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**I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU
LIFE AND DEATH...**



**CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU
AND YOUR DESCENDANTS
MAY LIVE**

Trump reaches 52% job approval in Harvard/Harris Poll

By Dave Andrusko

Even with the full-court press on for pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris, the idol of the legacy media, the numbers show the bloom may already be off the rose.

Her job approval numbers have always been in the 30s, lower even than pro-abortion President Joe Biden. But with her impending coronation as the Democrats' presidential nominee, "Supposedly, Kamala Harris has 'totally upended' the race with The Anointment and the media's rush to proclaim the advent of 'Kamalot,'" writes Ed Morrissey of Hotair.com.

Not so, not according to a new Harvard-Harris CAPS poll. "Donald Trump leads Kamala Harris 52/48 with leaners, and 48/45 without," Morrissey writes. "Harris has



Pro-life former President Donald Trump

improved Joe Biden's numbers on the latter, but not the former."

Take a look at the numbers among Independents, always a key index.

Trump leads by six points without leaners -- and six points with leaners. One has to wonder whether the sample tilts a bit toward the Dems based on those results plus the party loyalty numbers above. If so, Trump's still scoring an outright majority over Harris, who's attractiveness as a candidate is at its zenith before she's forced to open her mouth about policy.

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With a long history, Kamala Harris has truly earned the moniker pro-abortion zealot

By Rai Rojas, Director of Outreach

Assigning the moniker of pro-abortion zealot is not something we at National Right to Life take lightly or do often. The term implies a level of fervor and single-mindedness in support of abortion that will not allow for moderate or nuanced perspectives. Not that any exist. This individual is typically characterized by their extreme dedication to promoting and defending abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, for healthy mothers carrying healthy babies, and vilifying those who hold opposing views.

Vice President Kamala Harris is an abortion zealot. If elected, she



Pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris

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would be the most pro-abortion president this country has ever had. On the rare occasion where she is able to formulate a coherent sentence, Harris will use the opportunity to espouse the most radical and extreme positions on abortion.

While serving in the United States Senate, Harris voted against the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," which would ensure that an infant born alive during an attempted abortion is afforded the same degree

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Editorials

The Republican Party comes out of a four-day convention triumphant and united

An interesting and a very telling juxtaposition. Regardless of political persuasion, the Republican National Convention was universally described as a huge success for its pro-life nominee Donald Trump while pro-abortion President Joe Biden was desperately attempting to fend off panicky calls from his own party to step aside—and quickly.

And sure enough, facing the calls (public and private), Joe Biden finally did grudgingly give in. Vice President Kamala Harris will soon officially accept the Democrats' nomination to be the party's standard bearer in the November 5th election.

My wife and I were glued to the tube starting around 5. We saw pro-life former President Donald

Trump as he walked into the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to thunderous applause. Everyone was aware that the convention started two days after a bullet from a would-be assassin missed Mr. Trump's head by inches.

Under a very telling subhead "Trump speech strengthens Bond With Supporters," Byron York wrote

If you listen to some cable news analysts or read the political conversation on social media, the most notable thing about former President Donald Trump's speech at the Republican National

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Biden/Harris send out “Fact Sheet” touting their full-throated support for abortion throughout pregnancy

Kamala Harris will soon be the Democrats' latest pro-abortion presidential candidate. She was a full partner in assembling the Biden/Harris's fanatical pro-abortion record.

A colleague of mine at National Right to Life spotted this coming out of the abortion-saturated Biden White House.

It read, “FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration Continues to Advance Gender Equity and Equality at Home and Abroad.” We are familiar, as are all pro-lifers, with the Biden Administration monomaniac

search of additional ways to kill unborn babies, both here at home and overseas.

But to see it all laid out out—proudly laid out—reminds us how a pro-death administration can give a hefty assist to furthering a Culture of Death.

The beginning is typical of the entire document. It's as if President Joe Biden is nervous he won't receive the credit—so to speak—for all he has done to multiple the number of dead babies. It reads

Over the past three years, President Biden and Vice

President Harris have leveraged the full force of the federal government to advance rights and opportunity for women and girls across the country and around the globe.

What is the first item? What else?

Defending reproductive freedom

Under that heading Biden/Harris list their “accomplishments”:

At a time when women's reproductive freedom is

under attack, President Biden and Vice President Harris are fighting to ensure that women across the country are able to make deeply personal health care decisions and access the reproductive health care they need. Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, the President has continued to call on Congress to restore the protections of Roe

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From the President Carol Tobias

Roe – Round Two



Our office is a flurry of activity this week (even more so than usual) as 13 young adults are here for a one-week, extremely intense “academy,” learning even more about pro-life issues than they

already know but also learning how to convert that knowledge into action.

These students are bright, engaging, and motivated, the ingredients that reassure me that the pro-life movement is in good hands and will continue to fight the legal and cultural battle in an effort to save innocent lives.

Even though we might look to them as “future” leaders of the movement, they are leading now—influencing their friends and communities and bringing new allies into the movement.

As I will tell them at the closing ceremony, this is an exciting time in the movement. We are in an unusual place where, in many states, anything can happen. Some states will say their law is decided, and it is—until the next election, or the one after that.

This makes me think back to the inspirational stories I heard about the early days in the pro-life movement.

After the Supreme Court issued its horrendous *Roe v Wade* decision, pro-lifers around the country increased their organizing efforts, motivated by the firm belief that, once the country understood the impact of that decision, the ruling would be overturned.

It requires an enormous amount of work to get the Supreme Court to reverse itself. It requires a president to nominate justices who respect the history and text of the constitution and senators to confirm them or the Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that is approved by 3/4 of the states.

The first major step in Congress came from Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) who fought successfully to prevent tax dollars from being used to pay for abortion in the Medicaid program. Many Hyde-type amendments were enacted over the years to expand the limit on tax funding of abortion in various programs.

Meanwhile NRLC affiliates started to pass legislation that required parents be informed before an abortion could be performed on a minor daughter. Many states passed laws to

require the abortionist to provide accurate information about possible complications of, and alternatives to, abortion to a woman seeking an abortion.

Early congressional battles centered around attempts to amend the US Constitution. Some wanted the constitution to declare unborn children to be legal persons. Others knew that proposal did not have enough support to succeed and pushed a measure to allow the states to again protect preborn babies as they had prior to 1973.

In 1983, the US Senate finally voted on an amendment to the constitution with a sentence



that simply said, “A right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution.”

Two-thirds of the senators present and voting were needed to pass it. If successful, the amendment would have been sent to the US House for a similar 2/3 required vote. If passed in the House, it would be sent to the state legislatures with 3/4 of them needing to adopt the language.

The Senate vote in 1983 to say a right to abortion is not secured by the US Constitution received 49 votes while 50 voted against, with one abstention.

But National Right to Life and its 50 state affiliates didn’t get discouraged and didn’t give up. New strategies were planned. Pro-lifers

were determined to push state legislatures to protect the babies as much as possible under *Roe* and to use those legislative endeavors, along with education, to make sure the public understood the humanity of the unborn child.

NRLC then pioneered legislation to prevent partial-birth abortions and to require care for a baby who survived an abortion, along with many other initiatives.

In order to accomplish all this, our state affiliates honed their political skills and elected legislators who would pass this protective legislation.

At the same time, these affiliates and chapters continued to organize and educate their communities. They set up booths at state and county fairs and identified more and more people who were more in agreement with us than leaning the other direction.

It was a long, steady push forward, until June 24, 2022-- we finally saw the day *Roe* was overturned.

While some states have wonderful laws that protect unborn babies and programs to support new moms, other states have no laws, no protections, no help for a pregnant woman other than offering to pay to kill her child. Many states are in the middle, teetering between life and death.

That’s why I tell the young people in our office this week that anything can happen. In many ways, these days are like the days after *Roe* was handed down.

It’s a frustrating time. We want to protect all the babies and help their moms NOW! We want the battle for life to end—we want babies to be the victors.

But like the early pioneers of the pro-life movement, those active in the late 1960’s and the 1970’s, we need wisdom and patience. There are no easy victories with a country as divided as ours. But that doesn’t matter.

We are in this battle because we have been called. Our conscience tells us there is a wrong that needs to be righted and lives to be saved. We will continue to proclaim that every life, from conception to natural death, has a right to live.

We will find ways around obstacles and we will climb mountains placed in our path. Just as the post-*Roe* movement exhibited patience and persistence, so must the post-*Dobbs* movement. Giving up or walking away is not an option.

Florida Court Rules Amendment 4 Financial Impact Statement Can Stand as Written

By Lynda Bell, President, Florida Right to Life

On July 25, the Florida First District Court of Appeals ruled that the financial impact statement dealing with Amendment 4 is appropriate and will stand as written.

In the state of Florida, all ballot initiatives must have a financial impact statement to properly inform voters of the cost to the state and the taxpayers. On June 10, Circuit judge John Cooper ruled that the outdated information in the financial impact statement “renders it inaccurate, ambiguous, misleading, unclear and confusing.”

The appeals court disagreed.

What would Amendment 4 do?

If 60% of Floridians vote in favor of Amendment 4, it would enshrine abortion in the state constitution. If passed, all commonsense laws designed to protect women and children would be nullified. Parental consent would be tossed, and many girls would be victimized.

Health care standards for women and girls would be erased, and painful late term abortion would be allowed up to the moment of birth!

We at Florida Right to Life believe the financial impact statement could have gone even further. The financial impact statement reads as follows.

“The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about

whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs

Consent laws. They will absolutely be nullified and parents will not have the right to consent to their minor girl’s abortion. The only reason Parental Notification remains intact is because it’s in our constitution.

definition of “patients health.” They attempt to mislead the public making them believe parental notification is the same thing as consent. It is not!

If amendment 4 were to pass, we would have abortion through



to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate.”

While we mostly agree with the statement, the following portion doesn’t go far enough: “(if) the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions.”

Let me be clear, there is no “IF” about invalidating Parental

In fact, if Yes on 4 had the ability they would have nullified notification. One thing is sure, Parental notification is not consent and they know it!

In an irony of the absurd, Yes on 4, which brought this horrible amendment, backed by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, lamented the statement. They said the decision “misleads the public and undermined the clarity and accuracy required for such statements.”

If it weren’t so sadly ironic it would be laughable, Amendment 4 can be described exactly the same way as it (purposely) misleads the public and lacks clarity.

One only needs to read the very few words in the amendment to see that there is no definition of “health care provider”, No definition of “viability” and no

birth with no limitations, no parental consent, and no health care standards. The only portion of the amendment that is clear is when they state the following: “No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion...”

This isn’t about women’s rights and certainly not about government interference. Amendment 4 is about protecting the abortion business, and their bottom line. Why else would they have an item that protects only the abortionist?

Don’t let them lie to you, don’t let them deceive you, we must vote No on Amendment 4.

In summary, we at Florida Right to Life oppose Amendment 4 and believe it should be exposed for the dangerous, ambiguous, and deceptive amendment it is. Amendment 4 is designed to fool Florida residents into believing a lie.

Slanted Study Claims Texas Abortion Ban Increased Infant Mortality. Here's the Truth.

By Samantha Furnace, Texas Right to Life

Even though the Texas Heartbeat Act has spared thousands of lives, pro-abortion advocates are still telling lies about it.

On the second anniversary of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* published an extremely misleading article about the Texas Heartbeat Act and its outcomes, falsely claiming this Pro-Life law has caused more babies to die.

The article reports an increase in infant and neonatal mortality in 2022, when children spared by the Heartbeat Act would be born. The pro-abortion Left is suggesting that Pro-Life laws are harmful and even lethal to babies.

Of course, the truth is Pro-Life laws prevent children's death by abortion! Critical thinkers can clearly see that the Heartbeat Act has saved lives by allowing these babies to be carried to birth. Ironically, a *JAMA* article from 2023 even reported that the Texas Heartbeat Act had saved an estimated 10,000 lives at that point!

Though tragic, an increase in infant deaths will naturally accompany an increase in births. Specifically, while Texas experienced 255 (12.9%) more infant deaths in 2022 than in 2021, the state also saw 16,000 more births during the same period.

But there's a specific group of preborn children who have always had a higher chance of being aborted — those with life-limiting conditions and disabilities. Pregnant mothers who are told their child has a severe condition that will likely cause them to not live long after birth are encouraged

to abort as a “compassionate” option. Disproportionately, these fragile children who would have otherwise been aborted were born in 2022.

Thanks to the Texas Heartbeat Act, those babies now have a chance to live, receive treatment as patients, and experience the dignity they deserve as the precious lives they are.

The authors of the study want the public to believe that Texas law causes more babies to die. In reality, thousands of lives were saved by the Heartbeat Act, as evidenced by the increase in births beyond what would have been expected if the law never passed. For these few tragic cases, the children passed away from their conditions after birth rather than being directly killed through abortion before birth.

Babies are living persons even in the womb. They have infinite value, no matter their size or ability.

To kill a preborn child with a disability because she likely wouldn't survive long after birth is no different morally than killing a sick or disabled person before they pass away naturally.

Anti-Life activists want the public to believe that our Pro-Life laws are harmful to women and to children. They will manipulate reality to garner public sympathy and promote this false conclusion. Sadly, the *JAMA* article represents another feeble attempt to undermine Pro-Life accomplishments.

In fact, the same journal published an editorial that very same day titled “Abortion Bans Harm Not Just Pregnant People—They Harm Newborns

and Infants Too”. They have an obvious agenda here. Of course, this editorial completely ignores the fact that these infants, who

Kelly Crawford, who have faced their own struggle with a fetal life-limiting diagnosis. In response, they have built a



they claim are being “harmed”, are now passing away from their conditions rather than being dismembered or poisoned by abortion.

Instead, when a family receives a life-limiting diagnosis for their preborn child, these parents face life-altering changes to their future plans. The answer to such a tragic circumstance is not abortion but coming alongside that child and family to provide perinatal palliative care services.

Perinatal palliative care is a holistic approach providing medical, social, and spiritual services to families whose preborn child may have a short life inside and/or outside the womb. These services help the family through this difficult situation and maximize every moment they have with their child.

Abel Speaks is a Texas-based nonprofit run by Daniel and

compassionate community and network of resources for families living through these unexpected hardships. When a child's life might not look like all that was planned, Abel Speaks comes alongside these families, helping them prepare, celebrate, and even mourn and commemorate every moment of the child's life, no matter how long or short.

If you or someone you know is facing a life-limiting fetal diagnosis, you do not have to walk this road alone. Visit AbelSpeaks.org to be connected to assistance near you.

The abortion industry and its anti-life partners are not planning to give up anytime soon on their plot to normalize abortion, targeting the smallest and weakest among us.

We cannot be shy about our knowledge that Life, including Life in the womb, is infinitely valuable and worthy of protection!



COMPARE THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



Donald Trump

Kamala Harris

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Donald Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortions. He pledged to sign the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. President Trump's Administration issued a rule to ensure Title X funding did not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Kamala Harris supports using tax dollars to pay for abortions. As a Senator, Harris voted against the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. The Biden-Harris Administration directed Title X funding to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Unlimited Abortion Until Birth

Donald Trump opposes the *Women's Health Protection Act*, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Kamala Harris voted for the *Women's Health Protection Act*, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Funding Abortion Providers Abroad

Donald Trump issued the "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Kamala Harris supports President Biden's reversal of the "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors

Donald Trump supports the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would ensure that infants born alive during attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

Kamala Harris voted against the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would ensure that infants born alive during attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

The U.S. Supreme Court

Donald Trump pledges to nominate qualified individuals to the Supreme Court who will interpret the U.S. Constitution as written and not legislate from the bench. He appointed Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Kamala Harris pledges to nominate only individuals who share her view that unlimited abortion should be a constitutionally protected right. She applauded the appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and voted against the confirmations of Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.



by Amy Baker

Last month, the National Right to Life Committee sent out an appeal on the significant responsibility we bear as citizens in choosing government leaders who prioritize the sanctity of life.

We find ourselves at an unprecedented crossroads, with an administration and its officials who have made it their mission to devalue life.

Despite these challenges, we urge you to balance this with the essential need to influence people in our communities while effecting change in the government sector.

We can work to change hearts and minds, using language that resonates with those with differing opinions. Instead of our internal jargon, may we strive to communicate in a manner that fosters understanding and empathy.

Even when it is difficult to do so, if we can influence one mind and heart to save an innocent life or protect a mother from abortion, it is worth it.

Have you noticed how the media has been non-stop with discussions concerning abortion since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*? This change starkly contrasts the prior struggle to gain attention for our cause.

Let's stand in unity together as a movement.

We implore you to recognize the women negatively impacted by the abortion industry and the heartbreak that *Roe* left across our country. Consider the women who were coerced into abortions by abusive partners, victims of sex trafficking, or misled by the media while the world proclaims that "abortion is healthcare."

Do you see her?



by Amy Baker, NRLC Development Director

In honor of "Make-a-Will" month in August, we're excited to offer you a complimentary code to create a legally binding will in 15 minutes or less through our partnership with **My Legacy Will**. You can also choose us as a beneficiary to support the National Right to Life mission.

Why You Need a Will

*Did you know that approximately 55% of those aged 55 and up do not have a will? Creating a will is not just a legal formality; it's a powerful tool that ensures your wishes are respected and your assets are distributed according to your desires. If you don't have a legally binding will, your estate might not be managed according to your wishes, which could result in disputes and legal issues among your family members.

Partnership with National Right to Life

By partnering with the National Right to Life organization, you have the unique opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for the right-to-life mission. Your contribution, no matter the size, can make a significant impact on the future. This partnership not only secures your legacy but also supports a cause that deeply values the sanctity of life.

Write Your Legal Will for Free

Now, you can write your legal will for **FREE** using the code **NRLC**. This offer simplifies the process, making it easier than ever for you to ensure your assets are handled according to your wishes. For more information, go to www.mylegacywill.com/nrlc.

Leave a Legacy

Take advantage of the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. Visit **My Legacy Will** to get started. For more information, go to www.mylegacywill.com/nrlc.

“Pro-Life Perspective” provides the latest information from National Right to Life on issues vitally important to the pro-life movement

By Laura Echevarria, Director of Communications and Press Secretary

Since first taping the program in the 1980s, National Right to Life has produced five episodes of the radio program *Pro-Life Perspective* every week.

A daily Monday-through-Friday 1-minute program, *Pro-Life Perspective* has broadcast over 10,000 episodes since it began airing. It is considered to be the longest running radio program of its kind in the country.

Currently, there are nearly 100 radio stations that air the program each week with more being added. Later in this story I'll provide you with information how to ask your local Christian station to run *Pro-Life Perspective*.

Pro-Life Perspective is a self-sustaining program. It requires nothing from the radio station except airtime. It has its own introduction, closing (an outro), and theme song.

Over the years, the technology used to record the program has undergone tremendous changes.

When the program was first recorded in 1994, it was recorded on a reel-to-reel machine. Later it was recorded on digital audio



Laura Echevarria

tape and edited and produced by a company in northern Virginia. Today, it is recorded directly onto a computer and the audio is edited in-house by Communication's staff here at National Right to Life.

Ambassador's satellite division uploads the program and distributes it by satellite, but stations also have the option to download the program directly from Ambassador computers.

There are five episodes each week and they are written and recorded by National Right to Life President, Carol Tobias, who has been the voice of the program for many years. The episodes are fresh – recorded the week before they air so you know you are getting the latest information from National Right to Life on issues vitally important to the pro-life movement.

From the latest actions on Capitol Hill to crucially important work being done by our 50 state affiliates, you can be guaranteed to hear the most up-to-date pro-life news. All episodes are written as educational and not political so Christian radio stations can air them without any issues.

The most recent episodes

have concerned the Biden Administration's attempts to misinterpret the Pregnant Worker's Fairness Act in an effort to promote abortion, the use of training slides at Fort Liberty in North Carolina that called pro-lifers, and specifically National Right to Life, "terrorists," and, in Poland, the rejection of efforts to expand Poland's abortion law.

Also, a recent episode included encouraging words for pro-lifers on why we do what we do.

If your local Christian station doesn't air *Pro-Life Perspective*, let us know. We can reach out and let them know that listeners in their area are asking for it. You can also reach out directly to your local station and ask them to contact us about carrying the program.

Stations can contact us at mediarelations@nrlc.org and we can get the process started so your local station can promote life through *Pro-Life Perspective*.

Please do it for Life!



97% of pregnancy center clients are satisfied with their experience

By Patty Knap

When was the last time you heard of a business or restaurant with a 97% satisfaction rate?

Recent research by the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI), gathered in collaboration with Heartbeat International, the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, Care-Net, and Focus on the Family, found this astounding statistic by reviewing self-reported exit surveys from pregnancy centers.

“The consistently and exceptionally high rates demonstrate positive experiences, which for this national study of 2022 data remained exceedingly high at 97.4%, the CLI report said. “The countless stories mothers and fathers have shared about the high quality of services, as well as the love and support of people who came alongside them at pregnancy centers, continue to reflect the gratitude of clients for the care they received and the choice they made even through very difficult circumstances.”

All the talk about abortion centers and pregnancy help centers should come down to one simple question: Which one helps to improve the lives of pregnant women?

The “pro-choice” mantra insists that pregnancy centers are “fake” clinics that pressure young women with lies into keeping their baby.

Apparently, most of the women who visit pregnancy centers don’t feel that way, yet all the good work that pregnancy center clients have benefited from goes largely ignored by the media.

The study also found an increase in a wide range of services provided mostly without charge by pregnancy centers (*a fraction of centers charge a low fee for STI testing).

- Free medical services

had an estimated value of \$175,960,392

- There was a 142% increase in pregnancy centers providing and overseeing the Abortion



Pill Reversal protocol and providing resources and support for women following drug-induced abortions between 2019 – 2022.

- 881 centers reported serving a total of 17,696 women after they took abortion drugs.
- The following health care services continue to grow: lactation/ breastfeeding consultations, STI testing and treatment, and fertility awareness-based methods.
- Free education and support services had an estimated value of \$113,355,994.
- 409,409 moms and dads attended prenatal and parenting education programs, at an estimated value of \$76,002,687.

- Maternity homes have doubled in the last four years.
- The distribution of free material items such as maternity and baby

clothes, cribs, car seats, strollers, and diapers to 808,737 people had an estimated value of \$78,580,127.

Individual pregnancy help centers similarly report high satisfaction rates.

At APS Medical (Associated Pregnancy Services) in Milwaukee, Wisc., Abby Strong, Client Services director, points to very positive reviews received by the center’s clients, with an overall rating of 4.7 out of 5. Some comments received include:

“I felt safe and like I mattered.”

“It’s so nice knowing there’s a supportive group and services when you think you had nothing or nobody.”

“It felt great getting help and not feeling bad that I needed help.”

“I find this place

very welcoming and very caring counselors. I wouldn’t change a thing.”

“They gave me the info I need to begin caring for my baby and to get my life on track spiritually.”

CompassCare of Rochester, New York, has received 5-star ratings from 95% of their clients.

Among many reviews, here are a few CompassCare has received recently:

“I had two nurses come in late in the day specifically and very last minute just for me. I was pressured into [a chemical] abortion and immediately regretted it terribly, I was able to get an ultrasound and progesterone and most importantly I was able to get hope.... I am not sure what the future holds but I am grateful that these ladies did everything they could for me!”

“My experience was amazing! Everyone I encountered was super welcoming, sweet, comforting and respectful. All of my questions and concerns were handled and answered efficiently. Would definitely recommend!”

“The nurse I had was amazing and I’m so happy with my experience here!”

Video testimonials by CompassCare clients about

There's a Fortune in Abortion

By Sarah Terzo, Secular Pro-life

Most pro-lifers have heard of the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a pro-life icon who was once an abortionist and pro-abortion activist.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson

After performing or overseeing over 60,000 abortions, Nathanson became pro-life. His conversion was inspired by seeing a preborn baby aborted on ultrasound for the first time.

Ultrasound was a relatively new technique when Nathanson became pro-life. Even though he had spent decades providing abortions and promoting legal abortion, he never realized how a preborn baby reacts in the womb.

Nathanson recorded the video *The Silent Scream* in the 1980s, which showed footage of a baby at 12 weeks being aborted in real time, recorded on ultrasound. Although somewhat dated and sensationalized by modern standards, the film was a powerful tool for pro-lifers.

Nathanson was the cofounder of NARAL, which has changed its name several times over the years but has always been extremely active in promoting abortion and fighting pro-life efforts.

The Abortion Song

Nathanson wrote his first book, *Aborting America*, while he was still developing his views on abortion. In it, he revealed some lies and dirty tactics he and other abortion promoters used to convince the public to support legal abortion.

I've read *Aborting America* several times over the years, and it is still worth a read, but one thing I wanted to share from the book is "The Abortion Song."

Dr. Nathanson went to medical school during a time when abortion was illegal throughout the entire country—before *Roe v. Wade*. Decades before abortion became

legally available, Nathanson and other students had a made-up song they would sometimes sing among themselves when goofing around.

Nathanson published the lyrics in his book. Here they are:

*There's a fortune....in abortion
Just a twist of the wrist and
you're through.*



*The population.... of the nation
Won't grow if it's left up to you.
In the daytime ... In the nighttime
There is always more work to
undo.*

*Oh, there's a fortune ... in
abortion
But you'll wind up in the pen
before you're through.*

*Now there's a gold mine ... in the
sex line
And it's so easy to do.*

*Not only rabbits ... have those
habits
So why worry about typhoid and
flu?*

*You never bother ... the future
father
and there's so many of them too.*

*Oh, there's a fortune ... in
abortion
But you'll wind up in the pen
before you're through.¹*

Doctors could make a great deal of money by doing abortions in

the 1960s and 70s. And that hasn't changed.

Abortionists Make A Lot of Money

In 1997, Dr. Nathanson wrote:

Why, you may well ask, do some American doctors who are privy to the findings of fetology discredit themselves by carrying out abortions? Simple arithmetic at \$300 a time. 1.55 million abortions means an industry generating \$500,000,000 annually, of which most goes into the pocket of the physician doing the abortion.

According to Planned Parenthood, a first trimester abortion in an abortion facility now costs about \$600-800. Planned Parenthood advertises the abortion pill at \$580 and claims other places charge more, up to \$800. And later abortions can be far more expensive.

In 2023, there were an estimated 1,026,700 abortions. (This does not, of course, count abortions by pills obtained through the mail from outside the US instead of from an abortion clinic, i.e., "self-managed abortions.")

Without data on how far along in pregnancy these abortions took place, and where, it is hard to determine the exact amount of money the abortion industry raked in that year. But it is likely more than \$500,000,000.

At \$700 per abortion, obviously an estimate, the amount would be \$718,690,000 a year.

But whether abortion is a \$500 million industry or a \$700 million one, or even more, it is the doctors, along with the owners of the abortion facilities, who are taking home the bulk of that money.

Peter Korn wrote the book

Lovejoy: A Year in the Life of an Abortion Clinic in 1996. He interviewed abortionists and abortion workers at Lovejoy and witnessed abortions there.

Korn described how one abortionist at Lovejoy worked a 20-hour work week committing abortions and made over \$300,000 a year.²

For perspective, in 1995, the average monthly rent for an apartment was \$655, and the average new home cost \$158,000.00. An abortionist could easily afford a new home a year, and still have over \$140,000 annual income to spare.

Uta Landy, then the executive director of the National Abortion Federation, said in 1983. "Abortion certainly is profitable ... Making money is not a bad thing."

Claims from Abortion Providers, Former and Current

Many former abortionists and abortion workers have spoken out about how making a profit was a priority for abortion facilities where they worked, often more important than providing good care.

For example, former abortionist Dr. Robert Siudmack, who once committed abortions for Planned Parenthood but is now pro-life, said in an interview with Coral Ridge Ministries:

I worked at the Margaret Sanger Center in downtown Manhattan for about a year before moving to South Florida, and it was all about the money and how many abortions we could do in a short period of time.

There was a set price, and obviously the more

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WATCH: Abortion survivor shares powerful story of hope and forgiveness

'I wanted to tell my birth mother how much I loved her and forgave her,' Micaella remembered thinking after learning her mother had attempted to abort her.

By Clare Marie Merkowski

The latest video in a pro-life series shares the powerful story of Micaella, a woman raised by adoptive parents who never knew she was the survivor of an abortion attempt by her birth mother.

In a July 5 video by Students for Life, abortion survivor Micaella revealed how she was born alive during a failed abortion only to be abandoned by her birth mother along with her two-year-old brother.

searching for her birthparents.

"Growing up I suffered with several unexplained health conditions in my heart, lungs, and spine," she explained. "My parents and I always wondered about my medical history, but no one could provide answers."

Micaella reached out to local job and family services for information regarding her birth and her parents, but says she was told that her records were "sealed."

that it was not in my best interest to open up my past."

However, on her 35th birthday, Micaella was finally given answers regarding her past.

"On my 35th birthday, I tried calling child services one more time," she recalled. "This time the woman who answered told me that she had prayed that I would call again. She said that she would contact me after work."

The woman told Micaella that her children would not suffer

The woman further revealed that Micaella's mother was a migrant farm worker who likely did not have health insurance. Instead, she went to a "crude facility" on the farm to have Micaella aborted.

"She wasn't sure at that time how far along she was in her pregnancy and an aspiration vacuum was allegedly used in a failed attempt to suck my body out," Micaella explained.

However, Micaella miraculously survived the abortion and was born alive during the procedure. Her mother left the abortion procedure, leaving both Micaella and her two-year-old brother who was in the waiting room.

"I could have felt angry, sad, a range of emotions but honestly I left the conversation just so relieved," she said. "I'm thankful to have survived something so traumatic thankful knowing that my children's health is not at risk."

"I wanted to tell my birth mother how much I loved her and forgave her," Micaella continued.

While Micaella forgave her mother, she revealed that she does become "angry when I hear abortion supporters say women are only pregnant with a clump of cells."

"My body wasn't a clump of cells," she declared. "I survived a procedure that women are lied to about in this country every day."

"This is my story, and I can't change it," Micaella continued. "I don't believe God wants me to stay silent when I can reach out to women in need and save a life in the womb."

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Screenshot from Students for Life video *Almost Aborted: Micaella Was Born Alive During A Failed Abortion*
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"The first six years of my life were spent in foster care," she relayed in the powerful video. "I didn't have a name. I didn't have a birth date, but I can remember my older brother calling me. Other than that, I had no identity."

Micaella and her brother were eventually adopted and as she grew older, Micaella began

When Micaella began her own family, she wished even more to know her background, especially wondering if her son would suffer from the same medical conditions as she did.

"I tried calling child services," she explained. "I tried chasing down answers anywhere I could but eventually a judge told me

from the same medical conditions as she did, since her conditions came from surviving an abortion attempt.

"I was so shocked," Micaella said. "How could that be? My mind was racing trying to piece together what I knew from my past and what this woman was sharing with me."

Iowa's heartbeat abortion ban officially takes effect, thousands of babies likely to be saved

By Peter Martin

DES MOINES, Iowa — Thousands of unborn babies will likely be saved in Iowa now that the state's heartbeat law has finally taken effect today after years of legal battles.

The law, which Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed in July 2023, bans abortion once a baby's heartbeat can be detected, which is as early as five weeks of pregnancy.

The governor had signed a similar heartbeat ban in 2018, but the Iowa Supreme Court failed to uphold it in a deadlocked 3-3 ruling on procedural grounds last year, and it never took effect.

However, the court ruled in favor of the new heartbeat law in a 4-3 decision this month in a victory for pro-lifers.

Last week, Iowa District Judge Jeffrey Farrell ordered that the law take effect today at 8 a.m. Central time, *LifeSiteNews* reported.

The Iowa Supreme Court, which has a 7-0 Republican majority,

had declared in 2022 that Iowa's Constitution does not include a "fundamental right" to abortion, reversing an earlier pro-abortion precedent.



Unlike some states that have enacted pro-life protections, Iowa does not allow initiated constitutional amendments that could overturn its heartbeat ban.

Conservative leaders celebrated

the Iowa Supreme Court's decision to uphold the law, which is the strongest pro-life legislation to take effect in the Hawkeye State in more than 50 years, while

enforced, heartbeat laws have reduced abortions by around 50 percent, as in Georgia, to nearly 80 percent, as in South Carolina.

Iowa's heartbeat law allows exceptions for rape and incest reported to law enforcement or a health agency, fetal abnormalities allegedly "incompatible with life," and supposedly life-threatening "medical emergencies." Direct abortion is always gravely immoral and never needed nor ethically justifiable to save a mother's life.

Along with Georgia, Iowa, and South Carolina, Florida has also implemented a heartbeat ban. Fourteen other states are currently enforcing near-total bans on abortion, including Missouri and South Dakota, which border Iowa.

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calling for the state to protect life from the moment of conception.

"Our prayers have been answered!" Pulse Life Advocates said.

In states where they have been

With a long history, Kamala Harris has truly earned the moniker pro-abortion zealot

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of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age, in effect advocating for the death of viable babies who have survived an abortion attempt.

She is a pro-abortion zealot.

During that same time frame, Harris voted against the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," which would have protected unborn babies 20 weeks and older from late abortions on account of their ability to experience pain. She disregarded the science, ignored

the testimony of doctors and the excruciating pain a baby feels as she is being shredded in her mother's womb, and voted to allow the continuation of brutal late abortions.

She is a pro-abortion zealot.

Harris is in full support of the so-called "Women's Health Protection Act," a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers on both the

federal and state levels, including parental involvement laws. She promotes fanatical positions that would eradicate the rights of parents from consenting or even knowing that their minor child is being taken in for an abortion.

She is a pro-abortion zealot.

If Harris were to become president, she has pledged to nominate only judges who support a "right to abortion." She will use tax-payer dollars to subsidize the abortion industry further

and further erode protections for women and girls who are seeking to take the dangerous chemical abortion cocktail.

Kamala Harris advocates for an extremist agenda that normalizes a brutal procedure that often involves the dismemberment of the unborn child, and untold trauma for the mother. We must unite, mobilize, and work tirelessly so that Kamala Harris never becomes president.

She is a pro-abortion zealot.

THE RECORD ON LIFE

Vice President Kamala Harris 2021-present



Prior to serving as Vice President to President Joe Biden, Kamala Harris held a U.S. Senate seat from California from 2017-2021. In her four years in the Senate, Kamala Harris earned a 0% pro-life rating from National Right to Life.

- **Abortion Funding:** Vice President Harris supports the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. While serving in the Senate, Harris voted against the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” which would establish a permanent, government-wide prohibition on federal subsidies for abortion and for health plans that cover abortion with narrow exceptions.
- **Unlimited Abortion Until Birth:** Vice President Harris supports the “Women’s Health Protection Act,” a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers on both the federal and state levels, including parental involvement laws.
- **Chemical Abortions:** Under President Biden and Vice President Harris, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suspended safeguards established for women undergoing chemical abortions, such as seeing the abortionist in person. The in-person requirement helped to prevent complications resulting from an ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal and can only be diagnosed with an in-person evaluation. The FDA also now permits pharmacists to dispense abortion drugs, and it even allows abortion drugs to be sent by mail.
- **Funding Abortion Providers:** In 2021, the Biden-Harris Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) overturned the Trump-era “Protect Life Rule” on Title X family-planning funding. Today, the Biden-Harris rule allows millions of dollars to flow to facilities that perform or refer for abortions including Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.
- **Abortion Funding in the Military:** Under President Biden and Vice President Harris, the Department of Veterans Affairs has begun to pay for and provide abortions for “health reasons,” defined broadly as to be for any reason. In addition, the Department of Defense has begun to reimburse military members and their dependents for transportation costs incurred in traveling to obtain elective abortions.
- **The Judiciary:** If she were to become president, Harris has pledged to nominate only judges who support a “right to abortion.” While serving in the Senate, Harris voted against confirmation of Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. These nominations were backed by pro-life groups. In 2022, Harris supported President Biden’s nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court. Jackson’s nomination was supported by the nation’s top pro-abortion groups.
- **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors:** While serving in the Senate, Harris voted against the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” which would ensure that an infant born alive during an attempted abortion is afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.
- **Late Abortions:** As a Senator, Harris voted against the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” which would have protected unborn babies 20 weeks and older from late abortions on account of their ability to experience pain.
- **Abortion-Expanding Mandates:** In an effort to override protective pro-life state laws, the Biden-Harris Administration issued guidance in July 2023 asserting that EMTALA requires access to unlimited abortion. The federal EMTALA law regulating emergency rooms exists to protect patients, not create a right to unlimited abortion. In 2022, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act,” meant to protect pregnant women in the workplace, became law. However, in 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration finalized a rule establishing a nationwide requirement that employers with 15 or more employees provide leave to obtain elective abortions under the new law. Litigation is ongoing.
- **Endorsements:** Throughout her political career, Harris has received endorsements and campaign donations from groups that promote unlimited abortion, including Planned Parenthood Action Fund, EMILY’s List, and Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL).

Describing miscarriage as “intrauterine death” threatens abortion rights

By Monica Snyder, Executive Director, Secular Pro-Life

In 2023, Jessalyn Bohn wrote “When Words Fail: ‘Miscarriage,’ Referential Ambiguity, and Psychological Harm”. She called for more precision and sensitivity when describing pregnancy loss.

About a year later, Belinda Alievska wrote some reflections of Bohn’s work: “The Implications of Revising The Terminology of Pregnancy Loss”. Specifically Alievska worried that Bohn’s proposed phrase “intrauterine death” has “potential to influence debates surrounding pregnancy amidst a highly charged political atmosphere.” In particular, Alievska was concerned the phrase could “fundamentally alter the public and political discourse surrounding abortion.” She elaborated:

Adopting terminology [for miscarriage] that emphasizes the loss of life, such as “intrauterine death,” could shift the perception of abortion from a medical procedure to an act with more profound moral and emotional weight.

Further, Alievska observed:

The term “death” is often reserved for the loss of life. We use the term death to speak of



humans, pets and other animals, and other living entities (such as plants).

It’s difficult to imagine an argument that explains why “death” could fairly describe the end of a plant’s life but not an embryo’s.

Alievska noted, correctly, that Secular Pro-Life has referenced Bohn’s work before, although she may not be sure what

precisely our point was when we did so.

This is the passage from Bohn that I quoted:

“While the experience of losing one’s child or delivering prematurely is traumatic on its own, those bereaved by

intrauterine death suffer additional, mitigatable, psychological harm. Specifically, they often struggle with disenfranchised grief—‘grief that persons experience when they incur a loss that is not or cannot be openly acknowledged, publicly mourned, or socially supported’—misplaced guilt, and shock at preterm delivery’s physical reality.”

I highlighted this quote to emphasize the phenomenon of loss parents feeling unsupported and silenced as we navigate our anguish. This is an extension of my prior discussion about how some more strident defenses of abortion involve gaslighting loss parents and minimizing our grief.

And then Alievska wrote an article hesitating over whether society should clearly and sensitively acknowledge the losses that parents experience, because doing so risks undermining abortion rights.

She’s making my point for me.

10 Facts You Need to Know from Michigan's 2023 Abortion Report

By Right to Life of Michigan

The latest abortion report compiled by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is very significant, because it's the last abortion report.

Because of Proposal 3 and subsequent laws our governor and radical proabortion legislators ushered in over the last year, Michigan abortion facilities are no longer required to report statistics. Indeed, they are now unregulated and unlicensed.

The substantial increase in abortion complications represented below in conjunction with proabortion elected officials simultaneously removing clinic health and safety standards and a judge halting enforcement of informed consent for a woman seeking an abortion illustrates the increased dangers women face. There is no question women who seek an abortion now are at far greater risk than they have been in recent years.

There is no justification for removing abortion reporting, since no woman's privacy has ever been invaded in 40+ years of abortion reports in Michigan. Yet, moving forward, abortion will become a black box in the state of Michigan.

#1: Abortions increased in Michigan

There were 31,241 reported induced abortions in Michigan in 2023. That's a 4% increase from 2022.

More abortions have happened every year since Governor Whitmer took office, increasing 17% since 2018.

#2: Michigan's increase came from residents, not women from other states

Abortions on Michigan residents accounted for 100% of

the increase in 2023.

For the first time ever, MDHHS included statistics on location for out-of-state women traveling to Michigan for abortions. As expected, Ohio (1,532) and Indiana (695) were the top states, with the top five also including Texas (138), Georgia (67), and Wisconsin (63).

#3: Michigan abortions are increasing outside Metro Detroit

Most abortions are still performed on women living in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties, accounting for 56% of abortions in 2023. However, it's other counties in Michigan that led to this year's increase.

Abortions in the three Metro Detroit counties increased by only 1%. Abortions in other counties with more than 100,000 residents increased by 8%. Though the Upper Peninsula represents a relatively small number of abortions in the state, abortions there increased by 21%.

Isabella County was the only county with more than 100 reported abortions in 2022 to see a decrease.

The abortion increase in rural and medium-sized counties is likely helped by expanded use of the abortion pill, which can be sent through the mail with no examination by a doctor. 55% of abortions in the state are now done with abortion pills. Most abortion facilities in Michigan are still located along or south of I-96.

#4: Michigan is seeing the highest abortion rates since tax-funded abortions

When Michigan voters ended the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions in 1988, there was a large decrease. In fact, if you

project the decrease in 1989 forward to 2023, there are 278,000 people alive today because of that single policy.

However, for a variety of

complications were "retained products" (83) and "failed abortion" (122). "Retained products" means body parts of the baby remained in the womb



reasons, including economic conditions and the pro-abortion policies of the Whitmer Administration, the long-term abortion decline in Michigan has reversed. In 2023, the abortion ratio and rate on Michigan residents were the second highest since 1988.

The abortion rate was 15.0, meaning 15 of every 1,000 women of reproductive age in Michigan had abortions in 2023. The abortion ratio was 271.3, meaning for every 1,000 live births in Michigan, there were 271 abortions. One in every five pregnancies in Michigan ends with an abortion. These numbers are slightly above national averages.

#5: Abortion complications are increasing

Since 2018, serious medical complications from abortion have increased dramatically. In 2017, there were 15 reported serious complications. By 2022, that number was 178, and it increased to 247 in 2023.

Most of those 247 serious

following the abortion, and "failed abortion" means the woman remained pregnant following the abortion. Many of those women likely were forced to undergo a second abortion.

Increasing complications could be due to increased use of the abortion pill, which has a larger risk of complications than surgical abortions, especially a failed abortion. 72% of the reported serious complications were from pill abortions.

These numbers are likely a large undercount, because most abortion facilities refuse to report all complications.

#6: Abortion demographics continue aging

For the first time, the number of abortions on Michigan women ages 30 and older surpassed 10,000, with 10,485 reported in 2023.

The increase is not due to Michigan's aging population and fewer young people; the abortion

JD Vance's autobiography is a “tear-drenched testament to the power of love and resilience”

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

With pro-life U.S. Senator JD Vance propelled to the GOP nomination for Vice President, I felt compelled to watch the movie inspired by his life, *Hillbilly Elegy*.

A powerful story, the film chronicles Vance's rise from being reared dirt poor in the Rust Belt city of Middletown, Ohio, to the heights of Yale Law School.

I was moved by the resolute determination of his grandmother—“Mamaw—that JD make something of himself, overcoming the challenges of a chaotic home life and financial troubles to achieve academic excellence.

I felt a common bond with him. Just like JD's Mamaw, my foster grandmother—the woman I knew as Grandma Hazel—had her family roots in Kentucky but migrated north to Ohio. She was a comforting, stabilizing force in my life, and her homespun wisdom carried me through some dark days.

In 2020, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate from Ohio, in his victory speech he said to Mamaw, “You're not always going to agree with every vote that I take, and you're not going to agree with

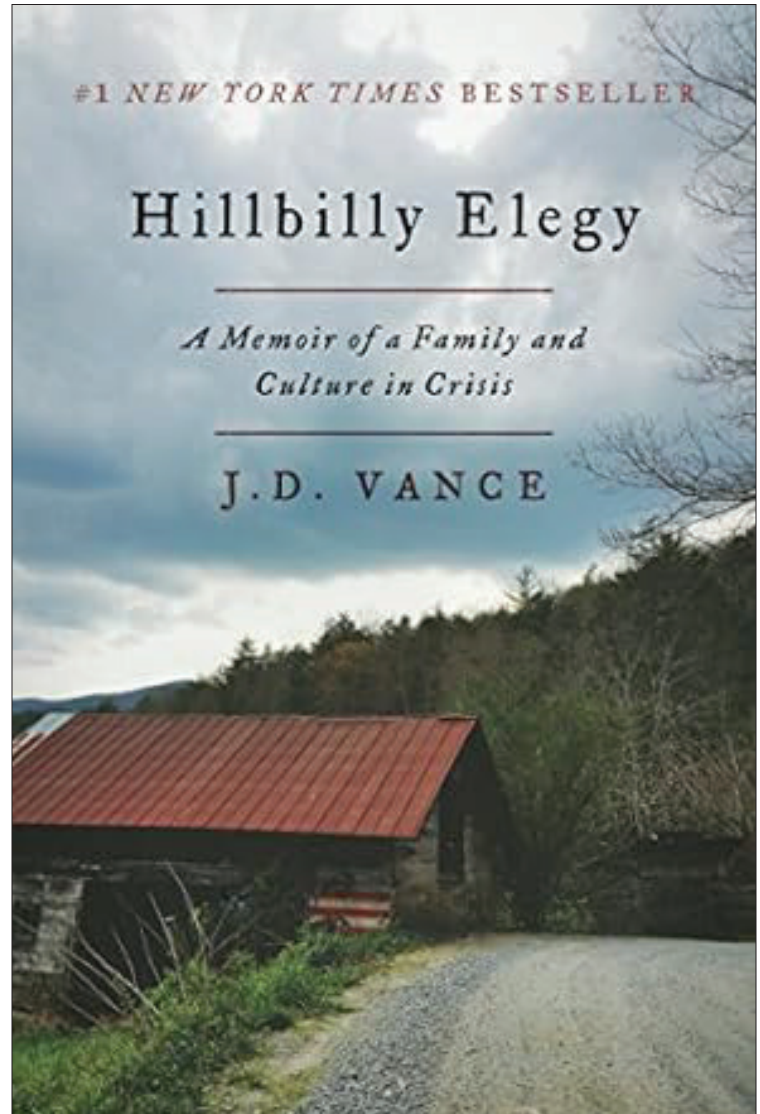
every single amendment that I offer in the United States Senate, but I will never forget the woman who raised me.”

The movie, directed by Ron Howard, debuted in 2020. It was rightly hailed for expertly capturing the culture of a people fiercely family-oriented but plagued by profound troubles such as addiction and violence. Actresses Glenn Close and Amy Adams provide riveting portrayals of JD's grandmother and mother, respectively, as chronicled in the *New York Times* best-selling memoir upon which the movie is based.

If you have people from Appalachia in your family tree, you are likely to feel a kinship with the film's cast of characters. If your family has been touched by the trauma of addiction, you will likely recognize the truths which the movie tells.

The film is rated R for coarse language and violence. But in the end, *Hillbilly Elegy* is a story of triumph of hope over adversity and demonstrates the indomitable nature of the human spirit.

It is a tear-drenched testament to the power of love and resilience and shows that each human life has priceless value.



Arizona man pours heart into making fetal models for March for Life display

Meet the man behind the fetal model display at Minnesota's MCCL March for Life
Craftsman says making fetal models for prolife movement is 'bigger than me'

By Carla Kemp

As organizers and volunteers with Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) prepared for their March for Life at the state Capitol, many prayers were on their hearts.

The event would feature 12,175 fetal models, representing each baby lost to abortion in Minnesota in 2022. It was the first such display in the history of MCCL's March for Life, and the logistics were daunting.

So, they sent up prayers for a successful and peaceful event. They prayed that a large crowd would show up to see the display. And of course, they prayed that the weather would cooperate, especially as subzero temperatures and blustery winds kicked up the week before the March on Jan. 22.

They also prayed fervently for a man named Raul Gomez who works for a company called Heritage House '76 in Snowflake, Ariz. Gomez is a craftsman who makes fetal models by hand, and he was working around the clock to ensure MCCL had all of the models it needed.

The success of the display literally was in his hands.

Labor of love

For the past 13 years, Gomez has been making fetal models for Heritage House, which sells prolife resources and products to pregnancy centers, prolife organizations, churches and individuals. He is the only employee who makes the models, a process that is both art and science.

Gomez works 12-hour days in the "baby room" pouring, mixing and putting the finishing touches on each model, which accurately depict the size, shape and weight of babies from 12 to 26 weeks post-conception. It can take up to eight hours to craft just one model.

He takes pride in his work and enjoys many facets of his job. "I would say the main thing is that I get to be a part of helping change people's minds about abortion," he said.

Although he puts in long hours, it's difficult for Gomez to keep up

am I going to make this happen?"

He spent a day in the baby room seeing how many of the 20-week "Baby Eve" models he could make.

"It turned out that it was going to take five weeks and at least a little bit over 500 hours," Gomez said.

That meant he would have to

he literally stuck to that schedule," Mata said. "It was hard on him, but he did it."

MCCL honored Gomez at its fundraising gala on May 3. More than 800 attendees listened attentively as Blaesus recounted the story of how the display of fetal models came to be. They gasped as Blaesus told them that one man was responsible for making hundreds of the large models and gave Gomez a standing ovation when Blaesus revealed that he was at the gala.

Display is born

Two MCCL volunteers came up with the idea for the display after the Minnesota legislature passed the Protect Reproductive Options Act (PRO Act), which legalized abortion for any reason up until birth. They proposed putting together a display of fetal models that represented the babies who had been aborted and laying them on the steps of the Capitol.

Shortly afterward, the Minnesota Department of Health released a report showing that 12,175 babies had been aborted in 2022, a 20% increase from 2021.

Conversations continued, and MCCL decided to use the display as a focal point for its March for Life in January. The display would show the public and legislators the magnitude of the lives lost to abortion and the humanity of the unborn child.

"We looked at the numbers in the report, and we did proportionately what the numbers showed in terms of white babies and nonwhite babies," Blaesus said. "And then we looked at gestational age ... and there were just under 700 abortions at 16 weeks and later."



Raul Gomez

with the demand, and some of the models often are on backorder. When the pressure starts to mount, he said he will "stop for a minute, and I'll say, 'This is bigger than me ... let's get it done.'"

When MCCL's order came in and included more than 500 of the 20-week models, Heritage House Chief Operation Officer Missie Mata wasn't sure they'd be able to fulfill it. She met with Gomez to get his thoughts. "I left it up to him," she said.

Gomez said his first reaction was, "Wow. That is a lot of babies. How

work nearly 15-hours days five or six days a week. He decided he was up to the challenge.

"It's impressive to me," Mata said. "It's more than just a job. It was about the mission."

When she called Cathy Blaesus, co-executive director of MCCL, to tell her Gomez would take on the project, Mata had one caveat: "It literally is all on our Raul. If he gets COVID or something, what are we going to do?"

"We are going to pray for him," Blaesus responded.

"And he made it through, and

Yowzah. Trump reaches 52% job approval in Harvard/Harris Poll

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How about Trump's support among women, the infamous gender gap? He only trails by four—44%/48%. But he's ahead among men by a whopping twelve points. "Trump also wins an astounding 25% of the black vote and 44% of the Hispanic vote, which is slightly lower than in some other polling."

What explains Trump's great improvement? According to Morrissey

The issue set clearly favors Republicans now. The top three issues for respondents in this survey when asked in an open-ended manner are inflation (37%), immigration (33%), and

the economy and jobs (27%). When asked to specify which single issue impacts the most, 45% chose inflation and 14% chose immigration. Harris' pet issue, abortion, comes in tied for third with crime at 10%. Except possibly on jobs, where the data has been surprisingly cheery this year, Harris has to play defense on the issues mattering most to voters in this cycle -- and Harris is not talented at defense.

Most importantly, Morrissey writes, "voters have reconsidered

Trump's presidency in light of what followed it." Asked "Do you approve or disapprove the job Donald Trump did as President, a total of 54% either strongly approved (35%) or somewhat approved (19%).

Morrissey concludes "At any rate, Harris may have upended something, but it's not this race. It's the assumptions of Trump as too flawed a candidate to beat a supposedly fresh and younger face -- and that won't improve as Harris gets more and more scrutiny as a candidate, either."

Finally Nate Silver still finds Trump ahead:

Even after Democrats dramatically moved to re-top their presidential

ticket and got an apparent jolt of momentum, famed election analyst and statistical guru Nate Silver still deems former President Donald Trump the favorite.

His election forecast model gives Trump a 61.3% chance of prevailing in the Electoral College, while Vice President Kamala Harris is at 38.1%.

Silver previously pegged Trump with a 65.7% chance of victory over President Biden during his model rollout last month.

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MCCL had been ordering 12-week models from Heritage House for years to use at various events and had some of the larger models. Blaeser got on the company's website to place an order for thousands of models.

"It's pretty easy to order the little 12-week babies in large numbers," Blaeser said. "But when I started going to try to order 500 of the larger babies, the computer just sort of sat there circling."

So, Blaeser called Heritage House and reached Mata.

"I told her, 'I need this many,' and she just paused for a second," Blaeser said. "And she said, 'What are you doing?' So, I told her what we were doing. And she said, 'Oh, I really want to help you make that happen.'"

After the order was finalized, Gomez got to work. Although the timeframe was tight, he didn't want the quality of his work to suffer.

"Whether it's one Eve or two Eves or 30, I always take the responsibility and the time. I put my heart into it," he said.

His commitment and skill shine through in each model. After taking the baby out of the mold,

he meticulously touches it up and rubs it with baby powder to make the skin look and feel smooth.

Gomez's kids, who range in age from 7 to 20, have visited the baby room often over the years.

"When I brought them in, the little ones are always like, 'Ooh, that's a baby.'"

Tragic, wonderful day

Thousands of people attended the March for Life, and many had much the same reaction when they saw the 12,175 models on display.

"I think they were perfect," said Hannah Ferber, a 15-year-old who volunteered to carry models to the Capitol steps. "I think the entire program was just perfect. It's something people will remember."

Blaeser agreed.

"They're just so beautiful, which is what made the display so beautiful," she said. "These were actual, life-like fetal models on the steps of the Capitol and just a display of the humanity of that number. It was so moving."

The models were arranged on eight frames covered with red cloth. Each frame held about 1,500 babies and weighed about

145 pounds. Like pall bearers, seven volunteers carried each frame and placed it on the Capitol steps. Later, they moved the display inside, placing each of the eight pieces of red cloth on the eight-pointed star on the Capitol Rotunda floor.

Ferber described the mood as somber.

"I was actually close to tears because I was adopted from China," she said. "I was the second child of the one-child policy at the time, so as I was seeing all of the fetal models, I was thinking to myself, 'This could have been me.' That was a little hard."

Sixteen-year-old Evelyn Frobish traveled to the March with fellow members of Comets for Life at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls, Minn. She said she was struck by the number of fetal models on display.

"For so many, it's just a number and a statistic," she said. "But when we laid out those models, it became more than that. Suddenly, the number on a page was something tangible and heartbreaking and something that we could see laid down in front of us."

Blaeser called the event "a tragic day and a wonderful day."

"I think the story of Raul and the story of Heritage House speaks to the desire of pro-lifers to make a difference," she said.

Back in Arizona, Gomez, Mata and other Heritage House employees watched a livestream of the event.

"Being a part of this project and being able to come alongside MCCL and just be able to show the world the sanctity of human life is important to us as well," Mata said.

Gomez struggled to find the words to describe how he felt when he saw the display of the models he had spent hundreds of hours crafting.

"I felt this kind of like a knot inside but a good feeling because our models are there trying to make a difference," he said. "It was very touching because that's a lot of babies that are aborted. That's the sad part."

Gomez also was touched by all of the prayers said for him while he was making the models.

"I'm thankful for the prayers. That means a lot to me," Gomez said. "God bless all those people."

Right to Life of Michigan has launched a new campaign, “Life. The Other Choice,” so women have every opportunity to make a choice for life

By Amber Roseboom, President, Right to Life of Michigan

American women should be on notice. Gone are the days of Bill Clinton’s “safe, legal and rare.” Today’s proabortion movement – candidates, activists, and providers alike – have dispensed with the past in favor of using women and fully unregulated abortion as a crass means to an end: absolute power through hoped for electoral gains at all costs. Desperate to mobilize their weary base, the national Democratic Party is making abortion the tip of the spear in their case to the American public.

Michigan’s Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, said the quiet part out loud when she told *Politico*, “The challenge and opportunity

future holds if abortion advocates have their way can be seen in Michigan, ground zero for abortion politics.

1. Attempting to mobilize voters with a lie about threats to abortion access.

In Michigan, one of three must-win target states in this year’s presidential election (Wisconsin and Pennsylvania being the others), Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Vice President turned presidential candidate Kamala Harris, and a slew of Democratic surrogates are peddling the fantasy that “reproductive freedoms” are at stake. The problem, of course, is this claim has zero basis in reality. A woman in Michigan

Michigan, nor has contraception.

2. Compromising women’s health through the large-scale deregulation of the abortion industry. Abortion-

taxpayers in Michigan to pay for abortions through Medicaid funding.

Now, Governor Whitmer has her sights set on further chipping



“Presence” ad video still



“Test” ad video still

is to link reproductive freedom to economic and political freedom.” Democrats’ historic failures at supporting economic and political freedom have left them few options.

A crystal ball into what the

can access abortion at any point in her pregnancy for any reason. This is the result of an extreme proabortion amendment to our state constitution which passed in 2022. Beyond that, IVF is not, nor has it ever been at risk in

obsessed politicians target safeguards around abortion with a wrecking ball.

In Gretchen Whitmer’s Michigan, women are at far greater risk of harm when they enter an abortion clinic today than they were even a couple of years ago. Abortion clinic health and safety regulations are gone. Women no longer need to be provided basic medical facts about an abortion before having one. Non-physicians are now able to perform abortions.

Simultaneously, the 2023 abortion statistics recently released by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services show serious complications from abortion spiking, up 38%. (Shockingly, proabortion Democrats have removed all transparency for the abortion industry, so this is the final report that will be available.) Partial-birth abortion is legalized. And the ACLU of Michigan brought a lawsuit to force

away at parental rights, intent on overturning parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion. Currently, a minor girl seeking an abortion must receive her parent’s consent or seek a judicial bypass before obtaining an abortion. Proabortion politicians are unfazed by the fact that parental consent enjoys the support of 68% of voters.

3. Responding with compassion. The prolife path forward must recognize the reality that women in America can find or access abortion if they want to do so. But for CHOICE to truly exist, women must have every opportunity to make a hopeful, courageous choice for life.

Here in Michigan, despite the challenges, Right to Life of Michigan’s more than 80 affiliates and thousands of volunteers are energized for

97% of pregnancy center clients are satisfied with their experience

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their experience can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCJgCzxsZKA and www.youtube.com/watch?v=4U0ZvvgkCxM

The Advocacy Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center has had similar positive interactions with clients.

Katie Getz, executive director, shared one client's experience.

She is 21 years old and has two girls, one due later this month and the other 18 months old. She took our newborn education classes in 2022/23 for her first pregnancy. She speaks Spanish at home and her boyfriend, now husband, Mario, speaks only Spanish. She delivered her first child in 2023. She came back to us in 2024 with a new pregnancy and a desire to take our parenting class. After the parenting class she gave the following feedback:

"I give an A because I gained some knowledge

and won't be going blindly at parenthood."

"I give an A because it gave me inside information on the different stages my child would go through, and how to navigate (them)"

"My favorite part was the question and answer at the end because it gave me more time to think about (what I just learned) and how to handle future situations."

The client completed high school and is now married and has good support from her husband. They visit her mom and her three-year-old boy. So, the client's little brother and daughter play and enjoy each other's company. Success!

More feedback from the client:

"I have learned just about all of the ins and

outs of active parenting."

"I have learned a lot of things that I used to have a different view of."

"All the things were laid out and simple to understand."

"The best part of the class was being able to share and learn more about parenting and how to deal with certain situations."

CLI Executive Director Karen Czarnecki told Pregnancy Help News, "The Hope for a New Generation report highlights the tremendous impact pregnancy centers are making across the nation – serving nearly 1 million women and men and providing them almost entirely free services at a value of more than \$350 million in 2022 alone. This data directly refutes the narrative abortion activists push

that abortion is a woman's only choice."

"From medical care to emotional support to material needs, these centers are making a positive impact in the lives of women across the country, and in the post-*Dobbs* era the prolife movement has been invigorated with a new sense of mission to increase the support these centers offer to women and couples facing unexpected pregnancies," Czarnecki said. "By ignoring these facts and suppressing information about the services pregnancy centers offer, the mainstream media denies women the choice that they claim to support."

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2024 National Right to Life Academy, we are training tomorrow's pro-life leaders today

These are students from the 2024 National Right to Life Academy, our biggest class in years. This year, we have students from Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Virginia. They offer the pro-life movement new energy, enthusiasm, skills, and intelligence. The new six-day, single week format makes

it a lot more convenient and economical for students, but makes for an intense educational experience, pretty much going round the clock from morning to night and really packing in all the information and the training classes.



The “Abortion to Save the Life of the Mother” Scam

By Sarah Terzo

Mainstream media outlets are full of stories about pregnant people whose lives are endangered by their pregnancy and who need an abortion. But sometimes, abortion to save the life of the mother is a scam.

Pro-Lifers and Abortions to Save the Life of the Mother

Individual cases vary, and there are indeed times when a pregnant person's life can be endangered by a pregnancy. In many of these cases, premature delivery instead of abortion is an option, even when the child is too premature to survive. Directly killing the baby by dismemberment isn't a requirement. Live Action News discusses how a premature delivery, even when a child has no chance of survival, is different from an abortion.

The media often casts pro-lifers as the bad guys when we require confirmation of a life-endangering pregnancy or put ground rules in place for abortions to save a woman's life. But there is a very good reason pro-lifers want (and need) to do this.

Pro-abortion activists are trying to create a loophole. They want to give one doctor, the abortionist, the authority, with no oversight, to claim that an abortion endangers the pregnant person's life. You need to know some history to understand why this is so problematic.

Public Opinion of Doctors Before Roe

Before *Roe*, there was far more support for legalizing abortion among doctors than among laypeople. In a 1968 poll, 86.9% of doctors were in favor of liberalizing abortion laws, including 94.6% of psychiatrists.¹ In 1965, 89% of psychiatrists said they would recommend abortion if the mother's emotional health was endangered by the pregnancy.²

A Loophole in the Law

Therefore, many doctors were committed to giving women abortions on request. Yet abortions could only be done legally to save the mother's life. So, doctors created a loophole. If a woman threatened suicide because of her pregnancy, then this meant her life was in danger. Thus, an abortion could comply with the law.

Dr. Allan Guttmacher, who would become the director of Planned Parenthood, stated in 1958:

At Mount Sinai, our rules are specific. The law says that one may abort to save the life of the mother, and therefore we insist that suicidal intent must be present in the psychiatric patient in order to validate the abortion.³

These women were often carefully coached on what to say.

Statistics on Abortion “to Save the Life of the Mother”

From 1952 to 1955 there were 57 abortions committed at Mount Sinai Hospital, and 47.3% were on healthy mothers, done on grounds of averting suicide.⁴ From 1951 to 1953, 37.8% of abortions committed in New York City were done for this reason. This was up from only 8.2% in 1943.⁵ Between 1960-1962, it was 61%.⁶ In 1943, in Buffalo, New York, only 10% of abortions were justified by the risk of suicide. By 1963, this percentage had increased to 80%⁷, and the overall number of abortions increased considerably.

Sometimes, the pregnant person simply told the abortionist that she was suicidal. In other cases, the abortionist enlisted a psychiatrist accomplice who met with the woman and certified that she was suicidal. He would write a letter

or fill out some paperwork, and the abortion would be done.

Doctors Admitted to Dishonesty

Many in the medical field openly admitted that these



“consultations” and certifications were a sham.

Two authors writing in 1973 stated:

Some liberal-minded psychiatrists admit frankly that they sometimes must stretch their definitions of life-threatening mental hazards a bit, because they know that their approval is the only chance a woman may have of obtaining a legal therapeutic abortion.⁸

They quoted Dr. Leon Eisenberg of Harvard admitting, “I write letters recommending abortion that are frankly fraudulent because I am satisfied to be used so that someone may obtain what our society otherwise would deny to her.”⁹

These weren't pro-life authors. In their book, they compared abortion to “removing a wart from the side of the nose.”¹⁰

Dr. Pietro Castelnuevo Tedesco, associate professor of psychiatry at UCLA, said in 1972:

[P]sychiatrists would testify that a woman

would probably commit suicide if she didn't get an abortion ... We were fudging on behalf of the patient for humanitarian reasons. It may have

been for a good cause, but it was still fudging on psychiatric standards and on scientific truthfulness.¹¹

In the documentary *Voices of Choice* produced by Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, abortionist Dr. Mildred Hanson described how she coached women who appeared before committees at hospitals for permission to get abortions before *Roe*:

We had a system put into motion so we could almost assure the patient that the process would go forward. I would coach her that she must convince the psychiatrist that she was indeed suicidal. How when she crossed a bridge she would think, “I'm just going to crawl over the top and jump over.”

Is that unethical to coach a person? Is that lying? Maybe ... But when you are between a rock and a hard place you do what you have to do.

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A Doctor Gives Pregnant Women Advice

Dr. Robert E Hall wrote *A Doctor's Guide to Having an Abortion* in 1971. Hall wrote the book for pregnant women, as a guide on how to get abortions.

Hall writes:

A surprising number of hospital abortions are being performed in the 34 states with ... laws which still require a threat to the woman's life. Somehow the medical profession has always managed to bend these laws as it has seen fit, and right now many doctors in legislatively unreformed areas are openly responding to the growing demand for safe abortions...

Many practice in the most famous medical centers, where they can actually use the reputation of the hospital to protect them from the law. Most pretend to adhere to the law by going through the motions of having a psychiatrist friend certify their patients as suicidal.¹²

He then instructs:

Most of you will not qualify for an abortion on medical or fetal grounds. Without these qualifications, then, you must convince the doctor that you are suicidal. Some doctors will be satisfied with evidence that you are terribly upset...

[Y]ou will probably have to dramatize your symptoms. Tell your doctor how agitated or depressed you are, that you can't sleep at night, and that you're thinking of doing away with yourself...

I don't mean that you have to lie to these men. Just spell out your fears, your fantasies, and your thoughts of self-destruction. Almost every unhappily pregnant woman has them. Emphasize them – make the most of them. And if the doctor is at all sympathetic to your plight, he will exaggerate your story until, by the time he asks for official approval of your abortion, you will sound like a raving maniac.

There is a certain element of theater in all of this, but it is founded on fact, and you must play your role in order to get an above-board abortion in an unreformed state.¹³

Actual Suicides Were Rare

Even before *Roe*, actual suicides among pregnant people were rare. In fact, according to a 1965 study, the suicide rate for pregnant women was one-sixth that of nonpregnant women.¹⁴

Of course, this didn't matter to the doctors.

A More Recent Example

As recently as the 2000s, the suicide subterfuge was still going on.

Alice Eve Cohen wrote a 2009 memoir called *What I Thought I Knew*. It was about her journey through a pregnancy with a disabled child. Doctors had told Cohen she was infertile, and she was taking estrogen. She didn't realize she was pregnant until the 26th week. After testing, doctors said that her daughter was intersex, had limb deformities, and might have a fatal disease. Cohen sought a third trimester abortion.

She went to a late-term abortionist named William Raushbaum, who is now deceased. This was their conversation:

'I don't want to have a baby. I'm depressed and terrified. I had no prenatal care for the first six months, and the baby was subjected to drugs and x-rays, a CAT scan –'

'Yes, and?'

'– And she's female, but she has a penis, and she might have CAH, a fatal salt-wasting –'

'Yes, and?'

'–And I'm scared I'll go into labor any day and the baby will be premature and severely disabled and–'

'Yes, and?'

'Why do you keep saying 'yes, and?'

'Is your life in danger?'

'What do you mean?'...

'I don't have time for stupidity. Why are you in my office? I can't legally put words into your mouth. Exactly how depressed are you?'

'I think about killing myself.'

'Thank you! I'm sorry you're so unhappy, but that's why we're here, isn't it? Since you're contemplating suicide, the mother's life is in danger, which is the only way you can get a legal abortion. Not in New York State, which has no exception to the 24-week limit.

You could, however, have an abortion in Wichita, Kansas ... Do you want me to call the abortion clinic in Wichita right now?'

I nodded. He called Wichita and scheduled an abortion for Tuesday, in one week.¹⁶

She was over 27 weeks.

In the end, Cohen chose life. She and her partner named the baby Eliana. Eliana was born with a physical disability but learned to walk, run, climb, and ride a scooter. Cohen went through a long and difficult battle with postpartum depression but came to love her daughter dearly.

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Another fact-free *Politifact* hit job on a pro-lifer

By Dave Andrusko

I had missed the latest short-of-facts *Politifact* hit job in which Maria Ramirez Uribe mangled a statement on abortion made by pro-life Sen. JD Vance who is, of course, pro-life former President Donald Trump's choice to be vice president.

Fortunately Ramesh Ponnuru didn't miss it in his column for *National Review Online* headlined "Politifact's Latest Logic- and Evidence-Free 'Fact Check' on Abortion."

Uribe quotes Vance who said "Donald Trump is running against a Joe Biden president who wants taxpayer-funded abortions up until the moment of birth," Vance said.

She thunders

This is False and misleads about how rarely abortions are performed later in pregnancy.

in pregnancy by . . . not saying one word about the frequency of abortions later in pregnancy."

Politifact "goes on to say that abortions later in pregnancy are a small percentage of all abortions,

are 'typically 'for health reasons. Even if true — and *Politifact* provides no footnote or link — this would again be irrelevant to Vance's point."

Note, unsurprisingly, that the

abortion even late in pregnancy," Ponnuru explains. Biden "says he believes in 'a woman's right to choose' and won't say he wants limits on that supposed right late in pregnancy."



I scoured both Uribe's pretend takedown and what Vance actually said and Ponnuru is absolutely correct: "Vance supposedly misled people about the frequency of abortions late

which is true but neither touches Vance's point that Biden's policy is to allow them not even establishes that they are rare," Ponnuru continues. "It also claims that abortions later in pregnancy

experts" *Politifact's* cites to back up its claim that Vance's comment is "False" are all pro-abortion. And "None of these experts provides any evidence that Biden is willing to place any legal restrictions on

But if you "draw the obvious conclusion," Ponnuru concludes, "and an entire industry of fact-checkers will pretend you're wrong."

Nicely done!

10 Facts You Need to Know from Michigan's 2023 Abortion Report

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rate for women 30 and older was 12.2 in 2023, up from 6.4 in 1989.

#7: Repeat abortions are increasing

For most women, abortion is not a one-time thing. In 2022, 51% of abortions were repeat abortions. That number increased to 52.1% in 2023. The number of women who had abortions who reported two or more previous abortions was 27.6% in 2023, up from 26.4%.

So, for every four women sitting in an abortion facility, one is there having her second

abortion, and another is having her third abortion (or more).

#8: Racial disparities with abortion persist

53% of abortions in Michigan are done on Black women, despite them being only about 14% of the female population. The abortion rate for White women was 6.8% in 2023, but it was nearly seven times higher for Black women, at 47.3%.

The number of White women in 2023 who were having their third abortion or more was 14.5%, but it was 38.7% for Black women.

#9: Abortions happening earlier in pregnancy

Again, increasing use of the abortion pill continues to drive changes in Michigan abortion statistics. 70% of abortions in 2023 were done on women in their 8th week of pregnancy or earlier, up from 67% in 2022. For those seeking to help women through unexpected pregnancies, the most critical moment is right after a woman sees a positive pregnancy test.

#10: Who's having abortions?

Though the facts above should you give you a pretty good idea

on who is having abortions in Michigan, let's take a look at profile of the "median abortion client" in Michigan to sum it up. The "median client" means for this hypothetical woman, more than 50% of women having abortions share these characteristics.

In 2023, the median abortion client was a 27-year old Black woman living in Metro Detroit. She is unmarried, already has one child, and she's having her second abortion. She's 6 weeks pregnant. She didn't see a doctor for a referral, finding a local abortion business online to obtain abortion pills and paid with cash.

SHOCK: Secretary of the Army says training has labeled pro-lifers ‘terrorists’ for at least 7 years

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

Another letter has been sent to the secretary of the Army, demanding answers about training slides labeling pro-lifers as terrorists — and this time, disturbing information was revealed about just how long soldiers have been receiving this inappropriate training.

Photos of a slide shown to soldiers at Fort Liberty in North Carolina were recently leaked; the

A letter, dated July 12, from the House Armed Services Committee was sent to Army Secretary Christine Wormuth; another letter was likewise sent to Wormuth on that date, spearheaded by Senators James Lankford and Ted Budd, and signed by over 50 members of Congress. Both letters demanded answers to lists of questions, with a reply required no later than July

it appears the service attacks their values and promotes a woke agenda rather than improving readiness and lethality.

We understand that the anti-terrorism slide was in fact briefed to a group of soldiers as recently as July 10th. What is unclear is how long these slides have been utilized at Ft. Liberty and whether similar briefings have been used at other installations.

investigation to ensure similar materials aren’t being used at other installations.”

The letter from members of Congress demanded answers to the following questions, which were not identical to the questions sent by the House Armed Services Committee:

Is it official Army policy to identify Pro-Life Americans and Pro-Life Organizations as “terrorist groups”?

How long have these slides been briefed to soldiers and how many soldiers have been briefed with these slides?

What is the current process by which the Army reviews anti-terrorism training materials disseminated on Army bases?

Who are the appropriate approval authorities charged with vetting training materials disseminated to soldiers across the Army?

What action is the Army taking to investigate the distribution of training materials depicting Pro-Life Americans as terrorists?

What statutes or Army regulations were potentially violated and what action is the Army taking with regard to any offending employee?

Will you commit to an installation-by-installation review to ensure that these or similar materials are not being disseminated elsewhere and that Army anti-terrorism training aligns with DoD anti-terrorism standard guidance and training?

Will you commit, in writing, that these slides will no longer be used and all future training materials reviewed will align with current DoD anti-terrorism guidance?

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slides portrayed National Right to Life and Operation Rescue as potential terrorist groups. Bullet points on the slide said being “anti-abortion” and “Pro Life,” as well as opposing “Row v Wade [sic]” were potential indications of terrorist ideations.

The slide contained various examples of pro-life advocacy, like demonstrations, protests, life chains, “the truth display” (displaying photos of abortion victims), and more. Counseling at pregnancy centers and on sidewalks was also mentioned, and the slide even included pro-life license plates.

29th.

“The American public expects the Department of Defense and its personnel to defend the homeland from actual terrorists, not Americans who seek protections for children in the womb. Labeling Pro-Life organizations as threats challenges servicemembers’ moral obligation to defend and protect even the smallest among us. In fact, around half of all Americans identify as Pro-Life,” the letter said.

It continued:

It is no wonder that the Army is struggling to recruit young men and women to join its ranks when

We also understand from a statement released by Ft. Liberty that these slides were not vetted by appropriate approval authorities.

In a follow-up tweet, however, Budd disclosed disturbing information: this biased and outrageous ‘training’ has been going on for at least seven years.

“In response to our letter, the Army Secretary disclosed that the training slides labeling pro-life Americans as terrorists have been used for at least 7 years,” Budd said. “Totally outrageous and unacceptable. The Army must fully renounce this attack on pro-life Americans and conduct a full

CBS News Implies Kamala Harris Should Be Exempt from Criticism

By Tim Graham

The bitter Sunday afternoon announcement that Joe Biden would end his re-election bid spurred hours of live network television coverage. With all that time to talk, it was guaranteed that the TV newsmen would start worrying out loud about a new Kamala Harris presidential

of President Biden, even more liberal, and he's saying she's not competent!"

Stop. What in that statement is rougher than we've ever seen? The Democrats and their staunch media allies compare Donald Trump to Hitler and other mass-murdering dictators. They

Norah O'Donnell joined in: "I remember the 2020 Republican National Convention, not the one we had last week, but in 2020 and the attacks against Kamala Harris then were very, very personal." I can't find any Harris attacks in the 2020 speeches of Trump or Mike Pence or Nikki Haley or even Donald Trump Jr., let alone a "personal" attack.

Face the Nation host Margaret Brennan then uncorked this whopper: "I can only imagine that, and a woman at the top of the ticket will take slings and arrows that a male candidate won't. That's just the facts and we know it."

Once again, in 2016, journalists like Carl Bernstein called Trump a "neo-fascist sociopath." How is a "male candidate" somehow getting it easy? But suggesting Kamala makes "word salads" or "cackles" is just beyond the pale!

An hour later, O'Donnell repeated the theme, talking about Hillary Clinton and 2016: "It was personal. He called her nasty, he called her a lot of other words. I wonder whether those same types of attacks would work in 2024? There will be a different dynamic

running against a black woman."

Let's repeat: "nasty" is less harsh than "authoritarian" or "Hitler."

In her 2016 convention speech, Hillary said Trump didn't have the temperament to be president: "Donald Trump can't even handle the rough-and-tumble of a presidential campaign." Today, CBS feels the need to protect Harris from the slightest rumble. ...

O'Donnell said she told this Democrat strategist to recall Trump running against Hillary, and wondered "how will suburban women in 2024 react to attacks on the first woman of color to lead a party's ticket?"

She's suggesting it's political suicide to criticize Harris, because of her race and gender. This is coming from journalists, who are supposed to be about accountability and democracy. At every turn, the media make plain they are about damaging Republicans and helping Democrats.

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campaign.

CBS really demonstrated the protective liberal urges. The news wasn't two hours old before Robert Costa warned the Republican attacks were going to be "rough and tumble like we've never seen it." He received a text from Donald Trump Jr., "already attacking Vice President Harris, saying she owns the entire policy

explicitly call him an "existential threat" to democracy. How is it then "rough" to say Harris is ultraliberal and incompetent?

The impression you get is that attacking Harris is exponentially worse because she's a "woman of color." She's automatically "historic," which apparently means "beyond criticism."

CBS Evening News anchor

Newborn Left at Fire Station Safe Haven Returns as a Thriving High School Graduate

By Ashlynn Lemos, Texas Right to Life

Eighteen years ago, a newborn was left at Lake County Fire Station No. 112 in Clermont, Florida through the county's "Safe Haven" program.

Colleen Katich recently visited that same station in her high school graduation cap and gown, sharing her plans to continue her education.

Katich reunited with some of the same firefighters that played a part in her story. Dan Miller, the firefighter who was on duty when she was dropped off, explained how it all happened.

"The car pulls up in the driveway, so I stepped up and met the car; this young lady just walked up and handed me a baby carrier, and it was a little baby girl sleeping. She turned around and left," he recalled. He then took her inside and they transported her to the hospital.

"The rest is history," Miller said with a proud smile. Ten years after she first arrived at the station, they named an engine after her.

The fire department made a Facebook post congratulating Katich. "Join us in congratulating Colleen on her huge

accomplishment. We are so proud of you!" the post read.

Does Texas have a Safe Haven program?

Yes! Texas' "Baby Moses" law allows parents who may not

Texas was the first state to enact a "Baby Moses" law in 1999 after 13 babies were found abandoned within just 10 months. However, the policy did not allow the option to anonymously surrender a child

door is opened, it sends a silent alarm to the firefighters so they can take the baby to a hospital for a medical evaluation.

Safe Haven laws provide a crucial avenue for parents who



be able to care for their child to safely place him or her in the care of those at a fire station, hospital, or police station with 24-7 employees within 60 days after birth. All 50 states have safe haven laws; the timing and manner allowed to surrender a child can vary by state.

in a safety device until 2023.

Abilene became the first city in Texas to put up a Safe Haven Baby Box at a local fire station. This is a temperature-controlled, padded, and monitored box, providing a safe and anonymous option to parents wishing to surrender their children. When the

may find themselves in difficult situations and in need of a safe and anonymous option to ensure their child's well-being.

Colleen Katich is a wonderful example of how Pro-Life laws, like Texas' "Baby Moses" law, allow these innocent newborns a chance at Life!

Right to Life of Michigan has launched a new campaign

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the days ahead, committed to changing hearts and minds so women have every opportunity to make a choice for life. We have launched a new campaign, "Life. The Other Choice," that includes multi-media ads with a number to call or text a hotline that connects a woman with the Pregnancy Resource Center closest to her. (Michigan has 100 Pregnancy Resource Centers across the state.) Two of those ads – "Test" and Presence" - can be viewed at

<https://rtl.org/videos/>

On the policy front, we are working to defend parental



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consent for abortion and expand prenatal and postnatal care. And our Political Action Committee is in full swing with more than 250 prolife endorsed candidates in the state and an aggressive

Get-Out-the-Vote effort underway on their behalf. We must elect candidates who stand

for common-sense protections for women and children, including the unborn.

There is no question the prolife movement faces challenges today, but they are not unlike the

challenges of the past. Despite the loud noise of the abortion lobby, a much bigger narrative is unfolding.

With *Roe* overturned, the prolife movement has the opportunity to take its case to the American people, not with force or judgment but with a compelling invitation to choose life and the practical support to do it.

This really is our time.
Let's take it.

Melania Trump writes message to the nation after assassination attempt made on her husband



Melania Trump

July 14, 2024

I am thinking of you, now, my fellow Americans.

We have always been a unique union. America, the fabric of our gentle nation is tattered, but our courage and common sense must ascend and bring us back together as one.

When I watched that violent bullet strike my husband, Donald, I realized my life, and Barron's life, were on the brink of devastating change. I am grateful to the brave secret service agents and law enforcement officials who risked their own lives to protect my husband.

To the families of the innocent victims who are now suffering from this heinous act, I humbly offer my sincerest sympathy. Your need to summon your inner strength for such a terrible reason saddens me.

A monster who recognized my husband as an inhuman political machine attempted to ring out Donald's passion - his laughter, ingenuity, love of music, and inspiration. The core facets of my husband's life - his human side - were buried below the political machine. Donald, the generous and caring man who I have been with through the best of times and the worst of times.

Let us not forget that differing opinions, policy, and political games are inferior to love. Our personal, structural, and life commitment - until death - is at serious risk. Political concepts are simple when compared to us, human beings.

We are all humans, and fundamentally, instinctively, we want to help one another. American politics are only one vehicle that can uplift our communities. Love, compassion, kindness and empathy are necessities.

And let us remember that when the time comes to look beyond the left and the right, beyond the red and the blue, we all come from families with the passion to fight for a better life together, while we are here, in this earthly realm.

Dawn is here again. Let us reunite. Now.

This morning, ascend above the hate, the vitriol, and the simple-minded ideas that ignite violence. We all want a world where respect is paramount, family is first, and love transcends. We can realize this world again. Each of us must demand to get it back. We must insist that respect fills the cornerstone of our relationships, again.

I am thinking of you, my fellow Americans.

The winds of change have arrived. For those of you who cry in support, I thank you. I commend those of you who have reached out beyond the political divide - thank you for remembering that every single politician is a man or a woman with a loving family.

There's a Fortune in Abortion

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abortions one did, the more money they would make.... Abortion is big business.

The Margaret Sanger Center was owned and operated by Planned Parenthood.

These claims, however, have also come from people still in the abortion business.

Wendy Simonds is a pro-abortion feminist who interviewed abortion workers for her book *Abortion at Work: Ideology and Practice in a Feminist Clinic*. She quotes one abortion worker saying:

I think the fact that the Center is losing that primary focus on being a feminist [workplace] is because of the almighty dollar ... It's about business, and the Center doesn't want to say that, and that's what they [the administrators] should say...They shouldn't say other things to contradict that because that's what they're about.³

Other Researchers Weigh In

Other researchers not motivated by pro-life sentiment have commented on this as well.

Eyal Press, the pro-choice son of an abortion doctor, quoted an abortion worker in his book saying that the primary motive for the doctors she worked with was money:

[M]y sense is that many of the doctors were doing this to make money while their practices were growing. This was a check they knew they were going to get.⁴

Feminist Carole Joffe wrote a book where she interviewed clinic workers and discussed the way abortion clinics were run. At one point, in the book, she said:

Besides ongoing frustration over salaries, the [abortion] counselors felt that there was no real understanding of the pressures and demands of their work. They believed, for example, that the agency director and board were always devising ways to increase the patient

If an abortion worker doesn't do this, often he or she doesn't last long.

For example, Annette Lancaster, who once managed an abortion facility for Planned Parenthood, spent extra time with pregnant people who were uncertain about having abortions and sent some home with refunds. Those above her took her to task for this:

I was told, "Why

there in the clinic were expected to have those procedures.

Lancaster resigned.

Another abortion worker, Laurel Guymier, resigned from her abortion facility because the way her colleagues pressured women to abort troubled her:

What if [the person having the abortion] said "no" when entering the operating room? In this instance, I felt compelled to reassure them they didn't have to go through with it and walked them back to the change room. This was not welcomed by my colleagues at the clinic. I was reminded that this is a business and any slowing in the production line costs money.⁵

Ultimately, abortion facilities are money-making operations with doctors and administrators taking home large paychecks.

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load (and hence generate more revenues) without considering that more patients applied a need for additional staff.⁵

Selling Abortions

It isn't the rank-and-file abortion workers who are taking home large paychecks, but the owners, administrators, and doctors at the abortion facilities.

Abortion workers, then, are less likely to become involved in abortion work for financial motives than doctors and those who set up abortion facilities. When they do get involved in the abortion industry, however, many are expected to maximize revenue by selling more abortions.

did you only do 25 procedures today? Why did you send this many women home?" ...

When I sent women home because they're unsure, or I could see in their faces and their answers, their responses to the counseling questions, they were just not certain about their decision – what was I expected to do?

[W]as I expected to just go ahead and let these women go through with a procedure?

I believe they really wanted me to... [T]he women that were already

Baby born at just 22 weeks goes home after 144 days in hospital

By Right to Life UK

A couple have been able to take their premature baby home after he was born measuring about the size of his father's hand.

Jorge Joachin and Vatsanah Vongpana were taken by surprise when baby Malakai was born at just 22 weeks and one day. He weighed less than one pound and had to be taken to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), where he was cared for by medical staff.

Malakai was in hospital for 144 days

When his parents were finally able to take him home, staff members of the hospital lined the corridor to give Malakai his send-off.

"They're not human", Joachin said of the medical staff. "They're like superheroes".

The hospital informed Fox6 News Milwaukee that Malakai is

Medical advances have left a contradiction at the heart of our abortion law

Babies like Malakai born at 22 weeks are younger than the gestation when babies can be aborted in the UK. There is a clear contradiction at the heart of our abortion law and current medical practice.

On the one hand, the law permits ending the lives of babies at 22

were performed when the baby was at 22 or 23 weeks gestation (ground C is the statutory ground under which the vast majority of abortions are permitted and there is currently a 24-week time limit for abortions performed under this statutory ground).

At the same time, according to a recent study, there were a total of 261 babies born alive at 22 and 23 weeks, before the abortion limit, who survived to discharge from hospital in 2020 and 2021.

This means in the same hospital, on the same day, two babies at the same gestational age (22 or 23 weeks gestation) could have very different fates – one could have his or her life deliberately ended by abortion, and the other could be born prematurely and have a dedicated medical team provide the best care they can to try to save his or her life.

Spokesperson for Right To Life UK, Catherine Robinson, said "These amazing stories of premature babies like Malakai surviving from just 22 weeks are so important for demonstrating the humanity and resilience of life in and out of the womb. Our abortion law has remained out of date for far too long and it is about time that the time limit for abortion was reduced to reflect the medical advances of the last few years".



"It's been a rollercoaster", Jorge said. "That's for sure".

"I never thought I would be here, being able to hold him, and like, bring him home", Vatsanah said. "It was a different experience than I really thought I was gonna have".

one of the youngest and smallest babies to survive there. He now weighs seven pounds seven ounces.

When asked what he sees when he looks at Malakai, his father said "I see a miracle. A baby miracle".

and 23 weeks, and, on the other hand, current medical practice strives to save the lives of many babies born prematurely at 22 or 23 weeks gestation.

The annual abortion statistics for England and Wales in 2021 reveal that 755 "ground C" abortions

Man charged with 2 counts of felony homicides in deaths of girlfriend and her unborn baby

By Dave Andrusko

Donovan Faison, 21, has been arrested Tuesday charged with two counts of felony homicide in the shooting deaths of his pregnant girlfriend and her unborn child. Kaylin Fiengo refused to get an abortion, according to police.

Sanford police said Fiengo, 18, was found shot to death in her car at a park in Sanford. “Fiengo had driven to Coastline Park on the night of Nov. 11 to meet up with Faison, according to cops,” Allie Griffin reported for the *New York Post*. “The same night — after 11 p.m. — she was found dead with a gunshot wound in the driver’s seat of her parked car.”

“Today’s events come after a long, almost ten months, of an exhaustive investigation,” Sanford Police Chief Cecil Smith said in a



statement. “Our investigators have made sure every possible shred of evidence was processed and analyzed in order to bring Kaylin’s killer to justice.”

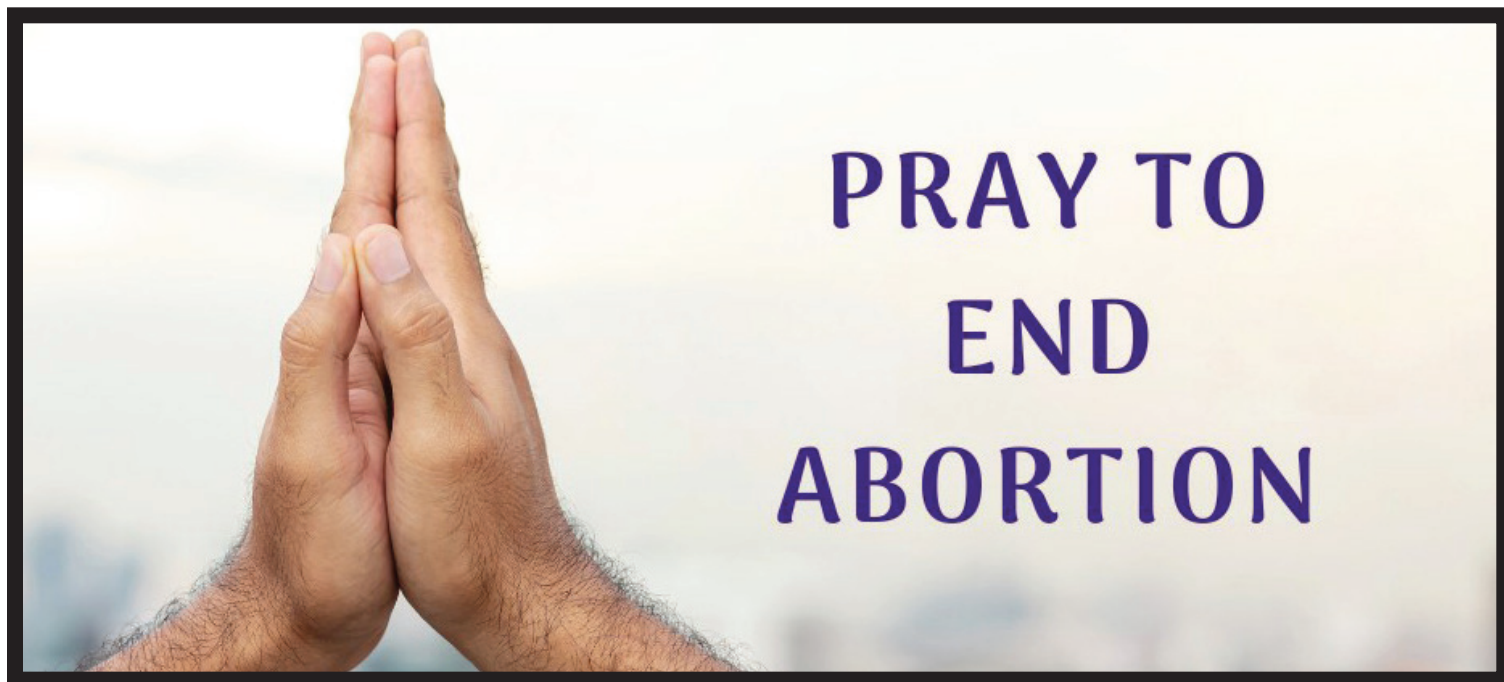
The pair had been having frequent arguments over the teen’s pregnancy in the prior weeks.

Faison reportedly wanted Fiengo to terminate her pregnancy but she refused and investigators believe her refusal was the “probable motive” for her murder, Sanford cops said in a release.

The teen was at the end of her first trimester at the time of her murder.

In her obituary Fiengo was described as a devoted mother to her 1-year-old son named Ace.

“Kaylin loved spending time with her son, siblings, and friends. Kaylin really was a fun-loving child and had an old soul,” the obituary continued. “This beautiful, young woman and mother, was taken from this world far too soon, and in a horrific way,” Police Chief Smith said. “We hope that today’s arrest brings the slightest amount of peace for Kaylin’s.”



Twitch Joins Meta, YouTube, Lifts Ban on Trump Account Just in Time for Election

By Catherine Salgado

Amazon-owned Twitch has finally reinstated former President Donald Trump's account, just after he formally accepted the GOP nomination for president in 2024.

Twitch banned Trump "indefinitely" in 2021 following the Capitol protest on Jan. 6. TechCrunch reported that Twitch has now reinstated Trump's account because he is a presidential nominee in the upcoming 2024 election.

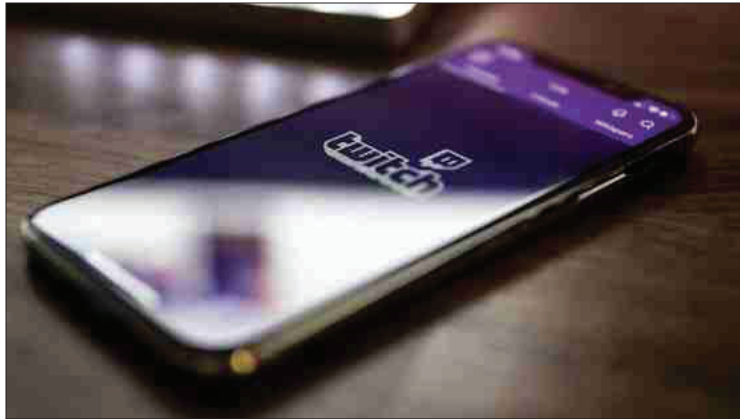
Twitch stated "there is value in hearing from presidential nominees directly, when possible," TechCrunch reported. Trump's team used his channel on Twitch in 2020 to broadcast his campaign events, the outlet explained, something they can now do again.

"We continue to enforce our

Community Guidelines and take necessary enforcement action when we identify violations of our rules," TechCrunch

whether the channel belongs to a public figure."

Other tech companies have made similar decisions over the



quoted a Twitch spokesperson. "Twitch doesn't have a 'public figure policy,' meaning all channels are equally subject to our guidelines, regardless of course of the 2024 presidential election cycle. Meta recently declared that Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts are cleared

of any remaining penalties from past violations, meaning he can post on his account without being within a hair's breadth of losing it. Meta, like Twitch, cited Trump's presidential nominee status. The company had already reversed its ban on Trump in January 2023. Google-owned YouTube also lifted its ban, but Trump continues to prioritize his Truth Social platform.

Twitch's decision to reinstate Trump came after the former president survived an assassination attempt and went on to accept the presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention.

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A little girl's gift to help pregnant women and babies in need reminded me of what the pro-life movement is all about

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

I was standing in my church vestibule, behind a table inviting churchgoers to participate in a local run and walk benefiting a local pregnancy medical clinic.

All of a sudden a little girl came up to me, clutching a baby bottle filled with coins. I have to admit—she caught me off guard. I managed to respond with a quick “That’s wonderful!” as she handed me her treasures. She then went running back to her mother, with whom I exchanged a quick smile.

The young benefactor gave what she could to help pregnant women and babies in need. I felt as if she had presented me with a million dollars. Her gift was so generous and kind-hearted. And it reminded me of what the pro-life movement is all about.

Advocates for life give of themselves every day to assist pregnant women in challenging circumstances. They freely bestow their time, talent, and treasure so that women can be empowered and that preborn

children can be given a fighting chance at life.

These life-affirming champions come from all age cohorts and

Barre, Pennsylvania, are the parents of Baby Boomers.

This shows that there is something universal about the

profound gift which should not be squandered.

As a movement, we invite people from all walks of life



stages of life. Some, like my little friend, are part of Generation Alpha. Others, like our 95-year-old chapter leader in Wilkes-

pro-life cause. The importance of it can be recognized by those at both the dawn and the twilight of life. They see human life as a

to join us in our campaign to safeguard innocent human life. It is a noble calling and it requires the very best of us.

Hiding the truth about the dangers of chemical abortions

By Dave Andrusko

Believe me, I'm as guilty as anyone but sometimes you don't need to write an entire volume about just how dangerous (to women) the abortion pill (mifepristone) is, just make a few salient points.

Charlie Butts, writing for American Family New sums it up in nine words. The headline reads "Pregnancy isn't a disease, and mifepristone isn't a cure."

His story is built around the great work of Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, NRL's Director of Education and Research.

If anyone deserves the title of expert on the abortion pill, it's Dr. O'Bannon.

Butts writes that Dr. O'Bannon "says the abortion cartel is at it again."

In his own words, Dr. O'Bannon writes,

"Now they've come out and said that ... it's safer than penicillin, safer than Viagra," he reports. "The idea is that supposedly, if you find out that this drug is safer than those things, that you ought to be able to accept the fact that this is a very safe drug."

CNN went so far as to write,

"Comparatively,

the risk of death by penicillin — a common antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections like pneumonia — is four times greater than

phony baloney comparison of pro-abortionists. But as Dr. O'Bannon explains

As many as 10% claim to be allergic to penicillin, but

the drugs. More serious reactions to the drugs, like anaphylaxis, which can include swelling, low blood pressure, abdominal pain, and difficulty breathing are considerably rarer, affecting only about .0005% of those taking penicillin.

In other words,

"The percentage of people that suffer from things like anaphylactic shock, which is the more dangerous sort of situation where you might have swelling or some sort of asthma, have trouble breathing — that's actually not 10% but about 0.0005%."

Butts ends with this from Dr. O'Bannon. He "concludes that drugs like penicillin and Tylenol save lives, relieve pain, and generally make life better."

By contrast "Mifepristone interrupts a healthy pregnancy, takes lives, causes incredible pain and copious bleeding, and puts a mother's life and health at risk."


it is for mifepristone, according to a study on life-threatening allergic reactions."

Penicillin is a favorite

only about 1% to 5% of those taking the drugs report mild to moderate reactions like temporary rashes or asthma-like responses to


Mifepristone:

the abortion pill



The FDA and the Abortion Industry say the abortion pill is "safe."

Safe will be when mifepristone is taken off the market and women and unborn babies are protected.



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The Republican Party comes out of a four-day convention triumphant and united

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Convention Thursday night was its length. And yes, at 93 minutes, it was too long. But for the Republicans listening to the speech in the hall and for millions watching on TV, here was the most notable thing about Trump's speech: the fact that it happened at all.

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When they saw Trump take the stage in the Fiserv Forum, Republicans saw a leader who was almost assassinated by a gunman five days earlier. They shuddered to think what would have happened had Trump been killed by the sniper's bullet at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, Saturday night. The party and the nation would have been in a perilous place. As it was, they were deeply disturbed by what had happened and enormously relieved to see Trump at the convention, delivering a speech of any length.

The former President, York wrote, "used some form of the word 'unite' or 'unify' five times, as in this expression of the new theme:

We are Americans. Ambition is our heritage. Greatness is our birthright. But as long as our energies are spent fighting each other, our destiny will remain out of reach. And that's not acceptable. We must instead take that energy and use it to realize our country's true potential — and write our

own thrilling chapter to the American story. We can do it together. We will unite. We are going to come together, and success will bring us together.

the All-Out Push to Save the Biden Campaign," Michael D. Shear of the *New York Times* wrote that

Nothing President Biden did seemed to work.

He delivered an

of hand-wringing over his listless performance at a debate on June 27. The result was a flurry of interviews, rallies, defiant meetings with his closest allies and impromptu campaign stops — all intended to rebut the premise that he was too old and frail to win a second term.

But almost every step was undercut by his own fumbles and the steady drumbeat of calls from his friends and allies for him to step aside, even from loyalists like the actor George Clooney. Together, it was evidence that nothing he was doing was having much impact. Mr. Biden was racing from place to place, but nothing was changing.

Eventually, on July 21, an angry, defensive President Biden wrote that he was "stepping down."

Final thought for now, courtesy of Byron York, describing the emotional hold Mr. Trump has on his millions of followers:

Of course, there was snark from the usual suspects in the commentariat. But there was something going on in plain sight at the Fiserv Forum. You could see it and you could feel it. Watching events, CNN commentator Van Jones, a longtime liberal activist, urged his fellow panelists to watch closely. "The last time I was in a convention that felt like this was Obama in 2008," Jones said. "There's something happening."



The Democrats, in the middle of what can only be described as a civil war, could only wish they were not spending all their time "fighting each other."

President Biden's campaign fiercely fought the media consensus that he has given up the ship—and would announce that he is not running for a second term. It was the classic drip, drip, drip with stories of how Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority leader Chuck Schumer, and former President Barack Obama are telling Biden if he doesn't drop out, it will cost the party the House and the Senate.

But all was for naught. Under the headline "11 Days in July: Inside

angry, defensive rant on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." He showed foreign policy chops at a news conference. He wrote a long letter to "fellow Democrats" demanding an end to the calls for him to step aside. He confronted lawmakers on a Zoom call that devolved into a tense, heated exchange about his age and mental competency.

Eleven days ago, the president and his closest family members and advisers went on the offensive, determined to end what already had been nearly two weeks

Korea's Medical Ethics Research Society strongly condemns assisted dying bill, calls for more hospice facilities and staffing to care for terminally ill patients.

By Dave Andrusko

The *Korea Biomedical Review* is reporting that there's been a "backlash" from the medical community to the re-proposed "Assisted Dying with Dignity Act".

"A bill that attempts to turn doctors into a tool for assisted suicide (euthanasia), although doctors are the ones who care for patients' suffering and enable them to live a dignified life until the day they die, can never help patients or the public die with dignity," the Medical Ethics Research Society said in a statement on Wednesday.

The Medical Ethics Research Society is well aware of the slippery slope which morphs "limited" cases into wide-spread abuse.

"In countries where assisted

suicide is legalized, adverse effects have occurred, including the recommendation of assisted



suicide to depressed patients who are seeking treatment for suicidal thoughts," the group said. "There were even amendments to the law to allow assisted suicide for people who are not terminally ill but claim to be suffering from life's pain, adolescents, and

children."

According to the *Korea Biomedical Review*, the group has called for the plan to be scrapped "and a practical plan for the care of terminally ill patients to be developed."

The Medical Ethics Research Society writes that the medical ethics code "strictly prohibits doctors from assisting or participating in a patient's suicide," adding "Prescribing and injecting suicide drugs to a patient under their care is a serious ethical violation that undermines the identity of a doctor as a healer. Immediately repeal this bill that undermines the professional ethics of physicians."

The group warns that the impact of assisted suicide is not limited to the individual.

"The right to self-determination should not harm others. However, the practice of end-of-life self-determination is an unethical act that hurts and harms both the family and those around them," the Medical Ethics Research Society wrote. "If enacted, the law could lead to tragedies where doctors misinterpret a patient's plea of 'I'm sick and would rather die' as self-determination, leading to the patient's death."

Their letter ends "We urge lawmakers to recognize the needs of all people who will be facing the end of their lives. Assisted suicide is never a way to preserve the dignity of life. Please do your best to prepare a system for dignified care at the end of life."

Why Pro-Life? The Case for Inclusion

Abortion ends the life of a human embryo or fetus. Is this killing morally permissible? Or is it an injustice?

More than 150 years ago, a Boston physician named Horatio R. Storer pointed to the heart of the issue. “The whole question,” he observed, “turns on ... the real nature of the foetus *in utero*.”

Does the unborn child have a right not to be intentionally killed? Does she matter like we matter? Does she count as one of us?

Yes, she does. This position is based on a *fact of science* and a *principle of justice*.

Science: The unborn is a human being

First, the unborn (the human zygote, embryo, or fetus) is a human being—a living human organism at the earliest developmental stages. This is a fact established by the science of embryology. Four features of the unborn human are important:

Distinct. The unborn has a DNA and body distinct from her mother and father. She develops her own arms, legs, brain, nervous system, heart, and so forth.

Living. The unborn meets the biological criteria for life. She grows by reproducing cells. She turns nutrients into energy through metabolism. And she can respond to stimuli.

Human. The unborn has a human genetic signature. She is also the offspring of human parents, and humans can only beget other humans.

Organism. The unborn is an organism (rather than a mere organ or tissue)—an individual whose parts work together for the good of the whole. Guided by a complete genetic code, she needs only the proper environment and nutrition to develop herself through the different stages of life as a member of our species.

“Human development begins at fertilization when a sperm fuses with an oocyte to form a single cell, a zygote,” explains the textbook *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*. “This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.”

The scientific evidence, then, shows that the unborn is a living individual of the species *Homo sapiens*, the same *kind* of being as us, only at an earlier stage of development. Each of us was once a zygote, embryo, and fetus, just as we were once infants, toddlers, and adolescents.

Justice: All human beings have human rights

Second, all human beings have human rights. Everyone counts. This is a principle of justice.

Unborn humans are different from most born humans in a number of ways, but those differences aren’t relevant to whether or not someone has rights. Unborn children may look different from older human beings, but appearance has nothing to do with value. Unborn children are less physically and mentally developed, but toddlers are less developed than teenagers, and that doesn’t make them any less important. Unborn children are dependent on someone else, but so are newborn children and many people with disabilities.

Defenders of abortion often argue that unborn humans aren’t “persons” who have rights because they lack certain characteristics. One problem with this view is that it excludes more human beings than just unborn children. If unborn children aren’t persons because they lack higher mental functions, for example, then human infants, people in temporary comas, and patients with advanced dementia aren’t persons either.

Another problem is that this approach undermines equality for everyone. If characteristics like cognitive ability or physical independence make us valuable, then those who have more of those characteristics are more valuable than those who have less. *None of us* are equal according to this view.

Historically, every single attempt to divide humanity into those who have rights and those who are expendable has proven to be a colossal mistake. Why think abortion is any different?

The truth is that we have human rights simply because we are human—not because of what we look like, or what we can do, or what others think or feel about us, but rather because of what

(the kind of being) we are. That’s why every human being matters, and every human being matters equally.

Why abortion is unjust

The argument for the pro-life view, then, may be summarized like this:

1. The unborn is a human being.
2. All human beings have human rights, which include the right not to be intentionally killed.
3. Therefore, the unborn human being has human rights.

This is why abortion—the intentional killing of human beings *in utero* (through lethal suction, dismemberment, crushing, or poisoning)—is unjust. It’s why both pregnant women and their unborn children deserve our respect, protection, and care.



unborn child at 4 months

Biden/Harris send out “Fact Sheet” touting their full-throated support for abortion throughout pregnancy

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in federal law, and has made it clear that he will sign legislation as soon as it reaches his desk. President Biden has also signed three Executive Orders and a Presidential Memorandum directing his Administration to protect access to reproductive health care, including abortion and contraception. He established the White House Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access to coordinate these efforts across agencies and mobilize the Administration to defend reproductive rights.

The document next lists “Protect Access to Medication Abortion.” We’ve written about this particularly insidious attack on helpless unborn at great length. Suffice it to say the Biden Administration brags that it has removed virtually all protections for women. The Alliance Defending Freedom put it this way: The actions of the FDA have “endangered women and girls by abandoning safeguards for abortion drugs, including in-person visits with a doctor to check for ectopic pregnancies, severe bleeding, and life-threatening infections.”

As so the document goes on and on, distorting to the right and distorting to the left. “Defend Access to Emergency Abortion Care,” is a reference to Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) which the Supreme Court will rule on this term. Typically, the Biden Administration turns EMTALA on its head in order to promote abortion.

NRLC’s amicus brief argues that Biden’s attempt to force hospital emergency rooms to perform abortions under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act is contrary to that federal law which was only meant to protect emergency room patients from being dumped and does not mandate that the hospital provide medical care that is contrary to state law.

And so on and so on. The key is the first paragraph:

“President Biden and Vice President Harris have leveraged the full force of the federal government” on behalf of abortion.

Not something an administration—any administration—should be proud of.



BE THEIR VOICE
VOTE PRO-LIFE

Pennsylvania sees highest number of abortions in a decade, with complications tripling in the last five years

By Tabitha Goodling

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation reports the number of abortions increased in the Keystone state in 2022, the same year *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

Statistics show 34,838 abortions took place that year which is 1,632 more abortions than 2021 as released by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and reviewed by the PA Pro-Life Federation.

The study shows that 22,104 abortions occurred at eight weeks or less. Medical abortions account for 19,011 of those abortions.

This is the highest number of abortions in Pennsylvania in 10 years, and abortion complications have tripled in the last five years according to a report from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The bulk of those complications appear to have been from medical/chemical abortions. Of the 469 complications reported, 210 of them occurred at eight weeks or less and were due to “retained products of conception,” or an incomplete removal.

The statistics show that 224 were in fact medical abortions that resulted in retained “products of conception.” Other complications reported include 14.7 percent attributed to bleeding and 3.6 percent to infection.

Other statistics revealed the majority of abortions were white women (16,065) between the

ages of 25-29 (10,107) who were unmarried (30,405).

This report comes months after the state’s 2022 elected Governor Josh Shapiro dropped funding

Harrisburg while nurturing pregnancy centers where women can access free ultrasound, an accurate explanation of abortion alternatives, and talk face to face



from pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoption centers under the umbrella of Real Alternatives.

The Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC) was formed as a result of this funding halt last summer.

Upon learning about the release from the Department of Health PPWC member Amy Scheuring said, “The PPWC is taking these numbers seriously as we seek ways to promote common sense safeguards in

with medical professionals.”

Scheuring is also executive director of Women’s Choice Network in Pittsburgh.

“Centers across the Commonwealth have converted to a medical model and invested countless private dollars to increase medical services in rural and urban communities,” she said. “The addition of ultrasound onsite at pregnancy centers affords women an earlier pregnancy diagnosis

which in turn leads to earlier engagement in prenatal care. Ultrasound also allows for earlier detection of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or other urgent pregnancy complications. These services are vital for a woman contemplating chemical abortion.”

Scheuring addressed the increased use of medical abortions and the detrimental impact on women’s health as demonstrated in these statistics.

“Clearly abortion pills are not safe,” Scheuring said. “Nationally, mifepristone has been associated with dozens of deaths and hundreds of life-threatening complications that we know of. The loosening of abortion pill safeguards has further separated women from actual health care. Expanding ‘abortion care’ in Pennsylvania has been preferred over women’s health.”

The notoriously left-leaning state of Pennsylvania continued to make it easier for women to have abortions as well as cause women to doubt the significance of pregnancy centers in the state during 2023. The state’s attorney general released an online form to allow pregnancy center clients to report complaints anonymously in an effort to exploit the centers.

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BREAKING: Suspect Arrested Who Brutally Assaulted Pro-Lifers Outside Planned Parenthood Clinic

By Jordan Sekulow, Executive Director, American Center for Law and Justice

We just had a major breakthrough in the case involving the brutal beating of two elderly pro-lifers, Mark Crosby and Dick Schaefer, by an enraged abortion supporter outside a Baltimore Planned Parenthood clinic. After more than a year, a suspect has finally been arrested.

You can watch the graphic attack at www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDMYSWHJuNM. (Be warned: The footage is extremely unsettling.)

Both Mr. Schaefer (then-84) and Mr. Crosby (then-73) had a long history of ministering outside Planned Parenthood. In fact, Mr. Schaefer had a regular shift in front of Planned Parenthood – two hours a day for five days a week. Both men wanted nothing more than to save babies and share lifesaving alternatives with struggling mothers.

On May 26, 2023, Mr. Schaefer was on the sidewalk next to the Planned Parenthood clinic so he could speak with pedestrians and people in cars passing by, while Mr. Crosby held a sign and stood in front of Planned Parenthood. Three Planned Parenthood volunteers (“escorts”) were also present.

Everything went as usual until about 10:15 a.m. when Mr. Schaefer was approached by a large man – about 6’2” – who stopped to chat with him. The man spoke in a loud and animated manner but was not overly hostile. He objected to Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Crosby standing outside Planned Parenthood on the

grounds that “God gave everyone free choice” and “God is all merciful. Everyone is forgiven, so what are you doing here?”

The man indicated he saw no reason for people who oppose abortion to encourage women wanting to get an abortion to seek other alternatives. Mr. Schaefer spoke with the man for a few minutes before feeling that there was nothing to be gained by speaking with him further.

Mr. Schaefer had only turned around for a moment when he felt like he was hit by a truck – in fact, he believed that he had been hit by a truck. The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground with dirt all over him. Everything was fuzzy, and two ambulances and some police cars were present. He immediately looked around for Mr. Crosby, concerned that he also had been hit by the truck he believed had hit him, but Mr. Crosby was nowhere in sight. What Mr. Schaefer didn’t realize was that he had been attacked from behind and knocked unconscious by the man he had turned away from. It was all caught on film.

Mr. Crosby, who had been standing 40 feet away in the street, witnessed the attack on Mr. Schaefer. He watched as the man looked around him before charging Mr. Schaefer and slamming him into a concrete planter that stood outside Planned Parenthood’s window. In fact, Mr. Crosby stated that he believes the planter is all that saved Mr. Schaefer from crashing through

the glass window of Planned Parenthood.

Mr. Crosby immediately went to the aid of Mr. Schaefer when the same man turned on him, striking him in the face, knocking him to the ground, and then kicking him in the head. Mr. Crosby was also

We refused to rest until justice was served for our clients. Now, it looks like the nightmare for Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Crosby might almost be over. Authorities contacted our clients, informing them that the suspect in this attack has been apprehended.



knocked unconscious. Both men sustained extensive injuries. Mr. Schaefer had cuts and scrapes all over his body, as well as a cut on his hand that required special bandaging. Mr. Crosby sustained traumatic injuries to his head, including a fractured bone in his face, blindness in one eye, head and neck pain, two fractured fingers, and bruising on his arms and legs. Mr. Crosby required several surgeries on his face.

Upon hearing about the violent attack on these two elderly pro-life advocates, the ACLJ sprung into action to defend both victims. We worked with local law enforcement and widely shared the attacker’s photo. We asked if anyone had any information that they contact Metro Crime Stoppers.

A preliminary hearing in the prosecution has been set for August 1. We will keep you updated on further developments.

The ACLJ has unfortunately seen a rise in violence against pro-life advocates and Pregnancy Resource Centers since the overturning of *Roe*. The Biden Administration has done nothing to curb the violence; rather, the Department of Defense was recently exposed for labeling pro-life advocates and organizations as “Terrorist Groups.” We have filed a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to get answers.

We will never stop defending pro-life advocates and organizations. The ACLJ will protect those who come under vicious attack for their fight to save the unborn.

Richmond City Council Ignores the Voices of the Community and Sides with Planned Parenthood

By Olivia Gans Turner, President, Virginia Society for Human Life (VHSL)

On Monday night at Richmond City Hall, the full city council voted unanimously to sell a neglected school building on the edge of the city for \$10 to the national abortion promoter and business Planned Parenthood.

The meeting was marked by the 60 citizens who came to oppose the proposal and offered testimony, followed by the rapid vote that took less than 15 seconds!

The entire proposal seems to have been a done deal well before the planning commission meeting last week or the final full council vote this week.

Last year, Richmond City Council voted on a resolution to encourage the development of new abortion facilities within the city limits in the wake of the Dobbs decision. The resolution called for the Virginia General Assembly to protect and expand abortion access in the state. Mayor Levar Stoney and the city's human services department extended their support to Virginal League of Planned Parenthood, which worked with the city to identify the Chamberlayne site as a suitable location for a new clinic.

In less than one week, with very little opportunity for public comment or public bids on the property, the entire action was completed. Mayor Stoney's office issued a release applauding the approval.

"I am proud the City Council unanimously voted to approve this land transfer. Richmond is leading the way in the South for protecting reproductive rights and increasing access to health care," said Stoney.

It was also evident to those in attendance that the goal of the Council is to invite business from out of state. In 2016, only 6% of Planned Parenthood's Virginia clients came from out of state, a percentage that had remained roughly the same since 1980.

According to Virginia League of Planned Parenthood communications director Rae Pickett they have seen a 30% raise in out of state visits and an 85%

increase in abortions since 2020.

If Planned Parenthood does build on this location, it will mean that there will be six (6) abortion facilities inside the city lines and one (1) more just outside in Henrico County. All three facilities add to the reputation that Virginia is becoming known as the abortion capital of the south.

One must ask how many such facilities will be enough for the

Mrs. Felicia Taggart a resident of the site area and an African American woman shared her concern that the new abortion facility will be in a neighborhood near school age children and among a predominantly black population.

The citizens present raised concerns about the why the local residents were not informed about this plan until this past week, the

abortion facilities are springing up around the Commonwealth and this is a trend that may well continue.

Since 2023 four new facilities have opened or been approved. Pop up organizations are being set up along the borders of Virginia with the sole purpose of raising money to pay for the abortions of out of state women who come here.

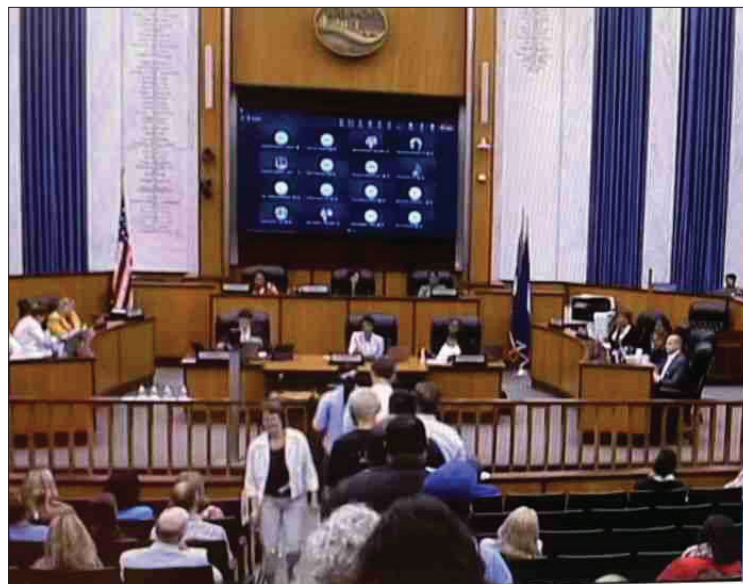
This Planned Parenthood proposal means that they can now raise the money needed to build a new multi-million-dollar facility that will distribute chemical abortion drugs as well as perform surgical abortions. VSHL has no doubt that the funds will be found from their national organization soon. Although some in the city are looking into other steps that may be taken to stop the plan, it remains to be seen if those ideas can succeed in this climate.

Perhaps the most alarming factor of the City's plan is the harsh reality that the city of Richmond is currently in the path of dangerous and unsavory traffickers who use the U.S. 95 corridor as a primary route. Has the city considered that?

Are they comfortable being used by individuals trying to hide their crimes? The new site is particularly easy to access from 95. Does the Mayor worry about that at all or are he and the members of the Council too much in Planned Parenthood's corner? Does anyone really care about the women at risk? It's clear they don't care about the babies.

It is vitally important that residents of Richmond continue to alert their neighbors. We invite you to take action by writing letters to the Richmond Times Dispatch, commenting on news coverage online, and send your message to the RVA Council members. We must make it clear that what the Council has done will not be forgotten at election time.

The lesson for all of us is that elections, every election for every office matters!



Mayor and the Council? Does Virginia really want to be known as the place that will do an abortion on anyone from anywhere at any time during pregnancy?

VSHL worked hard to quickly reach members and the Richmond public about the hearing. It was good to see that so many attended on such short notice.

Comments included those of Mrs. Barbara Constable with 40 days for Life in Richmond who challenged the notion that abortion is health care and reminded the council members that women are at risk of serious risks and side effects after an abortion.

Mrs. Nina Newton from Mary's Choice RVA, which provide shelter to homeless moms and their babies before and after birth, asked why the city wasn't using the location to expand childcare for working moms or offering education to mothers seeking to advance their skills when a baby comes into their life?

financial loss to the city, as well as concerns about creating a dubious location for abortions in and already marginalized community.

VSHL would like to know why our cities are aligning themselves with the abortion industry. When will Richmond officials turn their support to the pregnancy resource centers that struggle to make ends meet yet are providing free support to mothers and babies every day?!

These programs offer shelter, medical care, legal information, clothing for both mother and child, opportunities to complete an education, the chance to see the value of their own lives and that of their babies! As this is written, the city of Richmond has never offered to support the work done by these actual non-profit organizations.

Richmond is not alone in supporting new abortion businesses. Since the 2022 Dobbs decision other Virginia cities have passed similar proposals, including Alexandria and Roanoke. New