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By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

For decades, the pro-abortion movement and their allies in the media have tried to diminish the voices of pro-life women. While pro-life women were running for office, leading pro-life organizations, establishing pregnancy care centers, sharing their experiences after abortion, organizing marches, lobbying lawmakers, and more, pro-abortion forces minimized their accomplishments and characterized the entire pro-life movement as "just old white men."

In 2020, that false narrative is going to be a lot harder to push.

A record number of pro-life women are running for office in 2020. In the important battle for the Senate majority, there are 6 pro-life women running: Sen. Martha McSally in Arizona, Sen. Kelly Loeffler in Georgia, Sen. Joni Ernst in Iowa, Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith in Mississippi, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito in West Virginia, and former Rep. Cynthia Lummis in Wyoming.

Pro-life Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa)

A brief overview of each of the competitive Senate races can be found here: www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2020/08/battle-for-the-u-s-senate-2020-competitive-races/

A record 55 Republican women, the vast majority of whom are pro-life, have won House primaries this year according to the Center for American Women in Politics at Rutgers.

The full list of endorsed candidates by National Right to Life may be found here: www.nrlvictoryfund.org/endorsements/

Some standout races include the following:

Arizona's 1st District

Pro-life candidate Tiffany Shedd is taking on pro-abortion incumbent Rep. Tom O'Halleran in one of the nation's most competitive districts. President Trump

Pro-life former Minnesota Lieutenant Governor and Senate President Michelle Fischbach is running for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District.

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A celebration of unborn life woven through the fabric of the most pro-life convention ever!

By Dave Andrusko

If you happened across stories with headlines resembling this—"What we learned" from the first, second, or third night of the Republican National Convention—you needed to buckle up for chances are you were about to enter the Twilight Zone.

Whether you love, loathe, or are somewhere in the middle with regards to President Trump, you wanted the media to make at least a passing attempt at telling what actually transpired August 24-27. With an occasional exception, however, the major media failed that test abysmally.

Of course, we would have been shocked if accounts had met even this minimal threshold. The collective major media are so in the tank for pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden they are indifferent to the self-evident, blind to the obvious, and impervious to how dreadful a candidate Mr. Biden is.

Pro-life President Donald J. Trump (Fox News screen grab)

But even they understood—because it upset them so—that a celebration of unborn life was woven through the fabric of the Republican convention.

As I wrote at the time, it seemed as if having listened to one speaker talk about abortion,

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Editorials

A look back at the Republican National Convention's memorable defense of unborn children

Just prior to the August 24 opening of the 2020 Republican National Convention, National Right to Life wrote, "President Trump and President Pence Have Made the Right to Life a Cornerstone Issue of Their Administration."

So it came as no surprise that the protection of vulnerable unborn life was a cornerstone of the GOP's virtual convention that ran through August 27.

This was a convention replete with pro-life speakers, including, of course, President Trump.

When compared to Joe Biden's convention that ran the week prior, the difference was figuratively and literally night and day. If you remember compare and contrast from your days in school, the differences are sharp, striking, and stark

Where Democrats busied themselves hyperventilating over what is, in their eyes, President Trump's many faults and failures, this convention is centered about how "Life is a core tenet of who we are as Americans," in the words of Abby Johnson, a one-time Planned Parenthood's Employee of the Year. Johnson is a now a full-time pro-life activist who founded "And Then There Were None," an organization "that's helped nearly 600 abortion workers transition out of the industry."

Her speech, which detailed the experience that drove her out of the abortion business—assisting in the ultrasound-guided abortion of a hapless unborn baby—was riveting.

Nothing prepared me for what I saw on the screen – an unborn baby fighting back, desperate to move away from the suction.

And I'll never forget what the doctor said next – "Beam me up, Scotty."

Nick Sandmann speaking at the Republican National Convention (RNC screen shot)

The last thing I saw was a spine twirling around in the mother's womb before succumbing to the force of the suction.

On October sixth, I left the clinic, looking back only to remember why I now advocate so passionately for life.

Then there was Nick Sandmann, a remarkable young man, whose courage amidst a frenzy of hate-filled media attacks is well-known in pro-life circles but probably unknown to vast numbers of Americans. Nick retold his story of being confronted by a "professional protestor" just after leaving the 2019 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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What's in your September edition of National Right to Life News?

As noted in several places in the September digital edition of the "pro-life newspaper of record," when you read this issue there will be just 56 days until the November 3rd General Election. This is "just around the corner" but also plenty of time for there to be a number of ebbs and flows.

Not surprisingly, this edition is filled with news about the presidential contest between pro-life President Donald Trump and pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden. Our coverage begins on page one and can be found as well on pages 5-6, 8-9, 11, 13-14, 17, 19, and 21.

There have been many contests that pitted a pro-life Republican against a pro-abortion Democrat. None are more consequential, however, because Mr. Trump is rightly described as the most pro-life President ever and because Mr. Biden and his party have careened off the cliff in their race to embrace abortion on demand which you are I are supposed to pay for.

Of course we are also greatly pleased to write about the amazing number of pro-life Republican women running for House seats in 2020 and about key Senate races. NRL Political Director Karen Cross's stories on page one and page 11 are must reading.

As soon as pro-life legislation is passed (and sometimes in anticipation of them being passed), pro-abortionists challenge them in court. In turn, the attorneys general defend their constitutionality. We follow them closely at www.nationalrighttolifenews.org and then update our readers in the monthly digital edition of *NRL News.*

This month we zero in on three decisions. The first came from the full 4th U.S. Court of Appeals which last week permanently enjoined the Trump Administration's "Protect Life" rule which requires recipients of Title X family planning money not to co-locate with abortion clinics or refer clients for abortion as a method of family planning. That 8-6 decision is in conflict with a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld the Rule, opening the way to a possible resolution by the Supreme Court.

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From the President
Carol Tobias

Do Elections Really Matter?

We frequently hear the question, "Does it really matter if I vote? Nothing ever seems to change." Or, "Elections aren't going to stop abortion. We have to change people's hearts and minds."

We, as a pro-life movement, are working to change hearts and minds. We want people to embrace every unborn child as a unique human being deserving of utmost respect and legal protection. But whether or not these children continue to die will depend largely on our laws and whether it remains "legal" to end these lives.

Election day, November 3, is now less than two months away and many of you will soon receive a ballot or be given the opportunity to participate in "early voting." Our time is short to make sure family, friends, and neighbors remember our unborn brothers and sisters as they cast that ballot.

If you are still not registered to vote, the time is getting short for you to do so. A handful of states will let you register to vote on election day or a few days prior to the election. Most have deadlines 10 to 30 days prior to the election. Click here to register.

Why does the election matter? Because the people elected in these elections will be making laws. These laws can save precious preborn lives or contribute to the carnage. As we ponder our decision, we must ask ourselves:

Will those elected officials pass legislation to safeguard unborn children or will they enact laws that allow abortion for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy?

Will abortionists be required to inform women of the consequences of, and alternatives to, abortion?

Will parents have the right to know if their minor daughter is pregnant and considering abortion?

Will millions of our tax dollars be used to pay for abortion?

Will living unborn children have their arms and legs torn off, limb by limb, as they are subjected to a gruesome dismemberment abortion?

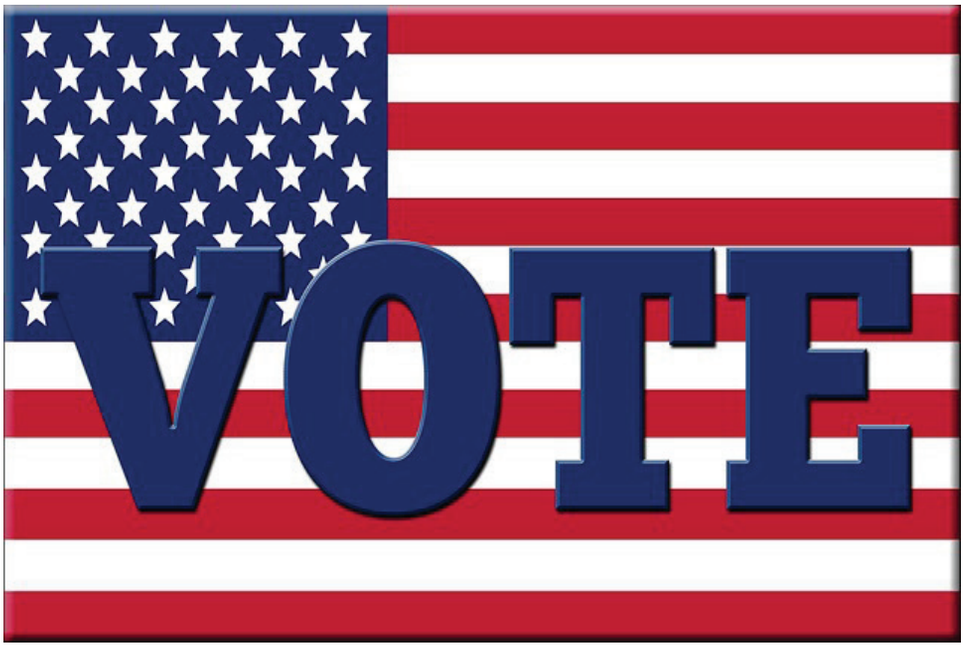
Will babies who survive an abortion be given the same medical attention and care as a child born prematurely at that same age?

Elections do have consequences-- for the cultural attitude toward human life in our society and especially for legal protections for that innocent little one in the womb.

I have occasionally noted that, if a candidate isn't willing to protect the most vulnerable, the most defenseless, among us, can we really trust him or her to use that elected position to better our lives?

If a candidate doesn't think parents have the right to know that their minor daughter is considering abortion, what else will that official agree to hide from parents, whether it be in school or elsewhere?

I had a young friend many years ago who, one evening, shared her wrenching story. She was a single young mom who had been pregnant four times. The first pregnancy resulted in adoption, the second in a miscarriage, the third the birth of a beautiful little blond-haired boy, and the fourth an abortion.



Tears were running down her cheeks as she related how the abortion was the one ending that she will regret for the rest of her life. Women are not told about physical, emotional, or psychological effects of abortion.

If a candidate doesn't believe in providing complete information about abortion to women prior to the abortion, are they willing to cover up other information for others at other times?

If a candidate wants to use our tax dollars to kill unborn children, or to promote abortion in other countries, how else will they misuse government funds?

And if a candidate has no compassion for those preborn babies who feel pain as their arms and legs are being torn off in an abortion, or are willing to let babies who survive an abortion die on a hard, cold table in a back room, do we really want them representing us?

We are frequently told that we shouldn't be "single-issue voters". Certainly, there are many important issues in any election, but do any of them really compare to or outrank protecting the innocent and defenseless, those who have no voice to speak for themselves?

We want wise leaders making sensible decisions so that we can pursue our dreams, so we can raise a family in a safe environment, so we can worship (or not worship) as we desire, so we have the liberty to do what we think is best for ourselves and our loved ones. But those leaders must also be willing to speak up for those who have no voice.

Our nation is killing 850,000 preborn babies every year. We have lost approximately 62 million of these precious ones in the last 47 years. Yes, we **must** continue to educate our communities about the humanity of each of these little humans; we **must** change hearts and minds so that abortion becomes an abominable, unthinkable option.

As we continue the important work of changing attitudes, we also MUST work to change the law. That means we MUST vote for candidates who will support pro-life legislation and the nomination and confirmation of judges who will uphold that legislation. **Lives** depend on our votes.

SCCL will use social media to create a virtual pro-life booth to broadcast on Facebook during South Carolina's State Fair

By Holly Gatling, Executive Director, South Carolina Citizens for Life (SCCL)

Every year since 1974, the South Carolina State Fair has approved a beautiful pro-life exhibit reaching literally hundreds of thousands of Fair-goers. The pro-life display features scientifically accurate medical models of human life before birth. Many people, especially children, express amazement at what they see.

Pro-life volunteers worked long 12-hour days handing out fetal development literature, the iconic baby feet pins, and the 10-week fetal models. They dialoged respectfully with those who disagreed. They encouraged visitors to the booth to sign petitions in support of pro-life legislation that saves babies' lives.

Between 1974 and 2019, no year was skipped for any reason; the pro-life State Fair booth that changed hearts and minds for 46 consecutive years.

And then the pandemic of 2020 hit like a hurricane.

Instead of a 12-day major event with rides, games, and hundreds of vendors and exhibitors, the South Carolina State Fair this year will be a two-day, drive through only, outdoor event with no rides and no exhibits.

We were crushed by the news. The State Fair is South Carolina Citizens For Life's biggest project of the year. It's exciting and fun and the time of year when most of our volunteers pitch in to take three or four hour shifts while enjoying the Fair before or after their shifts. They get passes to enter the Fair, and we cover parking costs.

Was there anything we could do?

Never at a loss for long, SCCL Executive Office Manager Sally Zaleski came up with a plan. Why not use social media to create a virtual pro-life booth that we will broadcast on Facebook during the two-day State Fair and possibly longer.

Last year at the South Carolina State Fair cousins Wayne Cockfield and Mary Cockfield staff the pro-life booth that has been an exhibit since 1974.

"Fair officials made the decision to switch gears and take a different approach," Mrs. Zaleski said. "And so did we."

Staffed by our volunteers, we will produce an online exhibit that features our medical models showing the stages of human development in the womb. We will provide a link to an on-line petition for pro-life legislation. There will be information on where pro-life President Trump and pro-abortion Joe Biden stand on life issues. Visitors will be directed to our webpage for printable copies. Instead of our decades-old donation jars, participants will be offered an easy way to donate online to South Carolina Citizens for Life.

"SCCL is excited to offer a virtual Fair booth this year," Mrs. Zaleski said. "Visitors will be able to view our online exhibit on October 20 and 21, the same days that the State Fair will be offering a drive-through." Additionally, the Facebook broadcasts will be available online for those who cannot view them during the live production.

"The biggest take-away is to remember that although we will be apart, we will be together," Mrs. Zaleski said. "We are in the pro-life movement. We don't take a vacation from our work because of a pandemic. We adapt to the ever-changing environment and forge on with our life-saving work."

President Trump sends letter to pro-life Americans

Contrasts his "bold pro-life leadership with Joe Biden's abortion extremism"

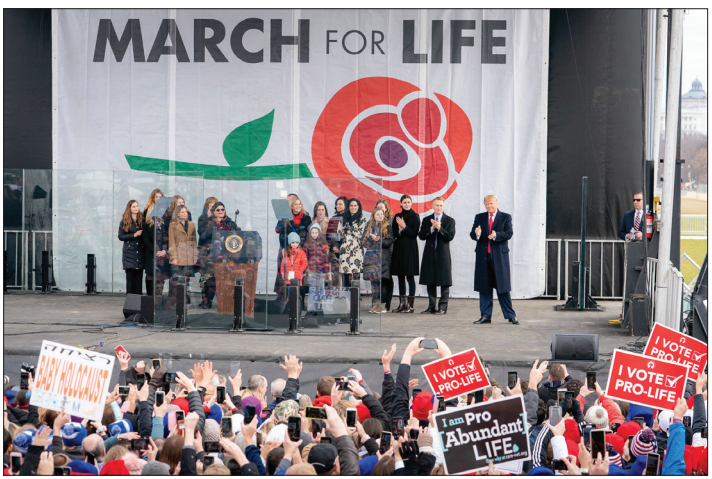
By Dave Andrusko

On September 3, pro-life President Donald Trump released a letter to pro-life Americans in which he wrote, "With your help, I will win re-election, ensuring we have another four years to fight in the trenches for unborn children and their mothers."

The President began his letter by recalling how, after running as a pro-life candidate and being elected in 2016, "Together we have accomplished so much for unborn children and their mothers during my first term in office."

President Trump contrasted his "bold pro-life leadership with Joe Biden's abortion extremism."

The Democratic Party unequivocally supports abortion on-demand, up until the moment of birth, and even infanticide — leaving babies to die after failed abortions. Joe Biden's embrace of this extreme position is most evidenced by his support for taxpayer funding of abortion on-demand. Forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions is an abhorrent position that must be defeated at the ballot box. Joe Biden has doubled down on these positions with his selection of abortion extremist Kamala Harris as his running mate.



A partial list of President Trump's accomplishments includes

- Transforming the federal judiciary
- Fighting for the unborn around the globe
- Stopping taxpayer funding for the big abortion industry
- Fighting for conscience rights
- Ending taxpayer funding for new medical research using aborted baby body parts at the National Institutes of Health, and
- Becoming the first president to address the March for Life.

Four important data points 56 days before the November 3 elections

By Dave Andrusko

"Expect more October 'smoking gun surprises'"—Victor Davis Hanson'

As I write this story, we are 56 days away from the most consequential presidential election of my lifetime. And because virtually each day brings bad polling news for the pro-Biden Establishment Media, there is nothing—**nothing**—more certain than a series of hit pieces will be launched against pro-life President Trump. No evidence will be needed and most, if not all sources, will be anonymous.

Beyond keeping an eye out for smears masquerading as "investigative reporting," here are four very telling data points as we are now fewer than eight weeks away from the November 3 General Election:

***During the Democratic National Convention, the president held campaign events in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Arizona. Since his convention speech last Thursday, he has traveled to a campaign event in New Hampshire and made a personal appearance in a key battleground state on V-J Day to declare the port city of Wilmington, North Carolina, a World War II "Heritage City."**–Salena Zito, *Washington Examiner*

***"The Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll for Tuesday shows that 50% of Likely U.S. Voters approve of President Trump's job performance. Fifty percent (50%) disapprove."**

***"But a fresh national poll from Quinnipiac University pegged the president's support with [Hispanics] at 36%."**

***From the Quinnipiac University poll released September 2. Pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden led pro-life President Donald Trump among white women by 8 points—52% to 44%. Trump led among white men by 19 points—57% to 38%.**

What do these numbers–and the intensity of President Trump's campaigning–tell us?

To begin, while Mr. Biden has campaigned very, very little in person, that is changing, ever so gradually. Why? As Hanson wrote

> **But the strategy [remaining out of public view and in his basement] was not updated to recalibrate changing momentum in response to changing news cycles. And Biden became even rustier by his basement sabbatical. So now he is out and we are immediately reminded of the reasons he hibernated in the first place and should have stayed there.**

There has been an uptick in the pace of Mr. Biden's campaigning, but the scale of his public presence will pale in comparison to President Trump's activism and skill at speaking to large assemblies.

The one-time gigantic advantage Mr. Biden enjoyed over President Trump is evaporating, particularly in the battleground states where the election will be decided. Just how much of the deficit President Trump has made up is partially masked by the fact that Real Clear Politics offers an average of polling results.

However some of the polls are simply outdated. Some surveys—if you believe the Trump campaign—are inaccurate because far more self-identified Democrats were polled than self-identified Republicans.

In addition, some recent surveys told us that the "enthusiasm gap" had narrowed. I never believed it for a second. Be that as it may, in a very telling observation, David M. Drucker, also writing for the *Washington Examiner*, informs us

> **Currently, Biden's enthusiasm score trails that of the President by 17 points. Of the President's supporters, 65% are enthusiastic about voting for him, a seven-point increase from his 58% at the same time in the race in 2016. Biden, on the other hand, enjoys a 48% enthusiasm rate, up just 2% from his 2016 predecessor [Hillary Clinton].**

Two other related observations. The Quinnipiac University poll is no friend of the President. If nearly 3 in 8 (36%) of Hispanics say they would vote for (or, if undecided, lean toward) President Trump, the fact is the number might be even higher.

Second, there are those darn presidential debates—three of them—on September 29, October 15, and October 22. It's possible Mr. Biden will do well, although highly unlikely.

Far more probable is that President Trump will shine, especially given that no member of CNN will moderate.

Stay tuned by reading *National Right to Life News Today*. If you are not receiving our Monday through Saturday update of pro-life news, take 60 seconds out to register at https://mailchi.mp/nrlc/emailsignup.

Tiny Baby born at 22 weeks defies the odds to survive

By Right to Life UK

A premature baby girl born at 22 weeks and two days, weighing just 1lb 2oz (510g), is among the youngest surviving premature babies in the world.

Lura Lauer gave birth to twins, Lyric Elaine and Cali Rose, after going into premature labour on July 15, four months before her November 16 due date.

Doctors gave the girls just a 10% chance of survival at their birth. Tragically, Cali Rose passed away two days after her birth.

Their surviving daughter Lyric, now four-weeks-old, is her mother's "little fighter".

Telling her story to the *Sun*, Lura said: "She's such a little fighter and the nurses and doctors have been taking great care of her.

"They've been very vigilant and proactive, everything that's popped up they've caught quickly. The doctor's exact words were, 'She is amazing us every day.' She is truly a miracle."

'It felt like a nightmare'

Lura found out she was pregnant in March and learned she was having twins during her first appointment with her gynaecologist.

The yoga teacher revealed she started to experience contractions around 20 weeks pregnant but thought they were Braxton Hicks – 'false labour' pains that are common in pregnancy.

Lura's doctor agreed that the contractions were probably Braxton Hicks when she had a check-up on July 14 and was told she could continue her yoga practice.

However, after teaching a class that evening, her contractions worsened to the point that she couldn't sleep and she spent the night crying in pain.

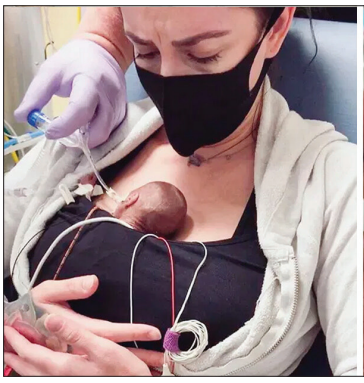
Following a phone call with doctors the next day, Lura was told to visit her local hospital immediately.

Lura went straight to Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center, North Carolina, with her partner, Ricky, where they learned she was already 3 centimeters dilated. She was given medicine to stop the contractions before speaking with a neonatal doctor.

"He told us the hospital we were at do not resuscitate if you give birth to a baby at less than 24 weeks," she recalled.

"He said if I was to give birth that day, I would have to say goodbye because they're not viable at that age.

"They said they didn't have the capability to care for babies that young. It felt like a nightmare."



The couple decided to transfer to the nearby Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte because it had a more advanced neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), which would also give their babies a chance at life.

At Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, Lura went into labour and less than an hour later, at 7:53pm, Lyric Elaine was born 'with one push.'

Cali Rose arrived the same way three minutes later, weighing an ounce less than her sister, at 1lb 1oz (482g). Both were only 11 inches long.

"I heard both of them cry and they both were breathing, which was a good sign, but they were immediately rushed out of the room, before I got to hold them," Lura said.

Sadly, two days after giving birth, a doctor told Lura that Cali had two brain hemorrhages that were both grade 4 – the most severe – and was declining.

She died that same day.

Lura said: "Even though she was only here for a couple of days, she made such a big impact on our lives."

Immense peace

Lyric had a grade 1 brain hemorrhage, but started showing improvement after her sister passed away and has had few complications aside from some necessary procedures.

Two and a half weeks after her birth, Lura was able to hold Lyric for the first time.

Recalling the emotional moment, she said an "immense joy and peace washed over [her]" when they put Lyric in her arms.

She said: "I was holding my baby girl and she was holding me. I prayed for this moment. I didn't want it to end. I didn't want to let her go. But the moment came and went, and soon after she was placed back into her incubator…

"She's still got a long fight ahead of her. Every day brings new challenges for her and she is bravely taking on each one…"

'22 weekers: Surviving and thriving'

Lura told the *Sun* since posting pictures of her daughter on social media mothers from all over the world, from Istanbul to Canada, have reached out with stories of 22 weekers surviving and thriving.

"It just baffles me that so many hospitals don't resuscitate at that age, because it is absolutely possible for a baby to survive.

"I think Lyric is an example that — even when the doctors are unsure — hope, faith, determination, and love are such powerful energies. I believe that's what's keeping our daughter alive," she added.

"This is why I wanted to share her story. Lyric is an inspiration to me and to so many other people.

"She is a beacon of hope in hopeless times."

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What do the party platforms actually say about abortion? It's vitally important to know.

By Dave Andrusko

Party platforms are rarely read outside activist circles. As one author put it, "Political parties' platforms – their statements of where they stand on issues – get little respect."

But they should, as Professor Emeritus Marjorie Hershey writes, because they "help you predict what the national government will actually do during the next four years."

Thus what the Republican Party and the Democrat Party have to say about abortion in 2020 is must reading for us. And they could not possibly be any more different.

Below is the entirety of the Republican platform on abortion—"The Fifth Amendment: Protecting Human Life "—and the Democrats'—"Securing Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice."

They are best read without commentary from me or anyone else. Why? Simply because the platforms virtually speak for themselves.

As you read them, ask yourself what is their first language, their mother tongue, if you will? Once you compare and contrast, you will be struck by the stunning differences in language, lexicon, and love.

2020 Republican Party Platform on abortion
The Fifth Amendment: Protecting Human Life

The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. Failure to require a father to be equally responsible for a child places an inequitable burden on the mother, creating a financial and social hardship on both mother and child. We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasounds and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation. We condemn the Supreme Court's activist decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt striking down commonsense Texas laws providing for basic health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

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

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

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

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Pro-abortion Joe Biden's selective use of quotes from pro-life champion Pope John Paul ll

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

When I heard the political ad, I was stunned.

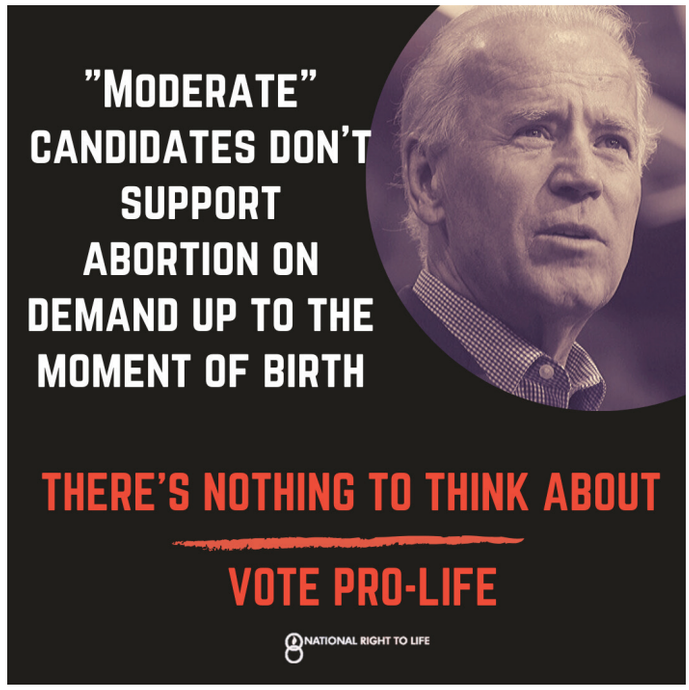
Here was pro-abortion Presidential candidate Joe Biden, invoking the words of eminent pro-life leader Pope John Paul II: "Be not afraid."

The unschooled might be led to believe that Biden's policies would support Catholic teaching on social issues. But when it comes to the issue of abortion, they would be greatly mistaken.

Despite his tendency to invoke his Catholic roots, Biden's political stands are diametrically opposed to Catholicism's full-throated and unequivocal defense of innocent human life.

Biden is endorsed by radically pro-abortion PACs such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. They oppose any limits on abortion—contrary to the views of a majority of Americans. National public opinion polls consistently show that most folks oppose most abortions.

In a stunning departure from his previous stand, Biden has even embraced the cold-hearted call for taxpayer funding of abortion. Again, polling clearly indicates that the vast majority of Americans do not want their hard-earned tax dollars to be spent on abortion, the taking of an innocent, unrepeatable human life.



Biden should be reminded of some other quotes from Pope John Paul II:

"Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law."

And what about this one:

"But responsibility likewise falls on the legislators who have promoted and approved abortion laws, and, to the extent that they have a say in the matter, on the administrators of the health-care centers where abortions are performed. ... In this sense abortion goes beyond the responsibility of individuals and beyond the harm done to them, and takes on a distinctly social dimension. It is a most serious wound inflicted on society and its culture by the very people who ought to be society's promoters and defenders."

With his extreme pro-abortion policy positions, Joe Biden is perpetuating a serious wound on society. Quoting Pope John Paul II out of context will not make that wound go away.

Tiny Baby born at 22 weeks defies the odds to survive

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New guidance

The survival rate for extremely premature babies has doubled over the past decade, prompting the creation of new guidance [in the United Kingdom] allowing doctors to try to save babies born as early as 22 weeks into a pregnancy.

In 2008 only two out of ten babies born alive at 23 weeks went on to survive. Today it is four out of ten, according to the British Association of Perinatal Medicine.

Once a baby passes 22 weeks, the chances of survival increase week-by-week due to technical advances, better healthcare planning, and the increased use of steroids.

The increased survival rates have prompted calls to review the current law in order to help lower abortion numbers and save the lives of babies.

Time for change

"This is something that Parliament should urgently revisit. It has been over a decade since time limits were last debated fully in Parliament, in 2008," said Catherine Robinson, a spokesperson for Right to Life UK.

"There is a real contradiction in British law. In one room of a hospital, doctors could be working to save a baby born alive before 24 weeks whilst in another room a doctor could perform an abortion which would end the life of a baby at the same age. Surely this contradiction needs to end.

"Independent polling from Savanta ComRes shows that 70% of women in the UK want to see the time limit for abortion reduced to 20 weeks or below. Our current abortion time limit is way out of line with the rest of Europe where the most common abortion time limit is 12 weeks.

"This change in guidance adds further evidence to the need for Parliament to urgently review our current abortion time limit. We support any change in law that would help lower abortion numbers and save the lives of babies in the womb.

"It's time that our laws were brought into line with public opinion, modern science and the rest of Europe."

8th Circuit to hear lawsuit challenging "Missouri Stands For the Unborn Act" in September

By Dave Andrusko

On May 24, 2019, when pro-life Missouri Gov. Mike Parson signed the "Missouri Stands For the Unborn Act" into law, Missouri Right to Life described the law as "groundbreaking legislation that will save lives and set the standard for pro-life legislation nationwide."

Pro-abortionists inevitably challenge pro-life legislation but likely not even Gov. Parson would have anticipated that it wouldn't be until this past week that oral arguments in the challenge to HB 126 would be set for September 24 in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Among the many provisions included in HB 126 is a ban on abortion when the baby reaches 20 weeks gestation, a developmental point by which the child can experience pain; a requirement that a minor to inform both custodial parents when she is seeking an abortion; bans abortions on the basis of race, sex or if the baby has Down syndrome; and the establishment (according to the Associated Press) of "a so-called 'trigger clause that would completely ban abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency, in Missouri if Roe v Wade is overturned by the Supreme Court."

HB 126 also was written in a manner that should a court overturn the ban on early abortions, there is also a prohibition at 14, 18 and 20 weeks gestation.

The legal maneuverings are mind-numblingly complicated with the trial judge initially allowing some parts of the law to stand only to later change his mind.

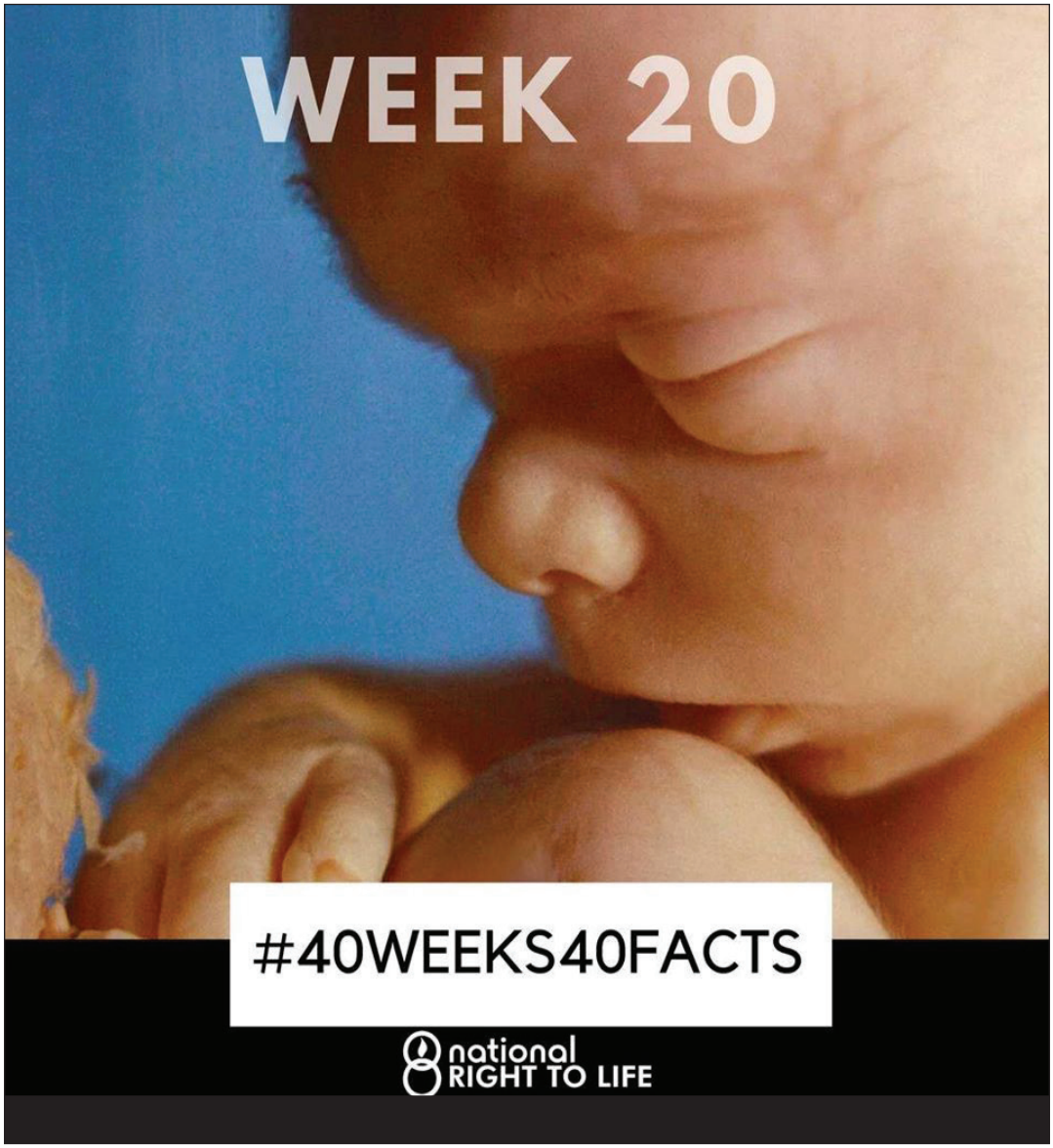
In brief, Planned Parenthood challenged HB 126 in mid-2019. On August 27, 2019, U.S. District Court Judge Howard Sachs did not enjoin the bans on abortion for reasons of race, sex or Down syndrome but did enjoin the ban on abortions at eight, 14, 18 and 20 weeks.

The state appealed but in September Judge Sachs doubled-down, barring enforcement on the ban of aborting babies who've been diagnosed with Down syndrome. The state appealed that injunction to the 8th Circuit.

A three-judge panel was to hear the case in mid-April 2020, but arguments were delayed because of the pandemic. Since then the Supreme Court decided against Louisiana's law requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges within 30 miles of where they abort women in cases of emergency.

Making the case even more involved, Chief Justice John Roberts agreed with the outcome in the Louisiana case but not its reasoning. As *NRL News Today* reported, in reversing a lower court ruling that struck down part of an Arkansas law, the 8th Circuit cited Roberts' reasoning.

How that will affect or influence the panel vis a vis the Missouri law is a subject of wide conjecture.



Winning for life in an Election unlike any Other

By Karen Cross, National Right to Life Political Director

The 2020 election is unlike any other, but not even a pandemic is a match for the resilience of the American people. Mail-in ballots have started being sent out in some states (notably, North Carolina) and in-person early voting will begin in the next few weeks in Minnesota and several other states soon after.

Many states have modified their election procedures in light of Covid-19. It is vitally important to plan **now** how you will vote—whether that be in-person early or the day of the election, or through some form of absentee or mail-in ballot.

The conditions of this election are unprecedented and so are the stakes.

Presidential Election

In the presidential race, there could not be a clearer contrast between the Republican and Democrat tickets. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have been unwavering champions of the right to life.

In contrast, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have made no secret of their extreme pro-abortion agenda, supporting abortion without limits and promoting taxpayer funding of abortion, including the repeal of the life-saving Hyde Amendment. You can compare the presidential candidates here: www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/2020POTUScomparison.pdf and compare the vice presidential candidates here: www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/VeepPence-Harris2020.pdf

As they do almost every four years, the talking heads in the media would have you believe that the race is over: the pro-abortion Democrat has it in the bag. They are already preparing what they are going to wear to a Joe Biden/Kamala Harris inauguration.

And yet, as always, the results will come down to what **we** the people decide. President Trump is running competitively in the battleground states that will decide the election. In fact, he may be expanding the traditional slate of battleground states by closing in on Biden in Minnesota, a state that has not voted for a Republican for President since 1972.

If you recall, Minnesota was the only state President Reagan did not win in his landslide victory against Walter Mondale in 1984. Recent polls from the Trafalgar Group and Emerson College Polling have the race either tied or within the margin of error in Minnesota.

Another potential factor is the "shy voter." This is the voter who does not feel comfortable disclosing their selection to a pollster. According to data compiled by CloudResearch, these reticent voters were more likely to be Republicans—and by a 2 to 1 margin. This group of voters has been labeled by some as the hidden "Trump bump" or the "secret Trump supporter."

Former White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, who ran a polling firm prior to helping propel Trump to the presidency, echoed this sentiment in a recent interview. They may be unwilling to disclose their views to a pollster, she said, "but they express themselves at the ballot box."

U.S. Senate Elections

As we are less than two months away from election day, it is also vitally important to remember the races for the U.S. Senate. Our pro-life majority in the Senate is extremely vulnerable this year. Pro-abortion Chuck Schumer is just a few seats away from taking control of the chamber.

Schumer and his allies would advance an agenda of abortion on demand paid for by taxpayers. And they would be in a position to determine the fates of judicial nominees, including potential nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. You can check out National Right to Life endorsements in Senate races and comparison pieces in the most competitive races here: www.nrlvictoryfund.org/endorsements/

U.S. House Elections

Control of the U.S. House is also on the ballot this year. After the last two years with Nancy Pelosi as Speaker we have seen an onslaught of pro-abortion legislation and a blatant refusal to even consider pro-life bills. But that is just the beginning.

Recently, Speaker Pelosi announced that repealing the life-saving Hyde Amendment would be legislative priority in the next session. The Hyde Amendment prevents almost all federal funding of abortion. It had been supported for decades and, by conservative estimates, is responsible for saving at least two million lives.

The circumstances of this election may be different but unborn children and their mothers are still depending on your vote. In fact, *they need you this year more than ever before.*

Wicker, Hyde-Smith & colleagues want abortion pill classified as hazard to public health

Lawmakers Urge FDA Commissioner to Remove Abortion Pill from U.S. Market

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) are among 20 Senators urging Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Stephen Hahn to exercise FDA authority to classify the abortion pill Mifeprex (or mifepristone) as an "imminent hazard to the public health" that poses a "significant threat of danger."

If Hahn acts, the classification would result in the removal of this pill from the U.S. market.

In a letter to Hahn, the Senators wrote, *"It is by now nakedly obvious that the abortion industry and its allies in the media, billionaire philanthropic circles, and special interest groups, have wanted an unregulated and demedicalized abortion pill since the moment the FDA first approved it in 2000. As you may further know, the Clinton administration approved this lethal drug under pressure from these same groups and under a highly politicized approval process. We believe this deadly pill should never have been approved, yet the abortion industry was politically rewarded with an accelerated approval process normally reserved for high-risk drugs that address life-threatening illnesses like AIDS."*

They added, *"According to FDA reporting, the abortion pill has taken more than 3.7 million preborn lives, caused 24 maternal deaths, and resulted in at least 4,195 adverse maternal reactions including hemorrhage, excruciating abdominal pain, and severe life-threatening infections. Of course, adverse events are notoriously underreported, which makes the true number impossible to assess. Moreover, as of 2016, abortion pill manufacturers are only required to report maternal deaths. However, most women experiencing adverse reactions (such as hemorrhaging) are more likely to seek emergency care at hospitals and emergency rooms, rather than returning to the abortion facility where the pill was prescribed."*

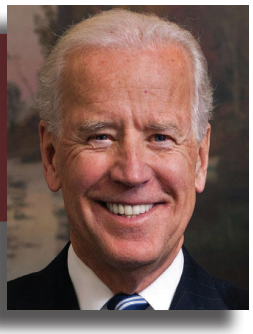
The Senators concluded, *"To protect vulnerable women and children, we strongly urge the FDA to remove this deadly drug from the U.S. market and exercise its authority under 21 CFR § 2.5, declaring it an 'imminent hazard to the public health.'"*

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) led the letter, which is available at www.hydesmith.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/090120%20Pro-Life%20Mifeprex%20Letter%20to%20FDA%20-%20FSV.pdf

Last year, Hyde-Smith introduced the Support and Value Expectant Moms and Babies Act of 2019 (S.3072) to prevent labeling changes for already-approved abortion drugs; prevent providers from dispensing these drugs remotely, by mail, or via tele-medicine; and prevent FDA approval of new chemical abortion drugs. Wicker is a cosponsor of this legislation.

Where do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?

For President



Donald Trump **Joe Biden**

Abortion on Demand

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

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

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

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

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

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

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

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

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

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

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

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

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

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

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

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Mike Pence Accepts Nomination to be Republican Party's Vice Presidential nominee

WASHINGTON — On August 26, Mike Pence formally accepted the nomination to be the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President. President Trump and Vice President Pence have the support of millions of pro-life Americans because of their dedication to our most fundamental right—the right to life.

"With gratitude for the confidence President Donald Trump has placed in me, the support of our Republican party, and the grace of God, I humbly accept your nomination to run and serve as Vice President of the United States," Pence said.

"Vice President Pence is a pro-life champion, and we are truly grateful for his efforts on behalf of unborn babies and their mothers, those with disabilities, the elderly, and the medically infirm," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "President Trump and Vice President Pence will continue to lead us toward a day when all innocent human lives are protected by law."

In comparison, Sen. Kamala Harris, the Democratic Party's candidate for Vice President, has a history of supporting abortion on demand for any reason, at anytime, anywhere.

While running for President, Sen. Harris introduced her "Reproductive Rights Act" action plan. Included in her plan were a series of sweeping pro-abortion policies and directives, such as

- States and localities would be subject to a "preclearance requirement" if those states had a "pattern of violating *Roe v. Wade* in the preceding 25 years." The "patterns" in question would be determined by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

- "No abortion law or practice will take effect until the Department of Justice certifies it comports with *Roe v. Wade*."

- States would have to "prove any new law or practice does not deny or abridge" the so-called "right" to abortion.

- States and localities would be "required to submit any proposed change to DOJ. If the jurisdiction is unable to prove the change comports with Roe and the Women's Health Protection Act, DOJ must object to the change."

To ensure that states would be forced into lockstep with the pro-abortion policies her administration would have pursued,

- A Department of Justice in a Harris Administration would have "an affirmative duty to review submissions and make formal determinations" regarding any pro-life laws passed by states or localities.

- Abortionists would have "the ability to challenge DOJ's approval of a law or practice in federal court, serving as a check on hostile administrations."

As a presidential candidate, Sen. Harris promised to protect Planned Parenthood from attempts to defund the abortion giant. In addition, she vowed to only nominate judges who would support the *Roe v. Wade* abortion-on-demand decision and would work to reverse the Hyde Amendment and use federal tax dollars to pay for abortion. Were she to be President, her administration would promote abortion around the world.

Premiere pro-life contact center staffed by "heroes" marks 4 million served

By Lisa Bourne

Four million individuals have received assistance from Option Line, Heartbeat International's pro-life contact center providing round-the-clock support for women and families in need.

This week Heartbeat International's Option Line, the only fully staffed, 24/7 bilingual pro-life contact center in the United States, hit the major milestone of having served its 4-millionth client with life-saving assistance and resources.

"The Option Line staff works hard to answer each of these contacts in a spirit of love and compassion," said Option Line Director Nafisa Kennedy. "It is because of their dedication, which at times has required sacrifice, that our lines remain open 24/7."

"They are heroes," Kennedy said, "and these seemingly small interactions are momentous in the lives of the people they serve."

The calls for help come from all over the world to Option Line, and the pro-life contact center's Life Affirming Specialists provide consultation on abortion, adoption and parenting. They first meet the client's immediate needs and then connect them directly with their local pregnancy help organization, scheduling appointments in real-time through a state-of-the-art system. Option Line partners with centers to take 100-percent of their calls after hours and schedule appointments for when the centers reopen.

The 4-millionth client was a woman in India who reached out to Option Line's Live Chat for some general information about pregnancy early in the morning of August 24, 2020. She was routed to a seasoned consultant who has been working with Option Line since 2013 and who helped her sort through her concerns and find pregnancy help near her area via Heartbeat International's Worldwide Directory of Pregnancy Help.

"This contact, whose interaction was extremely ordinary by Option Line standards, is special because she represents the 4 millionth time Option Line has been there to answer in time of need," said Kennedy, who has worked with OL since early 2006, and became director in 2017.

"This international client was provided help because of Heartbeat International's Worldwide Directory," Kennedy said, "highlighting the fact that pregnancy help is needed across the globe. Even though the client reached out at a time of day when centers typically are not open, they were still connected to a pregnancy help center.

The Option Line consultant who served the 4-millionth client said that she loves assisting others through Option Line, and draws on her own experience with an unplanned pregnancy to minister to others, stating,

"I love what I do!" she exclaimed. "I had an unplanned pregnancy in college and my daughter is the BIGGEST blessing in my life. Because of my life experiences I can relate to young women in crisis. I wouldn't want any other job!"

Bri Laycock is Heartbeat International's Senior Director of Ministry Solutions, and previously she worked at Option Line beginning a month after it began.

"In that first month we received around a thousand calls and we were thrilled," she said. "I never could have guessed that 17 years later we'd have reached 4 million people through phones, emails, chats and text messages."

Laycock was Option Line director in July 2014 when the 2-millionth contact came in by phone in the middle of the night.

4th Circuit clashes with 9th Circuit over Trump Administration's "Protect Life" rule

By Dave Andrusko

Putting itself at odds with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and opening the way to a possible resolution by the Supreme Court, the full 4th U.S. Court of Appeals on Thursday permanently enjoined the Trump Administration's "Protect Life" rule which requires recipients of Title X family planning money not to co-locate with abortion clinics or refer clients for abortion as a method of family planning.

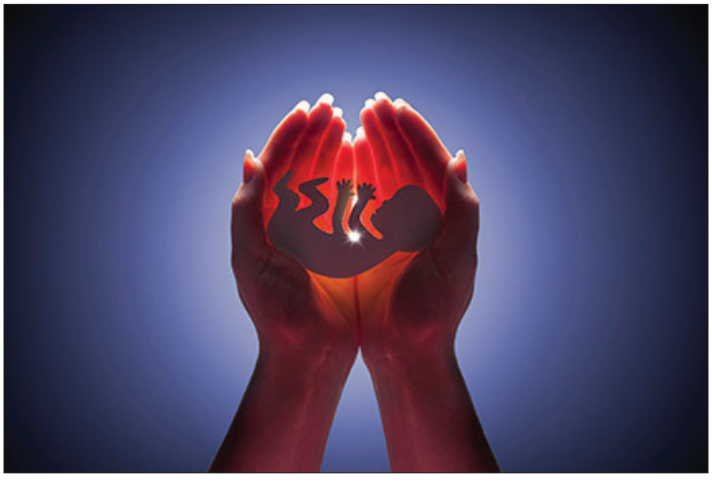
The court split 8-6 in upholding an April 2020 decision by a three-judge panel that denied the Trump administration's motion to stay an injunction issued in February by Judge Richard D. Bennett.

The result is that Maryland remains the only state where enforcement of the rules is enjoined.

Writing for the majority, Judge Stephanie Thacker, a President Barack Obama nominee, said the administration "failed to recognize and address the ethical concerns of literally every major medical organization in the country, and it arbitrarily estimated the cost" associated with the new regulations.

"Moreover, considering the time-sensitive nature of pregnancy and access to legal abortion, this attempt to hoodwink patients creates 'unreasonable barriers' to 'appropriate medical care,' and 'impedes timely access' to health care services," she added.

Judge Julius Richardson, nominated by President Donald Trump, wrote a dissenting opinion. He was



joined by Judges J. Harvie Wilkinson III, Paul V. Niemeyer, G. Steven Agee, A. Marvin Quattlebaum Jr., and Allison Jones Rushing.

In a 43-page dissent, Judge Richardson patiently laid out the case why the "Protect Life" rule "falls well within HHS's established statutory authority, and the record shows that it was a product of reasoned decisionmaking."

In many places, his reasoning tracks that of the 9th Circuit decision written by Judge Sandra S. Ikuta, which allowed the policy to take effect throughout the country.

As *NRL News Today* noted at the time, Judge Ikuta made short work of the talking point that the rule was a "gag." Pregnancy counselors just can't refer or encourage abortion. If abortion providers are "deprived," it is a decision of their own making.

As expected, Planned Parenthood opted out.

Federal funding for family planning was not—as we have written many times, **not**—cut. It now goes to genuine family planning.

The challenge was brought by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which "argued that the Final Rule is not a cogent product of agency expertise," Judge Richardson wrote. "The district court agreed with Baltimore and now so does the majority. Both are wrong."

> **In my view, the Final Rule falls well within HHS's established statutory authority, and the record shows that it was a product of reasoned decisionmaking.**

The city also maintained that the Final Rule "was promulgated in an arbitrary and capricious manner." Judge Richardson responded

> **Again, I disagree. Whatever courts or commenters think about the wisdom of an agency's regulations are of no moment. We must uphold regulations against allegations of arbitrariness, capriciousness, whimsicality, or temperamentality so long as the record shows that the agency gave a hard look and a reasonable response to the problem at hand. And because I conclude that the agency considered the issues and drew a rational line from the facts it found to the choices it made, I would reject Baltimore's arbitrary-and-capricious challenge.**
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> **In reaching the opposite conclusion, the majority not only thumbs its nose at the Supreme Court but substitutes its own judgment for that of an executive agency accountable to the elected President.**

Increasingly, the momentum is shifting to President Trump's advantage

By Dave Andrusko

Democrats are starting to feel the panic that comes when the professional talking class realizes their guy just may not win, even though he's been ahead in polls all along. It's as though they think 2016 was a fluke and not possible again. Everyone is measuring the drapes for their new offices in the Biden administration. They may want to hold off on that.—Karen Townsend

Townsend is writing about something so idiotic it can only be explained by brain freeze, or something more malevolent. Last week, Joe Lockhart, one of Bill Clinton's press secretaries who now appears (where else?) on *CNN,* tweeted to ask if President Trump had suffered a stroke and was he hiding it?

Also last week, another [anonymous, of course] source made an assertion that (as Victor Davis Hanson noted) even "former White House insider and National Security Advisor John Bolton, coming off a tell-all book attacking the president" said was blatantly untrue.

Evidence for either? Absolutely none, but who cares?

Anything to take attention away from pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden whose few and far between public appearances inevitably include passages so garbled you can only guess at what he is struggling to say. His brief August 31 stay in Pittsburgh was a disaster, although you'd never read that in the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*. (Here's a relevant clip from C-SPAN-- https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4903924/user-clip-joe-biden-speak-pittsburgh.)

There are other reasons for pro-abortion Democrats and

their endless array of media enablers to be scared. Here are just a couple.

*The polling data continues to move in President Trump's direction. We talk about this elsewhere in the September digital edition of *National Right to Life News* but it bears repeating. President Trump's convention hit on all cylinders. To stay with the metaphor, Mr. Biden's resembled a flat tire. President Trump's numbers went up following his convention. Mr. Biden's numbers did not budge after the Democratic National convention. If Mr. Biden is ahead, it is by a point or two.

*My home state of Minnesota. In 2016, Hillary Clinton carried the Gopher State by 1.5%. Six Democrat mayors from Northern Minnesota [the "Iron Range"] recently endorsed President Trump. When we lived there, it would have been unthinkable that one mayor from what was once a bastion of support for Democrats would write, "Today, we don't recognize the Democratic Party."

Additionally, "Most ominously for Democrats, there is evidence that Minnesota is becoming redder over time, with 2016 being a particular inflection point," writes FiveThirtyEight's Nathaniel Rakich. "In 1984, the state was 18.2 points more Democratic than the nation as a whole. But in 2016, for the first time since 1952, Minnesota voted more Republican than the rest of the U.S. …"

*The hidden (or silent) Trump supporter. You know it's important because the usual suspects keep telling us there aren't that many of them. Really?

As the 2016 campaign came to a conclusion, the Trafalgar Group was the **only** poll showing Trump ahead in Michigan. "A similar story played out in Pennsylvania in 2016," writes John McCormick. "Non-partisan public polls showed Clinton leading Trump by two to six points in the run-up to the election. Trafalgar showed Trump ahead by one point (the only poll showing Trump ahead), and he carried Pennsylvania by 0.7 points on Election Day."

How do they do it? They "better identify hidden voters," Trafalgar's president Robert Cahaly tells McCormick. Most people are not consumed with politics and Trafalgar finds them by "giv[ing] people multiple ways to participate in our polls."

> **"We do live calls, we do automated calls, we do texts, we do emails, we do other digital platforms." Cahaly tries to get a sample of at least 1,000 respondents in any statewide poll: "Big samples are better samples."**

And (this is potentially hugely important), they don't ask people a ton of questions. Those respondents who wade through (say) 30 questions are "people who really care too much about politics."

We could cite other examples of how the wind is at President Trump's back. And we do elsewhere in the September digital edition of *National Right to Life News.*

A fatal miscalculation by the pro-abortion Movement?

By Dave Andrusko

This is a genuine predicament for the Abortion Industry and its defenders and apologists in the media.

You have persuaded yourself that (at least) 70% of the public is on your side, yet pro-life legislation continues to pass in state legislature after state legislature. The usual answers take as their starting place how nefarious and underhanded the Pro-Life Movement supposedly is.

A back-up–and a backhanded compliment– is (as Marie Solis wrote for *Jezebel*) that since *Roe v. Wade* "these groups have worked tirelessly toward this goal, primarily by passing arcane legislation that chips away at Roe little by little, carving out so many exceptions that it will eventually be rendered completely meaningless, if not overturned outright."

But the point of Solis's argument is found in the title: "This is a story about abortion, no one will read."

Why will "no one read" it? It's the frog boiling in water argument.

If the changes (in abortion law) were suddenly and overwhelming, it would be like a frog jumping into a pot of boiling water: it would immediately recognize what's happening. But if the changes are gradual (the "water" is "tepid"), the frog doesn't know what's happening until it is too late.

Before we get to Solis' remedy, there are obvious rebuttals.

The Abortion Industry and its political arms want unrestricted, unregulated, and unreviewable abortion. Only a tiny percentage of the population agrees with them.

We will see this played out in November. Trump/Pence are pro-life. Biden/Harris are extremists by any definition—except, of course, to the Mainstream Media which works overtime to tell us how "moderate" both are (especially Joe Biden).

Another response. Read honestly, polls for decades have demonstrated that a majority of the public does **not** support abortion for the reasons 90+% of all abortions are performed.

So what is Solis's answer? It's one we've seen gradually coming but its emergency is now becoming unmistakable.

Pro-abortion theoreticians and political operatives have their own "seamless garment" of issues. More and more they want to fly under the flag of "reproductive justice" which includes a host of issues that (once upon a time) you'd never have expected, say, Planned Parenthood to embrace.

This is a product of several factors. First, pro-abortionists are tired of losing. Second, they recognize (accurately) that overwhelmingly, their leadership, from the beginning, has been composed of white woman, many very affluent.

The argument for "reproductive justice" is that by widening their focus, more women of color—especially younger women of color—will join their movement. Instead of "abstract" arguments about laws and court cases, the emphasis will be on personal stories, the kind that will emotionally grip people.

Well, a couple of responses. When I say they are embracing additional issues, they really are: en masse. They may bring in additional supporters, but they risk turning off a fraction—probably a sizable fraction—by insisting it's all or nothing.

Put another way, the argument is that abortion—being pro-abortion—is **not** a single issue. It is "intertwined" with many others issues which some supporters of abortion will embrace, others will be turned off by.

The genius of the pro-life Movement is, and has always been, that it has resisted the temptation to be "multi-issue." Contrary to media mythology, our Movement is comprised of people who disagree on a wide range of issues. But we come together around opposition to the killing of unborn babies and the exploitation of their mothers.

We are "single-issue."

We are lectured unceasingly that if we are "really pro-life," we will take positions on issues "a," "b," and "c."

We have not. We will not. They are not our issues.

By doing otherwise, by adopting the advice of people like Solis, the pro-abortion movement will learn they have made a colossal mistake.

President Trump sharply criticizes Biden and other Democrats for their "support of extreme late-term abortion of defenseless babies right up to the moment of birth"

By Dave Andrusko

When President Trump delivered his acceptance speech from the White House's South Lawn at the end of the Republican National Convention, a cursory examination of media accounts included a bevy of "three," "four," even "five" takeaways.

For pro-lifers, there was **one** overarching "takeaway," that threw into stark relief the fundamental difference between the two men—pro-life President Trump and pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden—who would lead our nation beginning in 2021.

President Trump said

> **Joe Biden claims he has empathy for the vulnerable — yet the party he leads supports the extreme late-term abortion of defenseless babies right up to the moment of birth. Democrat leaders talk about moral decency, but they have no problem with stopping a baby's beating heart in the 9th month of pregnancy.**
>
> **Democrat politicians refuse to protect innocent life, and then they lecture us about morality and saving America's soul? Tonight, we proudly declare that all children, born and unborn, have a God-given right to life.**

Democrats are fully aware they are vulnerable on a whole range of issues. On some of them, Biden has begun, ever so reluctantly, to acknowledge how far out of step he and his party are.

But not on abortion.

Nothing—**nothing**—can dissuade them. With apologies to the U.S. Postal Service, ""Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"—support for unlimited abortion, paid for by an unwilling public.

I do not say the following with pleasure. Far better that both parties are on the side of Life, but the simple truth is Democrats are fanatical in their pursuit of hapless unborn babies.

In their minds there can never, ever be enough abortions. The thought that the Hyde Amendment ended federal funding of almost all abortions tortures them. And, to them, it adds insult to injury when they are told over 2 **million** people are alive today, thanks to the Hyde Amendment. That is why, in the short term at least, the Hyde Amendment is Enemy #1.

Not, of course, that Democrats in general, Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris in particular, will ever fess up to their extremism. *The Washington Post* continues to run stories pretending that Biden is a "moderate" on abortion. He'd merely "codify" *Roe*, we were told.

Support for late-term abortion and squishiness on infanticide? Not good old Joe. He's right there with a majority of the American people.

The truly scary part would be if, for more than a second, they actually believed their own propaganda.

Two quick concluding thoughts about the Republican and Democrat national conventions.

#1. Support for life was a conspicuous feature of many, many speeches at the GOP convention. That was just natural. The party is a pro-life party. What stood out is how straightforward the support for life was and how unabashedly speakers reminded the public of how Joe Biden is now "one of them": as committed to the ever-more-radical posture of NARAL and Planned Parenthood and EMILY's List as it's possible to get.

A supporter of the Hyde Amendment for decades, Biden reaffirmed his position last year. When the Abortion Industry growled, Biden beat a hasty (and unprincipled) retreat.

Talk about selling your soul for a mess of pottage.

#2. In line with that, the most amusing (unintentionally, of course) pro-Biden media narrative was that Trump was sharply contrasting his positions on issues with Biden's, as if that isn't the basis of every election, as if Biden hadn't done likewise.

In his acceptance speech, Biden declared apocalyptically that "The future of our democracy is at stake."Yet it was Mr. Trump's speech that was "dark." Go figure.

A tremendous four days for President Trump.

Joe Biden received absolutely no "bounce" from his convention.

I'd wager a pretty penny that President Trump does.

Human rights activist Chen Guangcheng who exposed forced abortion in China praises Trump's 'courage' at RNC

'I'm forever grateful to the American people for welcoming me and my family to the United States where we are now free,' proclaimed Chen Guangcheng.

A human rights activist who defected from China had strong praise on the second night of the Republican National Convention for President Trump's courage and global leadership in dealing with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

"When I spoke out against China's one child policy and other injustices, I was persecuted, beaten, sent to prison, and put under house arrest by the Chinese Communist Party," recounted Chen Guangcheng, who is blind, and is now a distinguished visiting fellow at the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at the Catholic University of America.

"I'm forever grateful to the American people for welcoming me and my family to the United States where we are now free," proclaimed Chen.

"The U.S. must use its values of freedom, democracy, and the rule of law to gather a coalition of other democracies to stop CCP's aggression," stressed Chen.

"President Trump has led on this, and we need the other countries to join him in this fight, a fight for our future," he continued. "Standing up to fight unfairness isn't easy, I know. So does President Trump, but he has shown the courage to lead that fight."

C-Span screen grab

The human rights activist stressed, "We need to support, vote, and fight for President Trump for the sake of the world."

Blind from a young age, Chen gained international prominence more than a decade ago for bravely suing the government over its brutal "one-child policy," which has resulted in forced abortions, estimated to be in the hundreds of millions. He was imprisoned by China's communist government for his activism.

In 2012 he escaped house arrest and fled to the U.S. embassy in Beijing. He and his family were later allowed to leave for the United States where, in addition to his role as a senior fellow at Catholic University in the nation's capital, he is also a senior fellow at the Witherspoon Institute.

"I was born and raised in China under the communist despotism. I personally experienced the brutal torture and persecution that the atheists of the Communist Party committed against dissidents," explained Chen previously. "They have no fear of God or any moral bottom line; they have committed innumerable murders with a total disregard for human life for the sole purpose of maintaining their reign."

Reggie Littlejohn, president of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, commented, "Guangcheng is thoroughly despised by the Chinese Communist Party, because he shamed them before the world by exposing their late-term forced abortion practices. Having Guangcheng speak at the RNC sends a bold message to China: The U.S. will no longer put up with China's egregious human rights atrocities, but will hold accountable those responsible."

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New survey finds that more than half of adults say they will vote early—prior to November 3

By Dave Andrusko

As we work our way through the enormous impact of the COVID-19 novel virus and civil unrest, it comes as no surprise that a poll released last week concludes that a "Majority of Americans intend to vote early this election."

We learn this from Melissa Holzberg and Ben Kamisar who gleaned the results from data that comes "from a set of SurveyMonkey online polls conducted Aug. 24-30, 2020, among a national sample of 37,386 adults in the U.S."

There is a lot here for pro-lifers to ponder with just 55 days to go before the November 3 General Election.

Writing for *Yahoo News*, Holzberg and Kamisar tell us

> **Fifty-two percent of adults say they will vote early — with 19 percent saying they will vote early in person and 33 percent more saying they will vote by mail. About a third of adults, 33 percent, say they will vote in person on Election Day, and 11 percent say they might not vote at all.**

Before we go any further, an obvious but hugely important observation. With everything that is on the line in just over two months, not a single pro-lifer should be numbered among the 11 percent who "say they might not vote at all."

When it comes to voting in person on Election Day, the preferences, broken down by party affiliation, couldn't be more different.

Yahoo News explains that less than a quarter (22%) of self-identified Democrats and those who lean Democratic say they will vote in person on Election Day. Holzberg and Kamisar explain, "Democrats are much more likely to vote by mail — with 50 percent saying that's their plan for November."

By contrast over half (54%) who identify as Republican or lean that way say they will vote in person on November 3. Just "18 percent of Republicans say they'll mail in their ballots."

Of the 19% who say they will vote early in person, there is no difference between the two parties: 21% of Republicans and 21% of Democrats will do so.

"Independents are much more likely to track with Democrats: 20 percent of them say they'll vote in person on Election Day, 13 percent say they'll vote early in person, and 29 percent say they'll vote by mail," according to the authors.

What about being registered to vote where you live? Holzberg and Kamisar write, "Eighty-eight percent of Republicans and those who lean Republican are registered to vote at their current addresses, while 87 percent of Democrats and those who lean Democratic say the same."

Karen Cross, NRL Political Director, wrote extensively about the importance of being registered to vote.

An important note. You can register to vote on line at www.votervoice.net/NRLC/home

However you vote

*Be sure you are registered to vote at your current address.

*If for whatever reason, you do not anticipate, or desire to vote in person on Election Day, please vote in person prior to November 3 or vote by mail.

Every vote counts.

Gendercide: Selection of unborn girls for destruction continues in pro-abortion India

According to one new report, there will be an estimated 6.8 million 'fewer female births' recorded across India by 2030.

By Jonathon Van Maren

Editor's note. Sikar is a city located in the Indian state of Rajasthan. Dhanavanthi Rama Rau was the founder and president of the Family Planning Association of India.

The abortion industry continues to be a devastating tool of gendercide resulting in the destruction of millions of baby girls worldwide. According to a report in *The Guardian*, there will be an estimated 6.8 million "fewer female births" recorded across India by 2030. Researchers believe that this is due to the widespread use of sex-selection abortion.

According to *The Guardian*:

Academics from King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia projected the sex ratio at birth in 29 Indian states and union territories, covering almost the entire population, taking into account each state's desired sex ratio at birth and the population's fertility rates. The cultural preference for a son was found to be highest in 17 states in the north of the country, with the most populous state of Uttar Pradesh showing the highest deficit in female births. Researchers predict that the cumulative number of missing female births in the state would be 2 million between 2017 and 2030.

The study was published in the journal *Plos One* and advocated the introduction of policies that "advocate for gender equity and the introduction of support measures to counteract existing gender biases." While the Indian government banned the practice of determining the sex of pre-born children with the exception of medical necessity in 1994 with the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, researchers estimate that sex-selective abortion has resulted in 63 million fewer women being born since the tests first became popular fifty years ago. In many places, the laws have not been enforced, and the skewed ratio of male to female births has grown starker.

According to *The Guardian*:

Indian police regularly arrest gangs who offer tests to pregnant women, often charging up to £400. The arrests usually follow a tipoff or the use of a pregnant woman as a decoy[.] … The government, voluntary organisations, the media and some Bollywood stars have all tried to alter these attitudes, and in some states government officials visit the homes where baby girls have been born to make a point of celebrating their arrival. In Sikar, Saxena said the department was this week launching a new scheme where the name of the girl in the family will be engraved on a nameplate and hung outside the house to show that she has as much importance as a boy. Sikar had the worst child sex ratio of Rajasthan's 33 districts, according to the 2011 census — 888 girls born per 1,000 boys.

Despite these measures, India has made no move toward criminalizing abortion itself. Abortion has been legal since 1971 for the first twenty weeks of pregnancy for virtually any reason, and the abortion rate in India is staggeringly high.

According to Indian pro-life activist Carmel Nisha Pius Franco, at least 300 million babies have been aborted since 1971 — and this figure is probably a low estimate. "Until 2017 there was no proper data on the total number of abortions performed in India," she told me.

"The report published in *Lancet Medical Journal* estimated that 15.6 million abortions were performed in 2015. Prior to this data the government has been reporting that an average of 700,000 abortions were performed in India since 2000 but the government data did not include abortions done outside government facility using pills like RU486 or abortions performed in private hospitals."

One of the reasons for this, according to Franco, is that the abortion industry is big

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UK bureaucrats imposed DNR orders on nursing homes: report

By Michael Cook

Nursing homes in the UK were asked by government health managers and family doctors to place blanket "Do not resuscitate" (DNR) orders on all residents at the height of the coronavirus pandemic to keep hospital beds free, a report has alleged.

The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) surveyed 128 nurses and care home managers about what their experiences were in March and April. One in 10 said that they had been ordered to change DNR plans without discussion with family members, nursing staff, or with the residents themselves.

Half these worked in homes for the elderly, and half in homes for younger people with learning or cognitive disabilities.

Staff also claimed that some hospitals had a 'no admissions' policy for care home residents – even for conditions such as heart attacks. They also found it difficult to make appointments with GPs for elderly people.

One anonymous respondent, when asked about DNRs, said: "We were advised to have them in place for all residents. We acted in accordance with medical advice and resident wishes, not as advised by a

directive to put in place for all by a Clinical Care Group representative. We challenged this as unethical."

At the beginning of April, the medical director of the National Health Service for England, Stephen Powis, banned the use of blanket DNR forms after he learned that a practice in Wales had had asked its elderly patients to complete forms to stop emergency services being called if they contracted Covid-19. Another practice in Somerset told autistic adults they should sign DNRs to prevent resuscitation if they became critically ill.

However, until the QNI released this report (not currently available on the internet), the extent of the problem was not known.

Alison Leary, of London South Bank University, told *The Telegraph* (London): "I was quite surprised how many people reported issues with DNRs, as I was expecting one or two. But that 10 per cent of the respondents raised an issue, because they were either blanket decisions for whole populations, or they were imposed without discussion with the care home or the family or the residents, and that is really worrying.

"These decisions were being made by NHS managers not clinicians. And this wasn't just happening with elderly people, it was those with learning disabilities or cognitive problems of all ages.

"I think there should be an inquiry. The way the situation for care homes has been handled needs a retrospective view, particularly because winter is coming, which is always a difficult time for this group of people."

Michael Cook is editor of BioEdge where this appeared.

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money in India. "India has been a hot spot for abortion providers since 1930s, when Margaret Sanger came to India to set up birth control clinics and returned to Mumbai again in the 1950s to establish IPPF [International Planned Parenthood Federation] with Dhanavanthi Rama Rau," she explained. "The total market for abortion pills alone in India is around Rs. 400 crore (equal to half a billion US dollars)."

The result of all of this is that baby girls are disproportionately likely to die in the carnage, and according to the U.N. Population Fund, between 1.2 and 1.5 pre-born girls are killed via sex-selective abortion (with India and China making up more than 90% of that number.) A procedure trumpeted as a tool of female empowerment has become the primary method of destroying tiny females in unprecedented and horrifying numbers.

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came out victorious by just one percentage point here in 2016. O'Halleran supports a policy of abortion on demand and has a dismal 0% voting record with National Right to Life. The large sums of money being spent by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and pro-abortion groups tell us that this is very much in play! Unlike O'Halleran, who is supported by the nation's largest abortion provider, Shedd is committed to standing up for life.

California's 39th District

Pro-life Young Kim, a former member of the California State Assembly, is seeking a rematch from 2018 against pro-abortion Rep. Gil Cisneros. If elected, Kim could become one of the first Korean Americans elected to Congress. (She could share the distinction with fellow pro-life candidate Michelle Steel who is running in California's 48th district.) While this Orange County district was carried by Hillary Clinton in 2016, Kim came up just short in 2018, losing by about 6,000 votes once mail-in ballots were counted. Her opponent, Rep. Gil Cisneros, voted lockstep with the abortion industry and they are backing him for re-election.

California's 48th District

Pro-life Michelle Steel, a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, is challenging pro-abortion incumbent Rep. Harry Rouda. In his first term, Rouda had a 0% voting record with National Right to Life. He has vocalized his support for repeal of the life-saving Hyde Amendment, which prevents taxpayer dollars from funding abortion. Speaker Pelosi recently announced that the repeal of the Hyde Amendment would be a priority in 2021—one more reason why Rouda should not be sent back to Washington. Unlike Rouda, Steel opposes taxpayer funding of abortion and supports legislation to protect unborn children and their mothers.

Georgia's 6th District

A prime pro-life pickup opportunity, former Congresswoman Karen Handel is seeking a rematch with pro-abortion Rep. Lucy McBath. Handel narrowly lost in 2018 by fewer than 4,000 votes. Pro-lifers may remember that Handel was at the center of the controversy over the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, when she tried to sever ties between the organizations. Handel brought her passion for life to Congress when she represented the district prior to McBath. In contrast, McBath is backed by pro-abortion groups that support abortion any time, anywhere and for any reason.

Iowa's 2nd District

Pro-life state Senator Mariannette Miller-Meeks is facing fellow state Senator Rita Hart in an open seat in a district that President Trump won in 2016. With backgrounds in military service and the medical field, Miller-Meeks is uniquely qualified to stand up for unborn children and their mothers in the U.S. House. Rita Hart supports a policy of abortion on demand, which would allow abortion for reason. She is backed by pro-abortion groups such as EMILY's List and Planned Parenthood that support abortion any time, anywhere and for any reason.

Kansas's 3rd District

Pro-life Amanda Adkins, the former chair of the Kansas Republican Party, is giving pro-abortion incumbent Rep. Sharice Davids a run for her money in a district that Hillary Clinton narrowly carried in 2016. Davids has a 0% voting record with National Right to Life, even voting against providing medical care to babies who survive abortion. Prior to Davids' victory in 2018, a generally successful year for Democrats, this was a Republican seat.

Minnesota's 7th District

Former Lieutenant Governor and state Senator Michelle Fischbach is challenging longtime Congressman Collin Peterson in a district that President Trump won 62% to 31% over Hillary Clinton. While Peterson has a mixed record on abortion, Fischbach will deliver 100% pro-life leadership. She was an unwavering champion for unborn children and their mothers in her time serving in the Minnesota Senate.

New Mexico's 2nd District

Rated a pure tossup, pro-life former State Representative Yvette Herrell is running against incumbent Rep. Xochitl Torres Small, a rematch from 2018. Two years ago, the outcome was decided by a single percentage point. In her term, Torres Small earned a 0% voting record with National Right to Life. Consequently, she is backed by pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood, NARAL and EMILY's List. In contrast, Yvette Herrell is pro-life and opposes abortion on demand and taxpayer funding of abortion. President Trump won this district by 10 points in 2016, giving Herrell significant headwinds going into 2020.

New York's 22nd District

Pro-life former Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is taking on Rep. Anthony Brindisi in another rematch from 2018. Tenney earned a 100% pro-life voting record from National Right to Life during her time in Congress. In contrast, Brindisi has a 0% record, even voting against providing medical care to babies who survive abortion. Brindisi narrowly won the seat by about 4,500 votes. In 2016, President Trump carried this district 55% to 39% over Hillary Clinton. The president's presence on the ballot should be an important boost in the race for Tenney.

Oklahoma's 5th District

Pro-abortion incumbent Rep. Kendra Horn won the seat in one of the biggest upsets of the 2018 cycle. State Senator Stephanie Bice emerged victorious from the Republican primary runoff and provides a significant pro-life contrast to Horn, who has a 0% voting record with National Right to Life. Horn is backed by pro-abortion groups such as EMILY's List and Planned Parenthood that support abortion any time, anywhere and for any reason. While serving in the Oklahoma State Senate, Sen. Bice supported numerous pro-life proposals to protect unborn children and their mothers. President Trump won this district by 13 points over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

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Mother who coerced daughter into abortion regrets it years later

By Sarah Terzo

"No one knows of the torment that can come after it's over, unless they've gone through it. We could not talk about it for years, and still it is hard… This is my first grandchild!"

-- From a mother who coerced her daughter into aborting, describing how she cries, even many years later when thinking about the lost grandchild. She is under psychiatric care.

Paul B Fowler *Abortion: Toward an Evangelical Consensus* (Portland, Oregon: Multnomah Press, 1987) p. 197.

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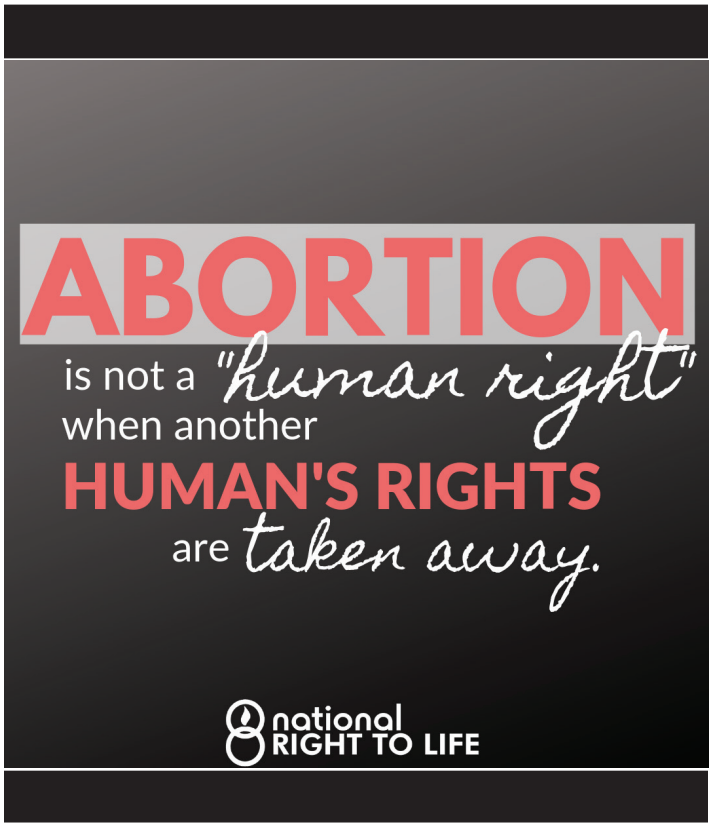
South Carolina's 1st District

Pro-life State Representative Nancy Mace is challenging pro-abortion incumbent Rep. Joe Cunningham for the seat he narrowly won in 2018 by about 4,000 votes. Cunningham has a 0% voting record with National Right to Life. His pro-abortion position is out of step with the district, which President Trump won by 14 points in 2016.

Rep. Mace has the distinction of being the first woman to graduate from the Corps of Cadets portion of The Citadel. As a state representative, Mace co-sponsored and voted for legislation to protect unborn children from dismemberment abortions and to prevent tax dollars from going to abortion providers.

In addition to the races considered competitive or tossups, there are a number of new pro-life women running in what are considered safe or likely seats. Some of these are Kat Cammack in Florida's 3rd District, Marjorie Taylor Greene in Georgia's 14th District, Lisa McClain in Michigan's 10th District, and Diana Harshbarger in Tennessee's 1st District. Each of these pro-life women is strongly favored in a race for a seat that is open due to the retirement of a pro-life incumbent.

This is just a snapshot of some of the races happening across the country. There are many more strong, pro-life women taking on the abortion industry's candidates. You can keep up to date with all of National Right to Life's endorsements in your state by checking out www.nrlvictoryfund.org/endorsements.



National Right to Life Mourns the Loss of Nebraska Right to Life Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin

WASHINGTON— National Right to Life board members and staff mourn the loss of Nebraska Right to Life's executive director, Julie Schmit-Albin, who passed away after a courageous fight battling a long illness.

"Julie's courageous fight during her illness was matched only by her love and concern for the most vulnerable among us," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "We mourn her loss as a friend and partner. Our prayers are with her family during this time."

Julie Schmit-Albin became executive director of Nebraska Right to Life in 1989. Under her leadership, Nebraska Right to Life successfully passed many pro-life pieces of legislation and signed into law, including Nebraska's 1991 parental involvement law that requires parents be notified before a minor daughter's abortion. In 1993, Nebraska Right to Life was instrumental in securing passage of Nebraska's woman's right to know law. This law requires that a woman be fully informed and voluntarily consent before an abortion be performed.

In addition, Nebraska passed a partial-birth abortion ban in 1997. The ban was found unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in Stenberg v. Carhart. However, when similar legislation was passed at the federal level, the U.S. Congress addressed the issues the High Court found unconstitutional in its Stenberg decision. As a result, in 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the federal ban on partial-birth abortions in *Gonzales v. Carhart*.

Nebraska's law requiring that an abortionist inform a woman how she can obtain an ultrasound was passed in 2009. In 2010, Julie was instrumental in seeing that a bill pass that banned abortions after an unborn child is capable of feeling pain. (This was the first bill of its kind in the United States.) And in 2011, under Julie's direction, Nebraska Right to Life worked to prevent webcam abortions in the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska Right to Life also successfully saw legislation passed in 2018 that stripped abortion organizations of taxpayer funding. In 2019, Nebraska Right to Life saw that a bill was enacted that requires a woman be informed that it is possible to reverse a chemical abortion if the woman has taken the first pill but not the second.

And in 2020, Nebraska Right to Life successfully led the way in passing a ban on the dismemberment of living unborn babies, a bill signed into law by Governor Pete Ricketts.

In the years when pro-life legislation did not pass in Nebraska, Julie was hard at work doing what she did every year—organizing the annual Nebraska Walk for Life, encouraging members to contact legislators to support pro-life legislation. and organizing Nebraska Right to Life's legislative lobbying day. Julie also served as Nebraska's representative to the board of directors for National Right to Life.

Julie's legacy and impact on the pro-life movement is beyond measure.

Years ago, pro-life statesman, Congressman Henry Hyde, made an observation about what it may be like to stand in the presence of God,

> *When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God – and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world – and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us," – and God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"*

"As Julie is ushered into the presence of her Savior, I am sure she is hearing the 'chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world' speaking up on her behalf," said Tobias. "She spent her life trying to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us and we will miss her."

Trump barring abortion from foreign aid hasn't hurt women's health, State Department says

'The U.S. Government is committed to protecting human life before and after birth,' the report declares.

By Calvin Freiburger

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. State Department has released a report on the impact of President Donald Trump's actions to prevent foreign aid money from supporting abortions abroad, concluding that his restoration and expansion of the Mexico City Policy has not harmed America's support for legitimate women's health services.

Shortly after taking office in 2017, Trump's Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) policy not only reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which bars the United States' $8.8 billion in foreign aid from being distributed to entities that perform abortions, but took the additional step of expanding it to groups that promote or discuss abortion.

The action has been bitterly opposed by Democrats and has resulted in international abortion providers Planned Parenthood and Marie Stopes losing millions because they refused to drop abortion in order to qualify for the money. Marie Stopes also had to close hundreds of operations across Africa. Nevertheless, a 2018 State Department review found that most recipients have complied with the new rules without issue.

The department's latest review finds much the same results. "In total, only eight out of 1,340 prime awardees with awards in place between May 2017 and September 30, 2018, have declined to agree to the Policy, as well as a small portion of sub-awardees," it says.

"In most cases in which a recipient or sub-recipient declined to agree to the terms of PLGHA, USAID and/or the prime partner successfully transitioned activities to ensure the continuity of global health assistance," the report continues. "Most declinations connected to USAID did not produce a disruption of health care or significant delays in the provision of services."

In such cases, the report says, the federal government "has worked to transition activities to new partners as quickly as possible to prevent or resolve instances in which delays or gaps in service could or have occurred."

"When organizations declined the terms of PLGHA, the transitions to alternative health providers have been, for the most part, smooth," the report explains. "In some cases, other donors or the host government have stepped in to fill gaps that occurred because of a declination of PLGHA. Only in limited instances has the Agency struggled to identify new partners or sub-awardees with comparable skill sets, networks, or capacity for outreach as those who declined the terms of PLGHA."

Pro-life President Donald Trump

"The U.S. Government is committed to protecting human life before and after birth," the report declares. "The principles set forth in PLGHA and the significant funding the U.S. Government devotes to global health assistance clearly illustrate these dual priorities."

House Democrats have recently pushed legislation attempting to get around the policy, which they have derisively dubbed the "Global Gag Rule," though it cannot take effect as long as Republicans control the Senate and Trump is in the White House. However, it offers a preview of things to come next year should former Vice President Joe Biden, who supports codifying a "right" to abortion in federal law, defeat Trump for the presidency in November.

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A look back at the Republican National Convention's memorable defense of unborn children

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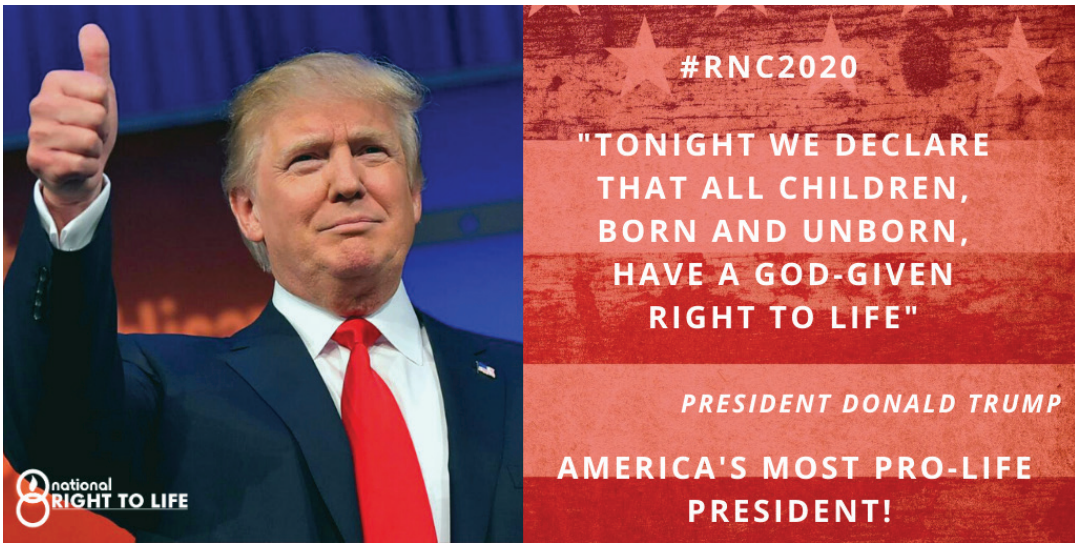
In every sense of the word, the victim who refused to escalate the hostility, Sandmann instead was verbally assaulted by a galaxy of media types who couldn't wait to denounce him—of course, without taking the time to get his side of the story. And there were some who couldn't confine themselves to mere words.

Two CNN types, one still working there, said the following. That Sandmann was "a deplorable" who should be "punched in the face." And (over a screenshot of Sandmann looking at the man who taunted him) "Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid's?"

Nick said

> **Advancing their anti-Christian, anti-Conservative, anti-Donald Trump narrative was all that mattered. And if advancing their narrative ruined the reputation and future of a teenager from Covington, Kentucky…so be it. That will teach him not to wear a MAGA hat!**

And, wouldn't you know it. Although two media outlets have already settled with Nick over defamation suits he'd filed (a third is in the works), the usual suspects recycled the same vile nonsense about him the night he spoke. Hate, it seems, has no expiration date.



Elsewhere in this issue, we talk more about other speakers.

In retrospect the genius of the Republican National Convention was that it talked about issues that transcend whether or not someone particularly likes President Trump. They were about issues that matter to an overwhelming number of Americans.

In their deadly-dull convention, Democrats avoided laying out specific policy positions like the plague. They had to. As with their extremism on abortion, the party is wholly out of step with the American public on all ten of the other issues Mark Halperin (no friend of the President) cited in his post following the first day of Republicans' convention.

Halperin quotes from the lead story in the *New York Times*:

> **At times, the speakers and prerecorded videos appeared to be describing an alternate reality.**

However it is the Democrats—who focused their attention for the gabillionth time on how horrible they say President Trump is—who live in "alternate reality." They are confident over-the-top criticism (see: former President Barack Obama) will carry them to victory on November 3. It won't.

To the surprise and dismay of his legion of media enablers, pro-abortion former Vice President Joe Biden accomplished the near-impossible: he received no "bounce" in the polls following the Democrats' convention. President Trump received at least a 4 point increase.

At the time we were told it didn't matter because Biden was so far ahead how **could** he get a bounce? This, of course, is spin on steroids. But as the polls have tightened, reality has begun to set in: Trump is a fantastic campaigner while Biden is a dud.

Pro-Biden bias aside—and that's a huge "aside"—the Establishment media not only hates President Trump with passion, it continues its long established pattern of not understanding the Trump coalition, which includes huge numbers of pro-lifers and people of faith. In the immediate aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, when Trump won to the surprise of the entire Media Elite, then *New York Times* executive editor Dean Baquet gave an interview to WNYC's "Fresh Air" where he admitted the "newspaper of record" knows nothing about religion or the role it plays in people's lives.

Baquet, who said he "was raised Catholic in New Orleans," remarked "We don't get religion. We don't get the role of religion in people's lives. And I think we can do much, much better. And I think there are things that we can be more creative about to understand the country."

That applied equally well, if not better, to pro-lifers, many of whom are people of faith. However, that moment of introspection for the likes of Baquet lasted about an hour. Four years later they are as clueless as ever and even more disdainful of Trump supporters.

Which will make victory on November 3rd all the sweeter.

I wasn't told the baby I aborted could feel pain: Woman launches legal case urging clinics to tell the truth

By SPUC—the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

A woman who underwent a late term abortion has launched a legal complaint, urging clinics to tell women the truth about abortion. Ana-Maria Tudor claims that the abortion provider did not inform her that her baby could suffer during the abortion.

Ms. Tudor from Newcastle underwent an abortion at a BPAS abortion clinic in Richmond when she was 23 weeks pregnant.

She has now spoken out, claiming that the abortion provider did not have her fully informed consent to the procedure, as they failed to inform her of the facts surrounding abortion, notably that her baby could have felt pain during the procedure.

Ms Tudor said: "I did not find out that a baby at 23 weeks might be able to feel pain until afterwards. It made me feel awful and now I deeply regret my decision."

Informed consent

Ms Tudor's legal representatives, Sinclairslaw, are challenging the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines on abortion.

In its letter to NICE threatening judicial review, the lawyers argue the guidance is unlawful because clinicians are unable to facilitate and obtain informed consent without thoroughly explaining the procedure and its implications.

Sinclairslaw has said that NICE guidelines fail to recommend that women should be informed that their baby may suffer pain if aborted from 18 weeks or possibly earlier.

Ana-Maria Tudor

Foetal pain: The Facts

In a new research paper, Reconsidering Foetal Pain, published in the Journal of Medical Ethics, the medical researchers, one of whom [Prof. Stuart Derbyshire] identifies as 'pro-choice', argue that to act as if we have certainty that the fetus does not ever feel anything akin to pain "flirts with moral recklessness."

Dr. McCarthy, SPUC's director of research and education, said: "Making death painless for the one killed does not…mean that taking life is thereby justified. Women who are rightly concerned not to cause pain to their baby even as early as 13 weeks, or even earlier, should be offered, not alternative ways of aborting the baby, but support to allow their child to live."

Why are abortion providers concealing information from women?

In 2019, as reported by SPUC, one woman's agonizing testimony aired on BBC2 highlighted how the concealment of information regarding abortion is now commonplace in the United Kingdom.

Speaking on *BBC2* Laura Mann, who underwent an abortion said: "Why are women not informed? If I went in for an operation, I would get the full download. Why is it with abortion, it's a secret? Why don't you let us know what we are going for and what's going to happen to our baby's bodies?"

Laura's testimony also made it clear that she is not alone in feeling this way.

She said: "I come across many women today that tell me the same thing, that they were dying in secret. Because I tell my story so openly, they speak up to me and say 'I experienced the same thing as you and felt I couldn't speak to anyone at the time. What can you do to help me?' There are still women today experiencing the same thing."

If you, or anyone you know has been affected by abortion, please contact the Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline (ARCH) for free, non-judgemental, confidential support: 0345 603 850.

Indiana's 18-Hour Ultrasound Law To Go Back Into Effect After State's Largest Abortion Business Drops Suit

By Indiana Right to Life

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana's 18-hour ultrasound law will go back into effect on January 1, 2021, as a result of Indiana's largest abortion chain, Planned Parenthood, conceding it will not win its suit which has blocked the law since 2017.

The ultrasound law, part of the 2016 Dignity for the Unborn Act signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence, requires that women considering abortion be provided the opportunity to view a fetal ultrasound at least 18 hours prior to an abortion.

A significant decline in abortions is expected in Indiana as a result of the ultrasound law going back into effect. From July through December 2016, while the ultrasound law was in effect, there were 496 fewer abortions in Indiana compared to the period of July through December 2017, when the ultrasound provision was blocked and abortions spiked to a 13 percent increase.

The concession underscores that Planned Parenthood and the ACLU did not feel they could win the suit in the Seventh Circuit in the wake of this summer's *June Medical Services vs. Russo* decision by the Supreme Court. Two days after the *June Medical Services* ruling, the Court vacated a previous Seventh Circuit ruling blocking the ultrasound law and remanded the case back to the Seventh Circuit for reconsideration.

On August 7, the impact of the June Medical Services ruling was felt as Planned Parenthood and the ACLU were dealt a blow by the Eighth Circuit when it lifted injunctions against multiple pro-life laws in Arkansas.

"Indiana's ultrasound law will save lives," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "Women deserve the opportunity to see an ultrasound image of their unborn baby at least 18-hours before an abortion in order to have ample opportunity to reconsider an abortion. In the brief time this law was in effect in 2016, abortions dropped sharply in Indiana, only to rise quickly as soon as the law was blocked. Now we hope to see abortions drop once again, this time for the long term. We regret, however, that this life-saving law will not go back into effect until January."

In a release earlier today, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill stated, ""For women considering abortions, ultrasounds are an important part of informed-consent counseling. Anyone interested in protecting women's health, including their mental health, should support giving them as much information as possible to aid their decision-making. Empowering women with knowledge is fully consistent with the U.S. Constitution."

Fichter is skeptical of Planned Parenthood's claim that new ultrasound equipment at its office in Fort Wayne drove its decision to drop the suit.

"Planned Parenthood is dropping this suit because it fears it won't win now that the new standard of June Medical Services is being applied by the courts," Fichter notes. "This move is to cut legal costs in what it knows will be a losing battle. The courts have clearly abandoned the *Whole Woman's Health vs. Hellerstedt* framework from 2016, and that's great news for pro-life laws moving forward."

Fichter also raised deep concern that the move is just another step in the direction of Planned Parenthood attempting to operate an abortion business in Fort Wayne, stating, "With Planned Parenthood, connecting the dots means it always comes back to the business of abortion. Always."

When asked by the Seattle Times in 2019 if Planned Parenthood intends to do abortions in Fort Wayne, its CEO Chris Charbonneau replied, "Absolutely".

Woman branded 'inhumane' for rejecting abortion is now a proud mother

By Right to Life UK

One woman who was branded "inhumane" for rejecting abortion on multiple occasions is now the proud mother of three-year-old twins.

Hannah Morris was devastated when doctors told to have an abortion at 16 weeks, after her waters broke prematurely.

However, she decided to ignore doctors' advice and instead trust her gut instinct. As a result, she is the proud mother of healthy twins, George and Alfie King.

'It is your only option'

Hannah and her partner, Mark King, were ecstatic when they found out that they were expecting twins.

But between 16 weeks and 20 weeks of pregnancy, both of the twins' amniotic sacs burst – the first just after 16 weeks of pregnancy and the second around three weeks later.

Doctors diagnosed Hannah with preterm premature rupture of the membranes (PPROM) and told the couple to have an abortion as neither baby had any chance of survival.

Recalling the events, Hannah described the experience as "really traumatic".

She told *The Sun*: "I had an internal examination and the doctor told me that my waters had broken, and he was really sorry but there was nothing they could do for us.

"I asked a million questions, can the other baby survive? Can it reseal?

"They said, 'no, there was a 100 per cent chance that this baby won't survive, you need to have to have some medicine to induce labour, it's your only option'.

"I didn't want to do that. My gut was telling me not to follow the advice.

"I knew nothing about PPROM. I didn't know it was a thing before then. I just rejected all the medical advice.

"I said 'if I am going to lose them, I lose them naturally and I'll let nature take its course'."

Continued pressure to abort

After two days in hospital, a scan revealed that both babies were still healthy and the couple were sent home.

A week later, at a follow-up appointment, doctors again advised Hannah to have an abortion. The 27-year-old was told that if her babies survived to 24 weeks, their limbs would be stuck together and their vital organs wouldn't be functional.

"[They said] I was only causing them more pain by carrying on with the pregnancy.

"We were considering at this point terminating the pregnancies because this was coming from top consultants," Hannah revealed.

Yet, each week the pair would go for a scan where they'd be reassured that their babies were healthy.

Despite this, doctors continued to tell the couple to consider an abortion.

Hannah said: "That's what pushed us to carry on with the pregnancy every single week. We would see the boys on the screen and they would be fine.

"The sonographer would say his lungs are developed, so the kidneys are fine.

"The doctors reviewed it each week and say it looks like they are doing fine but that is going to change so you need to terminate the pregnancy."

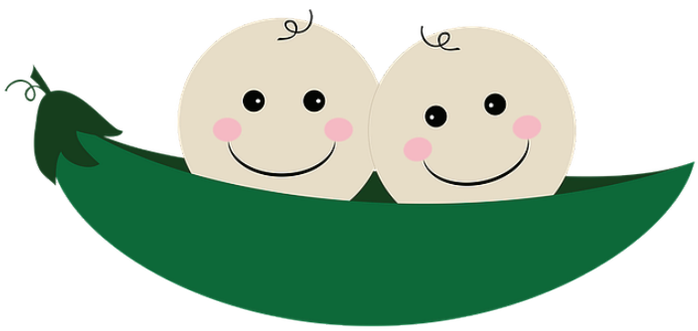
Against all medical advice, Hannah made it to 34 weeks and had a cesarean section.

George was born first weighing 5lb 4oz (2.38kg) and Alfie followed at 4lb 1oz (1.84kg) – both spending four days in a neonatal intensive care unit before being allowed home.

Healthy and thriving

Despite Alfie being born with holes in his heart and George suffering a weakened immune system due to their premature births, both toddlers are now healthy and thriving.

Hannah said: "Taking our boys home was amazing. Just to know that we were right and that we had made the right decision by our children.



"They had defeated all the odds and they were strong, healthy little boys. They are now so cheeky and you look at them and think, wow, you nearly weren't here.

"What would my life have been like if I hadn't had them? They are both amazing, they're awesome."

Hannah said she was sharing her story to raise awareness of PPROM so that other parents in her situation are better informed.

"They might not necessarily get a positive outcome – they might lose their child.

"But if they have support from other parents who know what they've been through it's going to make the experience easier for them.

"To know as well that they do have other options. Your child can survive this. They may be poorly at the end of it, but they can get through to the other side…

"…The stories of PPROM need to be shared more often so that people know it's something that does happen."

'Babies can and do survive this'

Ciara Curran, the founder of Little Heartbeats who advised Hannah with advice throughout and following her pregnancy, said: "Hannah and her little surviving PPROM babies are living proof these babies can survive with little to zero fluids.

"These babies clearly demonstrate why we need to raise awareness of PPROM, and that terminating the pregnancy is not the only option, as these are just a few of the many babies who have survived…

"All too often [women] are told there is no hope and that their only option is to terminate, but babies can and do survive this.

"If women are supported to continue their pregnancy, with good medical management, there is a chance that they will be able to bring home a surviving baby.

"We are however all too aware that not all babies can survive PPROM, and we are anxious to support women through their PPROM pregnancy regardless of outcome."

What do the party platforms actually say about abortion?

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We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. Failure to require a father to be equally responsible for a child places an inequitable burden on the mother, creating a financial and social hardship on both mother and child. We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasounds and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation. We condemn the Supreme Court's activist decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt striking down commonsense Texas laws providing for basic health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

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

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

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

2020 Democratic Party Platform on abortion
Securing Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice

Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides vital preventive and reproductive health care for millions of people, especially low-income people, and people of color, and LGBTQ+ people, including in underserved areas.

Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom. We condemn acts of violence, harassment, and intimidation of reproductive health providers, patients, and staff. We will address the discrimination and barriers that inhibit meaningful access to reproductive health care services, including those based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, income, disability, geography, and other factors. Democrats oppose restrictions on medication abortion care that are inconsistent with the most recent medical and scientific evidence and that do not protect public health.

We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family. We are proud to be the party of the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits discrimination in health care on the basis of sex and requires insurers to cover prescription contraceptives at no cost. These efforts have significantly reduced teen and unintended pregnancies by making it easier to decide whether, when, and how to have a child.

We believe that a person's health should always come first. Democrats will protect the rights of all people to make personal health care decisions, and will reject the Trump Administration's use of broad exemptions to allow medical providers, employers, and others to discriminate.

A celebration of unborn life woven through the fabric of the most pro-life convention ever!

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you could step out for a bit and be confident when you came back that someone—whether it be Vice President Mike Pence, or coach Lou Holtz, or Tera Myers, the mother of a child with Down syndrome, or Sr. Deirdre "Dede" Byrne--would be extolling President Trump's commitment to life. Here are a few samples:

***Vice President Pence**: "We supported the right to life and all of the God-given rights enshrined in our Constitution…"

***Lou Holtz:** "One of the important reasons he has my trust is because nobody is but a stronger advocate for the unborn than President Trump. The Biden-Harris ticket is the most radically pro-abortion campaign in history. They and other politicians are Catholics in name only and abandon innocent lives. President Trump protected those lives. I trust President Trump."

***Sr. Deirdre "Dede" Byrne:** "As followers of Christ, we are called to stand up for life against the politically correct or fashionable of today. We must fight against a legislative agenda that supports and even celebrates destroying life in the womb. Keep in mind, the laws we create define how we see our humanity. We must ask ourselves: What we are saying when we go into a womb and snuff out an innocent, powerless, voiceless life? As a physician, I can say without hesitation: Life begins at conception. While what I have to say may be difficult for some to hear, I am saying it because I am not just pro-life, I am pro-eternal life. I want all of us to end up in heaven together someday. Which brings me to why I am here today. Donald Trump is the most pro-life president this nation has ever had, defending life at all stages. His belief in the sanctity of life transcends politics. President Trump will stand up against Biden-Harris, who are the most anti-life presidential ticket ever, even supporting the horrors of late-term abortion and infanticide. Because of his courage and conviction, President Trump has earned the support of America's pro-life community. Moreover, he has a nationwide of religious standing behind him. You'll find us here with our weapon of choice, the rosary. Thank you, Mr. President, we are all praying for you."

***Tera Myers**. If her remarks didn't move you… "Before Samuel was even born I was told his life wouldn't be worth living. When early tests revealed he had Down Syndrome, our doctor encouraged me to terminate the pregnancy. He said 'If you do not, you will be burdening your life, family and your community.' I knew my baby was a human being created by God and that made him worthy of life. I am thankful that President Trump values the life of the unborn."

Recently Samuel and his mom were invited to the White House to meet with the President to talk about another topic. "President Trump shook my hand and said 'Wonderful job Mom, your son is amazing.' Unlike the doctor who told me to end Samuel's life before it even began, President Trump did not dismiss my son, he showed Samuel he valued him and was proud of what he accomplished."

And, of course, President Trump himself delivered an impassioned critique of Mr. Biden, specifically, and Democrats generally (tellingly, "under God" was removed from the Pledge of Allegiance twice at their convention):

> **Joe Biden claims he has empathy for the vulnerable, yet the party he leads supports the extreme late-term abortion of defenseless babies, right up until the moment of birth. Democrat leaders talk about moral decency, but they have no problem with stopping a baby's beating heart in the ninth month of pregnancy. Democrat politicians refuse to protect innocent life, and then they lecture us about morality and saving America's soul. Tonight, we proudly declare that all children, born and unborn, have a God-given right to life.**

As my wife pointed out, only the hardest core Democrat could think listening to Hillary Clinton whine for the gazillionth time is more powerful than ordinary men and women celebrating the American Dream as they overcome one hurtle after another after another to help their fellow citizens, beginning with the most vulnerable, the unborn child.

Two conventions never to be forgotten—for entirely different reasons—and to be recalled as we approach November 3.

Our Movement is guided and sustained by the wisdom of an older "pro-life generation"

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

The "Pro-Life Generation" actually spans many decades. I was reminded of this fact recently by my interactions with two people in their 90s.

Betty, a faithful pro-life leader, has been weathering the pandemic, while still reaching out to pregnant women in need. She has seen much hardship during COVID-19, but she continues to work tirelessly on behalf of mothers and their preborn babies. Ever sharp in mind and buoyant in spirit, she's the type of pro-lifer I'd like to grow up to be!

The other nonagenarian I encountered this past week is Joe. Joe, who soldiered on courageously after losing his wife a few years back, approached me in church. He walked all the way down to my pew just to tell me he had listened to a talk radio segment I had done about the state of the pro-life movement in America. He wanted to let me know he was so inspired, he wanted to resume volunteering again for the pro-life cause.

These two, Betty and Joe, have lived through the full horror of *Roe v. Wade*. They remember a time when preborn children were cherished, and not discarded like yesterday's newspaper. They have labored, year in and year out, to reverse *Roe* and to restore legal protection for children in their mothers' wombs.

You might think after so many decades they might consider giving up. But not these individuals, who belong to what's often been referred to as the Greatest Generation.

Shaped by World War II, they know the fragility of life. They will not surrender to the forces of death and destruction. It is no exaggeration to say, they cannot surrender because that would be a betrayal of who they are.

I salute all those in their 90s who continue to answer the call to protect innocent human life from the very moment of conception to the instant of natural death. You are modern-day superheroes, and we are blessed to have you continuing to serve in the pro-life, pro-love movement.

What's in your September edition of National Right to Life News?

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The second is "Missouri Stands For the Unborn Act" which Missouri Right to Life described as "groundbreaking legislation that will save lives and set the standard for pro-life legislation nationwide." Among the many provisions in HB 126 is a ban on abortion when the baby reaches 20 weeks gestation, a developmental point by which the child can experience pain. After numerous delays, oral arguments in the challenge to HB 126 have been set for September 24 in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The third is the conclusion of Planned Parenthood legal challenge to Indiana's 18-hour ultrasound law, part of the 2016 Dignity for the Unborn Act signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence. PPFA conceded it will not win its suit which has blocked the law since 2017. The law goes into effect in 2021.

The September issue offers readers many inspiring stories. One of my favorites is of a baby born at just 22 weeks who survive long odds to become among the youngest surviving premature babies in the world.

Another tells us about a woman who was branded "inhumane" for rejecting abortion on multiple occasions. She is now the proud mother of three-year-old twins, George and Alfie King.

There is much, much more in this x-page long edition. I will be posting stories about the content at Nationalrighttolifenew.org.

Be sure to read them and pass them—and this entire September edition—along to your pro-life family and friends.

Canadian university offers course normalizing 'safe' and 'common' abortion

'This is a great expansion of that attention … to the importance of educating our future health-care practitioners about abortion care.'

By Martin Bürger

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia–Dalhousie University in Canada is now offering a course to its health students promoting abortion as "normal."

"Despite abortion having been decriminalized in Canada since 1988, the remaining barriers to access are of course geography … but also the willingness of providers to step up and provide this care [sic],"said Marthy Paynter, who leads the course.

"If we're going to address that barrier we have to train the providers, and when you realize how normal something is, how safe, how common, that helps you adopt it into your practice and feel comfortable with this care provision," she told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

Paynter, CBC reported, "was involved in introducing training for nursing students on abortion that was part of a larger undergraduate course a couple years ago."

"This is a great expansion of that attention that Dalhousie Health has made to the importance of educating our future health-care practitioners about abortion care [sic]," Paynter claimed.

Paynter also suggested to the CBC that students will be told if doctors refuse to commit an abortion, those doctors most nonetheless facilitate it by referring the mother to another doctor: "Paynter said it's also a requirement in health-care providers' code of ethics and standards of practice to never abandon their patients. If they can't offer abortion care [sic], they make a referral to someone who can, she said."

The course, "Interprofessional Care of Surgical and Medical Abortion Patients," is officially characterized as a mini-course, consisting of only four 90-minute sessions.

"This mini course will help provide students with information on the history of abortion in Canada and current access to abortion," the course description states.

> **"The course will focus on recent changes in Atlantic Canada including the removal of the Therapeutic Abortion Committee in NB in 2014; the creation of the abortion clinic in PEI [Prince Edward Island] in 2017; and the removal of referral requirement and introduction of centralized intake in NS [Nova Scotia] in 2018."**

Additionally, course participants would be on track to understanding "medical abortion was approved by Health Canada in 2015, became widely available in 2017, and nurse practitioners now prescribe medical abortion in every province and territory in Canada."

"Medical abortion" refers to the abortion pill.

Dalhousie University wants students to have "reflected upon their beliefs, values and assumptions relative to contraception, reproductive autonomy and abortion, and learned the relevance of this reflection on their professional role of support with people who have experienced unplanned pregnancy and reproductive coercion."

They are also asked to understand better "the personal, cultural and institutional contexts of reproductive control and their effects on people seeking care from health care professionals," and to have improved "consciousness regarding politicized action that can be taken to counter the personal, cultural and institutional contexts of reproductive control."

The course does not appear to take into account ethical considerations, namely that a baby is killed during every single successful abortion.

According to Campaign Life Coalition, "At least 100,000 surgical abortions are committed annually in Canada, conservatively speaking." Overall, more than 4 million babies have died since abortion was first legalized in 1969.

Basing itself on findings of a study by the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) points out that "abortion is used as a 'back-up' birth control method in more than 96% of instances."

Canada's abortion regime is one of the most radical in the world.

"In *R. v. Morgentaler*, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada made its landmark decision to throw out the 1969 abortion law on the basis that it was 'unconstitutional'. This created a legal vacuum in which, to this day, no abortion law exists in Canada," CLC writes.

Now, abortions are permitted "throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason, up to the moment of birth. Section 223 of the Criminal Code of Canada defines a human being as 'a child that has completely proceeded from the body of its mother.'"

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