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WE ARE WINNING!

Nov 8th Election Was a National Referendum On the Abortion Issue

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The pro-life movement has won a great victory - it's not the final victory, but a clear and decisive one nonetheless.

The November 8, 2016 general election was, in effect, a national referendum on abortion. This time political parties and their presidential candidates **MORE PUBLICLY** staked out totally opposite positions on the issue of abortion.

In previous elections, most candidates tried to minimize their positions on controversial issues like abortion. But in 2016, Hillary Clinton made abortion on demand a cornerstone issue of her campaign. She made it clear that abortion should be available to everyone at any time during pregnancy.

Clinton also wanted to eliminate the Hyde Amendment so that tax dollars would be available to anyone seeking an abortion. In spite of the national furor over the sales of aborted baby parts by America's largest abortion provider to the highest bidder, Clinton continued to push for expanded taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood.

The Republican Party and Donald Trump's strong and PUBLICLY voiced pro-life position was the polar opposite of Clinton and the Democratic platform.

The anti-life media joined in the maelstrom generally favoring Clinton.

Pollsters and pundits had a field day predicting great losses for Trump and the Republicans while minimizing the many potential scandals involving Clinton and her close campaign confidantes.

In addition, some high ranking members of the Clinton campaign were engaged in anti-Catholic rhetoric via emails causing Timothy Cardinal Dolan to respond, "The remarks attributed to John Podesta, who is Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff, are just extraordinarily patronizing and insulting to Catholics."

The political pot was boiling furiously and yet some prematurely celebrated a Clinton victory.

But their prognostications were wrong.

When the returns began coming in on Tuesday evening November 8th, it was clear it was not going to be a slam dunk for Clinton. Quite the opposite. Trumped eked out a victory in state after state, and, with few exceptions effectively turned all but the states in the Northeast and West Coast bright red.

While Clinton gathered more of the popular vote from a few states, the Republicans turned almost three quarters of our nation's geography red.

The tremendous work of pro-life activists brought the pro-life vote out in style. Abortion was a major issue in the outcome of this election and the pro-life movement has every right to claim a major victory.

The pro-life winning margin is shown below in a poll of actual voters conducted for National Right to Life by the polling company, inc./ WomanTrend On November 8, 2016

31%

"Post election polling showed that 31% of all voters said abortion affected their vote and they voted for candidates who opposed abortion."

"This poll also showed that 18% of all voters said abortion affected their vote and voted for candidates who favor abortion."

This gave the pro-life movement a 13% margin over the pro-abortion voters in the general public.

Now our real work begins. We know we have the political muscle to win. We know we have a clear and substantial pro-life margin in the general public. Now we must put our shoulder to the wheel and win the future battles still ahead.



Boston Mayor Wants City To Be Safe Harbor For Abortion Clinics

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh suggested Boston could provide a safe harbor for legal abortion clinics if President-elect Trump

follows through on his vow to appoint Supreme Court justices who will reverse *Roe v. Wade*.

In 2017 Several State Legislatures Will Face Renewed Attempts to Pass Doctor Assisted Suicide Laws

Pro-assisted suicide supporters have tried to cloud the true meaning of these proposed pieces of legislation by using clever and deceptive titles and descriptions of the law. These acts pose extreme danger to individuals and their loved ones.

Why Are Assisted Suicide Law So Dangerous?

- Tragic consequences of assisted suicide law
 - Under a nearly identical law, the physicians for cancer patients Randy Stroup and Barbara Wagner recommended treatment, but Oregon's Health Plan refused to pay for that treatment and instead offered to pay for their suicides under the so-called "Death with Dignity Act."
- People with terminal diagnoses often outlive a doctor's prediction; and, some diagnoses are just plain wrong.
- Depression leads some to seek suicide, but depression is treatable. Nothing in these acts requires screening for mental health.

- People may be made to feel they are a "burden," and be coerced into suicide.
- Who benefits from assisted suicide? Follow the money:
 - Insurance companies and state health plans can save money by not treating patients.
 - Surviving relatives, who may inherit more money sooner, can be involved in the decision making for their relative's suicide.

Doctors should heal, not kill. Tell Your State Legislators to Vote Against Physician Assisted Suicide Legislation

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Pro-life Rapper Nick Cannon Calls Abortion "Genocide"

In 2005, Nick Cannon produced a video about how he was almost aborted. Since then, he has continued to speak out against abortion.

In a recent radio interview in New York, Cannon again referred to abortion,

saying, "It's real genocide."

Abortion is rampant in NYC where more African American babies are aborted than are born each year.

7-Year-Old Boy With Down Syndrome Is The Star Of "The Nutcracker Ballet"

Cincinnati, OH - (KTRK) --

A 7-year-old boy with Down syndrome is the star of "The Nutcracker Ballet" in Cincinnati. Jack Barlow made his debut as "Party Boy Number One."

His mother, Ashley Barlow, said it's a wonderful celebration of Jack's special needs. Jack is the first child with Down syndrome to dance in the Cincinnati "Nutcracker Ballet."



Texas Will End Tax Payer Funding Of Planned Parenthood

Within the next 30 days the state of Texas will end its \$3.1 million dollar annual Medicaid payments to Planned Parenthood because of potential violations involving the marketing of aborted baby parts.

Suggested Prayers

January 1 – That peace will come soon in the War on the Unborn being waged by our culture, we pray

January 8 - That more people will become involved in ending the darkness of abortion, we pray

January 15 - For a growing understanding that the right to life begins in the womb, we pray

January 22 -That more babies may be saved from the violent death of abortion, we pray

January 29- For a growing awareness of the threat of legalized euthanasia, we pray

February 5- For women with untimely pregnancies, that they may consider adoption rather than abortion, we pray

February 12- For all those working in the abortion industry, that they may turn from destroying life to protecting it, we pray

February 19- That all people may reach out in love to women suffering the aftereffects of abortion, we pray

February 26- For those who care for the terminally ill, that their love may be a light in a darkened world, we pray

March 5- That this nation may come to realize that each life is a gift from God, we pray

March 12- For those who care for children with physical or mental challenges, that they may turn to God for the strength they need, we pray

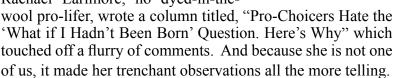
March 19 – For those who help women choose life for their babies, that they may draw the strength they need from Christ, we pray

March 26 – That we may realize that God has a purpose for each life He creates, we pray

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'What If I Hadn't Been Born?' The Question Infuriates Pro-Abortionists.

A while back, *Slate* senior editor Rachael Larimore, no dyed-in-the-



Larimore tells her readers she was born to teenage parents one year before *Roe v. Wade* was handed down:

"And in the end, I guess that is really why I wanted to get the "What if I hadn't been born?" question out there. As I wrote in my previous post, I don't consider myself to be especially important or special. The world at large is not a better place just because I make a mean jambalaya or volunteer in my son's classroom or rescue that dog running around my neighborhood. But it's a damn good life to me, and if raising an uncomfortable question can make even a few people think about how precious life is, to make them realize that it's possible for someone who 'shouldn't have been born' to grow up in a loving home with caring, dedicated, hardworking parents and turn out OK herself, well, then I've accomplished something."

Excerpts from article by Dave Andrusko National Right to Life News Today

Save the Date - March for Life - January 27, 2017

The Morning of the March for Life Friday, January 27, 2017

Join pro-life leaders, activists and clergy from many different denominations for Prayer ● Praise ● Music ● Inspiring Speakers



Pam Tebow Guest Speaker



Ryan Bomberger Musical Guest



Tony Melendez Singer, Songwriter



Rev. Frank Pavone Preacher



Historic DAR Constitution Hall 1776 D Street, NW (18th and D St) Washington, DC 20006 8:30-10:30am Catholic Mass at 7:30am Doors open at 7am

Free

No Tickets Needed

Large Groups Welcome

For more information visit www.
NationalPrayerService.com and to let us know that you are coming.

Suggested Bulletin Inserts

January 1 – As we mark another year of struggle to convert the culture of death into a life-respecting society, we can do no better than to ask the aid of Jesus' help and by, remembering the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who stated that "Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace."

abortion acceptable it seems they are losing touch with reality. Last year a Dallas group held a story telling event, "Out from Under the Rug: True Life Tales of Abortion," abortion... All we need to agree on is that a woman is not a full citizen of this country until she has full control over her own body," stated the event's organizer. LifeNews.

January 15 -Pope Francis affirmed the sacredness of human life from its very beginning to its natural end and called for the defense of fundamental freedoms stating, "... men and women of faith are called to defend life in all its stages, physical integrity and fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of conscience, thought, expression and religion." LifeNews.com 9/8/16

January 22 - In Congressional testimony last fall, Gianna Jessen, a survivor of "being burned in my mother's womb for 18 hours" in a saline abortion, testified, "as a nation, we are continually exchanging the truth for a lie. We have neglected our soul. What will it take for us to awaken from our numbness and indifference?" LifeNews. com 9/23/16

January 29 - Gianna Jessen survived a saline abortion, was left to die and survived only because a caring nurse called an ambulance. In testimony before Congress, Gianna stated, "those who wish to justify the unspeakable become masters of manipulation of language, intimidation and defaming their opponents." LifeNews.com 9/23/16

of the Civil Rights Commission who asserts that "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" have become code words for discrimination and intolerance. In his radical view, the Little Sisters of the Poor, in asking for exemption from providing contraceptive coverage for its employees, is using religious liberty claims as a vehicle for discrimination... LifeNews.com 9/20/16

February 12 – Commenting on Belgium's legalization of euthanasia for children, a noted British ethicist stated, "Death, so far as we know, is terribly final. And if you're opting for death, you need to be sure that you've got it right. It's hard for anyone; it's likely to be impossible for instance severe disability), we find that those situations are nothing like as unbearable as we anticipated. When we are stripped of much, we value all the more what is left. Try explaining that to a child." NRL News Today, 9/23/16

journalists recently spoke out about the worldwide trend from blindness and cancer to diabetes and arthritisof legalizing euthanasia: "If you sanction killing for end-killing human embryos. NRL News Today, 9/26/16

of-life pain relief, how can you deny this right to people in pain who aren't dying? If you give this right to adults, how can you deny this right to children? If you give this right to people in physical pain, how can you deny this right to people with mental illness? If you give this right to people with mental illness, how can you deny this right to people who are exhausted with life?" NRL News Today, 10/3/16

February 26 -In her 1980 autobiography, *Swanson on* January 8 - As abortion activists struggle to make Swanson, legendary actress Gloria Swanson began and ended with her remorse over taking the life of her unborn child. It was for her the most consequential act of her existence and her greatest regret. "Nothing," she wrote, "in the whole world in order to "get rid of the stigma and shame surrounding is worth a baby. I realized that as soon as it was too late, and I have never stopped blaming myself. NRL News Today. 9/9/16

> March 5 -Legendary actress Gloria Swanson in her autobiography wrote that though she had other children before and after her abortion, none could replace the aborted child whom, she said, had spoken to her innermost being on the way to the elegant office of the prominent surgeon who was to end that baby's life. 'Don't do this,' the voice of my unborn child said. 'I know you hear me. Listen to me. I want to live.' She had a rich and glamorous life but, the price she paid – the sacrifice of a child – just wasn't worth it for her. Article by Jean Garton in NRL New Today 9/9/16

March 12 -A Cornell professor, advocating late term abortion of a "Zika fetus," states in Newsweek that though this might work legally, the issue of euthanasia nonetheless lurks and beckons to us to answer the question: might some lives be better off ended, given what is in store for them? The woman who terminates at 32 weeks for Zika-caused birth defects may have indirectly made a case for euthanasia, "while allowing us to pretend that what she has had was just another abortion." Said NRL's Dave Andrusko, "The old evil of infanticide was only hibernating... it hides behind a supposed compassion, but beneath that veneer, the infanticide message is the same today evil of leaving a baby without proper medical care have as it was in the 1920s and 1930s. We ignore the approaching darkness at our own peril." NRL News Today 9/5/17

March 19 - Although Planned Parenthood claims the February 5 - A glimpse of the battle in which we are organization is necessary for women's health, the facts prove engaged comes from a recent statement by the chairman quite the contrary. Planned Parenthood performs less than 2 percent of all cancer screenings for women, even less pap tests, and zero mammograms. Abortion, on the other hand, accounts for over 90 percent of Planned Parenthood's services for pregnant women; it aborts 160 children for every child it refers for adoption. Even the Washington Post has called out the abortion chain for its claim that abortions account for only 3% of its "women's health" activity. "Three percent is not a real number but over 320,000 abortions a year and a 30% market share of all U.S abortions are," stated Live Action News in its video, "The Abortion Myth," cited in an article in NRL News Today, 9/15/16

March 26 -In 2009, a newly-elected President Obama children. There is lots of evidence to show that when we immediately lifted the moratorium on embryonic stem cell find ourselves in the situations we have most feared (for research and poured new funds into this morally questionable endeavor. Since then, countless embryos have been destroyed with taxpayer dollars, but to this day, the technology has failed to yield the miracle cures Americans were promised. Meanwhile adult stem cells have been used to successfully February 19 - One of Australia's most respected treat over a million and a half people with conditions ranging