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## President Promotes Abortion Without Limits in the State of the Union

*Under the Biden Administration, the Losers are  
Women and Their Unborn Babies*

WASHINGTON — During the State of the Union address Tuesday evening, President Biden once again committed his administration to supporting abortion extremism.

“During the State of the Union, Joe Biden said that Congress must codify Roe v. Wade,” said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee. “Biden also clearly stated that he and Vice President Harris are doing ‘everything we can’ to protect abortion without limits.”

As president, Joe Biden and his administration have aggressively promoted abortion without limits.

Since entering office, President Biden has become the most pro-abortion president in history. His administration has:

- promoted abortion around the world by reversing the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program which prevented federal taxpayer dollars from being used by abortion groups to perform or promote abortion overseas;

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*Pro-abortion President Joe Biden*

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## At the beginning of the new 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, a flurry of pro-life bills in the House and the Senate

By Jennifer Popik, J.D., Director of Federal Legislation

With the first month of the new 118<sup>th</sup> Congress now complete, there is a great deal of pro-life activity to celebrate. That said, the pro-abortion Biden Administration show no signs of slowing down the push to expand abortion. In Tuesday night’s State of the Union address to Congress, Biden stated that he and Vice President Harris are doing ‘everything we can’ to protect abortion without limits.”

In this first month of the new Congress, dozens of Members have introduced a flurry of pro-life bills in both the House and the



Senate. There is a link to find these at the end of the article. While the Whitehouse is controlled by President Biden for the next two years, it will be difficult to have any pro-life measure signed into law, but Republicans are not slowing down.

### **Born-Alive Infants**

After over 80 different attempts to bring the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (BAASPA) under then-

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# Editorials

## What did President Biden have to say about abortion in the State of the Union address?

Including President Joe Biden's address on Tuesday evening, there have been 98 in-person Annual Messages/State of the Union Addresses. If you watched the entirety of his message, you know that Republicans were incensed by the President's comments on Medicare and Social Security— the third rail of American politics.

He said "Instead of making the wealthy pay their fair share, some Republicans, some Republicans, want Medicare and Social Security to sunset." That's our unifying president: rhetorically a gentle shiv in the ribs. For that he was vociferously booed.

The linchpin to his remarks was "Let's finish the job." Here's what he said about "finishing the job" on abortion. (The prepared remarks are slightly different from what he said live.)

**Congress must restore the right the Supreme Court took away last year and codify Roe v. Wade to protect every woman's constitutional right to choose. The Vice President and I are doing everything we can to protect access to reproductive health care and safeguard patient privacy. But already, more than a dozen states are enforcing extreme**

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## Bishop describes new Minnesota abortion law as “the worst kind of barbarism”

Winona-Rochester Bishop Robert Barron was not exaggerating in the least when he labeled Minnesota's new abortion law “the worst kind of barbarism.” Nor was Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life overstating the case when it said The Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act established Minnesota “as a global outlier on abortion policy.”

The law is that awful.

“The PRO Act means a right to abort any baby for any reason at any time up to birth,” said MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. “It means that the elective killing of a human being in utero

is perfectly legal even in the third trimester of pregnancy, when the child can feel excruciating pain and could live outside the womb. It means that parents

have no right to know when their teenage daughter has been taken to undergo an abortion.”

She concluded “Gov. Walz's absolutist abortion policy puts



Minnesota in the company of just a small handful of countries around the world, including North Korea and China. It is extreme, inhumane, and harmful to women and children who deserve so much better.”

Bishop Barron said in a January 31 video on social media following pro-abortion Gov. Tim Walz's signing the bill, “I want to share with you my anger, my frustration over this terrible law that was just signed by the governor in Minnesota — the

*See Bishop, age 47*

# From the President Carol Tobias

## Let's make 2023 a year to remember the babies and their mommies



Do you remember when President Bill Clinton said abortion should be “safe, legal, and rare”? Pro-lifers knew he didn't really mean “rare” at all, and he proved us right by his actions. Let me remind

you of just some of Clinton's "legacy."

Clinton reversed President Ronald Reagan's Mexico City Policy so that our tax dollars could once again be given to non-governmental organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of family planning in other countries.

He tried (in vain) to repeal the Hyde Amendment. If he had succeeded, our tax dollars would be used to pay for abortion in the federal Medicaid program.

He vetoed a bill that made the gruesome partial-birth abortion method illegal. Pro-lifers persevered and, thankfully, President George W. Bush signed the bill after Congress passed it again.

Clinton ordered his appointees to facilitate the introduction of the chemical abortion pills into the US. And much more. All the while, claiming abortion should be “safe, legal, and rare.” It's enough to give hypocrisy a bad name.

But there is no such subterfuge with the Biden administration. They are very bold and very clear in proclaiming that abortion should be easily available and accessible no matter the danger that poses to women.

The Biden administration and Democrats in Congress are pushing for a bill like the so-called Women's Health Protection Act. This radical legislation would give us a national law of the land which, essentially, removes all legal protections for unborn children on the federal and state level and prevents future protections for unborn children.

Under the Biden Administration, the Department of Defense announced it will pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions.

Pro-abortion members of Congress have introduced legislation declaring that the pro-

abortion Equal Rights Amendment has been ratified and just needs Congress to make it an official part of the US Constitution. This flies in the face of multiple federal court decisions which have held that the ERA expired over 50 years ago.

Many abortion advocates are pushing not only to make it possible for women to skip an in-office visit prior to obtaining the abortion pills, but also that the “medication” (chemical) abortion drug becomes available as an over-the-counter medicine, no prescription necessary.

At the state level, we have legislatures passing bills to allow for the killing of unborn children throughout pregnancy.

There seems to be no end to the craziness and brazenness of the abortion industry.

Following the birth of Jesus, wise men came to King Herod, asking for directions to find the child who had born king of the Jews as predicted by the prophets. In an attempt to prevent a future king from taking over, Herod ordered his soldiers to kill every boy two years old and younger in the village of Bethlehem.

The idea of such wanton killing is abhorrent and heart-breaking... but that is exactly what we are seeing today.

Abortion zealots are pushing the line that abortion pills are safe and effective, disregarding the fact that an unborn child dies and many mothers are injured. As Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., our Director of Education & Research, often points out, there will be serious complications when using the pills.

Over two dozen women have already died and visits to emergency rooms and urgent care clinics will likely increase. In a recent article for *NRL News Today*, Randy reported on a study from Canada that found that nearly 10.3% of women taking the abortion pills ended up in an emergency room.

A satanic temple in New Mexico announced it will provide telehealth abortions, saying, “anyone in New Mexico seeking to perform The Satanic Temple's abortion ritual will be able to receive free online medical services.”

What does all this say? That pro-lifers are needed now more than ever, to provide help and hope and light to this dark world. And yes, even sanity.

If you believe in the power of prayer, pray. If your heart tells you to help women in need of care during and after a pregnancy, get involved with a local pregnancy center.

If you want to educate and motivate your community, get involved with a local Right to Life chapter.

Everyone should be aware of legislative activity going on in their own state. Every state in the country has a legislative session in process. Is Life being discussed in your state capitol? Make your voice heard.

Some states are fighting laws that would weaken existing pro-life laws. Others are working to pass great laws that will protect unborn children or provide support to moms in need.

Your love, your compassion, and especially your voice, is needed **now**. Tap into our state affiliates if you are not aware of on-the-ground efforts in your state. You can find them at <https://www.nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates>.

There are a lot of pro-life giants in our movement's history. Some are well-known, most are not. These are the heroes who organized pro-life activity in their local communities.

Fifty-plus years ago, they were making phone calls and mailing letters. The letters were handwritten or typed on a typewriter. The pro-life message was passed along through brochures, and people gathered in groups to watch a pro-life film or documentary on a 16mm film or a VHS/ Beta cassette.

It may be difficult for younger pro-lifers to believe but there was a time when we didn't have computer or internet. What a difference they make. Messages can now be posted on Facebook or Instagram, possibly going viral in a matter of minutes or hours.

Pro-life heroes were needed then and they're needed now. Whether you're a wiz on the computer or prefer handwritten messages; whether you pass along information through social media or make “old-fashioned” phone calls, you are all needed. Now. For a time such as this.

Let's make 2023 a year to remember for the babies and their mommies.

# Sign the petition to CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid

President Biden's FDA is now allowing retail pharmacies to dispense abortion drugs.

We are asking you to contact CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid and sign our petition to them.

Let them know that dispensing death is bad business.

Print copies of the petition for distribution [lifeatrisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/petition-pharmacy-2023.pdf](https://lifeatrisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/petition-pharmacy-2023.pdf)

Learn more about the abortion pill and the reversal process [lifeatrisk.org/](https://lifeatrisk.org/)

Contact information for CVS and Walgreens can be found [www.votervoice.net/NRLC/Campaigns/99767/Respond](http://www.votervoice.net/NRLC/Campaigns/99767/Respond)

## Background

On Tuesday, January 3rd, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated labeling for mifepristone (generic for Mifeprex) that would allow pharmacies to dispense the drug.

Unfortunately, both CVS and Walgreens—and now Rite Aid—have stated that they will sell the drug in select pharmacies which would place women at greater risk than ever before.

“Mifepristone takes the life of an unborn baby and places her mother at risk of death,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “In no way can that be considered health care.”

Mifepristone is used in combination with misoprostol, a prostaglandin, to cause an abortion. Mifepristone blocks progesterone, causing the death of the unborn baby, while the second drug, misoprostol, causes powerful, painful uterine contractions to expel the dead or dying baby.

“More than two dozen deaths and thousands of complications are associated with the use of these drugs,” said Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., director of education and research for National Right to Life. “These ‘adverse events,’ on record with the FDA, include serious infections, severe hemorrhaging, and the rupture of previously undiscovered ectopic pregnancies.”

The FDA's revised Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for Mifeprex would require that the drug only be dispensed by pharmacies that have completed certification and only those pharmacies, once certified, could dispense the drug prescribed by certified prescribers who have pledged to follow FDA guidelines regarding the screening and counseling of patients to ensure they know the risks and dangers.

“Retail pharmacies like Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid should consider whether it is a sound business risk to be selling dangerous abortion pills that can put women in the hospital,” said Scott Fischbach, National Right to Life's executive director. “Their customers will not be happy to find out that their local drugstore where they get their life-saving medicines is now stocking and distributing pills for the purpose of killing unborn children in their community.”

NRLC will continue to work to protect unborn children and their mothers.

Please consider supporting our efforts at [donate.nrlc.org](https://donate.nrlc.org)



*3D ultrasound image of an unborn child at 10 weeks LMP. Mifepristone is used to kill babies up to 10 weeks LMP, like this little one.*

# Overview of the 2024 Senate Map which looks drastically better than 2022

By Karen Cross, NRL Political Director

Believe it or not, it is not too early to start looking ahead to the 2024 Senate races. Following the 2022 elections, Democrats hold a slim one-seat majority in the Senate. That means Republicans need to net at least two seats in 2024 to retake the majority and put the agenda in pro-life hands. While that will be hard-fought effort, the good news is that the 2024 Senate map looks drastically different from 2022.

The 2022 Senate map offered Republicans their only pickup opportunities in states that President Joe Biden carried in 2020 such as Arizona, Georgia, New Hampshire, and Nevada. While trying to unseat incumbents in those states, Republicans were also tasked with defending seats in Florida, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Wisconsin, and more. Ultimately, the 2022 elections yielded a net loss of one seat for Republicans.

The 2024 map has Democrats defending more seats than the Republicans (23-11) and it gives Democrats few opportunities to expand their narrow majority. While much can change based on retirements, primaries, campaign blunders, and other unforeseen factors, most political pundits currently pin the Democrats' best hopes to pick up seats on the races in Florida or Texas, states which President Trump carried twice.

On the flip side, Republicans have multiple paths to the majority in 2024.

## Montana

At the top of the list according to most political pundits is Montana where pro-abortion Senator Jon Tester (D) is up for re-election. While Montana is often considered a red state, at least in presidential races, it is worth remembering that Montana voters have elected Tester three

times before—in 2006, 2012 and 2018. They also elected a Democrat governor as recently as 2014. However, President Trump carried the state by commanding double-digit margins in the last two presidential elections. If Senator Tester wants to hold on for another term, he will require the crossover votes of a considerable number of Montana Republicans.

## West Virginia

In West Virginia, Senator Joe Manchin is up for re-election. He bears the distinction of being the only Senate Democrat to vote against the so-called *Women's Health Protection Act*, a radical bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion in federal law and strike down existing state-level protections for unborn babies and their mothers like parental involvement and informed consent measures. Senator Manchin has also voted to defend the Hyde Amendment to ensure American tax dollars are not used for abortions through many federal programs. For these reasons, some pro-abortion Democrats are clamoring for a primary challenge. But without Manchin as the Democratic nominee, it is highly likely that a Republican will take the seat in the general election. For perspective—Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden garnered less than 30% in 2016 and 2020 respectively.

Pro-life Congressman Alex Mooney has already announced that he will seek the Republican nomination to run for the seat. Several other West Virginia Republicans are rumored to have Senate ambitions, including current pro-life Governor Jim Justice and pro-life Attorney General Patrick Morrissey, who ran and lost to Manchin in 2018. Manchin himself has not declared that he will seek a third term.

## Michigan

Democrats' chances in Michigan were dealt a blow in January when pro-abortion incumbent Senator Debbie Stabenow (D) announced that she will not seek re-election in 2024. Stabenow, who is currently

While Sinema's record on abortion mirrors that of her pro-abortion Democrat colleagues, she has developed a reputation on Capitol Hill for her unwillingness to toe the party line. As an independent, she puts Democrats



72 years old, won her fourth term in 2018 by over 275,000 votes (or 7%), her closest margin of victory since 2000 when she first won the seat by less than 68,000 votes.

President Trump carried Michigan by a narrow margin in 2016 while President Biden won the state by a similarly narrow margin in 2020. With no incumbent on the ballot, the race for this Senate seat could turn into one of the most competitive in the country. Expect both parties to pour major resources into winning it.

## Arizona

In the last few election cycles, Arizona has been favorable territory for Democrats. Republican Senate candidates went down in defeat in 2018, in the 2020 special election, and in 2022. President Biden carried the state in 2020 and a pro-abortion Democrat was elected governor in 2022. But the winning streak for Democrats may be over. Last month, Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema, who is up for re-election in 2024, announced that she was leaving the Democratic Party and registering as an Independent.

in a difficult predicament. Democrats will have to choose whether to rally behind a registered Democrat and risk splitting their left-leaning base of voters between their nominee and Sinema thus paving the way for a potential Republican win in a three-way race, or fall in line behind the unpopular Sinema who, in the views of many Democrats, would still be preferable to a Republican. But even in a head-to-head race between Sinema and a Republican, Republicans have a real shot at flipping the seat.

## Ohio

In Ohio, after failing to pick up an open Senate seat and losing the gubernatorial race by double digits in 2022, Democrats have to be worried about Senator Sherrod Brown's re-election chances in 2024. In previous cycles, Senator Brown handily defeated Republican challengers, but the state has become significantly redder over the years.

# The Associate Press's latest gift to the abortion lobby

By Laura Echevarria, Director of Communications and Press Secretary

*The Associated Press* (AP) determines the language that is used in the majority of newsrooms through its widely acclaimed stylebook. According to the *AP*, “The *AP* Stylebook is widely used as a writing and editing reference in newsrooms, classrooms and corporate offices worldwide.”

Which makes its influence so important because of its widespread use and acceptance. Regrettably, this means that the predilection of its editors to be influenced by the abortion industry means that the language over time “evolves” into language that sounds like it came straight from talking points issued by Planned Parenthood.

The *AP Stylebook's* latest language deletion/addition boondoggle involves the language used in describing pregnancy help centers. The *AP* asserts that journalists should use one of the following “anti-abortion counseling centers; ‘crisis pregnancy centers’ that oppose abortion; anti-abortion centers.” According to *The Daily Signal*, which first discovered the change,

**The guide describes the centers as “set up to divert or discourage women from having abortions” and warns writers against “potentially misleading terms” like “pregnancy**

**resource centers or pregnancy counseling centers.”**

**“If using the term anti-abortion center, explain later that these often are known as ‘crisis pregnancy centers’ (with quotation marks) and that their aim is to dissuade people from getting an abortion,” the style guide entry states.**

Calling a pregnancy center an “anti-abortion counseling center” or “anti-abortion center” defines the pregnancy center in the narrowest way possible and uses loaded language that comes directly from the abortion industry.

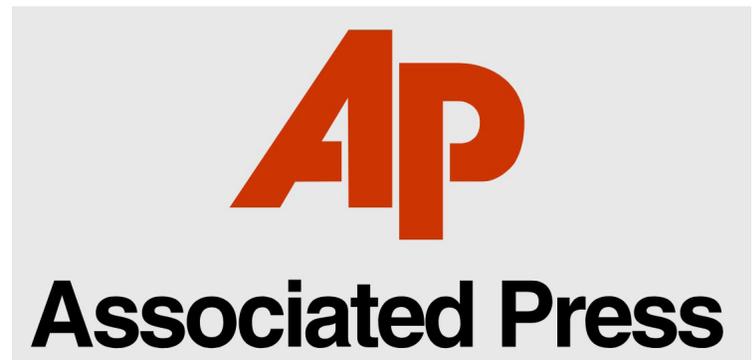
The abortion industry has become nearly maniacal in its assertions that reporters use the “correct” language (read: the abortion industry’s preferred language).

For example, NARAL Pro-Choice America contends that heartbeat bills should not be reported without “context.” Of course, that organization’s idea of “context” is to argue that the heartbeat every expectant mother hears at the first ultrasound of her baby isn’t a heartbeat but rather “cardiac activity.”

Or this from Physicians for Reproductive Choice. Don’t use “late-term abortion” or “born alive” but rather their preferred

language which is “abortion later in pregnancy” or “later abortion.” There is no recognition that a baby can be and has been born alive in an abortion. Instead, the language

is checked and triple-checked for accuracy. Every scorecard letter sent to the Hill and every communication with our members is checked for precision. It is



is muddy and mired in sanitized slogans or multi-word definitions. Language choices are mired in obfuscation, misinformation, and smokescreens that make an ugly thing like abortion not sound that bad to the average reader or viewer.

These “style guides” are published as reporting guidelines for the media on the abortion issue and internationally recognized style guides like the *AP Stylebook* are influenced by these language choices.

What can we do?

First, we have to be accurate. Accuracy matters. Every press release and every factsheet National Right to Life issues

imperative that we strive to be twice as accurate as the abortion industry and that we use exact language.

Second, we have to challenge the language used by the media and the abortion industry. No woman says, “I went to the doctor today and heard the cardiac activity of my embryo.” No, she says, “I went to the doctor today and heard my baby’s heartbeat.”

A mother says this because her baby is a living human being—not a talking point and not a euphemism.

And, that little girl or little boy is one of the reasons why we do what we do.

# Study finds that Crisis Pregnancy Centers offer better and less expensive services than abortion facilities

By Dave Andrusko

The recent study that appeared in the January issue of the journal *Contraception* was a huge surprise to pro-lifers for two reasons.

First, *Contraception* always seems to come down on the side of the abortion industry. Second, “Early pregnancy confirmation availability at crisis pregnancy centers and abortion facilities in the United States”—read carefully speaks volumes about CPCs and the philanthropic assistance they offer to women in crisis pregnancies.

Prof. Michael New analyzed the findings in *National Review Online*. His summary is spot-on. “Overall, a liberal academic journal published an analytically rigorous study showing that pregnancy centers offer better and less costly services to women.” To all the CPC haters, this must make their teeth grind.

But there is more!

**It provides very strong statistical evidence that pro-life pregnancy help centers offer better and less expensive services than abortion facilities. In particular, it found that pregnancy centers had shorter appointment wait times than abortion facilities and were considerably more likely to offer same-day appointments. Even more important, it found that abortion facilities frequently charge for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds whereas pregnancy help centers almost never charge for these services.**

And CPCs do more with far less which means that those state governments which directly or indirectly assist CPCs get real bang for their buck:

**Interestingly, the authors furthered their analysis by separately analyzing abortion facilities in 25 states with policy environments they deemed supportive of**

**appears that competition from pregnancy help centers has an impact on abortion facilities.**

An important sign, hopefully, of things to come. Just last Monday, in his State of the State address, Tennessee’s pro-life Gov. Bill Lee boldly announced that his administration seeks to establish a \$100 million grant program to

matter of politics. This is about human dignity.”

Last point. The authors of the study end with this startling conclusion [underlining added]:

**Implications**

**Our findings demonstrating that pregnancy confirmation is more accessible at crisis pregnancy centers than at abortion facilities**



**pregnancy help centers. Specifically, these 25 states provided either direct or indirect funding to pregnancy help centers or had legislation in place that required referrals to pregnancy help centers. In these states, abortion facilities had shorter wait times for pregnancy tests. They also, on average, charged less for both pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Overall, it**

assist crisis pregnancy centers.

“We can have a healthy debate about the policy specifics, but we can also agree that America is rooted in a commitment to human dignity,” Lee, who cruised to winning a second term, said. “There was a significant shift in this country last year when it comes to protecting the lives of the unborn. We now all have an opportunity and a moral obligation to support strong Tennessee families.”

Gov. Lee added, “This is not a

**are predicted to be exacerbated in the wake of abortion clinic closures following the Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization Supreme Court decision. This highlights the need for improved funding and support for pregnancy confirmation service delivery in medical settings, including abortion facilities.**

# New Human Life Protection Act Clears Second Hurdle of 2023; House Judiciary Committee Vote 16-7 to Send Law to Full House

By Holly Gatling, Executive Director, South Carolina Citizens for Life

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Wednesday, February 8, 2023) The House Judiciary Committee yesterday voted 16-7 along party lines to advance the 2023 Human Life Protection Act (H3774) to the full House of Representatives for debate. All 16 Judiciary Committee Republicans voted in favor of protecting unborn human life at all stages of development; seven Democrats voted against the measure with two Democrats not voting.

The pro-life law that restores legal protection to the unborn members of our human family is sponsored by many ranking members of the House including Speaker Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, Majority Leader Davey Hiott, R-Pickens, Judiciary Committee Chairman Weston Newton, R-Beaufort, and House Family Caucus Chairman John McCravy, R-Greenwood.

Representative McCravy, R-Greenwood, who was the chief sponsor of a nearly identical bill that failed last year, and is chief sponsor of H3774, gave a detailed presentation of the bill Tuesday as he did on January 26, 2023, when the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee of the Judiciary

Committee issued a 3-0 favorable report.

Amy Baker, lobbyist for South Carolina Citizens for Life, reported that 6,567 pro-lifers contacted members of the House Judiciary

Committee via VoterVoice and urged members to support H3774. “Never underestimate the value of your voice,” Mrs. Baker said. “Today in the House Judiciary Committee hearing, legislators across party lines stated the importance of representing their constituents. Continuous advocacy for the unborn should continue so that your Representative knows where you stand.”

Representative McCravy addressed two issues that affected the redrafting of the 2023 Human Life Protection Act. First was the South Carolina Supreme Court’s 3-2 decision to overturn the 2021 Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act. The second was addressing objections of the

State Senate which killed the 2022 Human Life Protection Act.

One particularly effective message came from pro-life physician Peter Bleyer, M.D. who wrote to the lawmakers, “As

which physicians know better than anyone to be completely human. It is disappointing that government must legislate that which physicians have a natural ethical obligation to provide, but I thank you for doing so. Clearly it is necessary. Please pass H3774, the Human Life Protection Act and protect the most vulnerable members of our human family in South Carolina.”

South Carolina Citizens for Life and the state’s coalition of pro-life, pro-family organizations strongly supported H3774. These include the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, Palmetto Family, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Association of Pregnancy Care Centers, the South Carolina Republican Party, and the Alliance Defending Freedom among others. Numerous pro-life physicians, nurses, and individuals with pro-life stories to tell submitted written testimony in support of H3774.

Voting in favor of H3774 were: Bailey, Brittain, Connell, Elliott, Guest, Guffey, Leber, Johnson, Jordan, Mitchell, McCravy, Newton, Robinson, Moore, Schuessler, and Wooten.



# Abortion Hotline encourages women to lie when they have complications with a “medication abortion”

*Say they're having a miscarriage, not an abortion*

By Dave Andrusko

Way, way, way back when Art Linkletter interviewed little kids, some of their responses were absolutely hilarious. Art concluded, “Kids Say the Darndest Things.” And they do!

There is nothing funny or humorous about what occasionally escapes the mouths of the abortion crowd. But when women actually are allowed to tell truth about the “abortion pill,” all the false statements and bravado about how “easy” a chemically-induced abortion fall by the wayside. It reveals—to wildly understate the case—that pro-abortionists do say the darndest things.

In a piece that ran this week on *Vox*, Marin Cogan and Victoria Chamberlin tell us “What an abortion hotline reveals about reproductive care after Roe.”

There are a massive number of points we could address but we'll talk about just three. Arguably the most important piece of “advice” from Linda Prine, a family physician and the co-founder of the Miscarriage and Abortion Hotline, is

**“People are afraid to go to the emergency room if they think they need it, and most of the time they don't need it, so we talk them off that ledge and explain what they need to do to take care of**

**themselves. But we also tell them, if they do decide to go, how to protect themselves in terms of how they explain what's been happening to them. In other words, they're having a miscarriage, they're not having an abortion, and that it's impossible for anyone in the emergency room to figure out that they used pills. There's no blood test for that. There's no exam to show that that's what happened. So letting them know how to preserve their privacy in the medical setting, when it's become a potentially dangerous place to go, has been really important.**

Where to begin? First of all, Prine is flatly telling women to lie about ingesting the abortion pills. Probably because she believes in most cases they can be “talked off the ledge,” she feels confident in her advice. However it is completely, no-exceptions true that you always tell the attending physician everything. If a woman feels the need to go the emergency room, that should be enough to assume the worse.

#2 is a follow up to #1. What does this mean?

“And preserve their privacy in the medical setting, when it's become a potentially dangerous

place to go, has been really important. had any anticipatory guidance that this might be happening, and people who've had an abortion

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before with pills didn't pass anything that they could see.

I assume by “a potentially dangerous place to go” she means there could be legal consequences. But that is not the case for the woman. The laws are designed to punish the provider.

#3. The woman can often see her baby's recognizable remains.

**But also, they're further along in pregnancy and they're calling us scared, because they've passed a tiny but recognizable fetus, and they are freaked out and they weren't expecting that. And it's frankly traumatizing, what people are going through, because they haven't**

Ask yourself this. Would abortion clinic personnel likely give “any anticipatory guidance” if it included that the woman might “pass a tiny but recognizable fetus”? Of course not.

The last question for Dr. Prine is “What else should we keep in mind?”

**Let's get moving and see what we can do to make abortion available by every creative [method]: legislative, underground, crossing borders, whatever it takes.**

“Whatever it takes.”  
God help us!

# In his state of the state speech, Tenn. Gov. Lee proposes \$100 million grant program for crisis pregnancy centers

By Dave Andrusko

On Monday, in his State of the State address, Tennessee's pro-life Gov. Bill Lee boldly announced that his administration seeks to establish a \$100 million grant program to assist pregnancy help centers also known as crisis pregnancy centers.

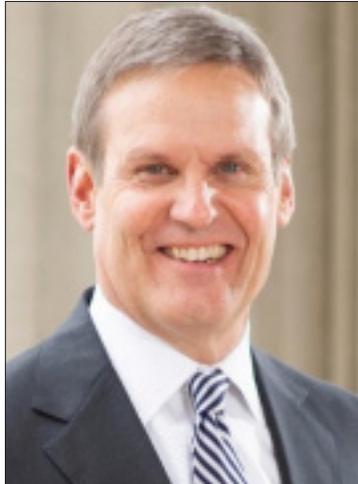
"If approved, Tennessee would become one of the top spending states on such organizations known for dissuading people from getting an abortion," Kimberlee Kruesi and Jonathan Mattise wrote for the *Associated Press*.

In another snarky sentence, Kruesi and Mattise wrote

**The crisis pregnancy centers Lee is banking on, meanwhile, have shifted to touting that they offer pre-natal and post-birth classes.**

"Shifted"? Hardly. At the core

of these women helping centers is that they do far more than "dissuading" pregnant women



*Pro-life Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee*

and girls from aborting. They are there to show how, going forward, there is a better "solution" than killing their unborn children.

They've offered pre-natal and post-birth classes for years.

"We can have a healthy debate about the policy specifics, but we can also agree that America is rooted in a commitment to human dignity," Lee, who cruised to a second term, said. "There was a significant shift in this country last year when it comes to protecting the lives of the unborn. We now all have an opportunity and a moral obligation to support strong Tennessee families."

Gov. Lee added, "This is not a matter of politics. This is about human dignity."

According to Kruesi and Mattise, in addition to the creation of a \$100 million grant fund for crisis pregnancy centers, "Lee also proposed expanding paid parental leave for state employees and widening the Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women

and parents. His administration also plans to ask the federal government to cover the cost of diapers for Medicaid recipients for two years."

Governmental assistance to women helping centers has shown a modest but steady growth, "An *Associated Press* tally based on state budget figures reveals that nearly \$89 million was allocated to such centers across about a dozen states during the 2021-2022 fiscal year," Kruesi and Mattise report. "A decade ago, the annual funding for the programs hovered around \$17 million in about eight states."

The story ends by noting that "Lee is also on the advisory board for the Hope Clinic for Women, a crisis pregnancy center in Tennessee."

# A deeper look at NRLC's "The State of Abortion in the United States—10th edition"

By Dave Andrusko

On January 31 National Right to Life unveiled its 10th annual "The State of Abortion in the United States".

Its 84-pages are must reading for all pro-lifers as we look back at 2022 (and before) and ahead to 2023.

The report is laid out in seven sections. Here is a brief overview of the first three. The remaining four can be read at [www.nationalrighttolifenews.org](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org).

"United States Abortion Numbers" analyses data from both Guttmacher and the CDC through 2020. We add estimates for subsequent years (2021-2022), and NRLC concludes that "64,443,118 abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973." There is also a keen analysis of how chemical abortions, which now account for over half of the abortion performed in the United States, "Have Altered America's Abortion Landscape."

This is very exhaustive section which does a superb job explaining everything from changes in the abortion ratio to who is having abortions to differences among the states.

"Federal policy and abortion" reminds us that even after the Dobbs Decision, Congress and the White House will play an instrumental role in protecting unborn babies. As you know, pro-abortion Democrats were in charge of both Houses of

Congress and the White House the past two years. Quoting from the report

**"Pro-abortion advocacy groups have intensified efforts to pass a federal 'abortion rights' statutes (e.g., the 'Women's Health Protection Act,'**

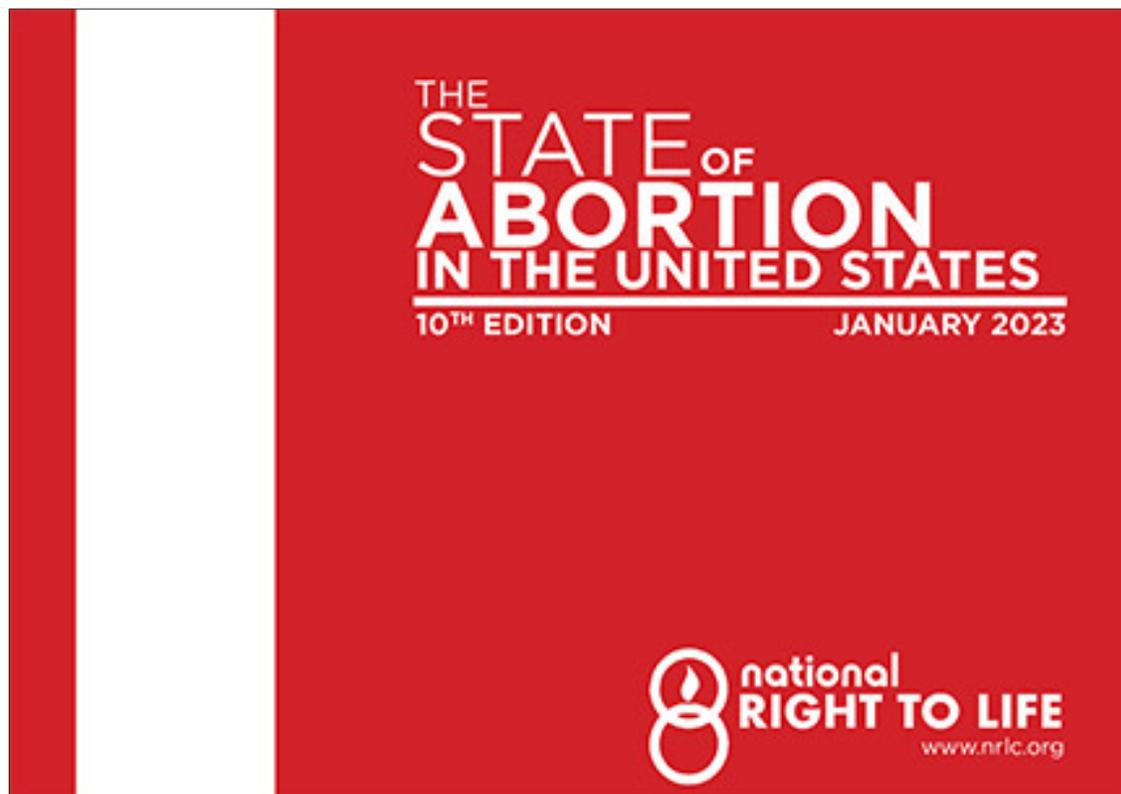
**None of these measures were able to pass both houses of Congress.**

## The Hyde Amendment

Of course, we knew the life-saving Hyde Amendment—estimates are that up to 2.5 million lives have been saved—

"The Biden Administration has taken numerous aggressive steps to circumvent the clear Congressional intent in regards to prohibitions of tax-payer funded abortion." Fortunately, pro-life Republicans now control the House of Representatives.

Tomorrow we will discuss "State



**formerly the 'Freedom of Choice Act'). They have extracted endorsements of such measures from three presidents (Clinton, Obama, and Biden) and have taken several votes.**

would be in the Democrats' cross-hairs. "The presidency of Joe Biden marked one of the sharpest departures from this long-standing principle, that tax dollars should not fund abortion," according to the report,

Laws and abortion"; The pro-abortion Equal Rights Amendment; a synopsis of the major abortion cases decided by the Supreme Court, and the Presidential record on abortion going all the way back to Ronald Reagan.

# Planned Parenthood infiltrates Utah school district classrooms without parents' knowledge

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

Undercover footage from a Utah school district shows administrative officials boasting about the agenda foisted upon students — including the presence

of Planned Parenthood curriculum and that Planned Parenthood sends staffers into the schools to talk to students. Parents appear not to be directly informed about it, though

Planned Parenthood curriculum in our classrooms, but the Planned Parenthood people come in and speak in our high schools and in our junior highs and things like that," she said.

website for the phrase "Planned Parenthood" did not show any results.

"Well, credit to that district for not entirely hiding the fact that they're working with Planned Parenthood," Adam Guilette, president of Accuracy in Media, remarked. "But how vigilant should parents have to be in order to make sure their children are being educated, rather than indoctrinated?"

Planned Parenthood was the subject of a Live Action investigation on sex ed, and what was found was disturbing — especially considering how frequently Planned Parenthood is involved with children. Children were given dangerous advice by so-called Planned Parenthood counselors, and were encouraged to experiment with BDSM and role-play. Children were told that whipping, choking, asphyxiation, violent torture sex, and use of horsewhips, clamps, and ropes during sex are normal and healthy behaviors, even if it results in injury. The "counselors" also gave girls advice on how to work their way into having anal sex.

Yet parents in these schools may have no idea that Planned Parenthood could be spreading this kind of damaging information to their children under the guise of "education."

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of Planned Parenthood staff in the classrooms — all without parents' knowledge or consent.

Accuracy in Media released footage recently with Utah public school officials discussing how they manage to get controversial information in front of students without parents knowing. That includes information and advice directly from Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion chain.

Katie Ieremia, Director of Professional Development of Salt Lake City Schools, explained that the schools use a Planned

Ieremia claims the information is on the website.

"We have a very close relationship with, like, Planned Parenthood, and they come speak in our district all the time," she said. "So that's different from the other places you've talked to. Other places are like, 'Planned Parenthood, don't have them!'"

She then continued by explaining how they use Planned Parenthood resources without directly informing parents.

"In our district, we definitely do, and they have... I mean, they guest speak. Not just do they have

When asked whether parents are notified of this, she responded, "No. No, we don't do that. But they, you know, it's all published on our website, and like, all the resources that we use and that kind of thing. So, anybody can look at any time and see what we're using or what those options are..."

The undercover investigator said, "Yeah, but thankfully, normally, they don't actually look."

"No, not usually," Ieremia responded. However, a search on the Salt Lake City School District

# Suicide Tourism Comes to Oregon

By Wesley J. Smith

Assisted-suicide activists always promise that strict guidelines will protect against abuse. It's a big con. The guidelines are not really strict. They rely primarily on self-reporting. And they are meant to be temporary: As soon as political conditions permit, the access to doctor-prescribed death expands.

Witness Oregon. When Measure 16 passed, assisted suicide was limited to state residents. That requirement was recently deemed inoperative by the state's ever-flaccid suicide regulators after a lawsuit was settled and is expected to soon be repealed.

That threatens to open a floodgate and transform Oregon into the U.S. equivalent of Switzerland, where suicide clinics flourish. Already, people from out of state who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness — something very loosely defined — are traveling to Oregon to find a death doctor willing to help make themselves dead in just over two weeks. From the *Daily Mail* story:

**Oregon has become America's first 'death tourism' destination, where terminally ill people from Texas and other states that have outlawed**

**assisted suicide have started travelling to get their hands on a deadly cocktail of drugs to end their lives, DailyMail.com can reveal.**

**In the liberal bastion Portland, at least one clinic has started receiving out-of-staters who have less than six**



**months to live and meet the other strict requirements of the state's Death with Dignity (DWD) law.**

**Dr Nicholas Gideonse, the director of End of Life Choices Oregon, recently told a panel that he was advising terminally ill non-residents on**

**travelling to Oregon to end their lives, despite a legal gray area.**

Remember, suicidal people who qualify for assisted suicide are not usually offered prevention, meaning some suicidal people receive efforts to save their lives while others are abandoned to facilitation.

even need to practice in the specialty that treats the patient's underlying medical condition.

Other states are also loosening "strict guidelines." For example, Vermont permits virtual assisted suicide, meaning the consultation can be over Zoom or Skype. California has attempted to compel doctors to participate in the assisted-suicide process — after promising MDs, in order to get the law passed, that they would not have to do any of that. The new anti-conscience law is on hold after a lawsuit. Other states where assisted suicide has been legalized have similarly loosened waiting times and procedures.

The ultimate goal — or, at least, the consequence — of allowing assisted suicide/euthanasia is death on demand. Some jurisdictions are getting there faster — Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Canada — and some slower, such as Oregon, Vermont, California, and Colorado. But that tide only flows in one direction.

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Activists also promised that assisted suicide would only occur in the context of a close doctor/patient relationship. But Oregon permits doctor-shopping. If one doctor says no, suicidal patients can merely ask an advocacy group to recommend an ideologically predisposed doctor willing to prescribe death. And suicide prescribers don't

# Sibling mourns the death of her little brother, an abortion victim

By Sarah Terzo

**When I was 18 my mother told me about her abortion... I was aghast, and said something cruel to her like, "how could you do something so terrible?" We let it drop and I forgot about it. But I had not really forgotten. I didn't think about it consciously for years... Suddenly I found myself thinking about my little brother! I became disoriented and lost control of the car for a moment as I burst into tears having lost him. I was astounded by my reaction, but I couldn't shake the sadness and longing to have known him."**

Torre-Bueno A., *Peace after Abortion* (San Diego, California: Pimpernel Press, 1997) pp.70 – 71. This was reprinted in Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy's and Ian Gentles's, "Women's Health after Abortion: The Medical and Psychological Evidence Second Edition" (Toronto, Canada: The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research, 2003).

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We're all human,  
aren't we? Every  
human life is worth  
the same and worth  
saving.

J.K. ROWLING

# In a flurry of letters, fight against distribution of abortion drugs heat up

By Dave Andrusko

“Survey shows widespread confusion over access to abortion medication” is the headline to a story written by Nathaniel Weixel for *The Hill*.

Let’s see how much confusion Weixel clears up and how much he adds to it. His source for the bulk of the article was a survey released Wednesday by KFF, formerly the Kaiser Family Foundation.

It’s likely true that “Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. are unsure whether medication abortion is legal where they live.” Same for the survey of 1,234 people which “found that in both states with abortion bans and those without, about half of adults are not sure about the legality of medication abortion.”

Weixel asserts, “The Biden administration has taken steps to increase access to the drug, but only in states where it is legal or not otherwise restricted.”

This statement lacks context, at best.

Last December, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) released a memorandum permitting the mailing of abortion drugs.

The memorandum makes clear that the Biden administration is not only determined to circumvent protective state abortion laws but also intend to ignore federal laws related to the mailing of drugs.

However, as a letter in opposition from 41 senators and house members explains

**On January 3, 2023, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) released a memorandum regarding the application of longstanding federal**

**criminal law prohibiting the mailing of chemical abortion drugs in interstate or foreign commerce by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) as well as common carriers and express companies. These**



**criminal prohibitions regarding the distribution of abortion drugs are enforceable. Nevertheless, OLC’s memo claims that these federal mail-order abortion laws do not prohibit the mailing of the abortion drugs mifepristone or misoprostol “where the sender lacks the intent that the recipient of the drugs will use them unlawfully.” The memo further claims that a lawful use for abortion drugs can be presumed even when these drugs are mailed into states that prohibit most abortions. However, neither Congress nor the**

**courts have articulated such an interpretation of the law that radically departs from the plain text and clear meaning of the law.**

In addition, a second separate letter signed by 77 lawmakers led

by Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith and Rep. Bob Latta admonishes the FDA for its lack of concern for women:

**“Through its decision to permit no-test, mail-order abortions after a telemedicine visit, the FDA has abandoned its dual obligations to protect the public and vulnerable populations from harm and to comply with Federal law, including Federal requirements to protect patient safety and longstanding Federal criminal laws which expressly prohibit the mailing and shipping of abortion drugs.”**

Meanwhile, in addition, attorneys general from 20 states,

led by Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey, sent a letter on February 1 to CVS and Walgreens pharmacies. They wrote that distributing the abortion pill via mail could violate state and federal laws and there could be ramifications should they proceed to send abortion pills in this manner.

“[M]any people are not aware that federal law expressly prohibits using the mail to send or receive any drug that will ‘be used or applied for producing abortion,’” the AGs wrote.

But the companies were not deterred. Rachel Tillman of the *Associated Press* wrote

**In an emailed statement to Spectrum News, a spokesperson for Walgreens said the company is not currently dispensing mifepristone, although they are working to become eligible through an FDA-mandated certification process, requiring pharmacies to meet specific standards in shipping, tracking and confidentially storing drug prescribing records.**

“We intend to become a certified pharmacy under the program, but we are working through the certification process, necessary training of our pharmacists, as well as evaluating our pharmacy network in terms of where we can dispense Mifepristone consistent with federal and state laws,” the statement read in part, adding: “We fully understand that we may not be able to dispense Mifepristone in all locations if we are certified under the program.”

# NRLC writes Congress in opposition to H.J. Res. 25 purporting to retroactively “remove” the ratification deadline and pre-deadline rescissions for long-expired 1972 Equal Rights Amendment

*What appears below is the text of a letter sent by NRLC to the U.S. House of Representatives on February 1, 2023, opposing a measure (H.J. Res. 25) that purports to make the 1972 “Equal Rights Amendment” a part of the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Senate is expected to vote during March on whether to advance a companion measure, S.J. Res. 4, sponsored by Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Ak.).*

Dear Member of Congress:

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations, urges you to oppose H.J. Res. 25, a measure that purports to retroactively revive the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment and insert it into the text of the U.S. Constitution – even though multiple federal court decisions have held that the ERA expired over 50 years ago.

We urge you to withhold co-sponsorship from this unconstitutional joint resolution, and to decline to sign the coming discharge petition, which various activist groups will use as a fundraising gimmick.

As summarized below, NRLC believes that the vague and sweeping language of the 1972 ERA could be employed to invalidate even the most modest limits on abortion, including late abortions, and to require unlimited government funding of elective abortion. Moreover, even a Member who is not troubled by that prospect should oppose H.J. Res. 25, because the joint resolution is based on premises that, if embraced, would flatten guardrails that protect the entire

text of the Constitution, and would forever fundamentally damage the integrity of the constitutional amendment process itself.

The language of the 1972 ERA would easily lend itself to use as a powerful pro-abortion legal weapon, potentially invalidating all laws or government policies that protect unborn members of the human family, at any stage of development, or that even indirectly impede access to abortion, including any limits on government funding of elective abortion. Leaders of prominent pro-abortion and pro-ERA advocacy groups now openly proclaim that they believe the 1972 ERA must be construed in this way. For decades, leading ERA advocates denied or deflected such interpretations, but those denials and deflections were merely “a strategic decision,” we are now told (i.e., a deception). The mask has now been discarded. All Members who support any limits on abortion or government funding of elective abortion would be well advised to take the pro-abortion advocacy groups at their current word as to how they intend to employ the vague 1972 language, if it ever becomes part of the Constitution.

H.J. Res. 25 is an exercise in political theater that shows contempt for the courts and for long-established constitutional requirements. The 92nd Congress included a seven-year ratification deadline in the ERA Resolution. On March 5, 2021, federal District Judge Rudolph Contreras (an appointee of President Obama) ruled that Congress had the constitutional power to impose such a deadline, that it would have been “absurd” for the Archivist to disregard the deadline, and that

legislative actions that occurred in Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020) “came

proposes the amendment, it goes out into the world, and the states do what they’re going to do.”



too late to count.” Illinois and Nevada appealed that ruling. Oral arguments were presented to a three-judge panel (Judges Wilkins, Childs, and Rao) on September 28, 2022, and a ruling is expected in the months immediately ahead. As the *Washington Post* pointed out in a February 9, 2022 fact check, over the past 40 years, “Every time the issue has been litigated in federal court, most recently in 2021, the pro-ERA side has lost, no matter whether the judge was appointed by a Democrat or Republican.”

H.J. Res. 25 is similar to retroactive “deadline removal” measures that passed the House of Representatives on February 13, 2020, and March 17, 2021. However, the language of H.J. Res. 25 goes further than those earlier measures, so even Members who endorsed the previous versions should look afresh at the new formulation. H.J. Res. 25 is based on an amalgam of unconstitutional novelties.

The legitimate constitutional role of Congress in the amendment process ended when it submitted the ERA Resolution to the states on March 22, 1972. As Deputy Assistant Attorney General Sarah Harrington asserted before the D.C. Circuit on September 28, 2022, “The Constitution doesn’t contemplate any role for Congress at the back end. Congress

Article V does not allow Congress to engage in a “bait-and-switch.” As Judge Contreras observed in his 2021 ruling upholding the deadline, “Inclusion of a deadline was a compromise that helped Congress successfully propose the ERA where previous attempts to pass a proposal had failed.” The current Congress lacks power to retroactively edit that legislative compromise, while simultaneously claiming the congressional super-majorities and subsequent state ratifications that flowed from it. Judge Contreras noted that 30 of the states that ratified the ERA specifically quoted or referred to the deadline in their ratification instruments.

(If Congress actually possessed bait-and-switch powers, those powers could as easily be abused to *undercut* an amendment properly submitted to the states, if simple majorities of a later Congress disliked it – for example, by retroactively *shortening* a deadline in order to head off anticipated ratification, or by retroactively changing the mode of ratification from *state legislatures* to *state conventions* mid-way through the ratification process. Such manipulations are incompatible with Article V.)

# NRLC writes Congress in opposition to H.J. Res. 25

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Moreover, even if Congress somehow did hold power to execute a retroactive bait-and-switch, the authors of H.J. Res. 25 have formally declared the resolution to be an exercise of Congress' Article V powers. That means approval would require a two-thirds vote. This is one of the two grounds on which the only federal court ever to review the purported 1978 "deadline extension" ruled that it was unconstitutional. (*Idaho v. Freeman*, 1981)

Finally, even setting aside the specific requirements of Article V, no Congress has power to act on any measure after it has expired. The Senate cannot today take up and pass the "deadline removal" measure passed by the House on March 17, 2021, because it has expired. The current Congress cannot override a veto by President G.H.W. Bush; his veto messages have expired. Certainly, Congress has the power to again submit the same proposed amendment text to the states, with or without a ratification deadline, but it must do so by the procedures spelled out in Article V, including the requirement for two-thirds approval by each house, and all within a single Congress. As the late Justice Ginsburg said (2-10-20):

*I would like to see a new beginning. I'd like it to start over. There's too much controversy about latecomers – Virginia, long after the deadline passed. Plus, a number of states have withdrawn their ratification. So, if you count a latecomer on*

*the plus side, how can you disregard states that said, "We've changed our minds"?"*

National Right to Life will heavily weigh any action by which any Member would seek to advance this manifestly unconstitutional joint resolution— a measure openly declared by its backers as intended to erect a constitutional barrier against any protections for unborn members of the human family. The recent history of judicial, executive, and legislative actions on the Equal Rights Amendment is documented in detail, with links to primary sources, in the NRLC Special Report on the Equal Rights Amendment (January 23, 2023). For further information, please contact us at (202) 378-8863, or via e-mail at [djohnson@nrlc.org](mailto:djohnson@nrlc.org). Thank you for your consideration of NRLC's position on this vital matter.

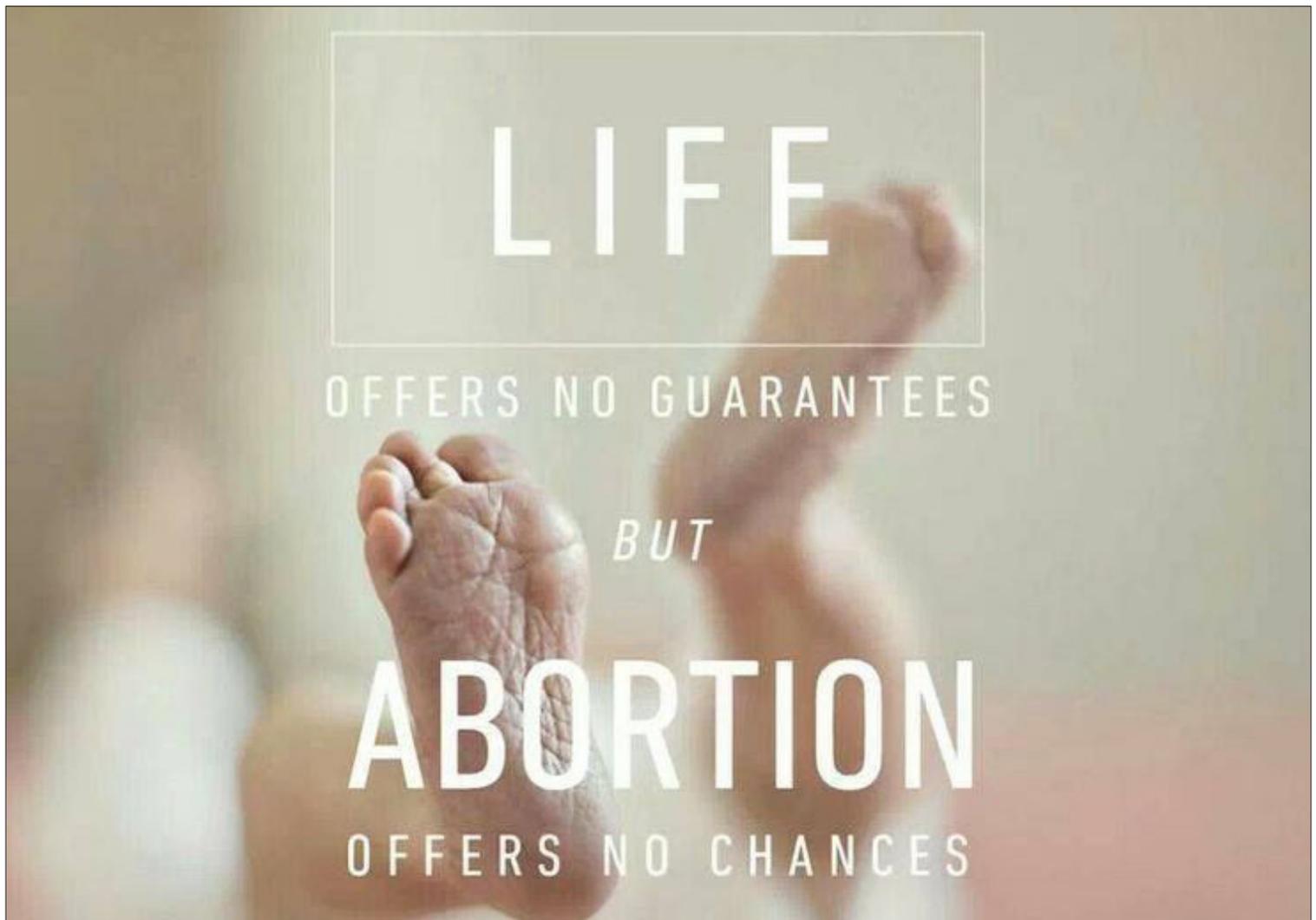
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# Alzheimer's Association Terminates Partnership with Assisted-Suicide Advocacy Group

By Wesley J. Smith

Alzheimer's disease runs in my family. My mother and uncle both died from it, so I have intimately witnessed the worst that the disease can inflict.

I also know how much people with the condition need love, understanding, and patience. They are still the persons they have always been, just compromised and dependent.

I also know how vulnerable people with dementia are and how easily they can be manipulated. I am also aware that too many denigrate them as less than human — so-called non-persons — and view their lives as no longer worth living.

People are understandably terrified of the disease. Consequently, as the Catholic bioethicist Charles Camosy has written, people with dementia are targets of the euthanasia movement.

That is why I was appalled when Compassion and Choices (C&C) — the country's most prominent assisted-suicide advocacy organization — bragged that it had partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to advocate on behalf of Alzheimer's patients. C & C talks a good game

about end-of-life care, but their primary mission is to push suicide as an answer to serious illness. An association dedicated to the care of people with the disease



had no business affiliating in any way with a group that advocates assisted suicide.

Now, the Alzheimer's Association has seen C & C for what it really is and has terminated the relationship. From the AA press release:

**In an effort to provide information and resources about Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association entered into an agreement**

**to provide education and awareness information to Compassion & Choices, but failed to do appropriate due**

**diligence. Their values are inconsistent with those of the Association. We deeply regret our mistake, have begun the termination of the relationship, and apologize to all of the families we support who were hurt or disappointed. Additionally, we are reviewing our process for all agreements including**

**those that are focused on the sharing of educational information.**

As a patient advocacy group and evidence-based organization, the Alzheimer's Association stands behind people living with Alzheimer's, their care partners and their health care providers as they navigate treatment and care choices throughout the continuum of the disease. Research supports a palliative care approach as the highest quality of end-of-life care for individuals with advanced dementia.

Right. Care — not killing! Good for the Alzheimer's Association. I just wish more such organizations understood that the activists of C & C are suicide pushers. They are not the friends of the ill and afflicted.

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# Baby the size of a cookie born at just 25 weeks home in time for Christmas

By Right to Life UK

A baby who was born the size of a cookie at 25 weeks gestation spent 115 days in hospital and was able to spend his first Christmas at home.

Baby Wells was born at just 25 weeks gestation in November 2021 with his twin, Ezra. Sadly, because the pair were born so prematurely, Ezra died shortly after birth. While Wells was not in as critical a condition as his brother, he had to spend the next 115 days in intensive care.

Born in Indiana, Wells was classified as a micro-preemie because he was born before 26 weeks gestation and weighed just 1lb 8oz.

His mum, Paige Hurd, details the traumatic events surrounding his birth.

She said “As I was pregnant with twins, I had more scans than usual – all of which were normal. But, I just knew something was going to go wrong. I went to two different doctors and they said everything is OK but my maternal instincts disagreed”.

## Mum and Dad prepared for the worst

“On the day I gave birth, I remember feeling fine as I rocked my daughter Hazel, then 11 months, to sleep”.

“But then I felt a random pain but it wasn’t very severe, I put Hazel into her crib as the pain worsened”.

“I quickly realized it was contractions, and in between calling my husband and calling 911, I gave birth to Ezra, just 15 minutes after I first noticed the pain”.

Paige said that she and her

husband Zachary “prepared for the worst” after their son Ezra died, afraid that they might lose Wells as well.

The doctors informed Paige that Wells was likely to have a bleed in his brain and could have cerebral palsy. It is common for extremely premature babies to

“I didn’t feel like a mom until he came home on February 28, 2022”, she added.

Despite the ups and downs, Wells got stronger and stronger. “He uses every muscle in his body to do what he wants, he is reaching milestones quicker than Hazel [his sister] did”, Paige said.



be born with medical difficulties, some of which must be treated immediately, and others that can have lasting effects.

Things were touch and go in the beginning, especially when his lungs collapsed less than a week after his birth. Things became harder for Paige who could not see her son due to hospital Covid regulations.

## “A joy to be around”

Though she was grateful for the effort the nurses made over Christmas 2021, Paige revealed she felt “helpless” because the nurses were in charge of feeding and changing him.

By August 2022, Wells was able to stand and his mum said he was “a wild little boy” who was “a joy to be around”. And since the family missed out on Christmas 2021, they made sure Christmas 2022 was extra special. The family put up their Christmas tree in November and read Christmas stories to their children every night.

A study, ‘Mortality, In-Hospital Morbidity, Care Practices, and 2-Year Outcomes for Extremely Preterm Infants in the US, 2013-2018’, by Dr Edward F Bell of the University of Iowa, found that from 2013 to 2018, with infants born between 22 and 28 weeks

gestation, “survival to discharge occurred in 78.3% and was significantly improved compared with a historical rate of 76.0% among infants born in 2008-2012”.

The study, which took place between 2013 and 2018, assessed 10,877 infants born between 22

and 28 weeks gestation in 19 academic medical centres across the US.

This means that almost four out of five extremely prematurely born babies survived and were able to be assessed at 22-26 months corrected age (22-26 months from their due date) for a number of health and functional outcomes.

Right To Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson said “The outcomes for extremely premature babies are improving all the time and it is wonderful to hear that baby Wells has been able to spend Christmas with his family”.

# Showdown looms between States and Biden administration over “medication abortion”

By Dave Andrusko

On February 1, GenBioPro, one of company that makes mifepristone, the first of two drugs used in medication abortion, filed a case in federal court in West Virginia arguing that it is unconstitutional for a state to bar access to a medication approved by the federal government.

In a wholly sympathetic and one-sided story, Pam Belluck of the *New York Times* wrote

**Recent articles by legal scholars and experts on drug and medical policy have made the case that the federal government has overarching authority to approve and regulate medications, a question only a few previous legal cases have tested.**

NRLC General Counsel James Bopp, Jr. responded that “while the FDA has the authority to permit the use of drugs and medicines, this authority does not prohibit states from regulating them also. This is another example of the Biden administration unlawfully trying to seize federal power to advance their radical pro-abortion agenda.”

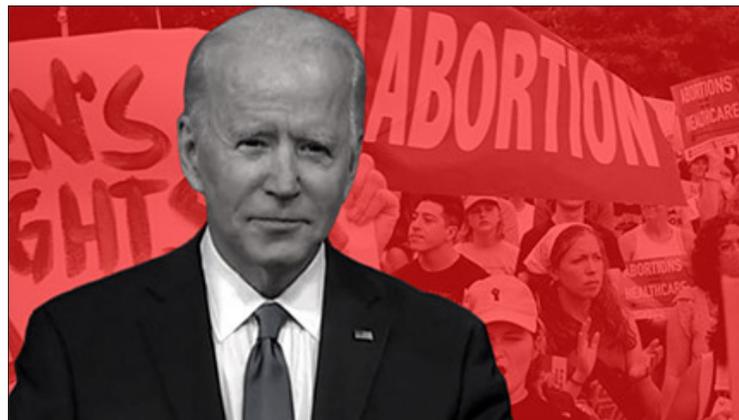
“Furthermore, other legal observers have noted that in overruling *Roe* and *Casey*, the Court in *Dobbs* held that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee a right to abortion,” said Federal Legislative Director Jennifer Popik, JD. “Further, the Court changed the standard under which laws restricting abortion are evaluated. Abortion restrictions will now be evaluated under a rational basis review standard that is generally deferential to lawmakers. Under a rational basis review, a court should conclude that a state restriction is rationally related to a legitimate government interest, such as protecting unborn life.”

The lawsuit case represents a preliminary showdown between federal regulations, which under the Biden administration are systemically being dismantled,

and state regulations, which are far more leery of the dangers of chemical abortions.

For example, South Dakota’s governor and attorney general sent a letter Tuesday to state pharmacists to remind them of state law regarding the illegality of abortions except those necessary to save the life of the mother.

“Chemical abortions remain illegal in South Dakota,” wrote Gov. Kristi Noem and Attorney



General Marty Jackley. “Under South Dakota law, pharmacies, including chain drug stores, are prohibited from procuring and dispensing abortion-inducing drugs with the intent to induce an abortion, and are subject to felony prosecution under South Dakota law, despite the recent FDA ruling. Their resources should be focused on helping mothers and their babies, both before birth and after.”

Biden’s FDA has updated labeling for mifepristone so that pharmacies (both online and brick and mortar) can now dispense the drug. These new regulations were anticipated. They merely formalized a decision made in 2021 to permanently drop the in-person requirement for the distribution of the abortion pill.

Typically, proponents say that chemical abortions—which now account for over half of the abortions performed in the US—are “safer than Tylenol and Viagra, and 14 times safer than childbirth.”

In fact we know from the FDA that there have been **at least** 28 deaths associated with the use of

mifepristone since the drug was approved in the U.S. in September of 2000, along with thousands of recorded complications.

A new study out of Canada makes clear that serious safety issues with these drugs are being ignored. “Complications and visits to emergency rooms are much higher than people have been led to believe,” wrote Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon, NRLC’s director of education & research.

“These chemical abortions are consistently and measurably more dangerous than their surgical counterparts.

As Dr. O’Bannon explained

**These studies, like the most recent one from Ontario, involved actual broad public populations and government records rather than reports from specially selected clients sets from some abortion network or abortion research center.**

**It is telling that these studies, reflecting actual conditions on the ground and not the ideal, controlled conditions of a study, found much higher rates of adverse events and hospital visits than the ones the abortion industry has generally relied upon to make the case for looser regulations.**

On January 13, 2023 Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall led a coalition of 22 state attorneys general

who sent a letter to Robert Califf, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, condemning the FDA’s recent decision to abandon its longstanding restrictions which make s it easier to obtain misoprostol and mifepristone.

According to the news release that accompanying the request of the 22 state attorneys general

**The letter details the serious risks associated with abortion-inducing drugs, which both state and federal laws and policies—including, until now, those of the FDA itself—have long recognized by imposing restrictions on their prescription and administration. But, in the wake of the Dobbs decision, “the FDA announced a wholesale change to [its policy aimed at mitigating the dangers of such drugs].” The FDA’s new policy is denounced by the attorneys general in no uncertain terms for “prioritizing . . . pro-abortion policy over women’s health,” which recklessly “endanger[s] the lives of women” in addition to “enthusiastically endanger[ing] the lives of unborn children.”**

The Attorneys General letter concludes

**“Though the FDA has abdicated its responsibility to protect women’s health, we have not. To be crystal clear, you have not negated any of our laws that forbid the remote prescription, administration, and use of abortion-inducing drugs. The health and safety of our citizens—women and children included—is of paramount concern. Nothing in the FDA’s recent changes affects how we will protect our people.”**

# Pro-life student harassed by Smithsonian staff describes incident on FOX's 'Hannity'

By Bettina di Fiore

Patrick Murphy, one of the students recently kicked out of the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum for refusing to remove their pro-life hats, was recently on the "Hannity" show to discuss the incident. The students are being legally represented by Jay Sekulow from the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), who also appeared on the show.

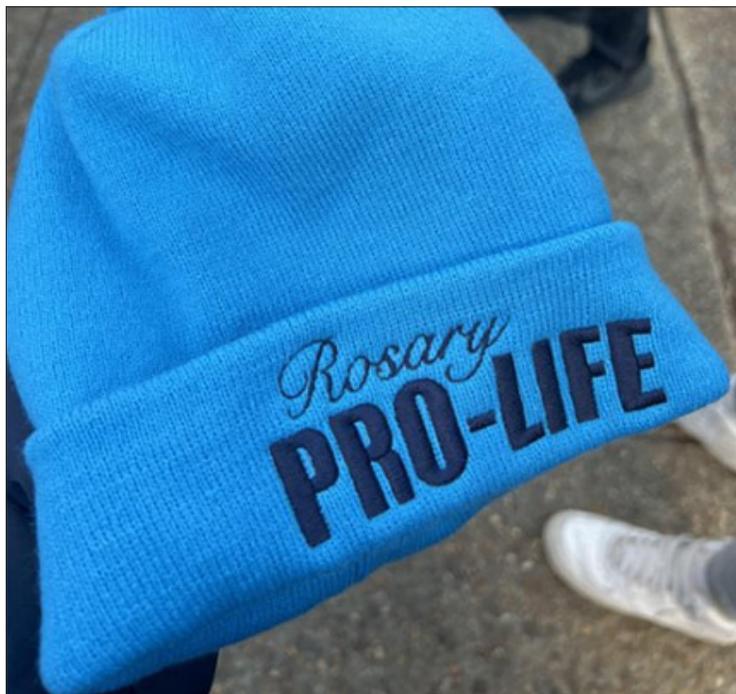
According to Murphy, the students had been in the museum for about 30 minutes when they were approached by "two women in all black, presumably security guards" who told the group to remove their hats. "They say, 'All people wearing a pro-life hat, take it off.' And immediately we're confused," Murphy recollected.

One of the students then informed the guards that the hats were being worn for identification purposes to help the group stick together. "So the two women, they kinda blew us off," Murphy said. "And after that, we decided to sit against the wall."

When the time came for the group to catch their bus, they started to walk out, but were

reportedly approached by "a large man." Murphy recalled: "And he comes up to us, rubbing his hands together, saying, 'Y'all are about

A student repeated that the hats were being used for identification purposes, but, according to Murphy, "he wasn't having it."



to make my day,' with a massive smile on his face." The man told the students that he had reports that they had refused to remove their hats and that they were "in trouble."

Murphy continued:

**I then said, "This is a violation of our First Amendment right. This is a government-funded building. How are we**

**paying for this with our taxes and I'm not allowed to wear this hat?" And he said, "This is a neutral zone ... and that doesn't apply here." And we were blown away. We had almost no words.**

Alison Wood, Deputy Director of Communications for the museum, has responded: "Asking visitors to remove hats and clothing is not in keeping with our policies or protocols. We provided immediate training to prevent a re-occurrence of this kind of incident."

Sekulow, however, seemed unimpressed with this response. "[T]hey said they did a training afterwards. We want to know ... about the training before. And they didn't apologize to these students," he stated.

"They picked on the wrong students," Sekulow concluded.

According to Sekulow, legal action is "imminent."

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# The glory of our humanity begins with a single cell: That's you and me at our first moment of existence.

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

When the cell was first discovered (and named) by Robert Hooke in 1665, it was hailed as a major discovery. However it was initially thought to be just a cell wall containing a mass of some sort of undifferentiated protoplasm.

**It took years for scientists to learn just how complex that “simple cell” really was.**

Gradually, they realized that even the standard animal cell contained many different highly specialized organelles—structures that perform various jobs inside cells. For example, these complex biological machines keep the cell healthy and thriving by handling critical manufacturing, processing, transportation, and communication functions for the cell. Even the cell wall turned out to be a very specialized structure. It admits or blocks the entry or exit of materials or molecular messages meeting very specific conditions, ready to perform very specific functions.

The nucleus was easy to pick out, but its full significance has still only recently begun to be appreciated. The nucleus is, of course, the “command center” which controls and regulates the cell’s activities. However, it is the also the storehouse for the cell’s DNA (short for deoxyribonucleic acid) which contains the unique blueprint for the fully developed animal—however many trillions of cells that may be, however many dozens of unique types of cells are needed to make up that organism.

The profundity of this cannot be overstated. Within that single cell, in that DNA, are the full set of instructions for building a fully functioning adult organism with all its complex working parts and organs. It is as if a single microscopic dot contained not just the blueprint for a large

skyscraper, but for a city full of skyscrapers, with plans for all the roads, the vehicles, the farms and the grocery stores, the water and sewer systems, the hospitals, law enforcement, power production,

Each function, each element of the system has been carefully orchestrated by the code of that first single cell.

The same with the lungs, the other side of the cardiopulmonary



the communications system, the factories and more. And of course, with a great deal more complexity and efficiency than can be found in any modern city today.

**Have a look at the human heart.**

Take the specialized master pump of the circulatory system, the four chambered human heart. Here we have three layers of cardiac muscle, carefully calibrated to operate in a steady but flexible rhythm. The beating of that heart assures that every cell in the body gets the oxygen and nutrition and healing factors it needs, all the while making sure that waste is carried off and depleted corpuscles are replenished.

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The same with the lungs, the other side of the cardiopulmonary

a system of arteries, veins and capillaries that carry nutrition to every type of cell and tissue found there, providing energy and oxygen for them to grow and function. Those blood vessels also carry away waste products and deoxygenated blood to be purged and renewed.

Also in that very first cell’s instructions are the elaborate system of muscles, ligaments, tendons and sheaths that give the hand the strength and ability to grasp, hold, move and manipulate various elements and objects of a great variety of sizes, shapes, and weights.

An intricate system of sensory nerves allows the hand and fingers to detect changes in temperature, pressure, even the slightest variation in surface texture or shape. Highly specialized motor nerves enable bones and muscles to work together, performing intricate and complex movements, offering great agility and strength as well as the capacity to make fine, nearly instantaneous adjustments to constantly changing circumstances.

Several layers of skin offer both covering and protection for bones, muscles, nerves and blood vessels, in addition to playing critical roles in regulating body temperature, water and electrolyte balance, and the synthesis of vitamin D. Owing to high concentration of sensory nerves, the skin of the palm and fingers are especially sensitive to pleasant and painful stimuli. The connection of those nerves with the ridges of the fingertips make them particularly good at gripping, holding, and managing fine calibrations.

system. With the help of the diaphragm and the tiny capillaries of the alveoli, lungs are capable of extracting oxygen from the air and delivering it to the blood stream while also removing carbon dioxide from some of those same cells and releasing it back into the environment.

**Consider the human hand.**

Within that single original cell (called the human zygote), there are codes for building each of the twenty-seven specialized bones of the hand, giving structure and flexibility to the wrist, palm, and fingers. These bones are growing, living material, containing marrow generating stem cells that give us red and white blood cells.

Blood vessels strategically placed throughout the hand form

# Biden's Top 10 Falsehoods on Abortion

By Maureen Ferguson

On the 50th anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, Joe Biden issued a proclamation parroting the abortion lobby's disinformation surrounding the *Dobbs* case.

Let's examine the Top Ten Falsehoods:

## **First: Thousands of women will die without access to abortion.**

Earning "Four Pinocchios" from the *Washington Post* fact-checker, this claim is as false today as when it was manufactured pre-*Roe*. It is based on flimsy data from the early 1900's, predating antibiotics and modern contraception.

Every pro-life law ever enacted contains a life-of-the-mother exception. Pro-lifers treasure the lives of both mother and child, and pro-life laws provide exceptions for medical emergencies.

Finally, if anyone is endangering women's lives, it is the abortion industry with its relentless push for largely unregulated mail-order abortion pills for women and girls to take at home by themselves.

## **Two: Women will die from ectopic pregnancy.**

This is the same as Lie Number One – and equally false.

Ectopic pregnancies are textbook examples of what life-of-the-mother provisions in pro-life laws contemplate. However tragic, they are nonetheless navigated by parents and physicians every day. Care necessary to save mothers' lives is morally uncontroversial – and no pro-life legislation will change that.

## **Three: Pro-life laws will endanger women suffering miscarriages.**

Doctors know the difference between miscarriage and abortion. This is deliberate misinformation.

Laws against abortion do not affect miscarriage management,

just as laws against euthanasia do not preclude end-of-life hospice care. Laws against homicide do not preclude organ-donation. Any potential ambiguity about this is due to the abortion lobby's irresponsible spreading of doubt and deception.

## **Four: Women will be thrown in jail.**

Completely false. The pro-life movement has always viewed women as the second victims of abortion. Pro-life legislation has always protected both victims from the violence of abortion. Penalties in pro-life laws apply to abortionists, not women.

## **Five: After Dobbs, states will ban contraception and IVF.**

This is the political lie of the hour. The abortion industry knows its preferred policy of unrestricted abortion until birth is extremely unpopular. So, post-*Dobbs*, they are desperately trying to hide behind more popular causes.

But the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* majority anticipated this tactic and specifically stated that the ruling only applies to abortion, not contraception, not same-sex marriage, not anything else, because, their opinion said, abortion is different in that it destroys an unborn human being. Neither Congress nor any state is considering such bans.

## **Six: We don't really know when life begins.**

This is silly. We know exactly when human life begins. Biology textbooks are clear: a new human life begins at the moment of sperm-egg fusion. The distinct, biological identity of an unborn human from the moment of conception is as settled a scientific fact as gravity.

Preborn humans are incontrovertibly alive, but

dependent – just as all of us are at some time in our lives – needing the love and care of others.

## **Seven: "Heartbeat laws" are deceptive – there is no heartbeat in early pregnancy.**

This is where otherwise intelligent, educated people pretend not to understand modern technology.

Since the rise of the Texas Heartbeat Law, the abortion lobby and the media have tried to attack the "heartbeat" law without using

assumes that the male body is normative and, therefore, the female body and femininity itself are abnormalities or disabilities. It wrongly equates male-specific medical procedures like treatment for prostate cancer with female-specific abortion procedures, as if removing cancer is the same as removing an unborn child.

## **Nine: Pro-lifers don't care about the mother or baby after birth.**

This is projection. The same Texas legislature that passed the



the word "heartbeat." We have witnessed a series of progressively sillier euphemisms – "electrical pulsing," "fluttering," "jumble of cells."

Calling the law a "six-week ban" only reminds people that babies have discernible heartbeats at six weeks. In fact, at six weeks, the embryonic heart is beating about 100 times per minute.

Every pregnant mother in the last 30 years has heard her baby's heartbeat. Pretending otherwise denies science, technology, and the lived experience of tens of millions of women.

## **Eight: Restricting abortion discriminates against women on the basis of sex.**

This argument is superficially compelling until you realize it

Heartbeat Law appropriated \$100 million in assistance for mothers and babies.

Thanks to the pro-life movement, any woman in need can find help at 2,700 pregnancy centers and maternity homes by going to OptionLine.org, CareNet.org, LoveLine.com, StandingWithYou.org, or Aid and Support After Pregnancy.

Any woman suffering after an abortion can go to HopeAfterAbortion.com, HurtAfterAbortion.com, PostAbortionHelp.org, or Sisters of Life Post-Abortion healing retreats.

# Pro-abortion Biden Administration turns drug stores into abortion centers

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

When I was a little girl, my mother and father would take my sister and me to the neighborhood drug store where we would buy cold medicine, notebooks, and anything else we needed in a hurry. I distinctly recall a bin that was labelled “surprise packages,” which consisted of a pile of jewelry-sized boxes with unknown contents. My sister and I would beg our parents to buy us a surprise package because we loved to open it up at home and see what kind of trinkets were inside.

Unfortunately, today’s young women may experience an unpleasant surprise at their local pharmacy because of a Biden Administration policy permitting the sale of the abortion pill at

bricks-and-mortar drug stores. After so many years going to pharmacies to pick up must-have items on the run, it is hard for me



to fathom how drug stores can be turned into abortion centers. But that is the scary specter we face in Biden’s America.

Pharmacies should bring healing, not harm. In addition to causing the death of a defenseless preborn baby, mifepristone, combined with the second pill,

misoprostol, can cause disastrous health effects for a woman: hemorrhaging, vomiting, nausea, and excruciatingly painful

uterine contractions. Even *TIME* magazine called the abortion pill process “painful, messy, and protracted”. It is estimated that 1 in 100 women who take the abortion pill will be hospitalized. For instance, a woman in Iowa took the abortion pill and lost nearly ¾ of her blood. She could

have died without emergency surgery.

Now is the time to speak up to pharmacies such as CVS, Rite-Aid, and Walgreen’s, which have pledged to offer the dangerous abortion pill to customers. You can find contact information for the drug store chains here. Please consider sharing this information with pro-life family and friends and on social media.

Unfortunate medical surprises can await those unsuspecting women who take the abortion pill. We owe it to women to do all we can to safeguard them against this dangerous scientific experiment, which leaves them incredibly vulnerable while ending the lives of their precious children.

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This charge is a lie and a slander. Pro-lifers offer pregnant mothers hope and care; abortion advocates offer violence and despair.

### Ten: Women need abortion to be equal members of society.

It’s the reliance argument: without abortion, women cannot obtain educational success, achieve career goals, climb out of poverty, or build a successful family in the future.

This is empirically and plainly

false. A *Dobbs* brief written by 240 women scholars provides mountains of evidence that women’s social and economic advancement over the past decades has not been dependent upon abortion access. The data show the expansion of women’s opportunities is attributable to changes in the education, equal pay, equal employment and civil rights laws, not the ability to abort.

We all know women who have

overcome crisis pregnancies. Stories of hope abound. Sonya Curry writes movingly that she was in college, unmarried, pregnant and scared. She scheduled an abortion, but bravely cancelled at the last minute. That baby grew up to be Steph Curry, the NBA’s greatest shooter, who was at the White House last week celebrating his team’s championship.

Fortunately, the truths of science, the beauty of ultrasound

images, the care of pregnancy resource centers, and the strength and resilience of women are counterweights to these falsehoods.

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# “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

By Dave Andrusko

We repost many, many stories written by pro-life bioethicist Wesley J. Smith. Perhaps not surprisingly I revisit his stories often. That’s what happened this morning.

Back in October 2021, we reposted a story — “Doctors Kill 10 Percent of All Babies Who Die in Flanders”—which sent a chill up and down my spine then as it does again today.

His first paragraph read

**Belgium has no age limit for its euthanasia. Now, a letter published in a British Medical Journal publication reports that 10 percent of babies who died from 2016 to 2017 in Flanders — up to age one — were given drugs by their own doctors with “an explicit life-shortening intention.”**

Should I have been shocked? What would it say about me if I wasn’t?

Wesley concluded

**The moral of the tale? There is no such thing as a little euthanasia. Granting doctors (and, increasingly, nurses) a license to kill eventually corrupts medicine — from the beginning of life to the far reaches of old age.**

What doctors do with those who are defenseless and entirely at their mercy has profound repercussions.

The great Pope John Paul II in 1995 famously described Western society as a “culture of death.” Read what he prophetically said carefully.

**On a more general level, there exists in contemporary culture a certain Promethean attitude which leads**

**people to think that they can control life and death by taking the decisions about them into their own hands. What really happens in this case is that the individual is overcome and crushed by a death deprived of any prospect of meaning or hope.**



**We see a tragic expression of all this in the spread of euthanasia—disguised and surreptitious, or practised openly and even legally. As well as for reasons of a misguided pity at the sight of the patient’s suffering, euthanasia is sometimes justified by the utilitarian motive of avoiding costs which bring no return and which weigh heavily on society. Thus it is proposed to eliminate malformed babies, the severely handicapped, the disabled, the elderly,**

**especially when they are not self-sufficient, and the terminally ill.**

**Nor can we remain silent in the face of other more furtive, but no less serious and real, forms of euthanasia. These could occur for example when, in order to increase the availability of organs**

**for transplants, organs are removed without respecting objective and adequate criteria which verify the death of the donor.**

Wesley defined this culture as referring “to a civilization that endorses lethal omissions and even outright killing by doctors to alleviate suffering or resolve life crises.”

Human solidarity is priceless. A student asked the late anthropologist Margaret Mead what she considered

**to be the first sign of civilization in a culture.**

The student expected Mead to talk about clay pots, tools for hunting, grinding-stones, or religious artifacts.

But no. Mead said that the first evidence of civilization was a 15,000 years old fractured femur found in an archaeological site. A femur is the longest bone in the body, linking hip to knee. In societies without the benefits of modern medicine, it takes about six weeks of rest for a fractured femur to heal. This particular bone had been broken and had healed.

Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, you cannot drink or hunt for food. Wounded in this way, you are meat for your predators. No creature survives a broken leg long enough for

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that another person has taken time to stay with the fallen, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended them through recovery. A healed femur indicates that someone has helped a fellow human, rather than abandoning them to save their own life.

“Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts,” Margaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

Amen.

# Nets Ignore Pro-Life Activist's Acquittal on Bogus Biden Admin Charges

By Kevin Tober

On Monday, a Philadelphia jury found pro-life activist Mark Houck not guilty on trumped-up charges filed by the Biden regime which alleged Houck was blocking access to an abortion clinic while protesting outside the clinic, which they said was a crime under the FACE Act and would've subjected Houck to over a decade in prison.

Since this is another black eye for the Biden Justice Department and a big victory for Houck, the three evening news broadcasts ignored the jury verdict.

Instead of reporting on the big win for the pro-life side, *ABC's World News Tonight*, *CBS Evening News*, and *NBC Nightly News* spent air time on stories

like local weather reports, a Tesla catching fire off the side of a highway, and an incident where a



man was saved from an oncoming train by a police officer.

Unsurprisingly, *Fox News* covered the Houck jury

verdict right as it broke with correspondent Mark Meredith reporting that Houck was

charged. He was potentially facing up to 11 years behind bars."

Giving viewers background on the legal case, Meredith recalled that "this all stems from an incident that dated back to October of 2021 in which Houck was accused of physically assaulting an abortion clinic volunteer escort in Philadelphia." Adding that, "the feds had basically claimed that Houck was preventing people from getting into these clinics."

You can be sure that if the verdict went the other way, the three networks would've covered it and gloated over the outcome.

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# Support for a second Biden term plummets, even among Democrats

By Dave Andrusko

Many things explain the startling results of a new *Associated Press*-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll released over the weekend that found the percentage of Democrats who want President Biden to seek a second term had plummeted from 52% last October to 37%.

But in a nutshell, as Josh Boak and Hannah Fingerhut report

**While Biden has trumpeted his legislative victories and ability to govern, the poll suggests relatively few U.S. adults give him high marks on either. Follow-up interviews with poll respondents suggest that many believe the 80-year-old's age is a liability, with people focused on his coughing, his gait, his gaffes and the possibility that the world's most stressful job would be better suited for someone younger.**

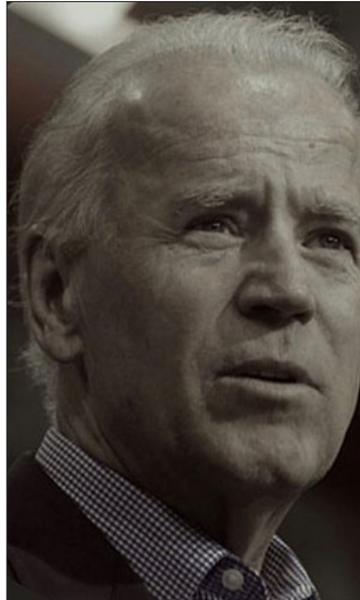
Overall, the percentage of U.S. adult who said Biden should run again has dropped from 29% last October to 22% in the latest *AP* poll.

How about job approval?

**Overall, 41% approve of how Biden is handling his job as president, the poll shows, similar to ratings at the end of last year. A majority of Democrats still approve of the job Biden is doing as president, yet their appetite for a reelection**

**campaign has slipped despite his electoral track record.**

As you might suspect, the largest decline is among younger



*Pro-abortion President  
Joe Biden*

Democrats. “Among Democrats age 45 and over, 49% say Biden should run for reelection, nearly as many as the 58% who said that in October,” according to Boak and Fingerhut.

“But among those under age 45, 23% now say he should run for reelection, after 45% said that before the midterms.” Just to be clear that is a drop of almost exactly half!

What else? The survey of 1,068 adults found

\*\*Only 23% of U.S. adults say they have ‘a great deal’ of confidence in Biden to effectively manage the White House. That

has ticked down from 28% a year ago and remains significantly lower than 44% two years ago, just as Biden took office.”

\* “Just 21% have a lot of confidence in Biden’s ability to handle a crisis, down slightly from 26% last March.”

\* “Just 13% have a lot of confidence in Biden’s ability to accomplish major policy goals.”

The findings in another new poll, conducted by *ABC News-Washington Post*, were equally grim for the President:

**Fifty-eight percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents support the idea of nominating someone other than Biden, the poll found. Just 31 percent said they would support Biden, who would be 86 years old at the end of a potential second term.**

In addition, according to Toluse Olorunnipa, Scott Clement, and Emily Guskin,

**The poll finds that 62 percent of Americans think Biden has accomplished “not very much” or “little or nothing” during his presidency, while 36 percent say he has accomplished “a great deal” or “a good amount.”**

If you parse these out according to political affiliation, the results are even more eye-opening:

**While 77 percent of Democrats say Biden has accomplished at least a good amount, that drops to 32 percent among political independents. Only seven percent of Republicans say he has accomplished much, while 93 percent say he has accomplished not very much, little or nothing.**

Finally, and perhaps the worst number of all:

**A growing number of Americans say their own financial circumstances are worsening on Biden’s watch. Roughly 4 in 10 Americans (41 percent) say they are not as well-off financially since Biden became president, up from 35 percent one year ago and the highest percentage to report such a sentiment under any president in Post-ABC polls since measurement began in 1986. [Underlining added.]**

*ABC News’s* Gary Langer puts these numbers in historical perspective:

**Four in 10 Americans say they’ve gotten worse off financially since Joe Biden became president, the most in ABC News/Washington Post polls dating back 37 years.**

# The *Associated Press* again twists the language to give the abortion industry another unearned victory

By Dave Andrusko

With regard to abortion, it doesn't take much research to know which side the *Associated Press* invariably comes down on: on the side of the death peddlers. Of late there has been a barrage of changes in their stylebook—which is the most common used stylebook—in which the AP has shown its true colors.

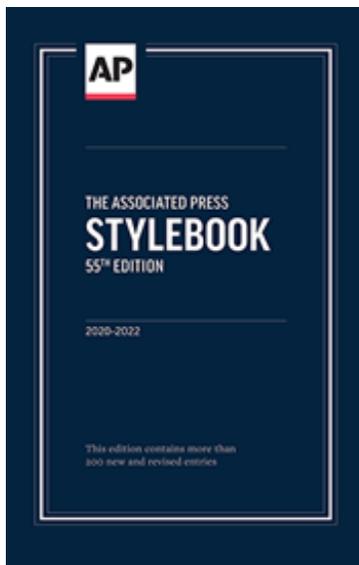
The *Associated Press* style guide issued new guidance, telling reporters to avoid the term “crisis pregnancy center.” And for that matter, “anti-abortion counseling centers” and “anti-abortion centers.”

So what is it that these pro-life groups offer? According to the *AP*, “These terms can be used for centers set up to divert or discourage women from having abortions, by using counseling, material support and/or housing in an effort to persuade women to bring their pregnancies to term.”

Excuse me? Is that somehow nefarious? Women who are often strapped for resources are given a roof over their head. They are also advised where to go to get material support and are counseling how they can bring their babies—not their “pregnancy”—to term.

Back to the recommended changes in the style guide entry.

If reporters are using term “anti-abortion center, explain later that these often are known as



‘crisis pregnancy centers’ (with quotation marks) and that their aim is to dissuade people from getting an abortion.”

Quotation marks are, of course, added so that the reader understands this is really just a term that “anti-abortionists” have coined to hide their true objectives.

But the *AP* has been busy, busy,

according to the *Daily Signal's* Elizabeth Troutman and Tyler O’Neil.

**The Associated Press issued guidelines on abortion in December, prohibiting the use of “pro-life” and instead advising “anti-abortion or abortion-rights.”**

**The “Abortion Topical Guide” instructs journalists to refer to fetal heartbeats as “cardiac activity,” avoid crediting the “abortion pill reversal process,” and never use the term “late-term” abortion or refer to unborn babies as “pain-capable” until after 24 weeks, despite evidence that the unborn can feel pain at 15 weeks or earlier.**

Back to “late-term abortion. Here’s what the *AP* wrote back in December which is worse than the summary above.

**“Do not use the term ‘late-term abortion,’” The AP intoned. “The American College**

**of Obstetricians and Gynecologists defines late term as 41 weeks through 41 weeks and 6 days of gestation, and abortion does not happen in this period.”**

The last week of a pregnancy is the ONLY time you can use “late-term abortion,” and, come to think of it, since “abortion does not happen in this period,” voila, no late-term abortion, right? As I wrote

**Does anyone not on the abortion industry’s payroll (or in its thrall, like the AP) believe that nonsense? Who is their source? Planned Parenthood)? Of course, they don’t have a vested interest, right? So when they tell us “There’s no such thing as a ‘late-term abortion,’” we can take that to the bank, correct?**

Actually no.

A clean sweep for the pro-abortionists, not even a bone thrown to the pro-lifers so the *AP* could pretend its language is “balances.”

# Baby born 14 weeks early has gone home after four months in hospital

By Right to Life UK

A baby born 14 weeks early has gone home after four months in hospital.

Baby Marta was born at the City Hospital in Ruda, Silesia, in southern Poland at just 26 weeks gestation. She weighed less

among extremely premature babies and extremely low birth weight”.

“Thanks to the multi-specialist care of the entire Neonatology Department of the Municipal Hospital in Ruda Śląska ... and

parents and siblings to enjoy [Marta]’s presence at home”.

Babies born before 28 weeks in the UK are considered extremely premature and there are often serious medical problems, both short and long term. However, it

A study, ‘Mortality, In-Hospital Morbidity, Care Practices, and 2-Year Outcomes for Extremely Preterm Infants in the US, 2013-2018’, by Dr Edward F Bell of the University of Iowa, found that from 2013 to 2018, with infants born between 22 and 28 weeks gestation, “survival to discharge occurred in 78.3% and was significantly improved compared with a historical rate of 76.0% among infants born in 2008-2012”.

The study, which took place between 2013 and 2018, assessed 10,877 infants born between 22 and 28 weeks gestation in 19 academic medical centers across the U.S.

This means that almost four out of five extremely prematurely-born babies survived and were able to be assessed at 22-26 months corrected age (22-26 months from their due date) for a number of health and functional outcomes.

Right To Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson said “The outcomes for extremely premature babies are improving all the time and it is wonderful to hear that baby Marta has gone home despite the odds being stacked against her.”



than 400g when she was born in September last year but after she was discharged last week, she weighed a healthy 2.5kg.

The hospital said “From the beginning of her life, she bravely fought against adversity”.

“She has never required intubation or mechanical ventilation, which is unique

the determination of her parents, she managed to win the fight for life”.

The attending physician Marta Twardoch-Drozd said “I am very happy knowing that from today [baby] Marta’s family will be complete”.

“Many weeks of hard work are behind us; now it’s time for

seems that baby Marta, despite being born just two weeks after the abortion limit in the UK, has managed to avoid most of these difficulties.

**Almost four out of five babies born prematurely between 22 and 28 weeks gestation survive to discharge from the hospital according to recent research.**

# “A Matter of Life” is a wonderful pro-life resource

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

Tracy Robinson has quite a story to tell.

“I was a ‘pro-choice’ Christian,” Robinson says. “Actually, I never gave myself that label. In fact, I didn’t give the ethics of abortion much thought. If I ever had to describe my point of view, it would have been ‘personally pro-life.’ In other words, ‘I don’t want to force my beliefs onto others.’”

But the communications professional, who has worked as an editor on a number of documentaries, began making promotional videos for a pregnancy resource center. One day, the center’s staff invited her to a presentation entitled “The Case Against Abortion Choice.” After that talk, Robinson “was convinced of the full humanity of the unborn child and finally understood the truth about abortion.”

As a result, Robinson decided to produce a documentary entitled, “The Matter of Life.” The film won the Sanctity of Life Award from the Christian

Worldview Film Festival for 2021. It was in theatres for a brief time but you can watch it

but the visuals are prefaced with a warning, allowing you time to look away from the screen. It

is best to check with your local center to find out what items are in short supply. Whether



free at [get.revelationmedia.org/watchthematteroflife](http://get.revelationmedia.org/watchthematteroflife)

The movie is quite comprehensive, examining many different aspects of the pro-life movement, from adoption to advocacy.

**Please note:** the documentary does contain some graphic images,

should also be noted that I found the film to be ultimately uplifting, offering hope and healing to our troubled world.

The documentary also made me want to redouble my efforts to assist pregnant women in need. Pregnancy resource centers can always use donations—it

you donate diapers or onesies, wipes or maternity clothes, your contributions can be vitally important in the lives of pregnant women and their families.

To watch “The Matter of Life,” please visit [get.revelationmedia.org/watchthematteroflife](http://get.revelationmedia.org/watchthematteroflife)

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Brown's last re-election was in 2018, which is considered by many to be a "blue wave" year in which Democrats performed at their highest watermarks. Once considered one of the most competitive battleground states, Ohio went for Trump by nearly ten points in both 2016 and 2020. Republican Governor Mike DeWine won re-election in 2022 by a margin of 62% to 37% against a well-funded, EMILY's List-endorsed Democrat. Senator Brown has defied trends before but if Republicans turn out in 2024 like they did in 2016 and 2020, there may be little he can do.

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania was a key battleground state in the last two presidential elections and held one of the most contentious Senate elections of the 2022 cycle. In 2024, Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey, Jr. (D), who is currently battling prostate cancer, is up for re-election but has not yet announced his intentions to run for a fourth term. Despite Pennsylvania's status as a swing state, Senator Casey has never faced a tough challenge for re-election. His closest margin of victory was in 2012 when he won by over 7 points.

Casey's political strength is largely derived from his reputation as moderate, something inherited from his father Bob Casey, Sr., the popular former governor, and pro-life Democrat. However, Senator Bob Casey, Jr., has long since abandoned moderation on the issue of abortion. Casey can no longer call himself a "pro-life Democrat" after voting for the *Women's Health Protection Act*, which would enshrine unlimited abortion in federal law and policies, and even strike down state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers. (This would include

state-level protections signed into law by his father in the *Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act*.) Senator Casey has also voted on numerous occasions in favor of using tax dollars to pay for abortions. His embrace of the abortion extremism of the modern Democratic Party could make him more vulnerable to a Republican challenger than in cycles past.

## Nevada

In Nevada, Republicans have a chance to win back the Senate seat they lost to pro-abortion Democrat Jacky Rosen in 2018. In 2022, Adam Laxalt (R) fell just short in the Senate race, but Republicans were successful in flipping the governorship with Joe Lombardo defeating incumbent pro-abortion Democrat Steve Sisolak. Donald Trump just narrowly lost the state in the last two presidential elections. Senator Rosen holds a 0% rating from National Right to Life and supports a policy of unlimited abortion for any reason until birth as well as taxpayer funding of abortion.

## Wisconsin

Democrats are probably in a stronger position in Wisconsin, where pro-abortion Senator Tammy Baldwin is seeking a third term, than they are in other Rust Belt states like West Virginia, Ohio, or Michigan, but Baldwin may have a race on her hands if Republicans can nominate a strong challenger. Wisconsin will also be one of the hardest fought battlegrounds in the presidential race at the top of the ticket.

## Virginia

Longshot pickup opportunities for Republicans include Virginia where Hillary Clinton's 2016 running mate, Senator Tim Kaine, is up for re-election. Senator Kaine holds a high approval rating. However, while Joe Biden carried Virginia by nearly ten

points in 2020, Republican Glenn Youngkin managed to win the 2021 gubernatorial race by two points—a twelve-point swing from D to R in just one year.

On the flip side, the only states where Democrats could realistically go on offense (currently) include Florida, Indiana, Missouri, and Texas.

## Florida

In Florida, pro-life Senator Rick Scott is up for re-election. He narrowly won the seat by about 10,000 votes in 2018, defeating incumbent Democrat Bill Nelson. However, after both Florida Governor Ron DeSantis (R) and Florida Senator Marco Rubio (R) sailed to re-election with nearly twenty-point victories in 2022, Democrats should probably think twice before pinning their hopes of preserving or expanding their Senate majority on Florida.

## Indiana

Indiana will have an open seat up for grabs in 2024. Pro-life Senator Mike Braun (R), who currently holds the seat, has announced a gubernatorial bid. Pro-life Congressman Jim Banks has thrown his hat in the ring. Other candidates are also expected to run. A Republican is certainly favored in a general election in Indiana, but a lot can go wrong in a Republican primary. Democrats have seized upon weak or problematic GOP nominees in the past, sometimes even working behind the scenes to help elevate whichever candidate they perceive as the most beatable. It is worth remembering that a Democrat held this seat prior to Braun's victory in 2018.

## Missouri

The Missouri Senate race was relatively competitive six years ago when pro-abortion incumbent Democrat Claire McCaskill was seeking re-election. Pro-

life Republican Josh Hawley ultimately won the 2018 race by six points. As he seeks a second term, there is little indication that Missouri will return to being competitive. President Trump easily carried the state in the 2020 presidential election and pro-life Republican Eric Schmitt won an open Senate seat in 2022 by a 13-point margin over a top Democrat recruit, Anheuser-Busch heiress Trudy Busch Valentine.

## Texas

Democrats have been eyeing Texas for decades at this point. They have long argued that demographic shifts in the state make Texas going blue an inevitability. Democrat Beto O'Rourke did come close to defeating incumbent Senator Ted Cruz (R) in 2018, but Cruz ultimately prevailed. In 2022, Republican Governor Greg Abbott beat back a challenge from O'Rourke and won re-election by 11 points. (1990 was the last time that a Democrat won a gubernatorial race in Texas and 1993 was the last year that Texas had a Democrat Senator.)

Senator Cruz is in a stronger position now than he was in 2018 when he was just two years out from a presidential bid that pitted him against Donald Trump. In 2018, he was running in a blue wave year against a well-funded, then-star of the Democratic Party. Beto O'Rourke is certainly in a much weaker position, having now lost a Senate race (2018), a presidential race (2020), and a gubernatorial race (2022). The Democratic bench in Texas from which to pull candidates is small with the party holding no statewide offices and just a handful of seats in the Texas Senate.

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- suspended protections established for women undergoing chemical abortions, such as seeing the abortionist in person. The in-person requirement ensured that complications, such as an ectopic pregnancy, are ruled out in advance of a woman undergoing a chemical abortion. Mifepristone, the “abortion pill,” has no effect on an ectopic pregnancy and leaves the woman with this life-threatening medical condition. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will also permit pharmacists to dispense chemical abortion drugs, and will permit these dangerous drugs to be sent through the mail;

    - strongly supported the radical Women’s Health Protection Act which would essentially remove all legal protections for unborn children on the federal and state level and prevent future protections for unborn children;
    - supported eliminating the Hyde Amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother;
    - has considered actions to advance access to abortion, including an effort to encourage states to apply for Medicaid waivers to pay for abortion travel;
    - has announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs will pay for and provide abortions for “health reasons,” defined broadly as to be for any reason. This has been statutorily prohibited since 1992. Under the Biden Administration, the Department of Defense announced it will pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions.
- “The Biden administration and the Democratic party have yet to hear of an abortion they wouldn’t support,” said Tobias. “Tragically, women and their unborn babies will be the ones to suffer.”

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Other Republican seats up this cycle are not promising for Democrats. These seats – considered safe by political pundits -- include Senator Tom Cotton in Arkansas, Senator Roger Wicker in Mississippi, Senator Deb Fischer in Nebraska, Senator Kevin Cramer in North Dakota, Senator Mike Rounds in South Dakota, Senator Marsha Blackburn in Tennessee, Senator Mitt Romney in Utah, and Senator John Barrasso in Wyoming. There will also be a special election in Nebraska where newly appointed Senator Pete Ricketts will run to complete the remainder of former Senator Ben Sasse’s term.

Even further longshot goals for Republicans include unseating Senator Amy Klobuchar (D) in Minnesota, Senator Martin Heinrich (D) in New Mexico, and Senator Angus King (I) in Maine, all of which are considered safe by political pundits. Democrat seats in California, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, Hawaii, and Vermont are considered safe as well.

As always, much can change depending on the outcomes of the primary elections, which will be determined earlier in 2024 due to the presidential election. The electability of the candidate who wins the primary weighs heavily on the November election results. Stay tuned. It’s going to be an eventful election year!

# Are Canadians having buyer's remorse about euthanasia?

By Michael Cook

Finally, after 40,000 or so deaths, Canadians are having second thoughts about legalised euthanasia.

Euthanasia deaths in Canada have shot upwards like a skyrocket. In 2015 there were none; in 2021, the last full year for which there are statistics, there were 10,064. On current trends another 10,000 died in 2022, bringing the total to 40,000.

But Justin Trudeau's government believed that it was being too restrictive. It announced that it would permit patients with mental illness to request "medical assistance in dying" [MAiD]. This was due to begin on March 17.

Canada's media, politicians and

voters have been firmly behind MAiD. But as this deadline approached, a number of cases

emerged of people who applied for MAiD simply because they didn't have housing, or because they couldn't access mental health care, or because they were lonely.

At least four military veterans

were pressured by a caseworker to accept MAiD, including a paraplegian.

People began to realise that something was wrong — very wrong. A Toronto psychiatrist who had helped hundreds of people to die, Madeleine Li, told the *BBC* that Canada had gone

too far. "Making death too ready a solution disadvantages the most vulnerable people, and actually lets society off the hook," Dr Li said. "I don't think death should be society's solution for its own failures."

In this astonishing documentary from Canada's premier investigative journalism program, *The Fifth Estate*, journalist Gillian Findlay interviews several critics of the MAiD. Despite reassurances from the Minister for Justice, David Lametti, it shows that Canada is about to fall off a cliff.

It's well worth watching.

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# Fla. Governor DeSantis says he will sign Heartbeat Law

By Dave Andrusko

At a Wednesday news briefing discussing the 2023-24 state budget, Florida pro-life Gov. Ron DeSantis said unambiguously that he would sign an abortion bill that protects unborn children at six weeks when their hearts begin to beat.

In response to a reporter's question, DeSantis said "We're for pro-life. I urge the legislature to work, produce good stuff, and we will sign."

Last December, at a press conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Gov. DeSantis was asked if he would "take the lead" on the "heartbeat bill," which would protect unborn children from abortion once an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected, approximately in the sixth week.

"I'm willing to sign great life legislation," DeSantis responded. "That's what I've always said I would do." He added, "That's what I've always wanted to do."

On Tuesday he was asked about Caleb Freestone, 27, and Amber Smith-Stewart, 23, who allegedly vandalized a pregnancy resource center in Winter Haven, Florida. DeSantis said he was "surprised" the case had moved forward since

"the Department of Justice had not been willing to hold those types of perpetrators accountable."

"Meanwhile, on the other side, you could have a pro-life advocate



*Pro-life Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis*

[with] a picket sign and they're going to treat him like he's some hardened criminal," DeSantis added, saying there is a "massive imbalance" in how pro-life and pro-abortion activists are treated by federal law enforcement.

On April 14, 2022, Gov. DeSantis signed the "Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act" (House Bill 5) into law. DeSantis said "It's a statement of our values that every life is important." DeSantis said being able to sign the bill prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks was "really meaningful."

"We are here today to defend those who can't defend themselves," DeSantis said on a stage in Kissimmee, surrounded by lawmakers, pro-life advocates, and children. "This will represent the most significant protections for life that we have seen in a generation."

House Bill 5 "protects babies in the womb who have beating hearts, who can move, who can taste, who can see, and who can feel pain," said Gov. DeSantis. "Life is a sacred gift worthy of our protection, and I am proud to sign this great piece of legislation which represents the most significant protections for life in the state's modern history."

Naturally, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU took HB5 to court.

DeSantis press secretary Bryan Griffin said, "As Governor

DeSantis said, we are better when everybody counts. The Florida Supreme Court denied both of Planned Parenthood's emergency motions asking the Court to block Florida's law from taking effect. The Court also accepted jurisdiction of the case and set a briefing schedule. From here, we will continue to defend our pro-life protections."

According to reporter Chris Pandolfo, "The Declaration of Independence enumerates **three** unalienable rights: **life**, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and we stand for **all** of them," Griffin added, emphasizing the right to life, which Vice President Kamala Harris omitted in a speech delivered Sunday in Tallahassee defending abortion rights on the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's overturned *Roe v. Wade* decision."

Meanwhile, according to Eric Daugherty, "In 2022, the year Florida's 15 week abortion ban was passed and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, abortions took a 14.5% nosedive, with 68,217 being reported – a decrease of more than 10,000."

# Research Shows Pharmacists Oblivious to Risks of Abortion Pills

By Tierin-Rose Mandelburg

Isn't it great when people we pay good money to do their jobs don't know how to do their jobs?!

\*crickets

According to a report by the *National Review*, most pharmacy workers who willingly distribute chemical-abortion drugs are unaware of the negative effects and risks of the abortion drug. Though the drug is extremely dangerous, pharmacists are passing them out willy nilly.

Earlier this month President Joe Biden's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made it possible for major chain drugstores like CVS, Wallgreens and Rite Aid to carry and distribute abortion pills. In order to obtain them it appears that a woman (or pregnant person lol) would need a prescription order but the pharmacies will be stocked and ready to fill those orders ASAP.

The *National Review* mentioned a 2021 article in the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association* that found "large gaps in the knowledge of pharmacists about chemical abortion."

Diving deeper, here's what the *National Review* concluded about the study's findings:

Considerably fewer than half knew about the dosage and administration of chemical-abortion drugs. Similarly, fewer than half knew about the FDA's gestational-age limit for chemical



abortions. Furthermore, many were unaware of common adverse effects related to chemical abortions, including vomiting, cramping, and bleeding.

In the report only 42 percent of pharmacists were aware of the FDA gestational age limit and only 53 percent were aware of the risks associated with mifepristone even after the surveyed pharmacists

received training and experience.

Oh lovely! So now pharmacies can pass out drugs that kills a child and has the potential to kill his or her mother too. No, literally, a chemical abortion is a "multi-

FDA, not only are women able to waltz into CVS to get their prescriptions, they also don't even have to see a doctor in person in order to have a script written for them. They can virtually tell a doctor about how they want to abort their baby and that same day, visit a local pharmacy to pick up the lethal poison.

The lack of knowledge on the pharmacists' part is extremely detrimental but unsurprising. The general public, including the women who take the pill, probably are uninformed too. The media doesn't like to talk about things that are contradictory to leftist narratives. Therefore, if negative reports on the abortion drug come out, it's unlikely that the media will mention them due to the fact that such negativities may turn people away from abortions ... and therefore be too pro-life for the lefties in power.

This is a giant mess of ignorance and the FDA run by our current administration is not helping whatsoever.

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day progression of bleeding, cramping, and contracting" that could take "up to 30 days to complete." These drugs are "four times more dangerous" than surgical abortions and have reportedly increased abortion-related ER visits by 500 percent from 2002-2015. They are NOT safe whatsoever.

Regardless, according to the

# “The issue of abortion gets to the heart about what it means to be human”

*Editor's note. On February 1, the Senate witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of pro-life speeches. In this issue of NRL News, we post the remarks of Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss).*

Mr. President, this past Friday, tens of thousands of pro-life Americans came to Washington, DC, to march for the 50th consecutive year to be a voice for the voiceless. They marched because the pro-life movement did not end with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* last summer. They marched because the end of *Roe v. Wade* represents a new beginning.

Thanks to the Supreme Court's decision in Mississippi's *Dobbs* case, for the first time in 50 years, the fate of the lives of millions of unborn children now rests not in the hands of unelected Federal judges but in the American people and their elected representatives.

I am grateful for the more than a dozen States that have answered the call, including my State of Mississippi, where babies in the womb are now legally protected even at their earliest and most vulnerable stages. But the fight for life also continues here in our Nation's Capital and here in the U.S. Senate. That is why it makes sense that, this year, the March for Life's route ended not at the U.S. Supreme Court, as in years past, but here in Congress.

As the chairman of the Senate ProLife Caucus, I am committed to fight for compassionate legislation to protect unborn children and their mothers. We

will be a firewall against the radical abortion agenda of Senate Democrats and hold the Biden administration accountable for its reckless and illegal pro-abortion policies. The contrast could not be clearer. Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that would guarantee



*Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith*

the same basic medical care to babies who are born alive after an attempted abortion as would be given to any other baby born in any other circumstance.

I am appalled that 210 House Democrats voted against this humane legislation. Apparently, even infanticide is no longer a bridge too far.

In addition, this month, the Biden administration's FDA

rubberstamped the reckless distribution of chemical abortion drugs by mail and telemedicine, as well as retail pharmacies, without ever seeing a doctor in person. This decision turns retail pharmacies and post offices into abortion clinics. The FDA's action provides no safeguards to screen by ultrasound for dangerous ectopic pregnancies and abandons pregnant women to suffering lifethreatening complications alone. These can include severe bleeding, infection, potential surgical intervention, and even death.

The FDA's promotion of dangerous do-it-yourself abortions is not only unsafe, it is illegal. Specifically, the decision violates longstanding Federal criminal laws that clearly prohibit the mailing of abortion drugs.

This decision puts the profits and political agenda of the abortion industry over the science and clear evidence that abortion drugs present grave dangers to pregnant mothers and certainly their unborn babies. Later this week, I will introduce the SAVE Moms and Babies Act to reverse the FDA's reckless and illegal action and, at minimum, restore the basic health and safety requirement for these dangerous abortion drugs, which should never have been approved.

The issue of abortion gets to the heart about what it means to be human. Who counts as one of us? Why can brutally killing a baby before birth be justified simply because the baby is inconvenient, imperfect, unwanted, unplanned,

or dependent on her mother? Rather than answer these questions about the humanity of the child in the womb—the child sucking her thumb, the child whose heart is beating, and the child whose sonogram pictures are cherished as proof of life—the abortion industry wants you to look away from the baby.

Over the past year, we have witnessed millions of dollars of political advertisement spent to promote lies and fearmongering about the pro-life movement and pro-life laws and that try to pit unborn children against their own mothers.

As a mother, a woman, and a Senator, I know we must refute these lies, because each unborn child is not a threat but a blessing, a unique and unrepeatable individual created in the image of God.

In addition, the pro-life movement cares for both pregnant moms and their unborn babies. More than 2,700 pregnancy centers across the country provide critical medical and material support for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.

Several of my colleagues have already introduced commonsense measures to support pregnant moms and families, including through pregnancy centers. As we move on from this year's March for Life and into a post-*Roe* era, we will never rest and we will never stop fighting until every unborn child is protected under our laws from the lethal violence of abortion.

# ‘Fetal containers’: Bioethicist proposes using women in vegetative states as surrogates

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

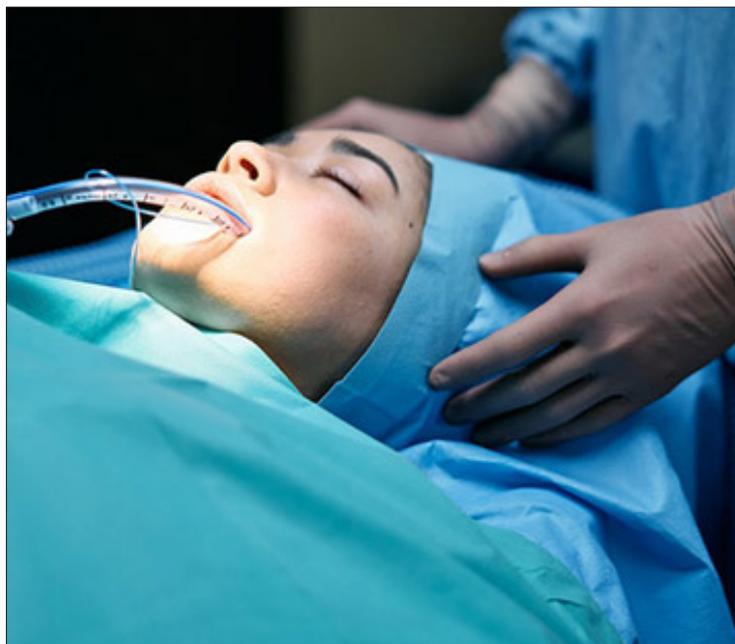
A bioethicist has argued for using women in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) as surrogates, calling it “whole body gestational donation.”

Anna Smajdor, of the University of Oslo, wrote in the journal *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* that women who are brain dead shouldn’t have their wombs going to waste, when people who want children can use them. “We already know that pregnancies can be successfully carried to term in brain-dead women,” she said. “There is no obvious medical reason why initiating such pregnancies would not be possible.

But the ethics of such a decision seems to have overlooked by Smajdor.

Though women with PVS could possibly recover, Smajdor argued this kind of surrogacy should still be allowed. “I suggest that – all other things being equal – it should be an option for anyone who wishes to avoid the risks and burdens of gestating a foetus in their own body,” she said, adding, “I suggest that brain stem dead

men would also have the potential to gestate, meaning that the pool of potential donors is further increased – and that certain



feminist concerns might thus be assuaged.”

The donor would have to give consent ahead of time, Smajdor said, but overall, she said government policies should support it. “States and health

services should adapt their policies and procedures to allow for WBGD among other donation options,” she said. “If WBGD

as being morally unproblematic.”

Smajdor acknowledged the process is “straightforwardly the use of the body as a foetal container.” But like many apologists for surrogacy, she still argued it should be allowed if the donor agrees — despite the inherently exploitative nature of surrogacy.

Furthermore, in recent years, researchers have been able to restore brain function in a patient who had been PVS for 15 years, and have also found that as many as 20% of people declared PVS may actually not be PVS at all — and are fully aware of what is happening around them.

Though someone may have consented beforehand, there would be no way to ensure they still were willing to have their body used as an incubator, and it only further leads to the commodification of children — with women’s bodies forced to be the tools to create the products wealthy adults want.

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# Sen. Wicker, colleagues introduce permanent ban on taxpayer funding for abortions

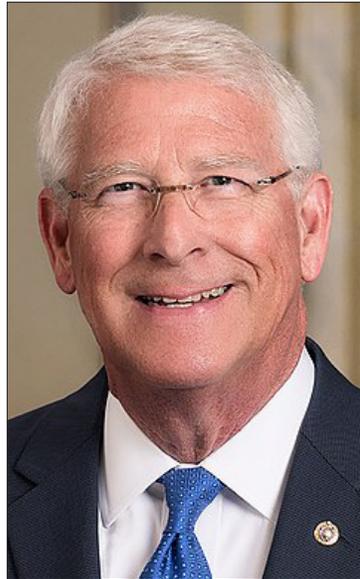
## *Annual 'Hyde Amendment' Protections Are Increasingly At Risk*

On January 25, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, R-Miss., along with 46 other senators, introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This legislation would establish a permanent prohibition on federal funding for abortion, replacing the current restrictions with a single, government-wide standard.

“Most Americans do not want their hard-earned tax dollars being used for abortion-on-demand, but our current patchwork of regulations has brought years of uncertainty,” Wicker said. “The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would simplify federal rules, ensuring that American tax dollars are never used for the destruction of innocent, unborn life.”

For over 40 years, an inconsistent and haphazard set of policies have regulated federal funding for abortion. This legislation would

make permanent the restrictions on funding for elective abortion and elective abortion coverage,



*Senator Roger Wicker*

including the Hyde Amendment, which currently rely on yearly approval. It would also eliminate

Obamacare’s taxpayer subsidies for elective abortion coverage on the Affordable Care Act exchanges through refundable tax credits.

Wicker was joined by 46 other senators, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Senate Minority Whip John Thune, R-S.D., and Senators John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., John Boozman, R-Ark., Mike Braun, R-Ind., Katie Britt, R-Ala., Ted Budd, R-N.C., Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., Bill Cassidy, R-La., John Cornyn, R-Texas, Tom Cotton, R-Ark., Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Steve Daines, R-Mont., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Deb Fischer, R-Neb., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, Bill Hagerty, R-Tenn., Josh Hawley, R-Mo., John

Hoeben, R-N.D., Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., Ron Johnson, R-Wis., John Kennedy, R-La., James Lankford, R-Okla., Mike Lee, R-Utah, Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., Roger Marshall, R-Kan., Jerry Moran, R-Kan., Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla., Rand Paul, R-Ky., Pete Ricketts, R-Neb., James Risch, R-Idaho, Mitt Romney, R-Utah, Mike Rounds, R-S.D., Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Eric Schmitt, R-Mo., Rick Scott, R-Fla., Tim Scott, R-S.C., Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska, Thom Tillis, R-N.C., Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, and Todd Young, R-Ind.

The full text of the bill can be found at [www.wicker.senate.gov/services/files/B2F1420D-1C21-4315-AAA8-43A25F9AE580](http://www.wicker.senate.gov/services/files/B2F1420D-1C21-4315-AAA8-43A25F9AE580)

# Father's Worship Song to Premature Son in NICU Goes Viral

By Kim Schwartz, Texas Right to Life

A video of a Texas father singing to his premature son, who was given a low chance of survival, has gone viral on TikTok. The footage shows Daniel Johnson singing "Hallelujah Here Below" by Elevation Worship to his son, Remington Hayze Johnson.

"Born 4 months early and given a 21% chance of survival. Today we are 2 1/2 months old giving God all the praise He deserves," Johnson wrote. He added that his son's life is "Proof that God is faithful."

Remington raises his hand during the song, bringing tears to his father's eyes.

The video has been viewed over 1.2 million times and received thousands of encouraging comments.

"Baby's hands went right up on Hallelujah," one TikTok user observed. "The highest praise..be exalted Father."

Remington's mother, Emily,

said he amazed doctors with his strength and should come home soon. NICU doctors predicted her son had a 21% chance of surviving his first 24 hours after birth, she added.

According to a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, premature infants born between 22 to 28 weeks have seen a significant improvement in survival rates in recent years.

Successful treatment of premature babies highlights the value of life at every stage of development and creates a logical and moral rift for abortion proponents. While Remington received top-notch care to save his life, babies his same age were being legally aborted simply because they were still in their mothers' wombs.

This story serves as a reminder of the preciousness of human Life and the importance of protecting it at every stage.



# “When politicians see strollers, they stop to listen” – Babies went to Congress

By Lora Current

On Thursday, January 19, some out of the ordinary visitors walked onto Capitol Hill, catching more than a few puzzled stares. Pushing strollers and carrying diaper bags, three mothers and their babies entered the offices of Democrat and Republican United States Senators and Congressional Representatives.

During the latest Babies Go to Congress event, Kylie, Danielle, and Evalynn boldly shared their personal stories of how pregnancy centers and maternity homes walked alongside them before, during, and after the birth of their children.

“This is our Esther moment,” said Evalynn to a room full of reporters and other visitors gathered on Capitol Hill after the morning’s meetings. “This is our time to share our journey and the beautiful truth of pregnancy help.”

A project of Heartbeat International, Babies Go to Congress is an initiative to expand awareness and knowledge among federal lawmakers of pregnancy help organizations in the U.S. The meetings can take place directly with Senators and Representatives but most often they occur with legislative aides.

These Congressional staffers, who can become numb to the many visitors in suits and ties coming in to advocate for legislation and share opinions, were reenergized by the sight of these bright-eyed tiny guests.

“Well, we can always make time for a constituent as cute as this little one,” an aide to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said of the atypical visitors to the Senator’s office.

The reaction was the same in each office, with staffers immediately stopping what they were doing to sit down with these families.

Meetings that started with a general curiosity of why babies were in government buildings quickly turned into deep concern and attentiveness to the importance of pregnancy help.

It is one thing to hear stories of women choosing life, but as seen



*Babies Go to Congress/Lora Current*

on Capitol Hill this past week, it is a whole other thing to sit face-to-face with these women and children where personal questions can be asked, and the stories become real people.

Evalynn from Ohio shared with the offices of Reps. Warren Davidson and Mike Turner, and Sens. J.D. Vance and Sherrod Brown that she had called a local center after finding out she was pregnant because they offered her free ultrasounds. After seeing her baby boy through the ultrasounds and being assured the center would be by her side every step of the way, Evalynn chose life for her son.

She received a scholarship from the center and finished her

bachelor’s degree. Shortly after Evalynn got married to a man that is now the nonbiological but loving father to her son. In the process she also gave her life to Christ and credits the volunteers at the center for her “180-degree life change.”

meetings with the offices of Rep. Pat Fallon and Sens. Cruz and John Cornyn.

With Zoe in her arms, Kylie told of how her family was not supportive of her having another child and pushed her to get an abortion when she got pregnant with Zoe.

She said she knew she had to have this baby but felt she could not do it alone.

So, she reached out to a local pregnancy center, and they scheduled a time for her to come in to learn about all the resources they had to offer. Feeling the same sense of family and community that both Evalynn and Danielle had experienced, Kylie felt empowered to choose life.

“It hasn’t always been easy, but I have never regretted my decision,” Kylie said. “I mean, how can you look at her [pointing to Zoe sucking on a cracker] and think this wasn’t the right choice?”

The staffer, clearly moved by the story, leaned back and said, “Wow. I never knew pregnancy help did all that, and they are right in our hometown.”

Heartbeat International has been hosting Babies Go to Congress for more than 10 years because of the value these meetings hold.

More awareness around pregnancy help means more mothers and children getting the resources they need when they need them the most.

“When politicians see strollers, they stop to listen,” said Jor-El Godsey, president of Heartbeat International.

And in this case when politicians stop to listen, lives are saved.

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“I didn’t know when I was choosing life for my son that I was also choosing life for myself,” said Evalynn.

Danielle traveled from Virginia with her 10-year-old daughter to speak with the offices of Rep. Bob Good, and Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark Warner.

She lived in a Virginia maternity home for five years while raising her daughter, adding to her resume, and serving the home and women who lived there. Danielle has now lived independently for five years and attributes it to the care and support she received from the maternity home.

Kylie and her one-year-old daughter Zoe from Texas had

# Minnesota Gov. Walz signs abortion-up-to-birth bill, Democrats seek even more death

By Dave Andrusko

My wife and I hail from Minnesota and although we've lived in Virginia (and worked at National Right to Life) for 41 years, we still identify as Minnesotans. That's why what the Democrats are doing in my home state—while not the least bit surprising—cuts like a knife.

Here's the lead from Steve Karnowski story for the *Associated Press*:

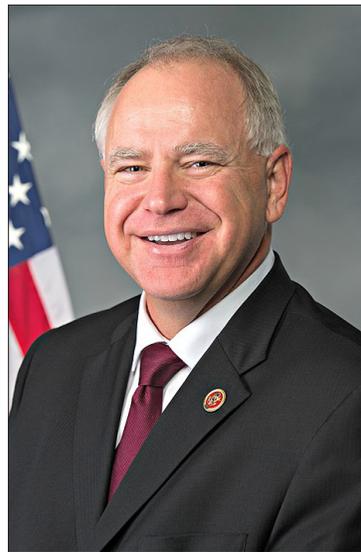
**ST. PAUL, Minn. — Gov. Tim Walz enshrined the right to abortion and other reproductive health care into Minnesota statutes Tuesday, signing a bill meant to ensure that the state's existing protections remain in place no matter who sits on future courts.**

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four in the House. So, yes indeed, you could say that Democrats "took advantage" of the outcome of the November elections.

"Abortion rights were already protected under a 1995 Minnesota Supreme Court decision known as *Doe v. Gomez*, which held that the state Constitution protects abortion rights," Karnowski continued. "And a district court judge last summer declared unconstitutional

several restrictions that previous Legislatures had put in place, including a 24-hour waiting period and a parental notification requirement for minors."

So the judiciary had already long-since begun dismantling even the most baseline protections.

And *Gomez* didn't just "protect abortion rights," no more than the current wave of extremist pro-abortion legislation merely "codified Roe."

In *Gomez* the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled that the state Constitution requires abortion-on-demand and public funding of abortion. *Gomez* severely restricts what Minnesotans and their elected officials are allowed to do—even though the state Constitution nowhere mandates unfettered and tax-funded abortion.

When Gov. Tim Walz signed into law the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act, it enshrined in state statute a "fundamental right" to abortion without limits or safeguards. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)—NRLC's state affiliate put it all in the context.

"The PRO Act means a right to abort any baby for any reason at any time up to birth," said MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. "It means that the elective

killing of a human being *in utero* is perfectly legal even in the third trimester of pregnancy, when the child can feel excruciating pain and could live outside the womb. It means that parents have no right to know when their teenage daughter has been taken to undergo an abortion.

"Gov. Walz's absolutist abortion policy puts Minnesota in the company of just a small handful of countries around the world, including North Korea and China," Blaese said. "It is extreme, inhumane, and harmful to women and children who deserve so much better."

And the forces of darkness are not done yet.

"There are other bills to protect abortion rights in the Legislature's pipeline as well, including one to delete the statutory restrictions that the district court declared unconstitutional last summer," Karnowski wrote. "It's meant to safeguard against those limits being reinstated if that ruling is overturned on appeal."

House Speaker Melissa Hortman "said she expected House floor votes to approve them as early as next week."

That includes H.F. 91/S.F. 70, which "would repeal numerous longstanding abortion-related laws, including a law protecting newborns who survive abortion."

# Abandoned newborn rescued by neighbors, as police search for mother

By Tori Shaw

The Polk County Sheriff's office is searching for the mother of an abandoned baby girl, whose cries led neighbors to find her left alone on the ground outside.

Magdalena Gregorio Ordonez was at home when a noise got her attention. According to local news station WFTS, Ordonez believed the sound was coming from a cat. But as the cries continued, she decided to investigate the area behind her home, where she found a newborn baby girl lying on the ground. She immediately called 911.

Ordonez's 12-year-old daughter, Eulialia Gregorio, said, "I was really surprised that they left a poor little girl on the [ground]."

Deputies found the little girl wrapped in a blanket with her placenta still attached, near the Regal Loop Mobile Home Park off of Bailey Road at 1:47 am. Based upon the baby's body temperature, it was estimated by Polk County Fire and Rescue Department that she had been born approximately one hour before being found by Ordonez.

The six-and-a-half-pound baby girl was transported to a local hospital, and has since been reported as healthy and stable.

In an attempt to locate the baby's mother, the Polk County Sheriff's office said it deployed its K-9 unit, a drone, an aviation unit, and a bloodhound, but she has not yet been located.

Deputies also went door-to-door in the mobile home park,

questioning residents, but Sheriff Grady Judd said the mother's identity is still unknown. "We have worked throughout the community, and no one claims to know who the mother is. So far, no one has cooperated – if they knew anything," Judd said.

literally walk up, hand that baby to a firefighter, and drive off, and never disclose who you are, and there is no criminal liability to that."

As for the unidentified mother, if found, she will likely be charged with child neglect. "We

and it's by the grace of God that she is not dead. And LNU is 'Last Name Unknown.'"

Judd said if it weren't for baby Angel Grace's powerful lungs that got the Ordonez family's attention, her fate would have most likely been different. About



Florida does have a Safe Haven law in place that was enacted in 2000. This law allows parents to anonymously leave their newborn babies (up to a week old) at a Safe Haven facility without fear of prosecution. Every state in the U.S. has its own Safe Haven law.

Sheriff Judd, shocked at the abandonment of the baby in a wooded area, said, "You can

will hold her accountable because she left this child abandoned in the woods, ostensibly, to die," he said. "We've already taken the appropriate DNA samples, and we will be at the FDLE lab in Tampa first thing the morning with the DNA samples."

The sheriff named the baby Angel Grace LNU. He shared, "She's as beautiful as an angel

the family he said, "Those people are heroes, true heroes."

Anyone with information about the baby's mother should call the Polk County Sheriff's Office at 863-298-6200.

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# Biden Administration considers declaring a Public Health Emergency on abortion as a way of freeing up federal money

By Dave Andrusko

Xavier Becerra, the pro-abortion Secretary of Health and Human Services, gave an interview Monday to Oriana Gonzalez of Axios which suggested (as the headline to her story reads) “The Biden administration is weighing a plan to declare a public health emergency that would free up resources to help people access abortions.”

This is the latest signal that the Biden Administration is willing to take actions which have scant legal authority. But that is par for the course.

Gonzalez writes

**Both abortion rights advocates and Democratic lawmakers have urged the Department of Health and Human Services and President Biden to take such a step in response to the overturning of Roe v. Wade, which they say has created a “full-scale reproductive health crisis” across the U.S.**

**The lawmakers argued that such a move would allow the administration to help support states that protect abortion,**

**deploy Public Health Services Corps teams and give the government “the ability to accelerate access to new medications authorized for abortion.”**

This represents a turnabout from last July on the question of declaring a public health emergency when at a press briefing Jen Klein, the Director of the White House Gender Policy Council, said

**When we looked at the public health emergency, we learned a couple things. One is that it doesn’t free very many resources. It’s what’s in the public health emergency fund, and there’s very little money — tens of thousands of dollars in it. So that didn’t seem like a great option. And it also doesn’t release a significant amount of legal authority. And so that’s why we haven’t taken that action yet.**

But, Gonzalez wrote, “HHS has the authority when the secretary

determines that a ‘disease or disorder presents a public health emergency.’ The designation has been broadly used to respond

**needs,” said Mary Ziegler, a professor of law the University of California, Davis, who**



to natural disasters, the opioid crisis, as well as diseases like the coronavirus, per a report from the Network for Public Health Law.”

Gonzales goes on to note

**An emergency declaration “would potentially make it easier for people who need to travel out-of-state to get abortions or to get abortion medication. It would make available funding that wouldn’t otherwise be there to address those unmet**

**specializes in abortion issues.**

But, as Ziegler added, such a declaration would be immediately challenged in court. “It would be hard to imagine a federal court challenge to that ... ending well for the administration, but by the same token, it might have some value in the short term,” Ziegler told Axios. The strategy of delay—taking an action unilaterally and fighting it out in court for months or years—is customary for the Biden Administration.

# Everything went as planned ... the heartbreak of sidewalk counseling

By Patty Knap

Sidewalk counselors outside abortion centers can play a big part in the work of pregnancy care centers.

It's at that last minute before a pregnant mom enters the abortion center, after she's made the decision that this is the only way out, that the prayers and compassion of a sidewalk counselor can make the difference between death and life.

One dedicated, long-term sidewalk counselor, Celeste, prays regularly outside a Long Island, New York, Planned Parenthood, and sometimes has the opportunity to bring a young woman into the pregnancy center two blocks up the street.

While that's her goal, to get pregnant women into the safety, compassion, and knowledge of the pregnancy center, not every situation goes that way.

By the time the girls reach Planned Parenthood for the abortion, Celeste said, they often have blinders on and only one goal: get the baby out and get on with the rest of my life!

Not to mention that Planned Parenthood surely tells their customers not to listen to "the lies of the extremist protesters at the gate," she said.

Celeste shared a recent encounter.

*'Jeremy' walked out from the Planned Parenthood Hempstead abortion facility and stood on the sidewalk outside their fence.*

*I walked over to the young man, who was like many of the fathers we ask not to abandon their pre-born child and pregnant partner*

*into the hands of the death peddlers.*

*He admitted his girlfriend was there for an abortion; that neither of them really wanted this but felt they had no alternative. He was frustrated that they wouldn't even*

*basement. The couple turned to siblings, friends and coworkers, some of whom advised against abortion, yet still no room in the inn.*

*I asked Jeremy to text his girlfriend and ask her to come out*

*hope and life.*

*And then his phone rang.*

*He reached into his pocket and answered.*

*I heard him repeat the message from the caller inside Planned Parenthood, "Everything went as planned."*

*My heart sank.*

*I offered solace as best I could, post-abortion help, if needed, and a little advice for future life decisions.*

*Jeremy shook my hand and thanked me.*

*And then he turned away to get his girlfriend.*

*In the parking lot, he was intercepted by the Planned Parenthood abortion cheerleaders ('greeters') who likely did their best to bolster his abortion decision.*

*I face defeat week after week, year after year, in front of the abortion businesses.*

*Still, it's hard to put into words how it feels to stand there next to a young father and hear, 'the operation was a success, your baby is dead.'*



*Sidewalk counselors and pro-life prayer advocates can help save lives.*

*Photo: Patty Knap*

*let him stay inside with her.*

*We spoke and spoke some more. I moved from one matter to another – the help from pro-life resources, fetal development, his role as a father; the consequences of abortion and their life choices.*

*All intertwined as I listened to what brought him to this horrible place and tragic decision.*

*He and his girlfriend were living at his parents' house. His parents rejected the couple's request to live with their baby in their*

*and speak with me.*

*He texted her once, twice. No answer.*

*He wished he had spoken to me sooner and now knew of the help available. His showed a few tears but still he was conflicted.*

*They wanted to raise their child in the best way, and they couldn't do it now. I advised that no future child of theirs would be just like this one. Despite being in their mid-20s with jobs, the road led them to despair and death, not*

*Pregnancy centers reach so many young people with their life-saving mission, often with the assistance and dedication of sidewalk counselors. But the dedication of these devoted individuals on the sidewalk often meets with heartbreak.*

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# Lawsuits in North Carolina and West Virginia Seek to Force States to Allow Chemical Abortions in Violation of State Laws

WASHINGTON – Lawsuits filed in North Carolina and West Virginia seek to place the authority of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) over any state laws impacting the use of chemical abortion drugs.

Earlier this month, the FDA formalized a decision made in 2021 to permanently drop the in-person requirement for the distribution of the abortion pill and updated labeling for mifepristone (generic for Mifeprex) that would allow pharmacies (both online and brick and mortar) to dispense the drug.

“While the FDA has the authority to permit the use of drugs and medicines, this authority does not prohibit states

from regulating or prohibiting them also,” stated James Bopp, Jr, general counsel of National Right to Life. “This is another example of the Biden administration unlawfully trying to seize federal

power and usurping legislative authority to advance their radical pro-abortion agenda.”

blocks progesterone, causing the death of the unborn baby, while the second drug, misoprostol, causes powerful, painful uterine contractions to expel the dead baby.

“In a chemical abortion, the perfectly healthy mother of a perfectly healthy baby ingests a drug that takes the life of the unborn child and has the potential to endanger the life of the mother,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “Contrary to the abortion industry’s latest talking points, abortion is not ‘health care.’ Whether the abortion is surgical or chemical, the abortionist’s intention is the deliberate destruction of a living unborn baby.”

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Mifepristone is used in combination with misoprostol to cause an abortion. Mifepristone

# What did President Biden have to say about abortion in the State of the Union address?

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**abortion bans. Make no mistake; if Congress passes a national abortion ban, I will veto it.**

#1. So to begin with “finishing the job” means, for President Biden, enacting the radical Women’s Health Protection Act which would remove all legal protections for unborn children on the federal and state level and prevent future protections for unborn children. That is stretching the web of death about as far as it can go.

#2. “The Vice President and I are doing everything we can to protect access to reproductive

health care and safeguard patient privacy” means what?

That he is considering actions to advance access to abortion, including an effort to encourage states to apply for Medicaid waivers to pay for abortion travel. Biden has also announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs will pay for and provide abortions for “health reasons,” defined broadly as to be for any reason.

He ends with “finishing the job” on abortion by vowing to veto a national ban on abortion. With Democrats in control of the Senate, this allows him to sound tough.

But between #1 and #2 and the

conclusion, Biden omitted all the other nefarious actions he’d love to take or already **has** taken. For example, his FDA has suspended protections that were established for women undergoing chemical abortions, including seeing the abortionist in person. Simply put, women will die.

And Biden (having shamelessly completed a 180 degree turnabout) would love to eliminate the Hyde Amendment, which eliminated almost all federal funding of abortion and in the process saved upwards of three million lives. And what better way to complete the Biden Administration’s campaign to multiply the number

of abortions than promoting abortion around the world by reversing the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program. Enacted by President Trump, it prevented federal taxpayer dollars from being used by abortion groups to perform or promote abortion overseas.

“The Biden administration and the Democratic party have yet to hear of an abortion they wouldn’t support,” said NRLC President Carol Tobias. “Tragically, women and their unborn babies will be the ones to suffer.”

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## Bishop describes new Minnesota abortion law as “the worst kind of barbarism”

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most really extreme abortion law that’s on the books in the wake of the *Roe v. Wade* reversal.”

“Basically, it eliminates any kind of parental notifications so a 12-year-old child can get an abortion without even telling her parents about it,” Barron continued. “But the worst thing,” he added, “is it basically permits abortion all the way through pregnancy up to the very end. And indeed, indeed if a child somehow survives a botched abortion, the law now prohibits an attempt to save that child’s life.”

Reporting for the *Catholic News Agency*, Joe Bukuras wrote that

**In his video, Barron added: “What strikes me is this: If a child is born and now a day old, or two days old and resting peacefully in his bassinet and someone broke into the house and with a knife killed the child and dismembered him, well, the whole country would rise up in righteous indignation.”**

“But yet, that same thing can happen with complete impunity as the child is in his mother’s womb about to be born. Again, I just think this is so beyond the

pale and that we’ve so lost our way on this issue.”

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According to Bukuras, Bishop Barron “acknowledged that there was no possibility of blocking the now-enacted legislation, but said that ‘we can certainly keep raising our voices in protest.’

“We can keep praying for an end to this barbaric regime in our country.”

# Her Human Rights Began in the Womb!

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# The glory of our humanity begins with a single cell: That's you and me at our first moment of existence.

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Each and every layer from bone to muscle to nerve to vein to skin is all extremely specialized and connected and coordinated. That same hand has the ability to

... tie a shoelace,  
... build a house,  
... plant a tree,  
... assemble a circuit board,  
... write on a chalkboard, read Braille, use sign language, text a friend,  
... steer a race car, hit a baseball, throw a football, shoot a basketball, swing a tennis racket,  
... give your spouse a helping hand or a massage,  
... build a sandwich or prepare a gourmet meal,  
... sew a shirt or chisel a statue,  
... play 'Chopsticks' or a Chopin sonata,  
... type a college paper or a bestselling novel,  
... perform a card trick or do brain surgery,  
... finger paint or paint a Mona Lisa,  
... hold the hand of a young child or mop the brow of an aged parent.

The capacity to do all these things is contained in that single tiny special cell, in the zygotic human being. And this is just about the marvel that is the human hand!

## **There are yet many more marvels to consider.**

Even before getting into the marvelous mystery of the human brain, consider the unique sensory capacities found centered around the human face and head. Within the instructions encoded in that single celled human zygote are all the specialized cells,

structures, sensitivities, systems and neural networks necessary for a human being to experience a glorious variety of inputs from the environment in the form of smells, tastes, sounds and sights.

If you doubt the complexity involved there, just open the back of your computer or TV or sound system and try to explain how every module and circuit function to be able to give you just a facsimile of the reality your eyes and ears deliver you daily. And though your favorite cooking show may present something so compelling it makes you salivate, to actually smell or taste it, you'll have to bring in a couple of entirely new sensory systems science is still working to understand and artificially replicate.

And what about that brain, with its hundred billion or so neurons and synapses, storing facts and memories, providing a seat for consciousness, processing logic and mathematics, managing the body's physical systems, recognizing and responding to the environment, considering a course and initiating the body's actions?

Yes, once again, every bit of that is all set up according to the precise instructions found in that original single human cell formed at conception – the zygote.

## **There is nothing like that single cell in all of nature.**

The zygotes of other animals may contain genetic blueprints for some amazing creatures, but none possess the full set of capabilities and capacities of humanity. Other human cells contain human DNA, but do not exist in the conditions that fully activate that genome and cause the division and differentiation that gives rise to

all those various interconnected, coordinated and specialized parts and systems.

It isn't just that these are elaborate plans or blueprints amazingly shrunk and stuffed in a tiny package, some novel microscopic library. They are living cells, human beings who



are alive, growing, interacting with their environment, actively moving on to their next stage of development and engagement.

Even more amazing, with all that elaborate precision and complex detail contained in that cell, there is still room for great individual variation so that no two human beings are ever precisely alike. So every human being is remarkable and every human being is remarkably unique!

This too is part of that single, first human cell. What we have here isn't just that first instance of humanity, but the first appearance of a particular, unique individual human being.

That's you, at your first moment of existence. That's me. That's every single one of us exactly as we were at that first amazing initial stage of our lives.

So, is the single celled human zygote just another cell, just a tiny,

insignificant mass of protoplasm?

Sure, if the *Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel* by Michelangelo is "just a painting."

## **NOTES**

1. As with any major scientific discovery, there are many disputes over who first saw what and who

it was that first understood what he or she was seeing, but it is widely agreed that Hooke was the one who first named the cell, likening the chambers he saw in the slice of cork he was observing in a microscope to the cells where monks lived in a monastery.

2. There are an estimated 37.2 trillion in the human body, according to the *Annals of Human Biology*, Nov-Dec 2013. The American Association for the Advancement of Science says there are over 200 different types of cells found in the human body ("The Cells in Your Body," accessed 9/14/21).

3. Twins, while sharing the same original DNA, always display at least some small difference, perhaps due to environmental or epigenetic factors experienced during development, so that those who know them well can tell them apart.

# At the beginning of the new 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, a flurry of pro-life bills in the House and the Senate

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Speaker Pelosi (D-Ca.) in the last Congress, the new Republican House majority passed the measure in the first 8 days. The legislation passed by a vote of 220-210. All Republicans voted in favor and all but one Democrat opposed the measure. One Democrat voted present.

In the wake of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, several states are moving to not only fully legalize abortion up to the moment of birth, but are also going to great lengths to insulate abortion providers from even the most basic scrutiny. Against this backdrop, there is renewed urgency to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (BAASPA).

In recent years, evidences have multiplied that current federal law does not sufficiently protect a child born following an abortion and that they are not being provided with the types of care that would be provided to premature infants who are born spontaneously.

The BAASPA requires that when a baby is born alive following an abortion, health care practitioners must exercise the same degree of professional skill and care that would be offered to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, including transportation of the baby immediately to a hospital.

The resolution was sponsored by Representative Ann Wagner (R-MO) with House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA), and Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL).

The Senate companion bill was introduced last week by Senators James Lankford (R-OK) and John Thune (R-SD). Despite being in the minority in the Senate, Republicans may have an opportunity to vote on

this important measure. In the previous Democrat-controlled Congress, a vote on an amendment related to the BAASPA received a bipartisan vote of 52 in favor,

Obamacare is not covered by the Hyde Amendment, and H.R. 7 would bring it in line with other government programs.

It's estimated that before the



and 48 opposed, but the measure needed 60 votes.

## No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion

Another major priority piece of legislation continues to be the No-Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7/S. 62), sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith R-N.J in the House and Sen. Roger Wicker in the Senate. National Right to Life is currently working on adding co-sponsors on the House legislation.

The bill would establish a permanent, government-wide prohibition on federal subsidies for abortion and for health plans that cover abortion (with narrow exceptions). Currently, the long-standing Hyde Amendment (and other similar amendments) must be reapproved every year. Further,

Hyde Amendment took effect, the Medicaid program paid for about 300,000 elective abortions annually, and that the number was escalating rapidly. The Hyde Amendment is estimated to have saved over 2.5 million lives.

President Biden supports eliminating the Hyde Amendment.

Sen. Wicker has also introduced S. 62, an identical bill, with 46 Senators as original co-sponsors (all Senate Republicans, except Sens. Collins and Murkowski).

## FDA Chemical Abortions Drugs – recent developments

While Congress continues to advance pro-life measures, the Biden Administration is continually working to

expand abortion. Recently, in early January, the Biden Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated labeling for mifepristone (generic for Mifeprex) that would allow pharmacies to dispense the drug if a woman has a prescription. In issuing the new regulations, the FDA formalized a decision made in 2021 to permanently drop the in-person requirement for the distribution of the abortion pill.

In response to these recent Biden Administration actions, 22 attorneys general with protective state laws issued a letter in response. They wrote “Though the FDA has abdicated its responsibility to protect women’s health, we have not... To be crystal clear, you have not negated any of our laws that forbid the remote prescription, administration, and use of abortion-inducing drugs. The health and safety of our citizens—women and children included—is of paramount concern. Nothing in the FDA’s recent changes affects how we will protect our people.”

In addition, at least three states (Missouri, Florida, and South Dakota) have issued separate letters issued to pharmacies, reminding them of their state laws.

However, in states where abortion is legal and where chemical abortion is not regulated, CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid have announced plans to become eligible to dispense the chemical abortion drugs.

A petition with more information is available at <https://www.votervoice.net/NRLC/Petitions/3665/Respond>

Also, National Right to Life scorecards, contact information for members of Congress, and key legislation can be found at <https://www.votervoice.net/NRLC/home>