropped to 20.

During the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature, Texas Right to Life turned our attention to saving those 20 babies who remain targets of dismemberment abortion due to an exception in HB 2's pain-capable protection which leaves babies diagnosed with an anomaly in utero vulnerable to abortion even if they have passed the 20-week developmental mark.

However, the efforts of Texas Right to Life and committed Pro-Life elected officials were mercilessly thwarted.

Nevertheless, we press forward in our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable Texans from the predatory antics of Big Abortion in our state. Texas Right to Life's Priority Pro-Life Legislation for the upcoming 85th Session of the Texas Legislature in 2017 includes a Dismemberment Abortion Ban. This fetal life protection would outlaw dismemberment abortion on the grounds that the procedure is barbaric and inhumane.

Legal precedent for such a ban exists in the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, which was enacted in response to the blatant inhumanity of the method. Of course, no abortion method is humane or dignified. What we know is that incrementally dismantling the abortion industry is the most effective strategy.



9,000 Texas babies saved in 2014!

Ginsburg's non-apology for her rant against Trump

By Dave Andrusko

Ask yourself why pro-abortion Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg might throw even a pretense of judicial impartiality to the wind and publicly hammer presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump as a “faker” whose election would cause her to fear for the future of the country and the High Court and (tongue-in-cheek) consider moving to New Zealand? (An aside. The Supreme Court press office put out one of those non-apology apologies from Ginsburg this morning. More about that below.)

Here are a couple of reasons. One (from Joan Biskupic, *CNN* Legal Analyst, Supreme Court Biographer, and a huge admirer of Ginsburg)

Ginsburg was appointed to the high court by President Bill Clinton in 1993, and is now the senior member of the liberal wing and leading voice countering conservative Chief Justice Roberts. She has drawn a cult-like following among young people who have nicknamed her The Notorious R.B.G., a play on American rapper The Notorious B.I.G.

Ginsburg is just soooooo cool. What else, besides the obvious--that the mainstream media never misses the chance to clobber a Republican presidential nominee?

Ginsburg probably learned the lesson that if you step over the line and receive nothing but praise, you can erase the line and still be the media darling.

But this time Ginsburg did go too far. Not, of course, that she is going to resign, as Mr.

the-line (her comments were “classic” Ginsburg, to quote Biskupic), others demurred.



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Trump demanded, or at least apologize.

The best Ginsburg could summon up was

“On reflection, my recent remarks in response to press inquiries were ill-advised and I regret making them. Judges should avoid commenting on a candidate for public office. In the future I will be more circumspect.”

Why the “regret”? The *Washington Post's* Aaron Blake had asked around and while many of the usual suspects toed-

Ginsburg made could be seen as grounds for her to recuse herself from cases involving a future Trump administration. I don't necessarily think she would be required to do that, and I certainly don't believe that she would in every instance, but it could invite challenges to her impartiality based on her public comments.”

Editorials were generally critical, even harsh.

The *Wall Street Journal* wrote she “should resign from the Court before she does the reputation of the judiciary more harm.”

Not surprisingly the *Washington Post* agreed with Ginsburg's sentiments--“ Nor were any of Justice Ginsburg's disparaging comments about the presumptive Republican nominee, Donald Trump, untrue”--they grudgingly conceded she'd erred:

However valid her comments may have been, though, and however in keeping with her known political bent, they were still much, much better left unsaid by a member of the Supreme Court.

Under the headline, “Ginsburg's blooper” *USA Today* deftly began its critique with

If, as Chief Justice John Roberts famously said, the job of a

“I find it baffling actually that she says these things,” said Arthur Hellman, a law professor at the University of Pittsburgh. “She must know that she shouldn't be. However tempted she might be, she shouldn't be doing it.”

Blake also interviewed Louis Virelli is a Stetson University law professor who just wrote a book titled “Disqualifying the High Court” on Supreme Court recusals. He said that

“public comments like the ones that Justice

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Would a President Hillary Clinton be any worse than other pro-abortion Democrat Presidents? Yes! Here's how

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Clinton likes to talk about herself as a “grandmother.” But because of the policies she has supported—and would vigorously advance as President Hillary Clinton—there are far fewer grandmothers, and mothers.

Proud “feminist” that she is, Clinton is not shy about her unabashed, four-square support for abortion on demand, at home **and** abroad.

Before itemizing just a portion of her many extremist positions, remember that Clinton is a founding mother of the Sisterhood of Death. PPFA loves her, EMILY’s List adores her, NARAL thinks she is a secular saint. Collectively they will spend multiple tens of millions of dollars to elect “one of theirs” to the White House.

In the administration of a President Hillary Clinton, PPFA et al. won’t just have access. You can bet a slew of its key leaders will not only advise on policy but also be in appointed positions where they can **make** policy.

Half of her appointments (at least) will be women. Can you imagine any woman making the cut if she didn’t pass the pro-abortion litmus test?

As a U.S. Senator, Clinton had a 100% voting record against the babies. While some others of her ilk balked at partial-birth abortions, not Clinton. Clinton voted repeatedly to keep partial-birth abortion legal.

It gave her no pause that an

abortionist could deliver a baby’s entire body, except for the head, jams scissors into the baby’s skull and opens the scissors to enlarge the hole, and suck the baby’s brains out.

What about more recently?

Last year, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to protect from abortion unborn children who are capable of feeling pain. Clinton issued a statement saying that she opposed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

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.”

Somehow or the other, Paula Faris (of *The View*) was able to ask a follow up question two days later.

“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*.”

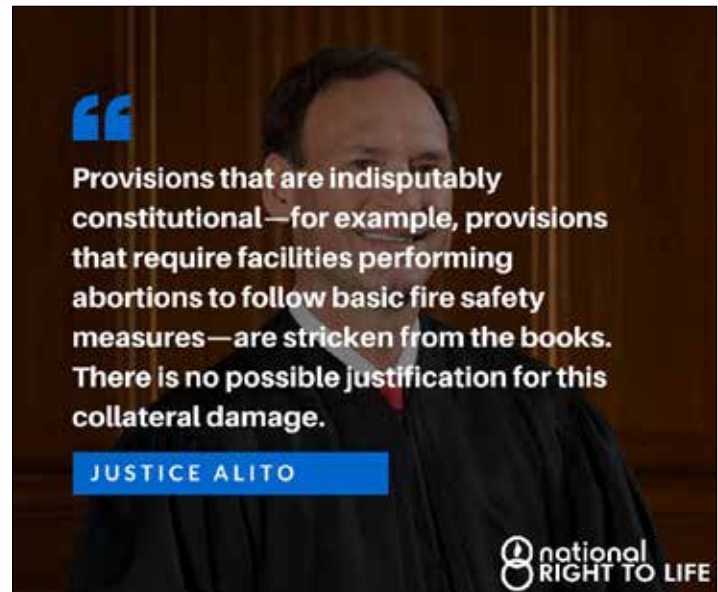
It gets worse. Clinton has never made any bones that “reproductive health includes access to abortion.” She reiterated that position less than two months ago.

To the International Abortion Industry, near the top of its wish list is securing an international right to abortion. With this as

least a million people are alive because of it.

A President Hillary Clinton would do her best to eliminate the Hyde Amendment which is a limitation provision within an annual appropriations bill. If successful, once again our nation would fund massive numbers of abortions.

Hillary Clinton is a True



a battering ram, the already aggressive campaign against protective abortion laws would take on new urgency and new deadliness against countries in South America, Africa, and elsewhere.

A major goal of a President Hillary Clinton would be to secure an international “right” to abortion.

At home Hillary Clinton hates the Hyde Amendment, hates it with a passion. At

Believer’s True Believer. She is wired into the Abortion Establishment, both domestically and internationally. She is resolute that there can never, **ever** be a limitation on abortion, including your right not to pay for them and (if you are medical personnel) not to participate in abortion.

It is no exaggeration to say a President Hillary Clinton would be catastrophic.

NBC News story blatantly manipulates data to “prove” that second trimester abortions increased because of pro-life law

By Dave Andrusko

When a relentlessly pro-abortion reporter writes a story with a headline such as “More Second-Trimester Abortions Occurred Under Texas Law: Exclusive,” you know two things for certain.

First—obviously—the post is intended to justify the Supreme Court’s decision last month to gut portions of the pro-life 2013 Texas law.

Second, that nine chances out of ten, the whole story is phony—or, if you are willing to suspend disbelief, a lapse in reporting.

And, sure enough, both are true.

What is the primary thrust of Irin Carmon’s piece at *NBC News*? First paragraph says it all:

Texas passed its 2013 omnibus abortion bill in the name of protecting women’s health — a rationale roundly rejected by the Supreme Court last month. Now, newly released data shows the law may have actually had the opposite effect, putting women at greater risk by increasing the number of later abortions.

So, if we are to believe Ms. Carmon, the law that required that abortion facilities meet the standards of ambulatory

surgical centers and mandated that abortionists have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital was not only “roundly rejected by the Supreme Court,” it did

misleading, beginning with the headline.

Here’s the key as explained by Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon, who heads NRLC’s Department of



not protect pregnant women and, in fact, increased their risks by leading to more “later abortions.”

How much? According to Carmon, in 2014, “the first full year the law was in effect,” the number of later abortions jumped from 4,814 in 2013 to 6,117— a whopping 27% .

True? Of course not. Others will extend them the benefit of the doubt. I don’t. I see it as the usual pro-abortion slight-of-hand and total disregard for what the data actually say.

Carmon’s story is grossly

Education and Research.

The story says “a preliminary review of statistics released by the Department of State Health Services” tracked abortions “after 12 weeks.” But if you look at the actual data and do the math, you will see that the abortions from week 13 on total 3,109, not 6,117.

Where does the 6,117 figure come from? This comes from someone

adding the 3,008 abortions for weeks 11-12 to the ones from 13 weeks and later.

Generally, people characterize abortions at 11-12 weeks as first trimester, and those after 13 weeks as second trimester. Third trimester would be 26 weeks up until birth.

The calculation the article gives for 2013 does follow this pattern, giving 4,814 abortions for weeks 13 forward. It does not repeat the mistake by adding another 4,210 abortions that were performed that year at 11-12 weeks.

When comparing the actual figures for abortions given by the Texas Department of State Health Service for 13 weeks on, 4,814 for 2013 versus 3,109 for 2014, the number of abortions that took place from 13 weeks on decreased 35% in 2014, rather than increased 27%, over 2013.

[You can find the tables for this information at www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/vstat/vs14/t33.aspx (2014) and at www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/vstat/vs13/t33.aspx (2013).]

Reporters uncritically accept pro-abortion “research” relied upon by the majority in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*

By Dave Andrusko

If you could work your way through Justice Stephen Breyer’s 40 page majority opinion, obliterating portions of Texas’ HB 2, there are two inter-related conclusions that virtually leap off the page.

First, he comes close to charging Texas with bad faith in passing a law that requires abortion clinics to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers and abortionists to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. (In a brief concurring opinion, Justice Ginsburg said what Breyer implied: “It is beyond rational belief that H.B. 2 could genuinely protect the health of women.”)

Second, that the “data” Justice Breyer relied so heavily on represented the triumph of “science [or evidence] over ideology.” Much of that data was generated by the Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP) and heavily promoted by Daniel Grossman, a rising star in pro-abortion circles.

Questioned by the *Associated Press* for a story that gushed over TxPEP in general, Grossman in particular, Grossman emailed, “It’s very heartening to see that the Court really cared about the evidence and referenced a lot of high-quality studies in the ruling,” adding modestly, “This was a triumph of evidence over ideology.”

Of course, if the mainstream media weren’t so in the hip pocket of the Abortion Industry and its academic spear carriers, they might actually read those who have actually read what Grossman/TxPEP have written, such as Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon, who heads NRLC’s Department of Education and Research.

Dr. O’Bannon talked at length with *Associated Press* reporter Paul Weber, pointing out some of the holes, leaps of logic, and unsupported inferences in the pro-abortion research. For his trouble, there was one quote from Dr. O’Bannon.



Dr. Daniel Grossman

I asked him what he told Weber and for a summary of the four-part series he wrote about what the oral arguments in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* told us about the impact of HB 2. [See www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/03/issues-raised-as-the-supreme-court-considers-texas-abortion-law-part-4-going-too-far/#.V4QoktQrJkp.]

The big-time backers of abortion [specifically the Susan T. Buffett Foundation, named for the wife of billionaire investor Warren Buffett who died in 2004] gave the University of Texas at Austin a lot of money

to set up a pro-abortion research center and enlist the services of Dr. Grossman, an abortion “expert” from the University of California at San Francisco, America’s abortion training academy. One of Grossman’s chief tasks was to develop “research” supporting their contention that Texas’ 2013 law, HB 2, closed clinics, thereby placing an “undue burden” on women seeking abortion.

But most reporters and a majority of justices (with the conspicuous exception of Justice Alito) failed to ask some basic questions about the claims TxPEP was peddling. Yes, abortion clinics closed in Texas, but why? Was it because they were old, substandard clinics that were due to close anyway? Was it because of the provisions of HB 2 that were actually under court scrutiny, or because of other elements in the law that were not being challenged (such as the limits on chemical abortions)? Or was it because of other funding policies that Texas passed years earlier, that abortionists were retiring, or even that demand for abortion was dropping in Texas the way it was in

most of the rest of the country?

I asked Dr. O’Bannon if it would be fair to say the majority in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* pretty much took Grossman’s claims at face value, accepting them more or less as gospel.

Yes, but clearly not Justice Alito. He was very pointed and very specific in his questioning at the oral arguments. The attorney representing the abortion “providers” stumbled badly, failing to give substantive answers to his questions. In his dissent, Justice Alito “researched the research.” He properly challenged claims about clinic capacity, travel times, and unproven assertions about the number, timing, and reasons the clinics closed.

Did Dr. O’Bannon not see a role for research in abortion-related cases?

Of course there is a role. Research is fine when it illuminates an issue. But the research the majority relied upon in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* was crafted to protect the interests of the abortion industry with scant attention to the legitimate health and safety issues of Texas women, let alone unborn babies.

A brief overview of what's happened since the June NRL News

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The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (passed by 14 states) and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Act (passed by six states). Both laws are based on model legislation provided by National Right to Life. The latter protects unborn children who are capable of experiencing great pain when being killed by dismemberment or other late abortion methods. An unborn child is capable of feeling pain by 20 weeks after fertilization and likely earlier.

In between the Supreme Court decision and our convention,

PPFA made the utterly predictable announcement it would attack pro-life laws in eight states. PPFA didn't offer the details about what laws they would go after in Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Presumably these include laws that require abortionists to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and abortion clinics to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers—the issues on the table in the *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* decision. But, of course, the Abortion Industry is

feeling its oats and may go after waiting period requirements and laws that have had an impact Planned Parenthood's funding streams—for starters.

But, as always, NRLC, its state affiliates, and state attorneys general will be there to defend the laws. And we have been, are, and will continue to be aggressive in passing pro-life laws across the nation and defending them in court, all the way up to the Supreme Court.

In the second editorial for the July issue of the “pro-life newspaper of record,” we will

catch up on presidential politics. The numbers change by the day, and will jump around more so with both the Republican and Democratic conventions taking place this month.

Be sure to read the entire July digital edition of *National Right to Life News* and forward contents using your social media networks. If you are not getting *NRL News Today* sent to your inbox Monday through Saturday, take 45 seconds out and sign up at <http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/join-the-email-list/#.V4VTptQrJko>

The Right to Truth

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for Medicine and Society,” abortionists know that they are killing a human, yet they do it anyway. Why shouldn't they? Most don't believe in any higher power. To them there is no truth. Therefore a human's value is only relative, not absolute. The only reason they claim a baby is not human is because Americans, while starting to accept their “new” ethic, still hold to the Judeo-Christian knowledge of right and wrong.

This is not just about abortion. If they accomplish their goal, if truth is proven false, then our whole world will be tipped into hell, nothing will stop them. Fortunately, there is truth. This truth was created by the Author of Life, God. Without him, nothing makes sense. With him, everything has meaning. It might be possible to believe in truth without its author—I don't know—but you'd have a hard time explaining it.

Remember that “new ethic”

described a couple paragraphs ago? Well, that's as ancient as Cain's murder of his brother. It's inspired by the same person, too. His name is Satan, and he'd like nothing better than for truth to be abolished.

So what can I do to build a pro-life generation? I can show others that they need the God of the Bible, the author of truth, in their lives. Only when everyone knows him will abortion, with a host of other problems, disappear. And I can pray for the translation

of my Hebrew name: “Come, Lord Jesus.” We need you.

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Stand Up for Life and Create a Pro-Life Generation

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could never get to see the sun rise or fall? To be honest, I can't answer that question because I am grateful that my mother chose life for me. I feel it is my duty to spread the news that abortion is wrong and every human life has value. Please join me in creating a pro-life generation. We should all choose life!

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Physician-assisted suicide bill fails to advance in Massachusetts

By Evan Lips

BOSTON — A controversial bill aimed at legalizing physician-assisted suicide in the Bay State appears to be off the table for the current legislative session.

The proposal was facing a key late June deadline, in which the joint legislative committee tasked with its review had to determine whether or not to issue a favorable report.

State Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover), who serves on the Joint Committee on Public Health — the body tasked with responding to the deadline — said members voted to recommend that the bill undergo further review.

“In effect, that means it’s dead,” Lyons said, adding that the decision was announced Wednesday morning.

Prior to filing the current version, state Rep. Louis Kafka (D-Stoughton) had filed three previous versions of the bill, in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

In all three instances, the bill failed to move out of committee. Wednesday’s announcement marks the fourth such instance.

Before Kafka took up the mantle of the controversial cause, Bay State lawmakers had quashed assisted suicide bills in 1995, 1997 and 2009. Additionally, voters in 2012 narrowly rejected “death with dignity” ballot initiative that sought to legalize the practice, with 51.9 percent of the populace

voting against the ballot question, compared to 48.1 percent voting to approve it.

The committee held a public hearing on Kafka’s bill in early November.

Lyons was one of the most skeptical committee members

this choice and doesn’t even have to tell their family.

“What we’re doing is putting forth legislation and calling it compassionate care for the terminally ill and what I’ve just described doesn’t appear to be compassionate.”

of drugs, which Kafka has said can be prescribed in a drinkable form. While the patient would have the right to ingest the dose alone and without family consultation, he or she would still be required to undergo a psychiatric evaluation in order



State Rep. Louis Kafka (D-Stoughton) testifies in support of his proposal in November.
(Evan Lips - New Boston Post)

and thoroughly questioned Kafka following the Stoughton lawmaker’s testimony.

“The law is called the Massachusetts Compassionate Care for the Terminally Ill Act, but so far what we know is that a patient will take this medication by themselves with no family members around,” Lyons said at the time. “The bill says an individual can make

Kafka acknowledged that his proposal would not require patients to contact family members prior to ingesting lethal doses of prescribed medicine.

The law would specifically allow anyone 18 years or older, diagnosed by a physician with a terminal illness and a maximum six month life expectancy, to request and receive a lethal dose

to confirm that depression or another mental illness is not exerting an undue influence.

Kafka has said he began filing versions of the legislation after meeting with a constituent stricken with terminal stomach cancer. The constituent has since died.

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In sharp rebuke to Obama Administration, U.S. House votes to protect health care providers from state-mandated abortion

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not enforce federal laws that prohibit such mandates,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “The Conscience Protection Act will allow direct access to the federal courts for the victims of coercive pro-abortion government policies.”

As explained by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), the bill passed by the House “says that the Federal Government or any state or local government that receives federal assistance may not penalize, retaliate against or otherwise discriminate against those who do not perform, refer for, pay for or otherwise participate in abortion. Additionally, the Conscience Protection Act protects providers from being forced to participate in abortion by providing a private right of action in the courts.”

Smith, co-chairman of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, added,

The Obama Administration’s refusal to enforce the civil right of conscience is not only unfair and unjustified—it grossly violates the rule of law. It makes a mockery of President Obama’s 2009 Notre Dame speech in which he said ‘Let’s honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion.’ But he has not.

In an unconscionable abuse of power, for almost two years the state of California has forced

all insurance plans under its purview—and the people and institutions that pay the premiums—to subsidize abortion on demand.

The Weldon federal conscience law authored by Congressman Dave Weldon of Florida and continuously in effect for over a decade—makes it explicit and comprehensively clear that California’s action is illegal.

E n f o r c e m e n t however is vested in the HHS Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and that’s the Achilles heel that needs to be fixed—and will be fixed by the Conscience Protection Act.”

The House vote today is about protecting those who have been ordered to violate their deeply held convictions and pay for, or participate in, abortion—the killing of unborn children by hideous d i s m e m b e r m e n t procedures, toxic compounds or chemical poisoning.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Ca.) offered further context.

In 2014, the California Department of Managed Health Care issued a mandate that health insurance

plans include coverage for abortions. The problem is, many insurance providers and employers—like churches, religious schools, and institutions run by pro-life people—not only don’t want to pay for abortion in health insurance plans, but doing so goes against what they think is right.

You don’t have to agree with these pro-life Californians to empathize. We wouldn’t force non-smokers to buy cigarettes—for themselves or others. We wouldn’t force vegetarians to buy meat.

And we shouldn’t force those who oppose abortion to pay for abortions.

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wi.) voiced passionate support for protecting the right of conscience and for religious freedom.

... I think we can all agree, that in this country, no one should be forced to perform an abortion. I know we disagree about when life begins. I know we disagree about what government should do about it. And however strongly I hold my beliefs, I know my friends on the other side feel just as strongly. I respect those disagreements.

But whoever you are—whatever you believe—I think this is one thing we can all agree on: No one should be forced to violate their conscience—least of all by the federal government. That’s all this bill says. The federal government—or anyone who receives taxpayer dollars—cannot discriminate against health care providers who do not perform abortions. And if they do discriminate, this bill says the victims will have two avenues of relief: Either, file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services. Or, file a civil suit in court. That’s all this bill does.

There is nothing more fulfilling than to live out our faith. We want all people—of all faiths—to live freely in our country. But we can live out our faith only if our government respects our faith. And that’s why we need to pass this bill.”

The other two top-ranking Republican House leaders also spoke in support of the bill—Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) and Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-Wa.)—along with many other pro-life members of the House.

The unborn is not ‘living and breathing’?

By Paul Stark

Sometimes pro-choice advocates say that pro-lifers care only about the unborn (i.e., the human fetus or embryo) rather than “actual living, breathing human beings” (or variations on that phrase). Of course, pro-lifers do care about already-born human beings, and to suggest otherwise is an indefensible

Perhaps the pro-choice advocate means “living” in a different sense — a social or moral one. On this view, perhaps, the unborn does not yet possess the qualities necessary for the kind of “life” that is deserving of moral respect and protection. But it seems misleading to use the term “living” in this way, since

What about breathing? Breathing as we usually think of it, using the lungs, does not begin until birth (or shortly after). But the biological process of respiration, involving the transfer of oxygen, begins long before birth. The means of respiration is different for human beings still in the womb, but the fact

AC to DC current; the energy connection changes, but the basic mechanics remain the same.”

The change in the mode of respiration obviously does not change the kind of thing the unborn/newborn is (a living organism of the human species). No scientifically informed person would ever say so. Nor is it clear how such a change could possibly be relevant to whether someone has fundamental dignity and basic rights. Indeed, I have never seen anyone seriously argue that it is. A person who has become dependent on a medical ventilator, for example, is still a person who may not be killed without just cause.

So: The being who is killed by abortion is a living, respiring, fast-growing organism, a human being, a member of our species, like you and me, only at a much earlier stage of life. Defenders of abortion favor denying unborn human beings the kind of moral respect and legal protection that are owed to human beings at later developmental stages. They are free to make their case. But it simply will not do to claim that human beings in the womb are not “living and breathing.”

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slander (and an ad hominem attack irrelevant to the ethics of abortion).

But here I want to address the implication that the unborn is not “living” and “breathing.”

The unborn is obviously living in a biological sense, exhibiting metabolism, cellular reproduction, reaction to stimuli, and rapid growth. Indeed, the unborn is not only living, but is a distinct, complete, self-integrating, self-developing organism, and a member of the human species. He or she (sex is determined from conception) is a living human being.

we commonly use that term in the biological sense to describe living plants, animals, insects, etc.

In any case, one must explain what “living” in this moral/social sense actually means, and offer reasons to think that it serves as a valid criterion for having the right not to be intentionally killed. It is far from obvious that we may discriminate between members of the species *Homo sapiens* on the basis of age/development and acquired characteristics, permitting the killing of some but not others. (I argue against such a view here.)

of respiration is the same. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a prolific abortionist and co-founder of NARAL (before he famously changed his mind), explains:

“[A]t the end of pregnancy, [the fetus/newborn child’s] growth needs simply outstrip the ability of the placenta to supply food and oxygen, so the lungs and mouth must take over. The organism is put into a different physiological milieu — and nothing more. It is like switching from

Catholic Nursing Home Successfully Sued for Refusing Euthanasia

By Wesley J. Smith

Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states:

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Unless one operates a Catholic nursing home in Belgium, apparently.

Even though euthanasia clearly infringes on the religious beliefs of the Catholic Church, a Catholic nursing home was ordered to pay civil damages in Belgium for refusing to participate in an euthanasia killing.

From the *Christianity Today* story:

A Catholic nursing home in Belgium is reported to have fallen foul of the country's courts after refusing to permit a resident to access euthanasia. The incident happened in 2011 when Huize Sint-Augustinus home in Diest refused to allow

an elderly woman's doctor access to see her – when it was thought she was about to be

euthanasia on the grounds of conscientious objection.”

Forced to be complicit in homicide or pay damages!

say, stopping child sacrifice—is a violator of human rights as defined by the United Nations.



given a lethal injection. The home has been ordered to pay €6,000 (approx \$6,600 or £5,000) in damages to the family of the woman.

The civil court in Louvain ruled that “the nursing home did not have the right to refuse

The culture of death brooks no dissent.

Secularists these days generally do not give a fig about religious freedom, reducing it to a mere freedom of worship (if that). They are no civil libertarians.

Any society that violates religious liberty without a compelling reason—such as

Belgium can now be added to that list.

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The Battle Before Us

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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*.”

When you think Hillary Clinton, think abortion for all nine months for any reason. No limit or restriction is to be permitted.

It’s not just the presidential candidates that will be on the ballot in November. Last week, the Supreme Court overturned a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on a case out of Texas—a win for the abortion industry which wants no regulations on abortion whatsoever.

All excited about this pro-abortion victory, Planned Parenthood announced a nationwide campaign. They will work to repeal pro-life

legislation, work to enact pro-abortion legislation, and pursue litigation to strike down laws they consider to be unjust.

I will admit. I was a bit amused by that. If you look at the laws currently protecting the abortion business, you will see that almost every gain they have made has come through the courts. For the most part, they are not passing pro-abortion legislation; they are not repealing pro-life laws. Because they don’t have the people on their side to make that happen! Pro-life laws are passed because you educate your fellow Americans about what happens to that little baby in an abortion. You work hard to elect pro-life legislators and you work with those legislators to pass good pro-life bills.

As I said, most laws passed have been on the pro-life side. California is one of those

handful of areas that go the other way, and I want to talk about one of them. Last year, the state of California passed a law to force pregnancy resource centers to give every woman who comes to them for help, information that she may be eligible for free or low-cost family planning services, prenatal care, and abortion from the state, along with a phone number for where to get further information.

Can you imagine a state government telling the Ford dealer that he has to tell customers where they can buy a Honda? Or forcing Taco Bell to tell customers it only serves Pepsi products and that if they want Coke, here’s an address for the closest McDonalds?

This law is more serious than just “product competition”. This is a violation of free speech and religious freedom. Pregnancy

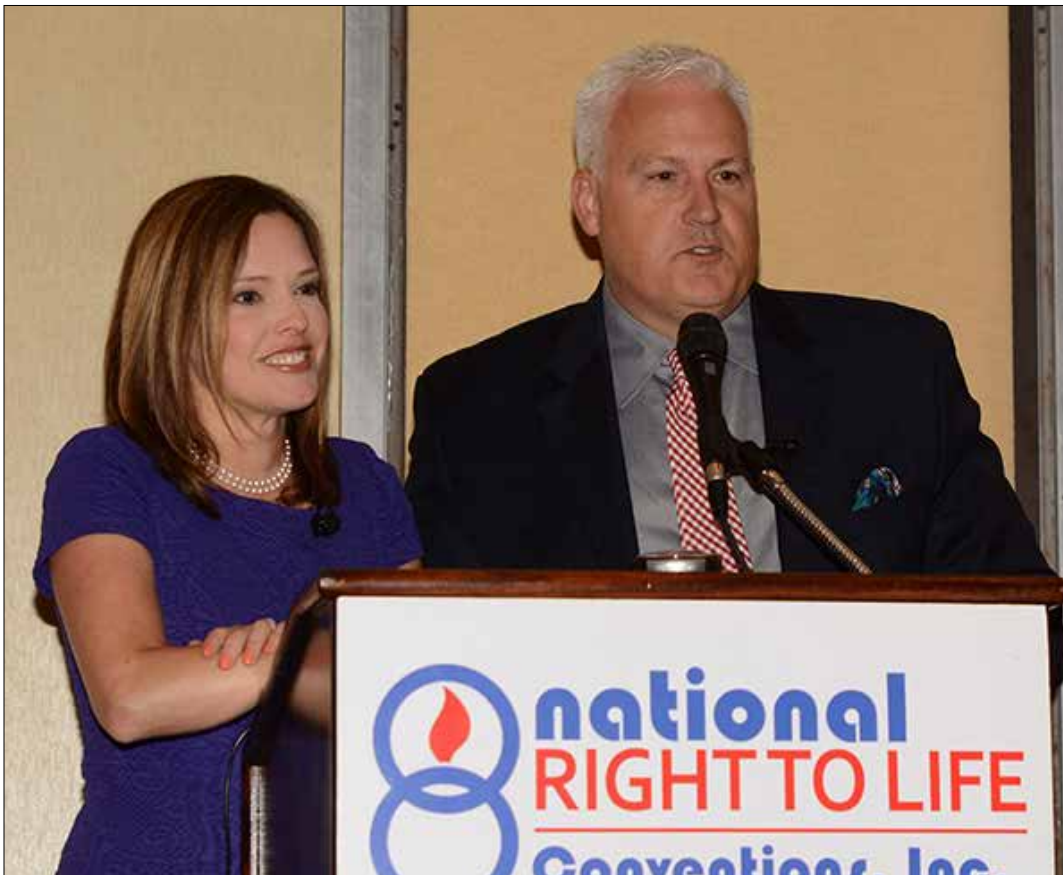
Resource Centers have a moral objection to telling women where they can go to kill their children.

The abortion industry can’t stand competition. I would say to them: When you only allow one option, you cannot call yourself “pro-choice.”

I am a tremendous admirer of Winston Churchill. He was the right man in the right place at the right time to, quite frankly, save the world. If it hadn’t been for Churchill’s determination and indomitable spirit, we can’t know how much of the world Adolph Hitler would have conquered. To express this country’s appreciation, President John F. Kennedy, in 1963, made Churchill an honorary American citizen.

In the book, “The Last Lion, Defender of the Realm,” Churchill says that Hitler was outkilling even his Teutonic ancestors. And not since the Mongols came in the thirteenth century had Europe seen such “methodical, merciless butchery” on such a monstrous scale. “We are in the presence,” he concluded, “of a crime without a name.”

I read that and thought, wow, methodical, merciless butchery on such a monstrous scale, we are in the presence of a crime without a name. But you all know what I was thinking. One million unborn babies killed every year— some scraped out of the uterus with a metal curette, some of these little ones vacuumed or suctioned out; still others bleeding to death as they are torn apart limb by limb in the dismemberment process. Except, this crime does have a name— abortion. And we must do everything we can to stop it. The battle before us is to elect pro-life candidates so that we may continue our push forward to protect those babies.



The husband and wife team of the Hon. Matthew & Mercedes Schlapp were the headline attractions at the banquet that closed NRLC 2016 (Photo Credit: Bill Molitor.)

The Greatest Friend of Truth is Time

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has been carved in the Hand of God from conception.” Some in the audience spontaneously applauded, but top officials from the White House and others in Government didn’t.

Gary Bauer, a staunch pro-lifer described the event this way: “It was a rare moment in this town when moral courage met the political establishment head on.”

We, too, have an opportunity to exhibit “moral courage” this November as we cast our vote. That opportunity is to determine who will appoint the next Supreme Court justices. **If** unborn children are to be protected from death by abortion; **if** newborns with limitations or differences are to be protected from death by infanticide; **if** the elderly, the non-productive, the costly and dependent are to be protected from death by euthanasia; **if** the Sanctity of Life is to be affirmed and protected then our vote will be essential.

This is a battle - a war - in which we are engaged, and it reminds me of the words of President Ronald Reagan as he spoke about our fallen warriors at Arlington National Cemetery in 1982. He said: “Just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so, too, must we, in a less final, less heroic way, be willing **to** give of ourselves.” Our vote this November is so vital for the lives of unborn children.

A meeting was held a number of years ago at the Billy Graham Center. Invited were representatives of various Religious Pro-Life groups. We met with a number of top staff people of the Billy Graham

Crusades, but it was a few comments by Billy Graham’s wife, Ruth Bell Graham, that made a lasting impression on me.

She told of a story from World War I where, in a little country town, all the boys and men had gone off to war. One day the remaining villagers - the women, children and elderly - saw the dust of the oncoming army. They all ran in the opposite direction to hide in the hills.

One little old lady, however, with a broom held high in the air, ran in the direction of the oncoming army. “You crazy old lady,” villagers said, as they were heading toward the hills. “What good,” they said, “will a broom do against tanks and guns?” “Well,” she replied, “it might not do any good, but at least they’ll know whose side I’m on!”

November 8th - Election Day! Let’s make sure the country knows whose side we’re on ... the side of unborn children and their Moms!

November 8th - Election Day. Pray that His whole family shows up so that together we might, indeed, build a Pro-Life Future!

I know many of you here are speakers of one sort or another. Maybe in schools, churches, in homes as parents. in organizations such as Right To Life or Pregnancy Centers. You soon learn that to be a speaker is to automatically enter a world of questions.

Some of the questions a speaker receives are challenging or frustrating; others are humbling or, sometimes, even embarrassing. But a question I received a while back - **WHY**

DO I DO WHAT I DO? was easy to answer. I do what I do because I’m Pro-Life. I believe abortion is against God’s will. I know abortion hurts women, men and families, and abortion corrupts the whole culture.

“No!” the questioner interrupted with some irritation. “That’s not what I’m asking,” he said. “I’m asking *why do YOU do what you do?*” And then I got it. What he was really asking was why I (soon to be 88); why I (when travel is such a nightmare); why I (after 47 years of involvement in the Pro-Life Movement) why I don’t just stay home, read a good book, watch Dancing With the Stars and relax. Let me tell you why I don’t.

First, we teach what we ourselves most need to learn. The topics I generally address these days are Sanctity of Life issues, The Christian Walk, The Family, Ancient Cultures, The Dead Sea Scrolls, and Humor as the Moisturizer of the Soul. In preparing to share my interests with others, I must first become a student myself. So, one reason *I do what I do* is because **I am fishing for knowledge.**

Secondly, I agree with Elton Trueblood who long ago said, “What is most rewarding is doing something that really matters with congenial colleagues who share with us the firm conviction that it needs to be done.”

In the Pro-Life Movement I have the opportunity to meet the finest of God’s people throughout the world. A great blessing that comes from *doing what I do* is to see the Body of Christ - in its various and

vibrant expressions - working together to defend the Sanctity of Life.

So, as a speaker and as I travel, **I am fishing for brothers and sisters in the faith** that we might strengthen one another and share our joy in the Lord.

Finally, I do what I do because I cannot *not* do it. Jesus spoke a powerful reality when He said: **You** are the salt of the earth. **You** are the light of the world. Being a Pro-Life speaker is my way of being both of those as **I am fishing for men and women** who live in the darkness of despair, filled with guilt, having been misled by the deceptive rhetoric of *it’s my body, my right, my choice.*

When Jesus came into my life, He didn’t come alone. He brought His friends - His special loved ones: the lost, the helpless, those who hurt and hunger; He brought the unwanted, non-productive, unplanned, and the inconvenient, and I learned from Jesus that Christianity is not a spectator sport.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for letting me tell you **WHY I AM HOPEFUL** - because the greatest friend of Truth is time ... and, **WHY TIME IS ON OUR SIDE** because time is in God’s Hands and **WHY I DO WHAT I DO** ... because I cannot *not* do what I do because **Where There Is Life There’s Hope** and I’m very busy **Building a Pro-Life Future.**

That’s it. I’m outta here ... cause I’m goin’ fishin’! God bless all y’all.

Defending Life Has Never Been More Challenging, Difficult or More Necessary

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pro-abortion lawmakers and abortion industry lobbyists outside the chamber in the hallways were certain we wouldn't even be permitted to vote on Hyde that day. We did and won in the House, and by the grace of God, prevailed in the Senate and the Hyde Amendment was preserved.

Now after 40 years the Hyde Amendment and all pro-life policies are at serious risk again.

Hillary Clinton—who aspires to be the abortion president like her husband and Mr. Obama—has vowed to decimate the Hyde Amendment and every pro-life policy on the books. Like Mr. Obama, she is against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, the ban on sex selection abortion, and the Born Alive Survivors Protection Act. She has vowed to reinterpret the Helms Amendment in order to massively and directly fund the performance of abortions in our foreign aid programs. And she will abortion litmus-test every judge and justice.

Yet today, more Americans support the sanctity of life and oppose taxpayer funding for abortions than ever.

A January 2016 Marist poll found a super majority — 68% of all respondents—and 69% of women—oppose taxpayer funding for abortion.

Hillary Clinton is so extreme and outside the mainstream that when MSNBC's Chuck

Todd asked her in an April 3rd interview: “When, and if, does an unborn child have constitutional rights?” Hillary Clinton fired back: “unborn persons don't have constitutional rights...” Even Mrs. Clinton knows the unborn are persons.

When Hillary Clinton was awarded the Margaret Sanger award by Planned Parenthood in 2009, she said she was “in awe” of Margaret Sanger, the infamous founder of Planned Parenthood—its American affiliate alone claims responsibility for the death of over seven million babies.

In “awe” of Margaret Sanger, who said in 1921, “Eugenics... is the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political, and social problems.” And who also said in 1922, “The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”

Mrs. Clinton is in awe of a eugenicist?

In her speech, Mrs. Clinton also said Sanger's “life and leadership” was “one of the most transformational in the entire history of the human race.” Transformational for sure but not for the better if one happens to be poor, disenfranchised, weak, a person of color, vulnerable or among the many undesirables who Sanger would exclude and exterminate.

On the positive side our

movement is winning hearts and minds—especially among the young.

There are children on this earth because of you—please don't forget that. And women who are glad you were there to help them avert personal disaster and still other post abortive women who have found reconciliation, renewal and hope because of your outreach—don't forget that either. Things would be far worse if you and I weren't standing in the gap.

Be assured and reminded again—you are the most selfless, compassionate human rights defenders on earth, filled with persevering faith in God, abiding hope, and genuine love.

Together, we've learned to trust God no matter what, manage our disappointments and redouble our efforts when faced with crushing setbacks like the Supreme Court decisions several days ago.

We are winning hearts and minds because post-abortive women are silent no more and are courageously speaking to the harm they've endured and are pointing the way forward.

And we are winning hearts and minds because of sonograms—the game changer.

Countless parents have watched with awe and wonder as their child appears on the screen, especially for the first time — moving about, even sucking his or her thumb.

First baby pictures today are of the child before birth. That first picture is a powerful confirmation that they are parents now. And that birth is merely an event in the life of the child.

Ultrasounds have been an effective tool in helping diagnose and treat disease and disability for these young “patients.”

Abortion is the polar opposite of life — it is violence against children.

Because President Obama has reneged on another promise and has refused to enforce the Weldon Amendment—conscience protection from government abortion coercion—next Wednesday, under the tremendous pro-life leadership of Speaker Paul Ryan and the Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and the entire House Republican leadership, the House will vote on the Conscience Protection Act, sponsored by Congresswoman Diane Black.

It is important that we rally the grassroots to encourage and thank our friends in Congress while holding opponents of commonsense conscience protection to account.

Together we are building a pro-life future not just for America but for the world. Thus our work has never been more challenging, more urgent or more necessary.

New Mexico Supreme Court unanimously upholds law protecting citizens against assisted suicide

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In addition to this open-ended invitation to bring a case in the future, Supreme Court Justices have also indicated that they like to look at trends.

Thus future changes in the Supreme Court's membership will be critical.

Moreover, as always, the pro-assisted suicide forces are undeterred. "Rep. Bill

McCamley, D-Las Cruces, said Thursday he has formed a working group to look at legislation to allow the practice and expects to have a bill ready for the January 60-day session," Sandlin reported.

But for now, the last word belongs to those fighting Compassion and Choices and the ACLU.

Catherine G. Foster, an attorney with the Alliance Defending

Freedom who represented legislators urging the court to uphold the Court of Appeals and find no right to aid in dying, called the Supreme Court decision "a win for all New Mexicans.

"Physician-assisted suicide threatens all people and turns the focus from treatment to terminality and

death," said Foster, executive director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition USA. "Simply put, diagnoses and prognoses aren't foolproof, and no law can protect our weakest citizens, particularly the elder and disabled communities, from the coercion and abuse that go hand-in-hand with (it)."

Ginsburg's non-apology for her rant against Trump

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Supreme Court justice is to be an "umpire" calling balls and strikes, then Ruth Bader Ginsburg whiffed big time by publicly criticizing presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

It's as if Ginsburg declared herself a huge National League fan, and

trashed the American League, before umpiring this week's All-Star game. Fans would have questioned her calls, and they would have been right.

Amazing, the headline on the *New York Times* editorial was, "Mr. Trump is right about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg." Here are just the first two sentences:

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg needs to drop

the political punditry and the name-calling.

Three times in the past week, Justice Ginsburg has publicly discussed her view of the presidential race, in the sharpest terms.

To complete the thought, Ginsburg responded with the absolute minimal expression of contrition. There is no reason to believe (as the *Washington Post* described her) "A lifelong left-of-center lawyer and feminist

innovator who was appointed to the high court by President Bill Clinton in 1993, the 83-year-old Justice Ginsburg fits the profile of a Hillary Clinton supporter to a T." is going to button her lip.

The media loves her and rapped her oh-so-gently on the knuckles for an egregious lapse in judicial decorum. The only lesson she learned is to save her most blatant biases for her politics-ridden judicial opinions.

Donald Trump selects Pro-Life Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his V.P.

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His record on abortion while in Congress from 2001 to 2012 was exemplary.

Then Congressman Pence served on the House Judiciary Committee, and on the Subcommittee on the Constitution. As a member of these key panels, he participated actively in hearings and committee action on a number of major pro-life bills, including the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, enacted in 2003, and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, enacted in 2004.

He was an early leader of efforts to defund Planned Parenthood. In the current climate of the Obama Administration's assault on religious liberties, the selection of Pence, a staunch defender of religious freedom, is particularly helpful.

Pence was elected Indiana governor in 2012 and is hugely popular with Indiana Right to Life, NRLC's staff affiliate.

"Gov. Pence is devoted to protecting the unborn and their mothers," said Indiana Right to Life President and CEO, Mike Fichter. "Gov. Pence's pro-life stance is more than a talking point; Gov. Pence has put his pro-life position into action time and time again. Indiana is a better state for the unborn and their mothers because of the Governor's pro-life leadership."

Fichter added, "Since becoming governor, Gov.

Pence has advanced the pro-life cause through legislation and his administration. Under Gov. Pence, there are four fewer abortion facilities. The state



Pro-Life Indiana Gov. Mike Pence

abortion rate has been steadily declining every year. The state is enforcing health regulations that protect women's health, and abortion doctors know they don't have a free pass."

In a press statement lauding the choice, Indiana Right to Life listed the many pro-

life measures Gov. Pence has signed to bring dignity to the unborn and their mothers. He has signed bills to

* Promote umbilical cord

*Increase informed consent measures for women seeking abortions, including full color photos of fetal development printed in informed consent information.

Gov. Pence's Real Alternatives program at pregnancy resource centers offers life-affirming and compassionate care to women through pregnancy and as they begin parenting," Fichter said. "Gov. Pence also has sought to promote adoption through the first ever state income tax credit for Hoosier families who adopt and by hosting an annual Adoption Fair highlighting this loving option.

Mr. Fichter concluded,

"Gov. Pence brings his pro-life credentials to the Trump presidential ticket. In contrast, Hillary Clinton has sought to expand abortion access and fund the life-ending procedure with our tax dollars. She has a cozy relationship with the abortion industry and cannot be trusted to protect life.

"Gov. Pence will advance the cause of life on the campaign trail this fall and will defend the unborn and their mothers if elected Vice President."

donation, an ethical alternative to embryonic stem cell research.

* Increase awareness of positive support for parents of Down syndrome children

*Provide information on perinatal hospice to parents who receive an adverse prenatal diagnosis