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Throughout their time in office, President Trump and Senator JD Vance have championed policies designed to safeguard the lives of both unborn children and their mothers from unlimited abortions.



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How is this election even close? Harris and Walz have nothing to offer but death

By Rai Rojas, NRLC Director of Outreach

My family voted early in Florida this past week. I've wanted to vote in this election for the last four years, and I was looking forward to finally exercising my most significant responsibility as an American citizen.

We climbed into the car and drove to the Clerk of the Court with my 10-year-old grandson. He'd been begging his mom to let him fill in the oval circle next to President Trump's name for weeks so he could honestly say he voted for him. There was a short line when we arrived. We received our ballots; my brother, daughter, and grandson were in tow, and I headed to our booths.

I opened the ballot—it's a large one in Florida this year—



Pro-life former President Donald Trump

for president, senate, congress, local elections, judge retention, two local bond issues, and six amendments to the Florida constitution—and stared at my choices.

President Trump and Senator Vance are at the top of the ticket, and Kamala Harris and Tim Walz appear just underneath. My eyes kept darting from name to name to name. I stared at them for the longest time. I'm the person people call to ask who to vote for, which judges to retain, and what amendments to approve, and I was frozen in place. I could have

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The first Post-Roe Presidential Election: High Stakes and Clear Contrasts

By Andrew Bair, NRLC Political Department

In the first presidential election since the landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson* case, our nation is at a crossroads. In 2024, we have a choice between two candidates with fundamentally different visions for our nation.

One candidate is a hardline supporter of abortion without limits, who has served in the most pro-abortion administration in U.S. history and opposes even the most modest protections for unborn babies and their mothers. The other candidate appointed justices to the Supreme Court that helped to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and has a proven record of putting forth pro-life policies.

One candidate made history as the first sitting Vice President

to visit an abortion facility. The other became the first sitting President to attend the annual March for Life.

One is endorsed by abortion advocacy groups such as Planned Parenthood Action Fund and EMILY's List. The other is endorsed by pro-life groups like National Right to Life and its state affiliates.

This is the choice between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump.

In many past elections, we had to make the case for or against a candidate based on what they would "hypothetically" do if elected.



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Editorials

5 days until the November 5 election. What do we know and what does it tell us?

“Are we Nazi, Garbage, or Deplorable?” Todd Starnes.

Before we go any further, just a word about the mess pro-abortion President Joe Biden made for pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris. After the White House and most Legacy Media tried to clean up what he said Wednesday night (at the same time Harris was giving her “closing message” on the Ellipse), most reporters who have any self-respect agreed that Biden **did** say “The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters,” referring to Trump voters.

The escapades of these incredibly incompetent nitwits remind me of the late journalist and author Jimmy Breslin’s novel, “The Gang that Couldn’t Shoot Straight.”

By the time you read these remarks, there will be changes but presumably minor one in the battle between former President Donald Trump and Harris. Trump is gradually pulling slightly ahead in the national polls while his paper-thin advantage in the seven battleground states ebbs and flows but mostly flows.

Enthusiasm and get-out-the-vote are always vitally important. The Republicans have shifted from 2020 and are encouraging early voting. How that affects the final totals is one of the great mysteries of this election cycle.

The famous “October Surprise” will likely prove to be Elon Musk, the world’s richest man, who

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Their Lives Are on The Ballot



Will you vote to protect them?

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The *Washington Post* joins the *LA Times* in saying it will not endorse a candidate for president and all heck breaks out

We first wrote about this on October 25 and what was not exactly a tempest in a teapot at the time has metastasized into a full-blown brouhaha. For those who haven’t followed the escalating controversy, in a sense it began in 2017 when *The Washington Post*, self-important as always, adopted the motto/slogan “Democracy Dies in Darkness.” It just so happened to be a month after the inauguration of President Donald Trump. Then Mr. Trump was merely a “threat to democracy.” Now he is a “fascist” “a tyrant,” and a Nazi” in the eyes of people who take their cues from publications such as *The Washington Post*.

On October 27, Publisher and CED William Lewis said the paper will not make an endorsement in this year’s presidential election nor will it in the future. In a post on the paper’s website, Lewis wrote that the decision

means “we returning to our roots of not endorsing presidential candidates.”

We recognize that this will be read in a range of ways, including as a tacit endorsement of one candidate, or as a condemnation of another, or as an abdication of responsibility. That is inevitable. We don’t see it that way. We see it as consistent with the values The Post has always stood for and what we hope for in a leader: character and courage in service to the American ethic, veneration for the rule of law, and respect for human freedom in all its aspects. We also see it as a statement in support of our readers’ ability to make up their own minds on this, the

most consequential of American decisions — whom to vote for as the next president.

Of course, the staff went bonkers, as did thousands of readers. We’ll get to that in a second.

Manuel Roig-Franzia and Laura Wagner first wrote about the brouhaha at 1:09 p.m. EDT.

The decision, 11 days before an election that most polls show as too close to call, marks the second time this week that a major media organization has declined to issue an endorsement in the race between the Republican nominee, former president Donald Trump, and his Democratic opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris, after years

of making such endorsements. Earlier this week, Patrick Soon-Shiong, the billionaire owner of the Los Angeles Times, blocked a planned endorsement of Harris, prompting the resignation of the newspaper’s editorials editor.

Three of the ten-member *Washington Post* editorial board stepped down: “David Hoffman, who has been at the paper for more than four decades, Molly Roberts and Mili Mitra, who is also the *Washington Posts* director of audience for the opinions section,” according to Sareen Habeshian of Axios.com.

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From the President Carol Tobias

Taking the Right Road

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

“The Road Not Taken,” by Robert Frost

In Frost’s famous poem, the two roads looked similar, as if it didn’t matter which road was taken; he would save one of them for another day. But then he wrote, “...knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.”



Which road will we take this election? If we choose one road—Harris/Walz—will we ever have the opportunity to try the second?

I fear the damage from abortion zealots such as Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz as I have no other in my adult life. I believe they will do everything in their power to make it impossible for our nation to “come back” to respecting unborn life.

The differences are 180 degrees apart. Democrat candidates-- Harris, Walz, and those running for U.S. House and Senate—have made their intentions very clear. They want unlimited, unrestricted abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy to be legal and readily accessible in every city and state in the country. No nook or cranny will be spared.

Harris, just this week, said that abortion would be her number one priority as president. When asked by Norah O’Donnell of *CBS News* what restrictions she would support, Harris refused to answer.

These rabidly pro-death candidates don’t want parents involved when or if their minor daughter is pregnant. They don’t want men to be involved in the abortion decision unless it is to push FOR the abortion. And they want taxpayers paying so that the death machine can do its deadly work at full capacity.

These advocates for death no longer call themselves “pro-choice”; they don’t support choices for pregnant women. They are working diligently to shut down pregnancy help centers. They oppose letting medical personnel help with abortion pill reversal when a woman who has taken the first of the abortion pill regimen changes her mind and wants to save her baby. They even oppose programs that would provide help to a woman who chooses life for her baby.

The abortion industry and its advocates in the Democrat party support the full-scale slaughter of innocent preborn children. And they must be stopped at the ballot box.

Some pro-lifers are not happy that Donald Trump announced his opposition to a national law against abortion. Being realistic, NRLC had already stated, shortly after the *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe* was handed down, that there was not a national consensus on any national law regarding abortion. We need to continue our efforts to educate the American public about the dignity of life inherent in every preborn child as well as the dangers of abortion to women.

But even without a national law, there is much the federal government can do to promote a culture of life. Unlike the Biden-Harris administration, a Trump-Vance administration will not be telling states what they must do to facilitate abortion rather than protect babies.

If you don’t want your tax dollars paying for abortion on demand—

If you don’t want doctors and nurses forced into performing abortions—

If you don’t want the Department of Veterans Affairs turning VA hospitals into abortion facilities—

If you don’t want your local hospital emergency room forced into performing abortions—

then don’t vote for Harris-Walz and don’t vote for Democrat candidates for House and Senate. It’s that simple.

Nine states-- Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, and South Dakota have measures on the ballot removing common-sense limits on abortion. If you live in these states, please vote NO to reign in the pro-abortion fanaticism.

A tenth state, Nebraska, has two competing ballot measures. Vote NO on Initiative 439 and YES on Initiative 434.

One final thought that speaks volumes about Kamala Harris. At a rally for Harris, two pro-life university students yelled, “Jesus is Lord.” Harris quipped, “Oh, you guys are at the wrong rally,” apparently referring to a Trump rally. After that, she “laughs and waves to people off-camera,” according to various accounts. “No, I think you meant to go to the smaller one down the street.”

I was taken aback by her response. Major party candidates, even if they don’t take their own faith seriously, at least (used to) give lip service to God, recognizing that many people do take Him seriously.

I don’t believe there was ever a time in our country’s history when a major party candidate mocked someone’s faith in God in that way, and then laughed about how clever her retort was. It is estimated that, at a minimum, 32 million Christians will not vote on November 5.

How can anyone who claims to be a Christian, or a believer of another faith, not be deeply offended by what was said? We’ll find out next week if disrespect for people of faith has a home in the White House for the next four years.

In these remaining days, make sure your pro-life friends and family members are voting. Offer to give them a ride to the polling site, if necessary, or babysit the kids so they can get there. Continue to convince and persuade those who are undecided.

Our country is facing a genuinely historic decision about which road to walk, one we may never be able to re-do.

Let’s do everything that we can to put this country on the right path—the pathway to life.





COMPARE THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



Donald Trump

Kamala Harris

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

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

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

Unlimited Abortion Until Birth

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

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

Funding Abortion Providers Abroad

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

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

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors

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

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

The U.S. Supreme Court

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

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

States go to Court to Revive Questions about Abortion Pill Safety, Regulations

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

Last June, the U.S. Supreme Court essentially threw out the *Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (FDA v. AHM)* case brought by pro-life doctors against the abortion pill on the grounds that they did not have legal standing. A lot of folks probably thought that was the end of the matter, settling once and for all the safety and procedural questions that had been raised about the drug, assuring that the deadly pill would remain on the market for the foreseeable future.

A few states did not agree. They noted that the High Court had not really ruled on the merits. The justices had rejected the *AHM* case because they concluded the doctors were not directly (financially) affected.

But now attorneys general from Missouri, Idaho, and Kansas have brought back much of the original case. In an October 11, 2024, filing, the states said they do have standing to challenge the FDA because the agency's deregulation of the abortion pill has directly affected the government and citizens of their states.

Those attorneys general argued that because of its unlawful, scientifically unsupported actions, the FDA is responsible for the new financial burden

abortion pill patients with complications or failures have imposed on their state health system emergency rooms. They also cited the economic impact of lives lost upon the population of their states.

They have brought their case in the federal District Court of North Texas, the same court where the *FDA v. AHM* case originated. It will be overseen by Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, the same judge who originally ruled in that case in favor of the pro-life doctors.

The Attorneys General returned to many of the same issues raised by the original plaintiffs. They maintained that changes made to the original protocol were not adequately studied, vetted, or authorized.

For example, the FDA extended the gestational cut off to ten weeks after a woman's last menstrual period; dropped requiring follow ups and in-person distribution of the drugs; allowed non-physicians to prescribe the drug; and allowed sales and home delivery by online sellers and retail drug stores.

This, these critics contend, means the FDA violating its own mandate to assure the public that the drugs the agency approves have been shown to be "safe" and "effective" and that the

distribution regulations it imposes seek, as much as possible, to ensure safe use.

The state Attorneys General also seek the removal of the

would need to return for follow-up visits.

The drugs could no longer be sold or shipped from retail drug chains, like Walgreens or CVS,



generic abortion pill's approval and want the agency to prohibit its prescription to anyone under age 18. They assert that the generic approval also was not legitimate and that the FDA never adequately studied the effect of the drug on teenagers.

If successful in their challenges, the agency would largely have to return to its pre-2016 protocol. Women would get their prescriptions from a doctor, pick up their drugs in person, be no more than 7 weeks pregnant, and

and no one would be authorized to ship and sell these online and ship them directly to women's homes.

No official word on whether or when Judge Kacsmaryk will hear the case, but if he does take the case, it will certainly not be heard before the election. Even if the initial case is heard and decided before the inauguration, the appeals process will easily drag until the next president's term. How that administration will handle it will depend entirely on who occupies the White House.

Let's debunk the 4 big lies in this political ad accusing dads of 'hate' for opposing abortion

By Nancy Flanders

The Lincoln Project, a political action committee (PAC) that claims to be “fighting against Trumpism,” has released an election ad intended to pressure men — whom abortion advocates long bullied into silence regarding abortion — into supporting abortion as a way to protect their daughters. The ad contains a continuous stream of propaganda meant to manipulate male voters.

Using the fake story of a young pregnant woman rushed through hospital halls, clearly facing a medical emergency, the ad features anxiety-inducing medical beeping and a woman's cries to instill stress and fear before a young female voice speaks.

“It didn't need to end this way, Dad,” she says. “You were so excited to be a grandfather. When you walked me down the aisle, those were happy tears. College, high school, sports, I could always count on you. You are my protector, my hero. You always made me feel safe, loved, like I was the most important person in the world.”

And then, the video cuts to an image of Donald Trump. “But it turned out he was more important,” says the female voice.

The ad shows more video clips of Trump, and abortion news coverage that presents the entirely imagined scenario that critically ill pregnant women would have to go to court, dying, to request permission for abortions from a judge to save their own lives.

“You knew what he did,” the young woman's voiceover continues. “You knew his politics would end my freedom, my rights, my life. You chose hate over me.”

Let's break down the four very big lies in this ad.

LIE #1: Pro-life laws prevent life-saving care.

The ad promulgates the idea that young pregnant women, excited

about the birth of their children but facing medical emergencies, will die because pro-life laws prevent them from receiving medical care.

This is a complete lie that has been repeatedly debunked. There is not a single pro-life law that prevents a pregnant woman from receiving life-saving medical care during pregnancy.

Board-certified OB/GYN and CEO of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), Dr. Christina Francis, confirmed this in her response to the ad, writing, “Shame on you @ProjectLincoln for spreading blatant lies. Every law in the country allows for OBGYNs like me to intervene immediately when a woman has a potentially life-threatening condition. Stop intimidating people with lies. Pro-life laws protect women and girls.”

Dr. Francis is correct. Every single pro-life law protecting preborn children from abortion has an exception that includes allowing doctors to carry out an induced abortion (the direct and intentional killing of a preborn child) in cases of medical emergency — regardless of the child's gestational age.

Abortion advocates, however, want Americans to believe that preterm delivery, care for ectopic pregnancies, and emergency C-sections are all considered abortions under state pro-life laws. They are not — and that leads to the next lie.

LIE #2: Abortion is life-saving care.

Abortionists, pro-abortion politicians, and media outlets have been making the claim that women are dying or suffering injuries from being denied induced abortions (the intentional killing of their preborn babies) in

medical emergencies, and acting as if induced abortion is the standard of care in each case. This ad is essentially leading viewers to believe that same claim, and as has been proven before, this claim is false.

There is no medical reason to

24 weeks of life. These situations are considered a preterm delivery and not an abortion.”

When doctors fail to provide life-saving treatments to women, it isn't because of pro-life laws, but because of that doctor's either unintentional or intentional



intentionally and directly kill the preborn child in order to save the mother's life. Induced abortion — which is what pro-life laws prohibit — is the direct and purposeful killing of preborn children. Even when a pregnancy must end, a preborn child doesn't need to be intentionally killed.

Pro-life laws do not prohibit the life-saving care of chemotherapy, surgery for ectopic pregnancy, preterm delivery for preterm premature rupture of membranes (PPROM) or insufficient cervix, or any health condition or pregnancy complication.

“In situations where the mother's life is truly in jeopardy, her pregnancy must end and her baby must be delivered,” explained neonatologist Kendra Kolb, MD. “These situations occur in cases of mothers who develop dangerously high blood pressure, have decompensating heart disease, life-threatening diabetes, cancer, or a number of other very serious medical conditions. Some babies do need to be delivered before they are able to survive outside of the womb, which occurs around 22 to

misunderstanding of those laws and misunderstanding of what an induced abortion is.

If doctors don't understand the difference between the natural death of a preborn child or premature newborn and the intentional killing of those children (often through lethal injections and dismemberment), the problem is with the doctor, not the law.

Delivering a baby early to save the life of the mother and making an effort to save both lives is not an abortion. Not even if the baby dies as a result of having to be delivered too early to survive.

LIE #3: A woman would have to go to court in a medical emergency to get permission to end a pregnancy.

In the ad, Lawrence O'Donnell, host of “The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell,” claimed, “Each one of those abortion bans includes strict legal rules — rules that are designed to be impossible to comply with. How does a

Newsweek report on Trump's time at McDonald's is Exhibit #1 in why the Political Press is so hated

By Dave Andrusko

I chose not to fixate on the compulsive hatred of former President Donald Trump for having the gall, the chutzpah to interact with staff and customers at a McDonald's in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. How dare he... campaign.

But Dan McLaughlin had no such compunction.

McLaughlin posted a story on *National Review Online* in which he demolished an ugly hit job on the former president by *Newsweek* "National Correspondent" Khaleda Rahman. It served double duty because it explains why many people hate, loath, and have contempt for the national media.

This is not the fall of the Berlin Wall. It's Trump filing some orders for french fries! So..

Why do it? Because Trump manning the fry cooker and the drive-thru window was a well-executed campaign appearance, in which Trump was able to showcase his best side — his rapport with ordinary working folks, his humor, his spotlight-stealing stage presence — and minimize his many well-known weaknesses. This is called campaigning. It is done every day in every county and district in America, by candidates for every office from the highest in the land to the most humble.

But it was manner in which Rahman went after Trump that disgusts—and worries — McLaughlin.

And yet, Rahman and Newsweek treat this

the same sort of thing the national political press has been doing since it dug into the background of "Joe the Plumber" in 2008 just because he had

Indeed, there's something even more sinister at work: an effort to shame or intimidate ordinary people away from Trump and other Republican candidates for office by sending the message that if you support them or even interact with them in a friendly fashion just once, the press will dig into your past to find whatever it can to embarrass you. This, from the very same press that can't tell us what Kamala Harris was doing when Joe Biden was forced off the national ticket, or bother to dig up records of the cases she argued or tried in court as a lawyer. They can't even track down Harris's own claim of employment at a McDonald's. This is exactly the sort of behavior that feeds into Trump's popularity when he has the media and the prosecutors after him and tells people, "They're not after me, they're after you, I'm just in the way."

Shame on Rahman for targeting the Feasterville-Trevoze McDonald's. Shame on Newsweek for printing it. And the next time somebody asks you why people hate the national political press, here's your Exhibit A.



ordinary fast-food outlet and its ordinary manager and employees as legitimate targets for a political attack read across the country and the globe because they didn't treat Trump like a monster or tell the former president to get lost. Not content to report on the powerful on behalf of the people, they must go after the people on behalf of the powerful — if the people are even mildly helpful to one Republican for one afternoon. This is

some sharp words for Barack Obama when the Democratic candidate showed up campaigning in his driveway in Ohio. It's the instinct that led CNN to go after a grandmother who made internet memes. It's a tactic we have seen increasingly (Jon Stewart's Daily Show deserves a good deal of the blame): the idea of trying to discredit politicians by going after their supporters.

What worries McLaughlin?

Florida's Abortion Amendment Has Staggering Implications

By Kelsey Hazzard, Board President, Secular Pro-Life

Early voting has begun in Florida, and the most consequential ballot measure by far is Amendment 4. Florida currently protects babies from the time their heartbeats can be detected, with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical necessity. The proposed Amendment 4 to Florida's state constitution would undo the heartbeat law — and go much further.

The full text of Amendment 4, which does not define any of its terms, states:

Limiting government interference with abortion. Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

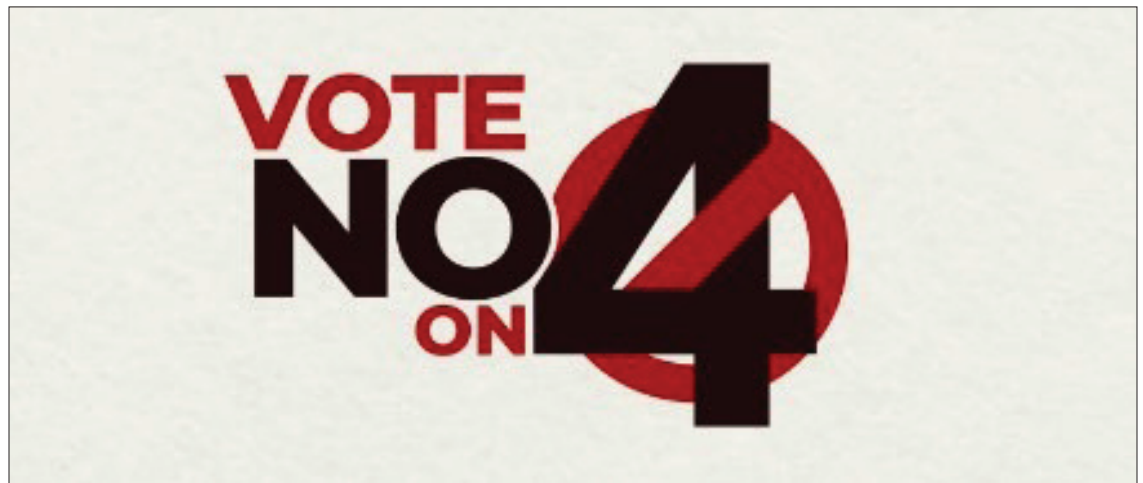
If Amendment 4 passes, a flurry of lawsuits will follow, all aimed at destroying more human lives and padding abortionists' bottom line. As a Florida litigation attorney myself, I see how that one sentence would have a tremendous impact:

Minors will no longer have to obtain parental consent for an abortion. Florida will only be left with the weaker requirement of parental notification. (That is the reference to Article X, Section 22.)

The experience of other states tells us that pro-abortion groups like the ACLU will immediately sue to mandate taxpayer funding of abortion, causing thousands of additional deaths.

4 gives abortion special treatment.) A woman who runs a stop sign on her way to an abortion appointment could use Amendment 4 to argue her way out of a traffic ticket!

Fellow Florida attorney Lisa Rask invited me to discuss these implications, and others, on a podcast. Joining us was Jack Champagne of Rehumanize International, who earned his J.D.



Any laws which have the effect of delaying abortion would be struck down. Waiting periods would obviously be gone. So would the informed consent that is supposed to precede them, along with ultrasounds to detect ectopic pregnancy and confirm gestational age. Local zoning regulations that prevent the erection of an abortion facility in a particular neighborhood would be challenged in court. (Never mind if those regulations also prevent the construction of nonviolent clinics; Amendment

“The patient's healthcare provider” is undefined, but it is definitely broader than “physician.” Everyone from nurses to chiropractors will be claiming a right to perform abortions. Even a complete stranger trafficking abortion drugs from overseas could arguably be a “healthcare provider.”

And if a healthcare provider refuses to do an abortion? Well, any state protection of that provider's conscience rights creates a “delay,” running afoul of Amendment 4.

from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Listen to our legal webinar at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n8HO3nI-URt6nF2dnG2iCADTPO2GClv4/view>

[Editor's note: This is rough audio; we are working on a better version with slides.]

Please share this with your friends and family in Florida. Although we are encouraged by polls which indicate that Amendment 4 is headed toward defeat, we cannot be complacent. Human lives are at stake!

Seeing a life saved is a beautiful reminder of what we are all working so hard for

By Dave Andrusko

When I showed this precious video to a fellow staffer at National Right to Life this morning, she wrote back, “I think we all need to be reminded of what we are working toward– sometimes we just need to see a life saved.”

Heads up. I confess I am a softie. So, when I stumbled across this video, by the time it finished, I was fighting back tears.

Here’s what a description of what took place:

In an incredible moment of medical heroism, a doctor in Brazil saved a newborn baby who showed no signs of movement or breathing after birth. Acting quickly, the doctor performed CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) to stimulate the baby’s heart and lungs, ultimately reviving the infant.

Since we knew before we began that the newborn is saved, you would think its power to move you would be lessened.

Nope. At least not for me.

The video begins with what was, for me, the most moving 20 seconds of what lasted a total of 3:56. The doctor rushes in holding the limp, non-responsive baby in his hands. When the doctor places the baby on the table, their head is resting motionless on their left side.

The doctor’s facial gaze never changes. He has a life to save.

He first tucks a blanket around the child lower torso as he begins to perform CPR. Every few seconds he gently massages the child’s upper body.

At the 1:43 mark he sprays some liquid on the baby’s right side and continues massaging. No response. The baby is still limp. At the 1:48 mark, he massages the baby’s chest more vigorously, his face a study in concentration.

At the 1:52 mark, the baby lets out a howl. Great! However, the baby stops crying, and the doctor listens to the baby’s heart and lungs with his stethoscope. He again vigorously rubs the baby’s chest and at the 2:50 mark the baby let’s out an even louder cry.

The doctor massages the baby’s head, all the time the baby is crying. The doctor smiles, ever so slightly.

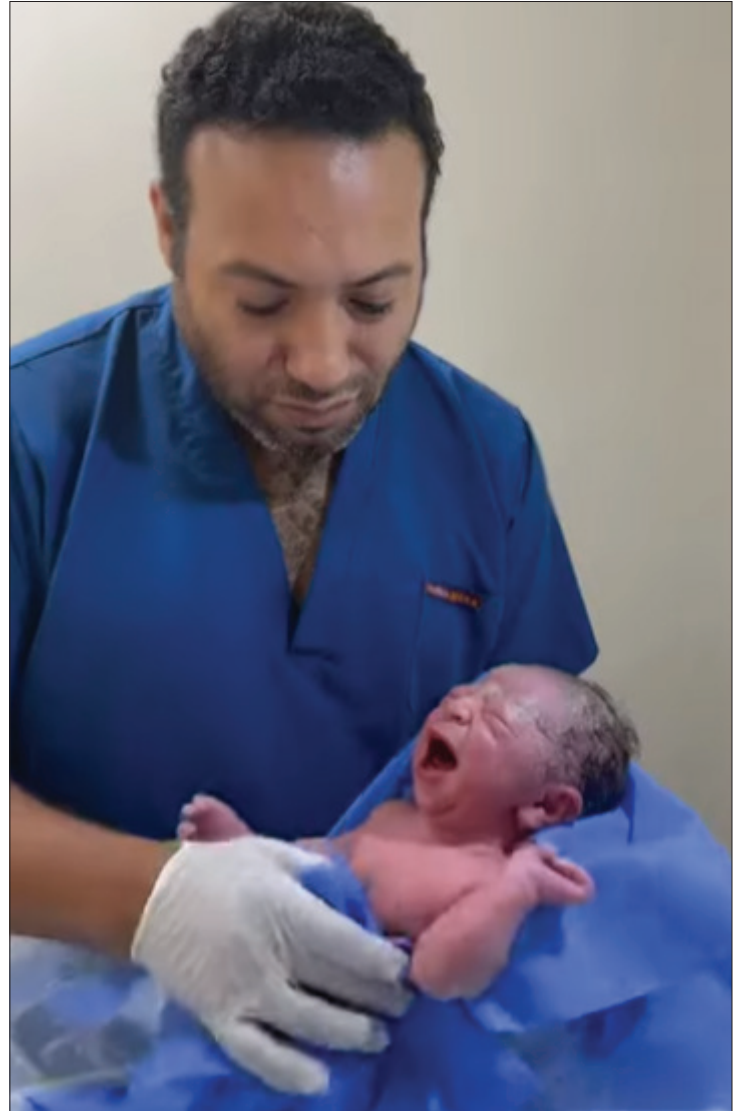
Success!

Whew!

Yet, I could not help thinking about the pro-abortion tandem of Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz. Under their watchful eyes, no doubt if this were an abortion survivor they would have placed the child out of the way offering only “comfort care”– as opposed to lifesaving care.

CPR? Of course not.

How, I wonder, could anyone vote for a pair like that?



YouTube video still

Is later abortion only 1% of all abortions?

By Monica Snyder, Executive Director, Secular Pro-Life

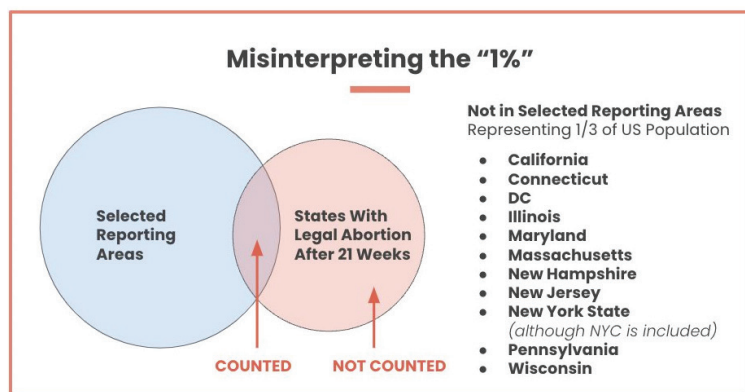
Secular Pro-Life regularly shares citations and statistics concerning later abortion, including the many reasons the topic is worth its own discussion. When we bring this up, pro-choice people will often counter with, “Later abortion is only 1% of all abortions performed.”

Of course 1% of approximately one million abortions a year is still an alarmingly large number, but it’s also not clear that the 1% stat is true in the first place.

Even some abortion advocates are questioning this statistic. On X, the abortion rights account RHAvote recently shared:

The claim that “Only 1% of abortions happen after 21wks” is a junk stat based on a misreading of CDC data. And tragically has led to a kind of stigmatizing conventional wisdom that banning later abortion isn’t that bad because it doesn’t affect that many people.

The account included this chart:

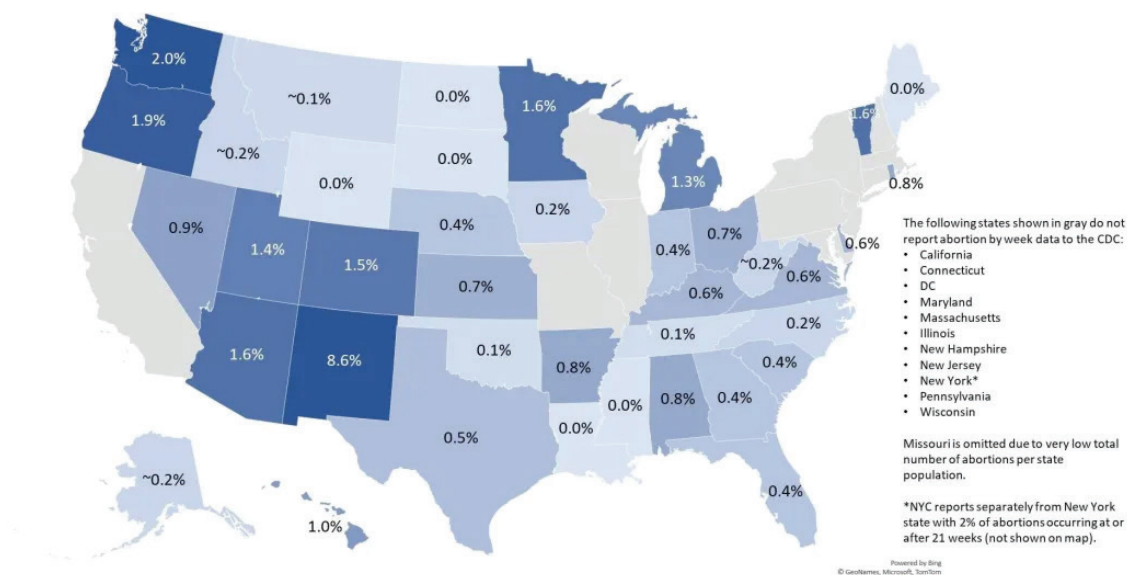


States which have legal elective abortion after 21 weeks have higher percentages of later abortions.

It’s not surprising that, compared to states with earlier gestational limits, those with later limits have higher percentages of later abortion. We see this trend for those states with later limits that report to the CDC.

The percentage of abortions after 21 weeks in Colorado was 1.5%, Vermont 1.6%, Minnesota 1.9%, Oregon 1.9%, and Washington 2.0%. In New Mexico in 2021 (when the Southwestern Women’s Options clinic was still doing third trimester abortions) the percentage of abortions after 21 weeks was a massive 8.6%.

Percent Abortions at 21 weeks or later, 2021 per CDC



In general, states with later abortion limits have more later abortions. What does this mean for the states that don’t report abortion data to the CDC (the grayed out states in the map)?

The CDC 1% stat doesn’t account for about one third of the American population.

The total US population is approximately 334M. Here are the populations of the states from the graphic:

California: 39M

Connecticut: 3.6M

Washington DC: 0.7M

Illinois: 12.5M

Maryland: 6.2M

Massachusetts: 7.1M

New Hampshire: 1.4M

New Jersey: 9.3M

Pennsylvania: 12.8M

New York State (excluding New York City): 11.4M

Wisconsin: 5.9M

TOTAL: 109.9M

So the CDC’s 1% stat regarding later abortion excludes about 33% of the US population.

The CDC 1% stat doesn’t account for many states which allow elective abortion after 21 weeks.

All of the above states allow elective abortion later in pregnancy. According to KFF their current gestational limits on

elective abortion are as follows:

California: 24 weeks/viability

Connecticut: 24 weeks/viability

Washington DC: no limit

Illinois: 24 weeks/viability

Maryland: no limit

Massachusetts: 24 weeks/viability

New Hampshire: 24 weeks/viability

New Jersey: no limit

Pennsylvania: 24 weeks/viability

New York State: 24 weeks/viability

Wisconsin: 22 weeks

The CDC 1% stat doesn’t account for many clinics which perform elective abortions even after 24 weeks.

These states are home to many of the abortion clinics which provide elective abortion not only after 21 weeks, but even after 24 weeks, including:

DC: Washington-Surgi Clinic and DuPont Clinic (the location of research such as the best way to induce fetal demise at 24 weeks or later)

Illinois: Hope Clinic and Planned Parenthood St. Louis Region

Maryland: Partners in Abortion Care and Clinics for Abortion and Reproductive Excellence (CARE)

Massachusetts: Women’s Health Services

New Jersey: Cherry Hill Women’s Center and Metropolitan Medical Associates

It’s safe to expect that in states which don’t report abortion data to the CDC, the proportion of abortions after 21 weeks is higher than 1% (though unclear by how much). It’s therefore safe to expect that if the CDC had the data on these locations, the national statistic on abortions after 21 weeks would be higher. Some pro-choicers, like RHAvote, accept this and are happy to defend even post-viability abortion as an exercise of bodily autonomy. But others may find reason to pause and consider the implications.

Under a President Harris, nothing, including religious objections to abortion, will be tolerated

By Laura Echevarria, Director of Communications and Press Secretary

Vice President Kamala Harris's recent interview with *NBC's News NOW* anchor and senior Washington correspondent Hallie Jackson shows once again that the only issue that Harris can talk about in detail and at length is the abortion issue. Everything else leaves reporters—and the public—scratching their heads.

Kamala Harris is so all-in on abortion that when Jackson asked her about making any kind of “concession” such as religious exemptions, Harris immediately pushed back.

JACKSON: So as a question of pragmatism then: what concessions would be on the table? Religious exemptions, for example, is that something that you would consider with a Republican controlled Congress?

HARRIS: I don't think we should be making concessions when we're talking about a fundamental freedom to make decisions about your own body.

Albert Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Boyce College, addressed these comments and Kamala Harris's abortion radicalism, in a column that appeared in *World Magazine*. He wrote,

Religious liberty, which is among the fundamental rights explicitly recognized in the Bill of Rights and is the foundation of all other rights, is rejected in favor of abortion rights, which are invented rights without a historic foundation. Harris rejects the actual fundamental

right, religious liberty, and asserts a false right, abortion, claiming it to be fundamental.

Don't forget her words. You know she means them. Harris has already said that if she is elected,

Jackson by doubling down on her willingness to toss religious freedom aside in favor of unlimited abortion.

Dr. Mohler spells out in chilling detail how Harris is eager to use **the coercive power of government to shut**

rights. She was the first U.S. vice president or president to make a much-publicized official visit to an abortion facility. She has defined her public career and staked her campaign for the White House on abortion rights.

Harris's adherence to unlimited abortion is almost fanatical in its fervor. As Dr. Mohler notes,

...Vice President Harris has not acknowledged even one restriction on abortion she would accept. Her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, signed legislation in his state that accepts no restriction on abortion for any reason. Period. That's no coincidence.

Harris's willingness to run almost solely on the abortion issue was noticed by *CNN* in September. Senior Writer Zachary B. Wolf wrote of Harris's dedication to the issue under the headline “Harris is banking on one key issue.”

This election cycle has shown just how far the Democratic Party, its allies, and its top-of-the-ticket candidate are willing to go, what liberties they are willing to sacrifice. Pro-abortion Democrats already ignore the fundamental right to life for unborn babies. Religious freedom and conscience protections are another casualty in their demands for unlimited abortion at anytime, anywhere, and under any circumstances.

It really is galling to see reporters who are covering the vice president ignore the radical implications of a Harris presidency on our nation's foundational fundamental freedoms.



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she will urge Senate Democrats to eliminate the filibuster and go for broke on abortion rights.

It is genuinely breathtaking that Kamala Harris is willing to ignore a fundamental freedom spelled out in our founding documents in her quest to be the Abortion President.

To her credit, Hallie Jackson follows up by asking an additional question about religious freedom concessions but *never* calls out Kamala Harris's willingness to violate a fundamental right in favor of a created “right.”

Indeed, Harris responds to

down opposition. The evidence is abundant and beyond refutation. As attorney general of California, Harris sought to silence and suppress crisis pregnancy centers. As a U.S. senator, she argued that states should be required to obtain ‘preclearance’ from the federal government for any law that would restrict abortion in any way. She was the Biden administration’s point person for abortion, and she is proud to be the candidate of abortion

How a Picture Changed My Life

By Sarah Terzo

Many pro-lifers are against showing pictures of aborted babies. They say these pictures are too graphic, or too upsetting, or showing them is too unkind. They argue that they can traumatize people, such as post-abortive people and those who have suffered miscarriages.

Other pro-lifers say the pictures are a valuable pro-life tool and point to minds changed and babies saved by the photos.

In his 2017 book, *Seeing Is Believing: Why Our Culture Must Face the Victims of Abortion*, Jonathan Van Maren describes cases of people who were initially very angry and even abusive when shown graphic pictures, but later changed their minds about abortion.

For example, he tells the following story:

One girl who yelled and swore at us during one campus display came up to us a year later and revealed that when she found herself pregnant several months later, she couldn't go through with having an abortion – even though she hated us for showing her the pictures, she couldn't escape the truth those pictures conveyed.

Her baby was saved as a result.(1)

Rather than weigh in with an opinion, I'm going to tell the story of how seeing a picture of an aborted baby back in high school affected the trajectory of my life.

My Own Experience

When I was about 10 years old, I overheard a discussion in my local church about abortion. One woman was saying that abortion should be illegal; another was agreeing, and they were talking about it as if it were a bad thing. But what was abortion?

I asked my mother that night. She told me, "Abortion is when a woman is going to have a baby and she goes to the doctor and he makes it so that she doesn't have to have the baby."

My mom is pro-choice, though

I digested this information and came to the conclusion that there was absolutely nothing wrong with abortion.

As time went on, I never thought about the issue much. It didn't come up much in church,



she says she is "uncomfortable" with abortion "as birth control," and also with late-term abortions. So this sanitized language was in character for her.

(My whole family, incidentally, is pro-choice. When I started writing for Live Action, my sister stopped talking to me entirely, and that silent estrangement lasted for years.

Things have since improved between us, but this is still a major point of conflict for us. I avoid talking about any of my pro-life work around my family in general, my sister in particular. They have never supported, or even understood, my feelings about abortion.

They would be far happier if I walked away from the pro-life movement entirely. I have never had any support from my family, not immediate, not extended. There are no pro-lifers among my aunts, uncles, or cousins.)

Back to the story. When I had this conversation with my mom, I had only just learned where babies came from in the first place.

even though I knew that, as a Catholic, I was supposed to be against abortion.

I recall getting in one conversation with a friend where I defended abortion, talking about how a woman should have a choice. But for the most part, I didn't really think about the issue.

My sophomore year of high school, I started to commit very deeply to my Catholic faith. My parents had taken me to mass as a child, though neither was particularly religious.

As I grew more serious about my faith, I began to believe that abortion must be wrong. I took the teachings of the church seriously and modified my position slightly. Abortion was a bad thing, and perhaps, should ideally be illegal.

But I was no activist. I never felt moved to get involved with the issue. I never argued the pro-life position with my friends. At this point, I considered myself "pro-life"—but kept it to myself. As far as I was concerned, it was something like not eating meat on Fridays during Lent—a

Catholic teaching. Applicable to me, perhaps, but not to others—something I was supposed to accept.

I never felt compelled to do anything against abortion or try to convince anyone it was wrong.

I never, ever, in a million years, thought I would be involved in the pro-life movement.

The Photo That Changed My Life

But as a committed Catholic, I spend a lot of time with other Catholics my age. One was strongly pro-life. She tried to convince me to go with her to the March for Life. It sounded fun, but I wasn't sure about going.

One day, my friend showed me a postcard-sized piece of literature from Human Life International. The postcard was divided into two sections.

On one side, it had a picture of an 8-week-old unborn baby. You could clearly see the hands and feet of the child; you could even count fingers and toes. It was a beautiful picture, but it was the second picture that caught my attention—and changed my life forever.

This picture showed what a baby that age looks like after an abortion. The head was missing; the arms were flung out and clearly visible, still attached to the baby's torn and crushed body. The little legs could be seen, battered and broken, at the bottom of the picture. I was horrified.

This was a baby. This was definitely a baby. That was what this was. And these babies, my friend was telling me, were being killed at a rate of over 4000 a day.

I couldn't get my head around it. All those little children—killed. It was shocking. Disturbing. Horrifying.

Here's exactly how born-alive infants were denied protection under Minnesota law

Many people are asking: Did Minnesota lawmakers and Gov. Tim Walz repeal the right to lifesaving care for born-alive infants? Is it really true that babies can be left to die?

Some journalists, advocates, and politicians have gotten this question wrong—often badly wrong. Let's walk through the facts, one by one, with documentation and screenshots, and respond to frequently asked questions and confusions.

The truth about this matter is something that everyone can see and verify for themselves.

Minnesota's previous protection

Minnesota's longstanding and bipartisan Born Alive Infants Protection Act (MN Statutes 145.423) was first enacted in 1976 and updated in 2015, when it was signed into law by Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton. It protected babies who survive abortion procedures and are born alive. Among other things, the law required that "reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice" be taken "to preserve the life and health of the born alive infant."

This policy didn't require futile or extraordinary measures for newborns with a terminal condition, but it did mean that viable babies can't just be set aside and left to die. Abortion survivors must receive medically appropriate care that would save their lives—just like any other baby born at the same gestational age.

Look for yourself: Here's the 2015-passed version of Minnesota's Born Alive Infants Protection Act.

What Walz and the legislature did

In 2023, a narrow DFL-only majority in the legislature passed—and Gov. Walz signed—an omnibus bill (SF 2995) that repealed or amended numerous laws relating to abortion, including the Born Alive Infants Protection Act.

Among the changes: No longer must reasonable measures be taken "to preserve the life and health of the born alive infant." Instead, measures must be taken only to "care for the infant who is born alive." This was repeatedly described by the bill's House author, Rep. Tina Lieblich, as "comfort" care, as opposed to lifesaving care (see the discussion beginning at 1:45:54).

Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 145.423, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Recognition; medical care.** ~~A born-alive infant as a result of an abortion who is born alive~~ shall be fully recognized as a human person, and accorded immediate protection under the law. All reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice, including the compilation of appropriate medical records, shall be taken by the responsible medical personnel to preserve the life and health of the born alive infant care for the infant who is born alive.

In the screenshot above, you can see that the bill, SF 2995, deletes (crosses out) the requirement to preserve life and replaces it (the underlined words) with a requirement for only care.

In addition, part of the subdivision's heading was changed from "medical care" to just "care." And the law's language was altered to no longer apply specifically to babies who survive abortion, but rather to all babies who are born alive.



The new version also eliminates the civil penalties for violating the law (see subd. 5 of the old law), and it repeals the previous requirement that cases of born-alive infants—and the measures taken or not taken to care for them—be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Look for yourself: Here are some of the key changes made by SF 2995 to the Born Alive Infants Protection Act.

What the changes mean

Whereas Minnesota's previous law guaranteed medically appropriate care that would save infants' lives, the new law does not. It requires only comfort care (i.e., care that keeps patients temporarily comfortable but does not try to save their lives). Indeed, future courts will likely look at the legislative intent—the bill's author described the new requirement as "comfort" care, rather than lifesaving care—when understanding what the law means. This was a very deliberate and specific change that lawmakers went out of their way to enact.

Under the new language, then, viable babies can be set aside, with only comfort care, and allowed to die. This policy is a threat to "unwanted" babies born in the context of abortion, but it also endangers other infants, especially those born with disabilities, whose lives are often devalued.

It's true that the law retains previous language affirming that born-alive infants are human persons who deserve protection. But recognizing personhood is not the same as requiring any particular standard of care (indeed, other patients, such as elderly and disabled persons, are sometimes denied care even though they are recognized as persons under the law). Moreover, the new version of Minnesota's policy removes the penalties for violating it, undermining any effective enforcement.

And it gets worse: The public will no longer even know about born-alive infants because Walz and the legislature repealed the reporting requirement. Minnesotans will be kept in the dark.

Fox News Highlights Extreme Pro-Abortion Law Pushed by Tim Walz with a discussion with an Abortion Survivor

By Brad Wilmouth

On *Fox & Friends Saturday*, co-host Rachel Campos-Duffy devoted a segment to informing viewers of how extreme Democrat vice presidential candidate Tim Walz's support for abortion has been in his time as governor of Minnesota.

She began by playing a clip from the October 1 debate in which co-moderator and *CBS News* host Norah O'Donnell asked Governor Walz if Donald Trump is correct in stating that the Minnesota Democrat supports abortion in the ninth month of pregnancy, with a clip of Walz not giving a straight answer and claiming that "that's not what the bill says" and that the change in Minnesota law he pushed "restored *Roe versus Wade*."

Campos-Duffy then showed on screen the text of how the law used to read and how it changed under Governor Walz's recommendations:

But here are the changes that Tim Walz himself made to the law. The original bill called for doctors to provide life-saving measures to any baby born alive during an abortion. And, yes, it does happen. But you'll see Walz strike through at the bottom, calling only for the "care" of the infant. Legal experts say these changes allow for end of life, quote, unquote, "comfort care," the ultimate euphemism, rather than compelling doctors to save these babies.

The *Fox* host then brought aboard pro-life activist Melissa Ohden of the Abortion Survivors Network, who often speaks

of how she survived after her biological mother attempted to have her aborted. Campos-Duffy began by posing: "Tell us what happened in that bill and specifically what happens to babies that survive abortions in the state of Minnesota versus other states that don't have these brutal laws."

After recalling that there have always been examples of babies who survive attempts to abort them, she then recounted:

And the reality is, even the CDC years ago, Dr. Willard Cates identified, you know, 300 to 400 live births a year after failed abortions, and made it clear this isn't anything they wanted to report about. They said that it should be hushed up — "Why would you want to turn yourself in?" — and there would be public clamor. And I think this is where we're at, Rachel.

She added:

There are states — very few states — that identify and report the number of babies like me who survive abortions, but we had in 10 different states 270 babies who survived abortions. And when you look at that Minnesota report from 2021, five babies survived, and not a single one of them were provided medical care, Rachel. This is a travesty.

Campos-Duffy then followed up: "So they use this word — and it just makes me sick to my stomach — it's called 'comfort care.' Why don't you explain to our viewers what 'comfort care' means?"

Ohden explained:

It reminds me so much of when then-Senator Obama was discussing that in the state of Illinois, my friend, right,

how China and North Korea treat aborted babies:

These are babies that are survivable. They are not getting medical care. They are sometimes put



Rachel Campos-Duffy
via X

Jill Stanek, a nurse, held a baby like me who had survived an abortion, and the response to that baby not being provided medical care and the uproar when she brought it up to the public was that they would create a, quote, unquote, "comfort care room." No one would want this for their child, their grandchild, anyone they know and love. Why are they willing to do this to babies time and time again? And why are they hiding the truth from the American public?

in buckets — that's what that nurse actually that you're talking about brought to the attention — it horrified many, but it turned other people's hearts to stone. They just didn't care. And you see someone like Tim Walz doing this. You say that this is very similar to what they do in China and in North Korea — that the policies of the Kamala and Walz — a future administration — and even the Biden administration are like those countries.

The *Fox* host then jumped back in and brought up comparisons to

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Surveys Show “Counseling” In Abortion Clinics Is Biased

All the surveys found the same results

By Sarah Terzo

There are many, many accounts of biased and dishonest “counseling” in abortion facilities. Some come from post-abortive women, others from former abortion workers.

Pro-life regulations in some states require abortion facilities to give accurate medical information about abortion’s risks and fetal development. So-called “pro-choice” advocacy groups fight these laws tooth and nail, and abortion facilities do everything they can to undermine them.

There hasn’t been a great deal of research done on abortion “counseling,” and its effect on pregnant people’s decisions, but there have been some surveys done over the years.

Surveys of Post-Abortive Women

The Center for Bioethical Reform conducted a survey of post-abortive women, which I can no longer find on their website but which I’ve copied here.

Women were asked:

Were you given information about the biological nature of the fetus?

no (93%)
yes (2%)

Do you feel their opinions were biased?

no (6%)
yes (72%)

If so, for abortion?

yes (89%)
no (0%)

The numbers don’t add up to 100% because some women were undecided, said they didn’t know, or didn’t answer the question.

The survey also found that while only 26% believed the fetus was “human” at the time of their abortions, 97% came to believe this afterward. Since some pro-choice people will admit that the fetus is biologically human but maintain he/she is not a person, it’s not

clear exactly what these women believed.

It’s possible, though, that many didn’t believe they were killing their baby before the abortion, but came to believe this later, which could cause guilt and emotional trauma.

Researcher David Reardon surveyed 252 post-abortive women for his book *Aborted*

chosen differently if they had not been so strongly encouraged to abort by others, including their abortion counselors.

- 95% of women who had abortions at Planned Parenthood said that their Planned Parenthood counselors gave “little or no



Women: Silent No More. He found that:

- 66% said their counselor’s advice was biased.
- 40 to 60% described themselves as not having been certain of their decision before counseling.
- 44% stated they were actively hoping to find an option other than abortion during counseling.
- 5% reported that they were encouraged to ask questions.
- 52 to 71% felt the questions were inadequately answered, sidestepped, or trivialized.
- 90% said they were not given enough information to make an informed decision.
- 83% said it was very likely that they would’ve

biological information about the fetus which the abortion would destroy.”

In her study, Katherine Speckhard, PhD of the University of Minnesota, found that 81% of the post-abortive women she surveyed said they felt “victimized” by the abortion process.

The women felt “either that they were coerced into the abortion or that important information about the pregnancy resolution and abortion procedure had been withheld.”¹

I conducted a survey of my own back in 2007 when I asked post-abortive women questions about the counseling they received at abortion facilities. Half of the thirty or so women I interviewed received no counseling whatsoever. As for the rest, all but two of them said the counseling was inadequate and/or biased.

I plan to write more about my survey in the future.

How Many Show Up Undecided?

When pregnant people show up at abortion facilities, have they already made up their minds? Reardon found that up to 60% hadn’t. A pro-abortion source gives a similar statistic.

A book that instructs abortion workers in how to counsel women before their abortions cites a study that found:

- 48% of pregnant people who showed up at abortion facilities had already made up their minds and were sure of their choice to abort.
- 32% were ambivalent about having an abortion.
- 20% were unprepared to make a decision and needed more time.²

The authors conclude, “This leaves an estimated 52% that could benefit from counseling.”³

The book also quotes a study of abortion facilities that found 90% of pregnant people had abortions after “counseling” and only about 8% continued their pregnancies.⁴ (Others came to the facilities too late to have abortions.) However, this is a very old study.

Testimonies from Post-Abortive People

There have been many, many testimonies from post-abortive women about biased counseling and lies from abortion workers. If I cited every example, I would have enough material to fill not one book, but a whole series.

Here is just one example.

A book of post-abortive women’s stories quoted ‘Nadine’ who wrote:

I was so naïve. I had no idea what an abortion actually was. They made it all sound so safe, so easy, so simple. They

What happens when pregnancy centers include men

By Reed Uberman

The pregnancy help center where I volunteer each week, Choices Pregnancy Resource Center in Chattanooga, Tenn., just received an award from our city for being the best place to volunteer. As much as our culture has done to denigrate pregnancy centers this small victory seems important for our city and for other organizations promoting life.

There are many things we do well that merit this award but if there's one thing that really sets us apart it's our men's services. Our approach to this is nothing special but it is vitally important for a couple of reasons.

We live in a culture constantly vilifying men.

Men are far too familiar with tirades about toxic masculinity or shouts of "my body, my choice" and "stay out of our wombs" from pro-abortionists. For many men, the first time they are encouraged to have a voice in their own child's life is when they sit with one of our consultants. We all know about the multitudes of men rejecting paternity and how this impacts women facing unexpected pregnancy. When men are empowered to choose life they can have a real life-saving influence on an unplanned pregnancy.

We welcome men.

Pregnancy help centers can be a heavily female dominated space. When I first felt called to serve the pro-life cause I reached out to a local ministry with a desire to donate and volunteer. Within moments it was clear that this ministry was closed off to outside, male support. I realize why these attitudes and approaches may be in place given the type of ministry but all I can tell you is the next place I called welcomed me with open arms. I've served and donated to that place for over a year.

We encourage Gospel conversations with men.

There's a tendency at some centers to shy away from a faith focus. I imagine this has to do with skittishness about scaring non-Christian clients away. I know these conversations need to be handled with care, but because they are an opportunity to save a life and a soul, we cannot afford to miss it. I've personally led more people to the Lord at my pregnancy center in one year than I have in the last five years of full-time ministry. Male clients are especially open to these conversations in my experience, and they play a pivotal role in a decision for life.

We mentor men.

It's an unfortunate reality but we are serving men in a culture

that has the highest single parent rate in the world. According to Pew, 23% children in the U.S. under the age of 18 live with one parent which is three times the rate of children around the world (7%). The likelihood that a male client did not have a father in his life is very high. When we take

legitimate concerns but should never undermine God's pre-ordained vision for the family.

The greatest gift we can give a baby is life. The second-best gift is an intact family walking after God. The pregnancy help centers pursuing that for women, children, and men are destined to



men in, they are often scared and hopeless. By the time they leave we have done our best to support them financially, spiritually, and practically. All of that begins with a relationship between a man and one of our male mentors.

There's probably much more to add to this list and even more technical advice for handling situations where the paternity in a pregnancy is in question or where there is a negative male influence in a woman's life. All of these are

be known in their community for the good work that they do – and in the Lord's eyes for the same.

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promised an abortion would take care of my problem and I'd be back to my old self, and I could continue with whatever I wanted in my life. The counselor even said, "If you were my daughter, I'd tell you the same thing. It's the right thing to do."

Everyone assured me not to worry, that there was nothing to be afraid of. The counseling I received was like, yes, you can do this; yes, it's safe; and don't worry,

you won't have any problems.⁵

She says, "I have been emotionally tortured by this experience for the past 24 years."⁶

Abortion facilities have a vested interest in selling abortions – they make money when a pregnant person consents to an abortion, not when she walks away.

Unfortunately, with the backlash against the overturn of *Roe*, more and more states are enshrining abortion in their constitutions. Pro-life laws are being eliminated, leaving pregnant people with no

protection against lies and biased counseling.

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Lisa Marie Presley mourns the child she aborted

She would also ask forgiveness from the child she had lost to abortion.

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

I have always been fascinated with Elvis—his soulful singing, his electrifying performances, his legendary escapades. That fascination extended to his beloved child, Lisa Marie, who suffered the loss of her famous father when she was still a child.

In a posthumous memoir, Lisa Marie tells the story of an unexpected pregnancy with musician Danny Keough. She said she did not know what to do, and neither did her boyfriend. Then she writes:

“I ended up having an abortion. And it was the stupidest thing I’ve ever done in my whole life.

“I was devastated. I did it and we both cried. We were both destroyed and not long after that we fell apart and broke up. I couldn’t live with myself.”

The raw emotions Lisa Marie expressed are haunting. They demonstrate the unspeakable emotional pain that abortion can cause a woman.

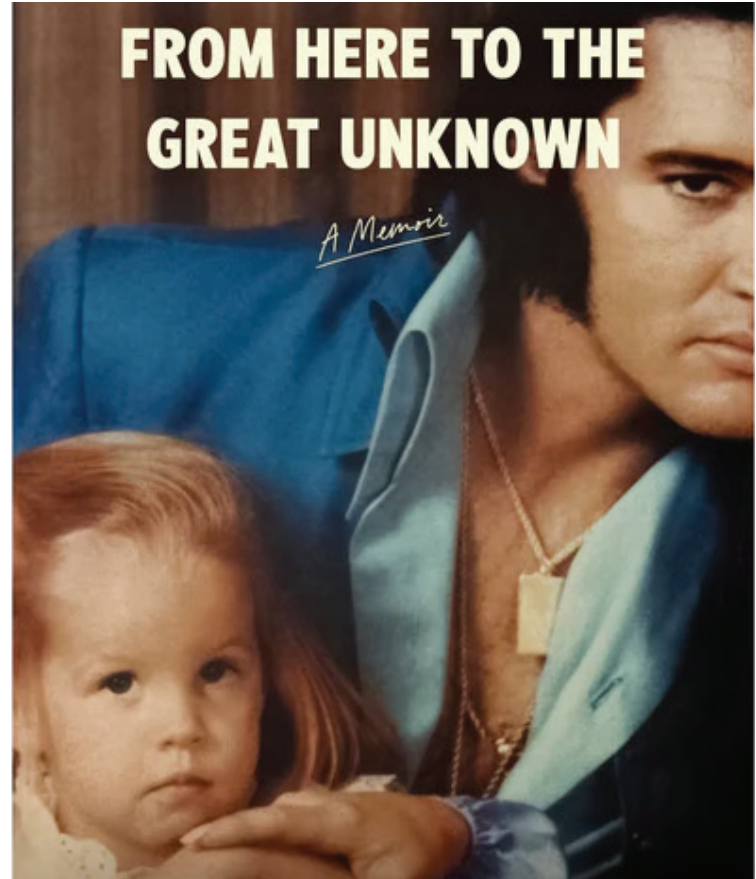
Lisa Marie reunited with Danny so that she could get pregnant again.

“I felt that I had to redeem, to make amends, because I still couldn’t believe I had had an abortion. I thought, ‘I’m going to have this child. There is a child that I need to be having.’

She would also ask forgiveness from the child she had lost to abortion.

Lisa Marie would go on to have other children, but she carried the wounds she had suffered from her abortion.

The fact that a grandchild of Elvis Presley died from abortion is so incredibly sad. May we who loved his music pray for all women who face unexpected pregnancy, that they will receive the love and support they need to bring their children into the world.



Mainstream Media Mislead on Infant-Mortality-Rate Increase

By Michael J. New

The journal *JAMA Pediatrics* published a research letter analyzing recent trends in the infant mortality rate. The researchers analyzed monthly infant-mortality-rate data from the CDC between 2018 and 2023. Using a sophisticated statistical model, they purportedly found an increase in the infant mortality rate after the summer of 2022.

Unsurprisingly, the authors were quick to blame this increase on the Dobbs decision. This study was quickly and uncritically covered by a number of mainstream media outlets including *CNN*, *Salon*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *U.S. News and World Report*.

Not surprisingly, there is much less here than meets the eye.

The authors report a 7 percent increase in the infant mortality rate after *Dobbs*. However, other data released by the CDC tell a different story. There is some evidence of a slight increase in infant mortality in 2022. However, CDC data indicate that between the first quarter of 2023 and the first quarter of 2024, the

U.S. infant mortality rate actually decreased by 2.4 percent.

In short, there has not been a consistent upward trend in infant mortality post-*Dobbs*.

laws after the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision.

The study does provide somewhat stronger statistical evidence that mortality among

condition. Many children in these circumstances were tragically dying before *Dobbs*. However, since they were aborted, they were not counted as infant deaths.

Since *Dobbs*, the mainstream media have worked overtime to find evidence of negative public-health trends. However, they have not found much. Last month, the media touted a study by the Gender Equity Policy Institute citing a large recent increase in the Texas maternal mortality rate.

However, the actual data showed a 35 percent decrease in maternal mortality in 2022, the year when the strongest pro-life laws were in effect in the Lone Star State. Overall, a good body of data from countries like Poland, Ireland, and Chile shows that pro-life laws are consistent with good public-health outcomes.

As always, pro-lifers would do well to stay the course.

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Furthermore, this *JAMA Pediatrics* study only considers national infant-mortality-rate data. It does not consider state-level data. As such, it fails to present any evidence that infant mortality rates increased faster in states that enacted strong pro-life

infants with congenital anomalies increased post-*Dobbs*. However, newly enacted pro-life laws are not causing an increase in congenital conditions. Instead, some pro-life laws are preventing unborn children from being aborted because of their medical

Women voters care about more than abortion

By Christine Flowers

I am a white woman who spent 80 percent of her life in the suburbs. I taught high school in the suburbs to young white girls who are now young white women in the suburbs. That gives me the right to an opinion on white suburban women.

A few weeks ago, I participated in a televised panel discussion where the moderator asked about the “suburban woman” vote. The “white” part wasn’t focused on, but it was implicit in the question. When you hear the phrase, you conjure up Karen with her blond pageboy, her two tween-aged children, her SUV Beemer and her distaste for conflict.

That, however, is no longer representative of the demographic, if in fact it ever was.

As one of my co-panelists mentioned, there has been a change in the complexion and character of the suburban female voter over the past couple of decades, so this idea that we have a homogeneous group of females who share the same values and priorities is as passe as Geraldine Ferrara’s wedge cut.

There was the suggestion that we (I include myself in that group even though I now live in the city) were concerned only with one thing: abortion.

You wouldn’t be blamed for thinking that, given the sky-is-falling ads approved by Kamala Harris that conjure up images of women dying because of “Trump’s abortion ban.”

If they only knew how many of us are sitting on our comfortable

recliners with our afternoon cosmopolitans and Greek yogurt snacks rolling our eyes. We know the truth, and we know that there is no Donald Trump ban and that no one died because of it.

I made the point that suburban women care about a lot of things, including the education

apologist for Gloria Steinem Inc., but it does seem a little strange that people are preaching to us about what we should be doing as if there is some unspoken code of conduct we need to follow in order to maintain our legitimacy. I thought it was all about independence and autonomy.



of our children, national security, immigration and criminal justice. In other words, we are not obsessed with reproduction or the lack thereof.

The idea that women are a monolith and owe allegiance to a particular person or cause is anathema, and about as anti-feminist as you can be.

Far be it from me to act as an

Can it possibly be that the only autonomy Democrats are willing to tolerate is reproductive autonomy, and that in all other respects the ladies are supposed to toe some invisible progressive line? Never mind, it’s a rhetorical question.

And as for that sticky race question: If Condoleezza Rice were at the top of the ticket, any

ticket, she would have my vote. I would stand in a blizzard for 10 hours just to cast my vote for her, even if she had changed her registration to Democrat. That’s how much I loved the former secretary of state, the one who was never given the respect she deserved as an independent thinker.

There are many conservative minority women, Black and Latino and Asian, who reflect my values far more than the women who actually look like me. There are also a lot of men who would get my vote before any of my progressive sisters.

I remember when Madeline Albright claimed that there is a “special place in hell” for women who don’t support women. She wasn’t referring to all women, of course. She was talking about the sort of woman who wasn’t going to vote for Hillary Clinton. This was a different form of prejudice, but equally toxic.

I don’t see race when I vote for candidates. I don’t see gender. I don’t see nationality. I don’t see religion, particularly because that is no longer an indication that this person will share my values. See Biden, Joseph. I see the person and his or her politics. And any suggestion otherwise is the real sign of bigotry, misogyny and ignorance.

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NewsBusters Podcast: Trump's 'Carnival of Grievances, Misogyny & Racism'

By Tim Graham

The New York Times "news" team described Donald Trump's Madison Square Garden rally as a "Closing Carnival of Grievances, Misogyny and Racism." But what do you really think? There were a whole set of mudslinging headlines to cover the Sunday MAGA speeches in New York City.

CNN.com by Stephen Collinson: "Trump unveils the most extreme closing argument in modern presidential history"

POLITICO: "Trump's New York homecoming sparks backlash over racist and vulgar remarks"

MSNBC.com by Steve Benen: "With racist Madison Square Garden rally, Trump and his allies prove Democrats' point"

USA Today video: "Donald Trump rally at Madison Square Garden marked with racism and vitriol"

The first problem here is to presume Trump's speeches are unique in "vitriol." Reporters also use words like "insults and grievances," as if Democrats never insult Trump or air grievances. They never sound vitriolic against Trump, with all

the warnings of Fascism and the End of Democracy?

CBS aired a mostly promotional interview with Kamala Harris, airing a screechy soundbite from Michelle Obama lecturing men that if they don't "get this election right," that "women will become

Sounds like a grievance with a side of vitriol.

The latest evening-news study by Rich Noyes found that since July 21, *ABC*, *CBS* and *NBC* have treated Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris to 78 percent positive coverage, while

were positive, celebrating the candidate without regard for what she would do as president. They avoid the policy specifics and celebrate Harris as a potential triumph over racism and sexism.

Geoff Dickens underlined last week about how *CBS* (and the other networks) skipped story angles that would treat Harris as a controversial figure. These were the subjects:

- Harris Dodges Question About Support for Taxpayer Funded Transgender Surgery for Illegal Aliens in Prison
- Harris Ducks Question About Joe Biden's Mental Decline
- Harris's Husband Doug Emhoff Reportedly Abused Ex-Girlfriend
- Harris Admits She Remains Open to Reparations
- Kamala Harris Accused of Plagiarism



*Pro-life former President Donald Trump
Photo: Gage Skidmore*

collateral damage to your rage." Harris added: "We have seen extraordinary harm and pain and suffering happen, because of what Donald Trump did in intending, and effectuating and overturning of *Roe v. Wade*."

Donald Trump drew 85 percent negative coverage. Most of the evaluative statements TV watchers heard about Harris weren't about any specific policy or controversy, and nearly all of these general evaluations (90%)

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Ontario Chief Coroner report: Some euthanasia deaths are driven by homelessness, fears and isolation

More than 400 Ontario euthanasia deaths have not fit the criteria of the law.

By Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Maria Cheng reported for the *AP Press* on October 17 that the Ontario chief coroner released a report reviewing euthanasia death. The report examined several cases where Ontario patients were killed by MAiD in part for social reasons such as isolation and fears of homelessness, raising concerns over approvals for vulnerable people in the country's assisted dying system.

Cheng reported that

The expert committee's reports are based on an analysis of anonymized cases, chosen for their implications for future euthanasia requests.

Canada's legal criteria require a medical reason for euthanasia — a fatal diagnosis or unmanageable pain — but the committee's reports show cases where people were euthanized based on other factors including an “unmet social need.”

Dr Ramona Coelho, a member of the expert committee, told Cheng

“To finally have a government report that recognizes these cases of concern is extremely important.”

“We've been gaslit for so many years when we raised fears about people getting MAiD because they were poor, disabled or socially isolated.”

The reported examined several controversial cases. Cheng reported

In the case of a man identified as Mr. A, Ontario's expert committee questioned

whether authorities tried hard enough to relieve his pain before he was euthanized. Mr. A was an unemployed man in his 40s with bowel disease and a history



of substance abuse and mental illness. He was described as “socially vulnerable and isolated.” Some committee members were alarmed that a psychiatrist suggested euthanasia during a mental health assessment.

Mr. A was eventually picked up and driven to the location where he was killed by the health professional who euthanized him — a transgression of professional boundaries, according to some committee members. They said that might have “created pressure and gave rise to a perception of hastening a person towards death.”

Another case detailed Ms. B, a woman in her 50s suffering from multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome, with a history of mental illness including suicidality and post-traumatic stress disorder. She was socially isolated and asked to

“What we're doing in many cases is the opposite of suicide prevention,” he said, citing an example of a man in his 40s who had previously tried to kill himself and did not have a definitive diagnosis when his euthanasia was approved.

Dr Scott Kim, a physician and bioethicist at the National Institutes of Health in Washington told Cheng

the real issue is the permissive nature of Canada's law. Despite polls showing widespread support for expanding euthanasia access, he questioned whether most Canadians understand what is allowed and said it's “baffling” that officials hadn't previously considered these issues.

Trudo Lemmens, professor of health law and policy at the University of Toronto told Cheng

medical professional bodies and judicial authorities in Canada appeared “unwilling to curtail practices that appear ethically problematic.”

“Either the law is too broad, or the professional guidance not precise enough,”

“Or it is simply not seen as a priority to protect some of our most vulnerable citizens.”

The report indicated that 2% of the euthanasia deaths did not meet

die largely because she could not get proper housing, according to the report.

Committee members couldn't agree whether her death was justified; some said that because her inadequate housing was the main reason for her suffering, she should have been disqualified from euthanasia. Others argued that “social needs may be considered irremediable” if other options have been explored.

Dr Sonu Gaiind, professor of psychiatry medicine at the University of Toronto told Cheng

the coroner's reports are alarming for numerous reasons, notably the handling of mental health conditions in those seeking euthanasia.

National Right to Life Releases A Special Report on Babies Born Alive Following Abortions

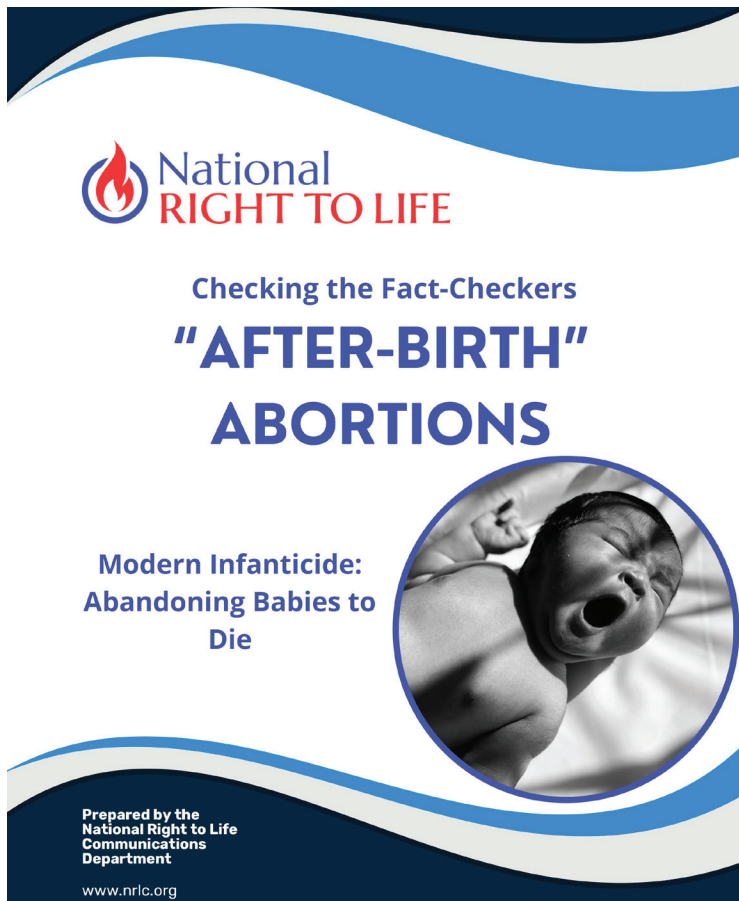
WASHINGTON — National Right to Life (NRLC) released a special report, *Checking the Fact-Checkers: “After-Birth” Abortions*, about babies born alive following abortions. The document was released at a congressional briefing on the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.”

The document comes at a crucial time when pro-abortion groups have promoted false narratives about babies who are born alive during abortions. Additionally, vice presidential candidate and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz is under scrutiny and criticism for his actions in reversing state protections for babies born alive following abortions.

“The abortion industry and its sympathizers want to make this about abortion. It’s not. It’s about infanticide,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “It is barbaric that newborns who have the temerity to survive an abortion are considered the ‘dreaded complication’ by abortionists.”

Tobias continued, “The baby who survives an abortion deserves the full protection of the law.”

The “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” would require that when a baby is born would be offered to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. It also requires



Speakers at the congressional briefing included Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, Sarah Zagorski, director of communications for Louisiana Right to Life and a survivor of abortion, Cathy Blaese, executive director, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, and Melissa Ohden, founder of The Abortion Survivors Network and a survivor of abortion.

Checking the Fact-checkers: “After-Birth” Abortions or Modern Infanticide: Abandoning Babies to Die can be found <https://nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Checking-the-Fact-Checkers-After-Birth-Abortions.pdf>

The record of Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota can be found <https://nrlc.org/uploads/records/TimWalzRecordonLifeVP.pdf>

The record of Vice President Kamala Harris can be found <https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/KamalaHarrisRecordonLife.pdf>

alive following an abortion, that, following appropriate health care practitioners must care, health care workers must exercise the same degree of transport the child immediately professional skill and care that to a hospital.

The materials distributed at the briefing can be found <https://nrlc.org/national-right-to-life-2024-congressional-briefing/>

“All trimester” clinic abortions up to 34 weeks, no medical indication required.

By Monica Snyder, Executive Director, Secular Pro-Life

The *New Yorker* article “A Safe Haven For Late Abortions” combines the photography of Maggie Shannon with the writing of Margaret Talbot to give a closer look at the abortions performed at Partners in Abortion Care, an all trimester clinic in College Park, Maryland.

(There is no need for a graphic image warning for this article. The photographs focus on the patients and providers, and do not include depictions of the fetuses who are aborted.)

Talbot explains that Morgan Nuzzo (nurse-midwife) and Diane Horvath (OB/GYN) had long wanted to open an abortion clinic that performs abortions at all trimesters of pregnancy. They co-founded Partners in Abortion Care, which provides abortions up until 34 weeks. A typical pregnancy lasts about 40 weeks, so 34 weeks is between 7.5 and 8 months into the pregnancy.

This *New Yorker* article serves as a succinct response to several common misperceptions many moderate pro-choicers have regarding later abortion.

“Abortion ‘up until birth’ isn’t a thing.”

Pro-lifers claim abortion activists want abortion available “up until birth.” This statement is true in the sense that many abortion activists believe there should be no gestational limits on abortion, but more controversial in the sense that few pro-choice people are actually comfortable with or would morally accept abortions very late in pregnancy. Yes, they don’t want the government regulating abortion, but generally they don’t believe people seek abortions very late in pregnancy anyway. They think the “up until birth” argument is at

best moot and at worst a bad faith red herring.

And yet:

Every week, potential clients have to be turned away because their pregnancies have advanced beyond the clinic’s cutoff of thirty-four weeks.

People do seek abortion very late in pregnancy, even past 34 weeks gestation.

Of course, 34 weeks gestation is not a full term pregnancy. Births before 37 weeks are considered preterm. It’s reasonable to hear “up until birth” as in “throughout the full 40 weeks of pregnancy.” This article does not suggest anyone seeking an abortion at 40 weeks (to my knowledge, no article does).

But it’s also reasonable to point out that abortions of viable fetuses — including fetuses into the third trimester — are legally sought, and do legally happen, specifically in the states with lax abortion laws. Abortion regulation (or lack thereof) matters.

“Third trimester abortion is not happening. It’s called ‘having a baby.’”

There is a lot of debate over how the word “abortion” is defined (and by whom). One increasingly popular pro-choice assertion is that abortion means only “termination of pregnancy,” and does not have to entail fetal death. In this framing, a “third trimester abortion” is just termination of pregnancy via preterm delivery with the intent and result of a live newborn.

This framing is incorrect. Abortion after viability is not preterm delivery of a live child. Abortion providers ensure fetal death prior to removing the fetus

from the woman. They sometimes do so by transecting the umbilical cord, but more often by injecting poison into the fetal heart or



amniotic fluid.

Abortion providers who perform later abortions have been frank about this aspect before, and the *New Yorker* article confirms the same:

“We induce demise,” Horvath, the ob-gyn, says. “This idea that people are delivering live fetuses—it just does not happen.”

“Later abortions happen because the woman’s life is in danger or the fetus has some kind of fatal anomaly.”

Probably the most common pro-choice misperception regarding later abortion is that these abortions are all or nearly all due to dire medical circumstances (either the woman’s life is in danger or the fetus has a fatal anomaly).

We know with certainty that later abortions are not all for medical emergencies. In fact, while there isn’t a great deal of quantifiable data on the subject, what evidence we can gather suggests that abortions after 21

weeks are usually not for fetal or maternal health concerns.

The *New Yorker* article profiles such a case: a woman Talbot calls “Amanda” gets an abortion at 32 weeks because she didn’t realize she was pregnant until 30 weeks.

One woman Shannon photographed, a thirty-six-year-old whom I’ll call Amanda, was seven months along when she came to the clinic. Several years earlier, Amanda had been given a diagnosis of polycystic ovary syndrome, and doctors had told her that the condition made it very unlikely that she could conceive without in-vitro fertilization. Because of the aftereffects of recent weight-loss surgery—nausea when she felt too full—she didn’t even consider that she might be pregnant until almost thirty weeks. When a home test came back positive, Amanda was flooded.

The article goes on to explain it took Amanda two weeks to make all necessary arrangements to get to the clinic, indicating she aborted her child at 32 weeks. Note that if a child is delivered alive at 32 weeks, he or she has a 95% chance of surviving.

If you oppose gestational limits on abortion because you have believed (1) no one aborts viable fetuses, much less aborts into the third trimester, (2) “abortion” that late in pregnancy is just labor induction resulting in live birth, and/or (3) abortions late in pregnancy are only happening for the most dire of medical emergencies...

Please reconsider.

Amendment 79 could lead to zero regulation of abortion in Colorado

By Dave Andrusko

What gets lost in the shuffle in the post-*Roe v. Wade* era is that amending a state constitution to embed abortion can and does go far beyond what even *Roe* allowed!

Proponents typically deny this, as is the case in Colorado, where abortion is currently already legal “without restriction following the enactment of an ‘extreme’ pro-abortion law in April of 2020 that made abortion a ‘right’ by state statute and allows abortion to be available through all 40 weeks of pregnancy for any reason,” according to Nancy Flanders. The effect of Amendment 79 is to remove even the most modest limitations on abortion.

Denver Post columnist Krista Kafer asks in a column last week, “Does Colorado really want zero regulation of abortion?: Amendment 79 could lead to the repeal of parental notification laws and would allow taxpayer-funded abortions.”

Right out of the chute she tells us

Most Colorado voters are not aware that

abortion until birth is legal in Colorado, 71% according to a recent poll. In other words, a healthy baby who can feel pain can be aborted in the second or third trimester of gestation. In fact, the Centers for Disease

but....

In our state, abortionists face only two restrictions; they must notify the parents or guardians of minors seeking an abortion and they cannot bill taxpayers for elective abortions. Both of these



Control and Prevention report that hundreds of abortions are performed every year, often on healthy moms with healthy babies.

Are there any limitations? Yes,

commonsense laws will be eliminated if Amendment 79 passes and a “right” to abortion is added to the state constitution and the prohibition on public funding for abortion is lifted.

Kafer writes of young women who were trafficked or sexually abused. “In one case, a pregnancy is what alerted parents to intervene and get help,” she adds. “When parents are not notified, traffickers and molesters can hide the abuse by eliminating the evidence, an inconvenient baby. A majority of states have parent notification laws for these reasons. Such laws protect teens from untreated health complications and from continued sexual abuse.”

Amendment 79 “would likely lead to the attempted repeal of parental notification laws as it is considered an impediment to abortion access and could violate a person’s rights under the amendment.”

Kafer ends with this all too likely scenario:

Why would we want something extreme in our Constitution that prevents us from following the science – and also removes commonsense safeguards to abortion, such as parental notification and direct taxpayer funding?

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the mandated safeguards despite the fact that no doctors or nurses have been prosecuted.

Cheng concluded her article by stating:

AP’s investigation also found data suggesting a significant number of people euthanized in Ontario when they weren’t dying live in the province’s poorest and

most deprived areas. On Wednesday, the Ontario coroner released that as well, showing that people asking to be killed were more likely to require disability support and be socially isolated.

I reported on September 10 that The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario reported that there

were 2,452 reported euthanasia deaths in the first six months of 2024 up by 10% from 2,227 reported euthanasia deaths in the first six months of 2023.

As of June 30, 2024, there have been 20,828 euthanasia deaths since legalization in June 2016.

The recent Ontario Coroner’s report admits that 2% of all euthanasia deaths did not meet the

legal criteria. Since there were 20,828 euthanasia in Ontario from legalization until June 30, 2024, that means that more than 400 euthanasia deaths in Ontario have not fit the criteria of the law.

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Disabled voices are missing from the UK's 'assisted dying' debate

By Ann Farmer

As a disabled person, I find the campaign for assisted dying in the UK extremely worrying. No disability group in our country supports the move, which is perhaps why such voices are so seldom heard.

I was glad to hear George Fielding, a disability rights activist and former head of a social care company, speaking to the media recently. His view is that: "In a society that often devalues and marginalises disabled people, it is not difficult to imagine scenarios where individuals feel like they are a burden to their families or caregivers. The mere existence of legally assisted suicide could send the message that ending one's life is an acceptable solution to these feelings rather than addressing the underlying societal attitudes and lack of support."

Proponents of "the right to die" seem reluctant to discuss the realities of what they propose. The emphasis is all on the right to do something, without actually discussing what the "something" is.

And yet the experience of countries where it has been legalised demonstrates that this "quick and easy solution" to suffering is not always so quick and easy, especially when the patient is first immobilised and thus is unable to communicate, making it impossible to signal a change of mind. Luckily for its advocates, the chief witness in such cases is dead and cannot give evidence against them.

The National Health Service in the UK is under great financial pressure and disabled people are expensive. Where "assisted dying" is legal, the majority of requests involve fears of being a burden. In such places, patients awaiting treatment are now

offered the "choice" of death instead.

It's hardly a novel idea. Even as far back as the 18th-century philosopher and religious sceptic David Hume argued that suicide might be a duty. He wrote in his tract, "On Suicide":

If it be no crime, both prudence and courage should engage us to rid ourselves at once of existence, when it becomes a burthen. It is the only way, that we can then be useful to society, by setting an example, which, if imitated, would preserve to every one his chance for happiness in life, and would effectually free him from all danger of misery.

But we do not have to go back that far in history, since we have the 20th-century example of Nazi propaganda for "mercy deaths". In 1941 Bishop Clemens August Count von Galen, of Münster, gave a famous sermon condemning Action T4. It has lost none of its relevance. The bishop (now a "Blessed" in the Catholic Church) said:

"If you establish and apply the principle that you can kill 'unproductive' fellow human beings then woe betide us all when we become old and frail! If one is allowed to kill the unproductive people then woe betide the invalids who have used up, sacrificed and lost their health and strength in the productive process. If one is allowed forcibly to remove one's unproductive fellow

human beings then woe betide loyal soldiers who return to the homeland seriously disabled, as cripples, as invalids. If it is once accepted that

Those were the days! Eighty years later the *BBC* is broadcasting propaganda for "mercy deaths".

How far we have come from traditional Judeo-Christian teaching, to be



people have the right to kill 'unproductive' fellow humans—and even if initially it only affects the poor defenseless mentally ill—then as a matter of principle murder is permitted for all unproductive people, in other words for the incurably sick, the people who have become invalids through labor and war, for us all when we become old, frail and therefore unproductive."

The British obtained a printed copy of the banned sermon, together with other of his sermons criticising the Nazi regime. These were which were read out on the *BBC* and even air-dropped on German cities as anti-Nazi propaganda.

discussing "assisted dying" as a compassionate solution to suffering! We are effectively agreeing with those advocates of compulsory euthanasia for the "unfit" who believed that death was better than living with a disability – that it was better to be dead than disabled.

Before we turn compassion into cruelty, and cruelty into compassion, we need to discuss what it would mean to legalise death for disability – to replace caring with killing.

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Action T4 was the "Nazi euthanasia initiative that saw as many as 300,000 disabled people killed that many historians refer to as the Nazi's 'rehearsal' for the Holocaust."

Premature twins small enough to fit into the palm of your hand, home after more than 100 days in hospital

By Right to Life UK

Premature twins, George and Jennifer, have finally gone home after being born at 24 weeks, weighing just over 1lb each and spending over a hundred days in hospital.

Everything was going as expected for 39-year-old mum Katrina Pugh, from Newmains in Scotland, as she was coming to the end of her second trimester and pregnant with twins. However, she suddenly had to be admitted to University Hospital Wishaw suffering from back pains and discovered she was going into early labour at just 24 weeks gestation.

Her daughter Jennifer was born first, weighing just 1lb 2oz, and was followed by her son George who weighed just over 1lb 5oz. They were so premature that both babies were immediately placed on life support.

“George and Jennifer were formed but they just didn’t look like you’d expect a baby to look. You could see through them and their eyes were still closed. They were so tiny and you could sit them in the palm of your hand”, their mum said.

“We asked if they were going to be alright, and no one could tell us. They said they would do everything they could. It was only when we were getting them home that they admitted they didn’t know if they were going to make it”.

Jennifer and George both required life-saving procedures

Both babies had retinopathy of prematurity, a condition that can affect extremely prematurely born babies and can even result in blindness, and required injections in their eyes in order to treat this condition. Despite initially being

the heavier baby, George had more health issues, suffering from an extended belly, which crushed his lungs and prevented him from breathing. He had to go through four surgeries.

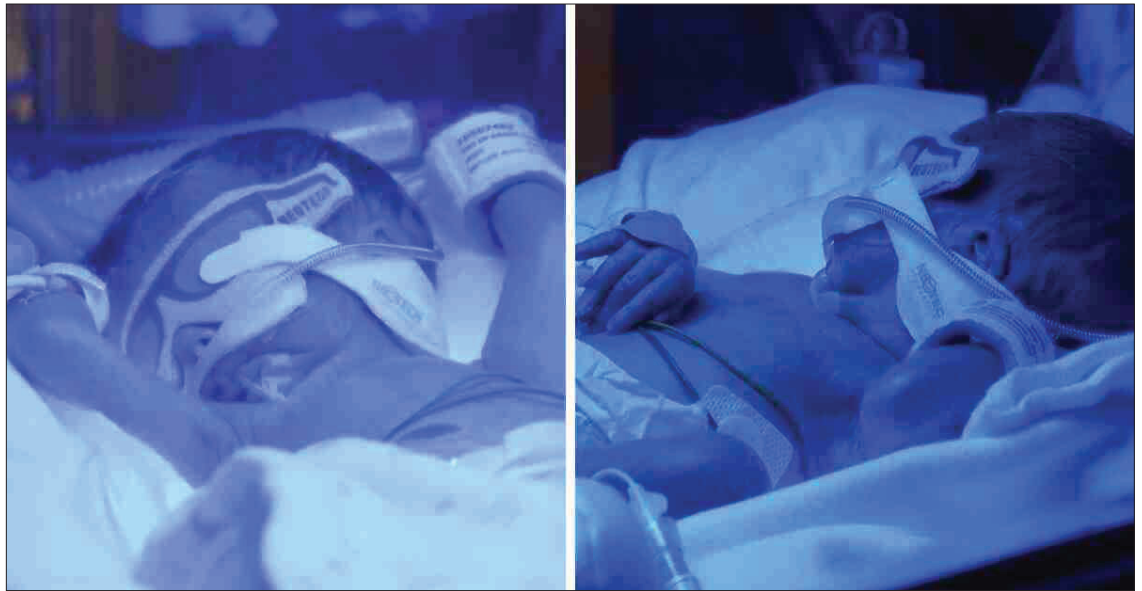
Jennifer was able to go home after 107 days in hospital, but not

Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen.

“If what happened to me happens to other mums their babies won’t make it”, Katrina said. “Their chance of life is being taken away from them”.

“I had 12 people in my room at the same time dealing with a tiny

Polling undertaken by Savanta ComRes, who undertake polls for the *BBC*, *ITV*, *The Independent* and *Sky News*, shows that 60% of the general population and 70% of women support a reduction in the time limit to 20 weeks or below.



even a week later, she had to go back.

“It was such an emotional journey”, Katrina said. “We only had Jennifer home for six days and she had to be taken back in and ventilated, she had bronchiolitis and was back in for 11 days. She is still on oxygen”.

Even though Jennifer was home with the family, they had to wait a total of 180 days for her brother George to leave the hospital.

The NICU at Wishaw is now under threat

Katrina and her partner Barry are now backing a petition to retain the current level of service at the Wishaw NICU, which is due to be reduced. The plan is that babies born before 27 weeks gestation will be transferred to

new baby. But you’re not going to have all these nurses, doctors and consultants in an ambulance with you. It’s not fair and they should all be given the same chance”.

“The nurses and doctors at Wishaw are all amazing. The level of care was incredible and for those beds to be taken away is just crazy”, she added. “I wouldn’t have my weans if it wasn’t for them. We owe them so much”.

A large majority of the public support reducing the abortion time limit

At 24 weeks, Jennifer and George were born at the point of the current UK abortion limit.

A large majority of the British public support reducing the abortion time limit.

The same polling showed 60% of both Conservative and Labour voters supported a reduction in the time limit to 20 weeks or below. 65% of Liberal Democrat voters were in favour of a reduction in the abortion time limit to 20 weeks or below. Significantly, among those with children aged 18 or under in their household, 69% supported reducing the abortion limit to 20 weeks gestation or below.

Spokesperson for Right To Life UK, Catherine Robinson, said “It is lovely to hear that Jennifer and George are doing so well after their unexpectedly early birth. Stories like these demonstrate how crucial it is that hospitals continue to provide high-quality specialist care for premature babies, without which many more would not survive.”

VP Harris Helps Expand Deadly Abortion Pill Access

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

If you want to see just how much the administration of the pro-abortion team of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris changed things on abortion, consider one of the last rulings by the Supreme Court that occurred under former President Donald Trump's administration.

Abortion advocates had been angling for years to get the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to drop regulations requiring women to pick up their abortion pills in person. That requirement was an admission that mifepristone and misoprostol were dangerous—that, at a minimum, a woman needed to see her pill prescriber in person, to make sure she was fully screened and counseled about using the pills, and what to do if she encountered problems.

When COVID hit, abortion advocates ramped up the pressure. It was too dangerous to make women come into the clinic, they said, and she would be fine doing her counseling online and having the pills shipped to her where she could take them and manage her abortion at home.

They made this case to U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang in July of 2020, who overruled the FDA on the rules that said these pills could be mailed without any office visit.

The Trump administration appealed this to the Supreme Court. The Court ultimately sided with the president in *FDA v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*. They ruled that the FDA, not the lower courts, was the agency which had the authority to make decisions about whether and how drugs should be used.

That decision came down January 12, 2021, just days before Biden and Harris took office on January 20, 2021. Less than three months later, on April 13th, the Biden-Harris administration had acting FDA commissioner Janet Woodcock issue a letter to the American College of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

The letter informed ACOG that the FDA would no longer enforce its rule about requiring in-person pick up of abortion pills. Women could have mifepristone, the first of two drugs in the chemical abortion regimen, along with the accompanying prostaglandin, sent in the mail.

Though this was presented as a temporary suspension of the rules

online merchants and retail drug chains could qualify and add mifepristone to their offerings.

It is because of Biden's and Harris's efforts that Walgreens is now dispensing mifepristone in more than 20 states and CVS is also selling in many states. By ignoring their own certification and safety rules, it also opened the door wide to rogue online groups, allowing them to sell and ship abortion pills to women in states

drug was safe.

The Supreme Court essentially threw out *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine* on a technicality, saying the doctors lacked "standing" because they were not directly impacted by the FDA rules.

Vice President Harris reiterated the administration's commitment to the cause.

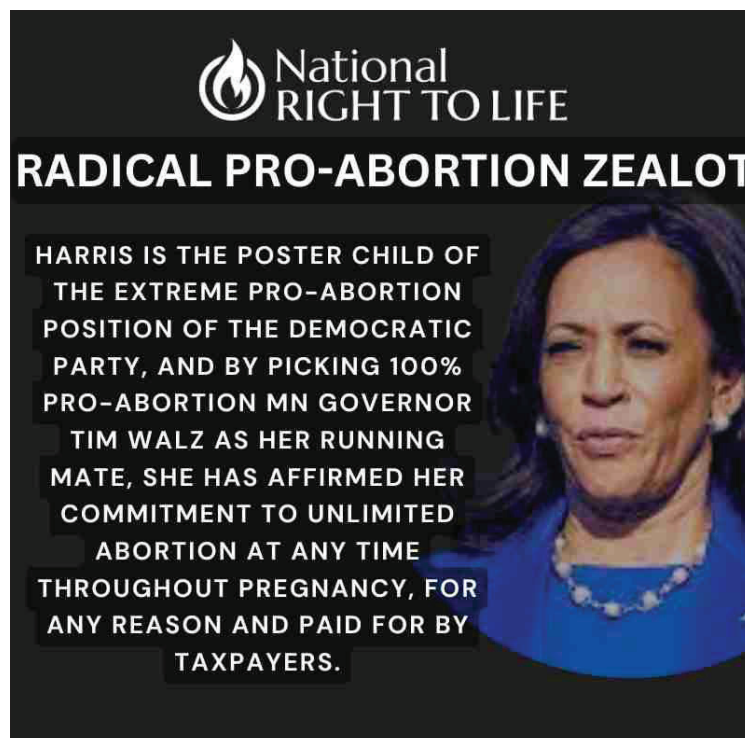
"This is not a cause for celebration," Vice President Harris told reporters. "We must remain clear-eyed about the threats to reproductive freedom in America and we must remain vigilant."

Furthermore, rather than take responsibility for women who were injured or died as a result of the FDA's relaxed drug protocol, Vice President Harris blamed the state of Georgia when it was revealed abortion pill patient Amber Thurman died on the operating table in 2022 from blood loss and septic shock after an incomplete abortion.

Nothing in Georgia law, however, prevented Thurman's treatment. Gestational limits and follow-up monitoring requirements that were in the original FDA mifepristone rules might have saved her life, though.

Meanwhile, Harris is running a campaign to revive *Roe* and bring back the "good old days" of universal abortion on demand. Her website says, "Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, Kamala has led the fight to restore reproductive freedom, crisscrossing the country to stand up for women's access to health care, supporting health care providers, and shining a light on the crisis. She is the first sitting Vice President to visit a reproductive health care clinic."

While abortionists, abortion pill pushers, and abortion advocacy groups would be thrilled to have such a reliable and ardent champion in the White House, America's women and their unborn children need someone that will look out for their safety and welfare.



during the pandemic, Biden's and Harris' FDA pledged a review of the regulations by year's end to make the suspension of the rule permanent.

Right on cue, the Biden-Harris administration announced on December 16, 2021, that the FDA was permanently dropping the rule about in-person distribution of the abortion pill. This opened the door to delivery by mail and even allowed online and retail drug stores to stock and sell mifepristone.

All this less than a year into office.

Over the next few years, the Biden-Harris administration worked to put flesh on these new regulations, outlining how

where abortions are not legal.

In fact, instead of enforcing the limited safety and distribution rules that remain, the Biden-Harris administration has taken the lead in defending the deadly pill's safety and efficacy against a mountain of evidence to the contrary.

A group of pro-life doctors brought suit against the FDA for cutting corners in its original approval and subsequent relaxation of safety standards. Despite the testimony of doctors of multiple cases where serious medical issues like bleeding, retained tissue, infections threatened the lives of their patients, the Biden-Harris administration defended the agency in court, maintaining the

Harris adamant: no religious objection for those who do not wish to participate in an abortion

By Dave Andrusko

In her last-minute tour of friendly media outlets, pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris has inadvertently let several cats out of the bag.

The last town hall was in Michigan, moderated by Maria Shriver. A woman asked Shriver, “Are we going to be able to ask a question?”

“You’re not, unfortunately, we have some pre-determined questions,” the former “Dateline” correspondent replied.

Harris was questioned by *NBC News* anchor Hallie Jackson. There were plenty of softball questions. Interestingly enough she tried to pin Harris down on some ultra-controversial issues which are not in our purview. Harris bobbed and weaved, and in at least one occasion, said, “I’m not going to get into those hypotheticals. I’m focused on the next 14 days.”

But she most definitely addressed our issue.

JACKSON: Some of those voters that I spoke with at some of the events yesterday, for example, talked about they were there to support you, but also your agenda when it comes to reproductive rights and abortion access, and you have cast this as a matter of literal life and death as an urgent priority here. If you win, it is entirely possible that Congress will be controlled by Republicans. So what specific concessions would you be willing

to make in order to get something done on abortion access as soon as possible?

Nope. After Harris made her canned remarks bashing former President Trump, Jackson asked

JACKSON: So is a question of pragmatism then: what concessions would be on the table? Religious exemptions, for example, is that something that you would consider with a Republican controlled Congress?

HARRIS: I don’t think we should be making concessions when we’re talking about a fundamental freedom to make decisions about your own body.

To her credit, Jackson pressed Harris:

JACKSON: To Republicans like, for example, Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, who would back something like this on a Democratic agenda, if, in fact, Republicans control Congress, would you offer them an olive branch, or is that off the table? Is that not an option for you?

HARRIS: I’m not gonna engage in hypotheticals because we could go on a variety of scenarios. Let’s just start with a fundamental

fact, a basic freedom has been taken from the women of America: the freedom to make decisions about their own

Rejects Religious Exemptions for Abortion”:

Vice President Kamala Harris said Tuesday night she would reject



*Pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris
Photo: Gage Skidmore*

body. And that cannot be negotiable, which is that we need to put back in the protections of *Roe v. Wade*. And that is it.

JACKSON: But what if you can’t do that? What if you can’t get that passed, and you want to save lives in Florida, and in Texas, and in Georgia? What do you do with that?

HARRIS: I’m not going to go down that rabbit hole with you right now.

I think we can agree that “compromise” on abortion was not on Harris’s wish list. David Zimmerman of *National Review Online* summarized her position under the headline “Harris

religious exemptions for abortion as president, effectively forcing health-care providers to perform the medical procedure in violation of their moral conscience.

The Democratic presidential nominee has been adamant about passing a bill that would codify *Roe v. Wade* into law, despite the Supreme Court overturning that decision in 2022. In an interview with *NBC News* anchor Hallie Jackson, Harris indicated she would refuse to compromise with Republican lawmakers on the abortion legislation.

Unborn babies and their mothers would suffer badly under a Harris/Walz Administration

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

It is the most important election of my lifetime—one that will determine the course of history for decades to come.

The November 5 contest pits Democrat abortion extremist Kamala Harris against Republican Donald Trump, whose U.S. Supreme Court nominees helped to strike down the onerous *Roe v. Wade* once and for all.

It really has been shocking seeing the lengths Harris has gone to in order to promote abortion. She has no appreciation for the cost of abortion which takes the lives innocent, unrepeatable human beings and which leaves a mother to grieve the child she has lost.

She has made abortion the hallmark of her campaign. When all else fails--when she loses the confidence of voters on a range of issues, she turns back to her old standby—abortion for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy.

Looking back, I thought President Barack Obama was extreme on abortion. I had watched incredulous as President Joe Biden pushed abortion in direct opposition to the Catholic faith he professes to hold dear.

But nothing compares to the onslaught of pro-abortion ads launched into the television universe by the Harris/Walz campaign. They consider it a day wasted when they don't launch a new offensive against the littlest American.

If Harris is elected President, the federal government will zealously pursue policies that promote abortion without limits—even though that is not where the vast

compassionate counseling and support to pregnant women in difficult circumstances. That history of enmity goes back to her days as the attorney general of California.

Unborn babies and their mothers would suffer badly under a Harris/Walz Administration. In these few remaining days before the November 5th Election, we

Harris / Walz



Radicalized Pro-Abortion Zealots

- Support for unlimited abortion until birth
- Support for taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion
- Support for eliminating all existing protection for unborn children and their mothers



majority of Americans stand, according to public opinion polls—and without mercy.

Harris has also made no secret of her aversion to pregnancy resource centers, which provide

Consider the contrast. Harris was the first vice president or president to visit an abortion clinic. The Trump administration was the first to visit a Pregnancy Help Center.

must do all we can to educate our friends and family members about what is at stake.

Lives literally hang in the balance. Do everything that you can.

How is this election even close?

Harris and Walz have nothing to offer but death

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filled out that ballot with my eyes closed. But I just kept staring.

I kept thinking and even said aloud,

How is this election even close?

Second, on the ballot, we have a woman who can't articulate cogent points and has proven herself to honestly have "the IQ of a fence post." Her running mate is an effete pathological liar whose tall tales have all but been debunked, and he excuses them away by describing himself as a "knucklehead."

How is this election even close?

To be honest, Kamala Harris always takes an unconventional approach to interpreting the facts, transcending the pedestrian realm of logic and evidence. She weaves a tapestry of almost thoughts that hover tantalizingly close to coherence without ever entirely sticking the landing.

One can only marvel at the sheer audacity of such an intellectual high-wire act, balancing so precariously on the thin line between profound insight and utter nonsense. Unfortunately for her and all of us, nonsense is all she has.

How is this election even close?

Assume for a minute – and it's a far-fetched idea – that all things in this election (other than the life issue) were equal. Let's pretend this woman could, in fact, form complete sentences, that an original thought popped into her head on occasion, that her foreign and domestic policies were not disastrous. Pretending that she had personality, empathy, intellect, or charm, I would still ask myself:

How is this election even close?

When we focus on the most critical issue of the day – life itself – this woman and her running

mate have nothing to offer but death.

How is this election even close?

Kamala Harris voted against the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," which would ensure that an infant born alive during an attempted abortion is afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age. Her running mate, Tim Walz, legalized infanticide during his tenure as Governor of Minnesota.

These two individuals took the most inhumane and barbaric approach to treating babies who survive late-term abortion. Tim Walz's body count is up to eight. Yes, under his watch, eight babies were left to die, lying on a cold gurney, shivering, crying, and gasping for air. This is who they are, and how the hell is this election even close?

Harris and Walz also support the "Women's Health Protection Act," a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers on both the federal and state levels, including parental involvement laws. They will argue and have argued that late-term abortions "aren't a thing." Really, what about all those babies mentioned above who have died under Walz's infanticide order. Late abortions happen on healthy mothers with healthy babies. Harris and Walz truly believe those children are better off dead.

How is this election even close?

During his testimony at a Congressional hearing on late abortion, Dr. Anthony Levatino, a former abortionist, described a method of late abortion, "Once you've grasped something inside [the uterus], squeeze on the clamp to set the jaws and pull hard --

really hard. You feel something let go, and out pops a fully formed leg about six inches long. Reach in again and grasp anything you can...and out pops an arm." Harris and Walz do not flinch at this grotesque revelation – they defend it under the false banner of "choice."

How is this election even close?

The stink of death will forever permeate this ticket. Harris also supports excluding parents from the process when a minor girl is given an abortion, wants to fund all abortions without limits, and advocates for military abortions. Harris was part of the team that suspended health regulations for the administration of chemical abortions, putting many women at risk. She rejects the science and refuses to accept that unborn babies aborted late in pregnancy suffer pain when they are dismembered piece by piece. This is outrageously callous, inhuman, and merciless.

How is this election even close?

Not to be outdone in his promotion of the barbaric, her running mate Walz and his policies are responsible for countless deaths of Minnesotans. Aside from supporting and implementing some of the most gruesome pro-abortion laws in the country, Walz's disastrous COVID-19 response prioritized nursing home admissions for COVID-19 patients, leading to a record-breaking spike in elderly deaths.

As governor, Walz has eliminated parental involvement laws before a minor girl has an abortion, Walz repealed the *Positive Alternatives Act*, which provided essential support like housing and prenatal care to expecting mothers.

How is this election even close?

As I stood at the voting booth and looked at the Harris–Walz names, all I saw was death: dead babies, dead teenagers, and dead elderly COVID patients.

How is this election even close?

In contrast, the Trump/Vance ticket offers life, hope, and a promise for a future void of death and destruction. I stood there, and thought of all President Trump did for us to advance the cause of life during his term as president. These were the things that ruminated as I looked at their names on the ballot:

- Neil Gorsuch
- Brett Kavanaugh
- Amy Comey Barret
- He enacted an unprecedented expansion of the Mexico City Policy, which saved countless unborn lives.
- His appointments to key positions throughout his Department of State helped hold the line on the radical international pro-abortion agenda and, for once, helped pro-life NGOs beat them back.
- During his tenure at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and unlike any other Republican administration before him since *Roe*, the Trump administration, for the **first** time, referenced «voluntary and informed family planning» language and kept out the additional controversial and disastrous pro-abortion text.

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- At the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, the Trump administration held firm to reject a document that ignored the sovereignty of UN member states.
- At the World Health Assembly, the Trump administration held the line on the pro-life position by informing the world at the World Health Assembly that abortion is **not** a method of family planning.
- At the G7, the Trump Administration kept abortion language out of the negotiated documents.
- The Trump administration worked tirelessly at the Organization of American States General Assemblies to defeat radical pro-abortion language.
- During negotiations of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Resolution, the Trump administration worked closely with other

member states to keep out radical pro-abortion language.

- Included Hyde Amendment-type language into the COVID-19 relief package so that these federal funds would not

attempts.

- President Trump created a Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board, which rejected research proposals involving abortion-derived fetal tissue.



pay for abortions.

- President Trump cut off American dollars to the United Nations Population Fund due to the agency's involvement in China's forced abortion program.
- President Trump signed an executive order to protect babies who survive abortion

President Trump has also said, *"We believe in the eternal truth that every child, born and unborn, is made in the Holy image of God. I will always defend the sacred right to life."*

How is this election even close?

I was startled by my grandson, who came up behind me to ask if I was finished. I realized I hadn't filled in a single vote. I looked back and said, "Dude, give me a minute," and he said, "C'mon, grandpa."

And I did.

I proudly voted for Trump/Vance, Senator Rick Scott, and Congressman Gimenez Against the deadly Amendment 4 to retain those brave and extraordinary ladies serving on our State Supreme Court.

I finished, folded my ballot into the yellow folder, and fed it into the machine. I don't know how this election is close, but I knew then that I had widened the gap for the most pro-life president we've ever had to win this election.

God be with us.

Editor's note. You can find a comparison of President Trump's and Vice President Harris's positions on abortion on page four.

- President Trump held a private screening of the film, *"Gosnell,"* at the White House. The president was visibly moved and nonplussed by what occurred in the movie.
- President Trump was the first-ever president to attend the March for Life.

Let's debunk the 4 big lies in this political ad accusing dads of 'hate' for opposing abortion

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mother who is dying in a hospital bed get to a courthouse to prove to a judge that she's dying?"

This is nothing short of fear-mongering. It's built into pro-life laws that abortion is allowed during medical emergencies.

In addition, not one of the pro-life laws allows for women to be punished for their own abortions. It is the doctor, who under some of the laws, would have to prove in court that ending the baby's life through intentional killing was necessary — after the fact.

Doctors are expected to use their best medical judgment on a daily basis, but somehow we're to believe that using their best medical judgment is too tall a task when it comes to a medical emergency pertaining to a pregnant woman.

LIE #4: A loving father would support abortion.

Just like the old slogan, "Choosy moms choose Jif," the Lincoln Project ad browbeats viewers with the idea that loving fathers should want legalized abortion — ostensibly so their daughters can kill their grandchildren — and it aims to guilt-trip pro-life men. It's a whole new trend in abortion marketing — making men who have been bullied into silence for years, and told "no uterus, no opinion," feel guilty about not speaking out now, in favor of the killing of preborn children.

Though not quite as overtly propagandistic as the Lincoln Project ad about choosing "hate" over a daughter's life, a recent pro-Kamala Harris video about

"girl dads" who support abortion is giving off — in the words of some — "cringe" vibes.

Appearing alongside Vice President Kamala Harris' husband Doug Emhoff and his daughter Ella, Ben Stiller and Andy Cohen talk about why they support

there with you," adding that his 22-year-old adult daughter is "a feminist."

Emhoff follows up with, "When the *Dobbs* decision came out two plus years ago, I heard from Kamala right away and then the next person was Ella. She texted

them your love and support.

"Showing support" is now equivalent with making sure the ladies in your life can kill off future generations at will, and without a hint of a hesitation or objection from you, Sir! In fact, you must celebrate it as "investing" in their future!

The conversation clearly shows three men acting as if their daughters' futures depend on the deaths of their future grandchildren. It also shows their lack of will to protect their daughters from any of abortion's horrific effects on women's mental or physical health.

But beyond even this, Katy Faust, founder and president of the pro-child's rights organization, Them Before Us, pointed out in a Facebook post that Cohen's two-year-old daughter "'actually' has fewer rights than other women."

Faust continues, "Because via #surrogacy Andy denied her right to be known, raised, and loved by her mother. If he wanted to 'invest in her future,' he wouldn't give her #kamala[,] he'd give her a mom."

Both the ad from The Lincoln Project and the pro-Kamala Harris video act as if the only freedom and 'right' women have ever had or will ever need is the false right and freedom to kill their own children. This sort of minimization is definitely not feminist.

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abortion as 'girl dads.'

Ella starts off the one-minute clip by attempting to shame men who aren't pro-abortion into going against their natural instinct to protect. "To all the dads out there, I would say: 'This is the time to really show your support for your daughters,'" she insists.

Because supporting daughters means supporting their so-called "right" to kill innocent children — your grandkids! Right, dads?

Cohen proclaims, "My vote for Kamala is an investment in my daughter's future."

Stiller states, "I agree, I'm right

me right away, essentially saying we need to fight. This is not just an issue for women. This is an issue for men and families. And this is one of the many, many reasons why we've got to elect Kamala as president."

Ella concluded that it's "time for the men to step up and show that they actually support us."

Because, fellas, if you don't support any and all women — even your own daughters — in the unquestionably empowering decision to end an innocent, defenseless life... well, then clearly you haven't yet proven to

The first Post-*Roe* Presidential Election: High Stakes and Clear Contrasts

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In 2024, we have the privilege of knowing how these presidential candidates will govern. Their records speak for themselves.

Compare the Presidential Candidates: <https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/POTUS-Trump-Harris-Comparison2024.pdf>

minors and limits on the use of taxpayer funding for abortion. The WHPA would also prevent states from enacting future protections for unborn babies and their mothers.

2.) Kamala Harris voted against the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors*

previously held elected office. A convert to the pro-life position, Trump proved his bona fides as president by issuing pro-life policies.

Trump reinstated the “Mexico City Policy” to prevent federal funding from flowing to

DeVos as Education Secretary, Rick Perry as Energy Secretary, Alex Azar as HHS Secretary, Mark Meadows as Chief of Staff, and Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Kayleigh McEnany as White House Press Secretaries. For his vice-presidential running mate



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TODAY'S DECISION, WHICH IS **THE BIGGEST WIN FOR LIFE IN A GENERATION**, WAS ONLY MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE I DELIVERED EVERYTHING AS PROMISED, INCLUDING NOMINATING AND GETTING THREE HIGHLY RESPECTED AND STRONG CONSTITUTIONALISTS CONFIRMED TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.

Statement by President Trump on the U.S. Supreme Court
Handing Down *Dobbs v. Jackson Decision* - June 24, 2022

Over the past four years, Vice President Kamala Harris (D) has been the point person on abortion within the Biden-Harris Administration. Harris traveled the country as the administration's top spokesperson on abortion, trashing pro-life state laws and promoting the administration's whole-of-government approach to expanding abortion.

Prior to serving as Vice President, Harris held a U.S. Senate seat from California. Her votes on two bills, in particular, illustrate just how extreme her position on abortion is.

1.) Kamala Harris voted for the *Women's Health Protection Act* (WHPA), a bill she is eager to sign into law as president. The WHPA would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and eliminate state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers, including parental involvement requirements for

Protection Act, a bill to ensure that infants who survive attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

Throughout the 2024 campaign, Harris pushed support for unlimited abortion front and center. She repeatedly mischaracterized her opponent's position, spread blatant misinformation, and engaged in some of the most shameless fearmongering about pro-life protections.

For her vice-presidential running mate, Harris chose pro-abortion Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, who was responsible for repealing pro-life protections in Minnesota, including the state's law protecting born-alive abortion survivors.

President Donald Trump offers a stark contrast to Kamala Harris.

By most metrics, Donald Trump was an unconventional candidate for the presidency. He had never

organizations that perform or promote abortions abroad. He later expanded the policy as the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy” to prevent U.S. foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry.

President Trump signed a resolution that overturned an eleventh-hour regulation by the Obama administration that prohibited states from defunding certain abortion facilities in their federally funded family planning programs. President Trump's HHS Department issued regulations to ensure Title X funding did not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

President Trump filled his Cabinet and administration with pro-life individuals including Nikki Haley as U.N. Ambassador, Dr. Ben Carson as HUD Secretary, Mike Pompeo as Secretary of State, Kellyanne Conway as Counselor to the President, Betsy

in 2024, Trump selected pro-life Ohio Senator J.D. Vance.

But perhaps nothing more cements President Trump's legacy with pro-life Americans than his three nominations for the U.S. Supreme Court. In appointing Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett, Trump paved the way for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, a fifty-year goal of the pro-life movement. Thanks to *Dobbs*, unborn children and their mothers have legal protections that were never previously permitted to stand.

To further assist you in making an educated decision when you go to vote, National Right to Life has election resources available at www.nrlvictoryfund.org. There you will find factsheets comparing the candidates' positions and more detailed information about the candidates' records.

Election Day (the final day to cast your vote) is Tuesday, November 5th.

TV Stations Air False Information About Florida's Pro-Life Law

By Liberty Counsel

Florida's Department of Health (DOH) sent a cease-and-desist letter to all local television stations that have aired a deceptive political advertisement about abortion Amendment 4 containing what the agency says is "false" information about Florida's current pro-life law.

The 30-second advertisement features a woman named Caroline who chose to have an abortion after being diagnosed with brain cancer. She suggests Florida's current six-week "heartbeat" law would have prevented her from getting the necessary treatment to save her life and that Amendment 4 would "protect" women like her.

Authored by DOH General Counsel John Wilson, the letter stated it is "categorically false" to claim that Florida's six-week abortion ban prohibits abortions to preserve the lives and health of pregnant women.

Quoting Florida law, Wilson wrote, "After six weeks, an abortion may be performed if 'two physicians certify in

writing, in reasonable medical judgment, the termination of the pregnancy is necessary to save the pregnant woman's life.'" Florida's abortion statute also states "if preserving the life



and health of the fetus conflicts with preserving the life and health of the pregnant woman, the physician must consider preserving the woman's life and health the overriding and superior concern."

In addition to being false, the DOH noted the advertisement is also "dangerous" because it

could lead women to believe that life-saving or health-preserving treatment is unavailable for pregnant women in Florida. The DOH's letter advises the television stations that the advertisement

Wilson informed the television stations that "any act" that threatens or impairs the life or health of an individual violates the state's "sanitary nuisance law" and that the stations may be committing a second-degree misdemeanor by airing the advertisement.

The letter concluded, "While your company enjoys the right to broadcast political advertisements under the First Amendment...that right does not include free rein to disseminate false advertisements which, if believed, would likely have a detrimental effect on the lives and health of pregnant women in Florida."

According to FCC records, the stations are still airing the advertisement.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver stated, "While television stations have a First Amendment right to speak, that right does not extend to false and dangerous information about a ballot initiative designed to amend the Florida Constitution."

could "foreseeably" lead women to travel out of state for medical care, seek emergency care from unlicensed providers, or not seek medical care at all. The advertisement could lead to actions that "threaten both the lives and health of pregnant women" even when the current law protects them.

5 days until the November 5 election.

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has thrown his considerable lot into electing Donald Trump. By opening up Twitter/X, Musk had given free speech a massive shot in the arm. His fortunes have also helped the Trump campaign in the nuts-and-bolts activities that any candidate must master.

A few thoughts on this Thursday. Quinnipiac University poll, by no means a poll that leans Trump, reported on Wednesday that “In the final days leading up to the 2024 presidential election in the key battleground state of

receives 46 percent support.

In their most recent survey, “Men back Trump 57 – 37 percent, while women back Harris 55 – 39 percent. In Quinnipiac University’s October 9 poll, men backed Trump 52 – 41 percent, while women backed Harris 55 – 40 percent.”

Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy said, “The gender gap widens with Trump increasing his lead among men,

Democratic attacks on him and a partisan press that doesn’t attempt to disguise its bias. Mr. Trump is suddenly becoming a sympathetic antihero.”

In a very astute observation, Finley writes

Such left-wing bias has caused many Americans to tune out the press. A Gallup survey this month showed trust in the media has hit a record low (31%), principally owing to a decline among independents and Republicans. The media can shout that Mr. Trump is a threat to democracy until the cows come home, but how many Americans are listening? Former New York Times editorial page editor James Bennet summed up the media’s credibility problem in an essay last year for the Economist magazine: “The reality is that the Times is becoming the publication through which America’s progressive elite talks to itself about an America that does not really exist.”

points among whites and 8 points among seniors.”

Why?

Well, of course the *New York Times*, with its keen sense of smell, sniffs a whiff of racism and sexism. Mr. Ukueberuw points out the absurdity of this “explanation”:

“But prejudice can’t explain older whites’ recent flight from Ms. Harris, since she was already a black woman in August, when many more of them supported her. In fact, it’s likely that Ms. Harris’s race and sex were among the only things many voters knew about her at the start of her candidacy other than that she was vice president, and perhaps that she’s from California. Nonetheless, she initially held more support from older and white voters than President Biden did in the last polls before he left the race.

“A better explanation,” he writes, “is that many older whites originally welcomed Ms. Harris as an alternative to both Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump, then changed their minds once they got to know her better. That may have to do with the issues more than her image.”

His conclusion is a stunner and something to watch for on November 5: “Losing older whites is politically painful, since they tend to turn out at a high rate. They’re also overrepresented in key states like Wisconsin and Michigan. Expect the press to hold its focus on young and minority voters all the way through Election Day. This year more than ever, that might miss the biggest story.”

More than ever, it’s important that you vote. Vote as if the fate of millions on unborn babies depends on it.



Pennsylvania, with 19 electoral votes, former President Donald Trump for the first time is on the upside of a race with Vice President Kamala Harris that is too close to call.”

What counts at this late date, of course, are the trend lines.

In Quinnipiac University’s October 9 poll, Harris received 49 percent support, Trump received 46 percent support.

In their latest poll,

Trump receives 47 percent support among likely voters, Harris

as what remains a very tight race heads into the final stretch.”

Another mystery to unpack will be the impact of the relentless negative media coverage of Trump. Allysia Finley, writing for the *Wall Street Journal*, argues “Press Bias Bolsters Trump, Again: Unhinged attacks on the candidate and his voters helped him win in 2016. They may do so again.”

She writes about Trump’s gradual improvement (“Gallup found that his positive rating has hit 50% for the first time in his three campaigns”), concluding, “All of this comes despite, and perhaps because of, unhinged

I could list a dozen other authors who touch on various important facets, but I stop with Mene Ukueberuwa whose *Wall Street Journal* opinion piece is titled, “Older White Voters Are Ditching Harris: She started strong with this usually Republican bloc. But they’re switching back to Trump.”

He writes, “The late swing among older and white voters jumps out in the Emerson College poll. On Aug. 15, less than a month after she became the Democratic nominee, Ms. Harris trailed Mr. Trump by 12 points among white voters and was tied with him among all voters 60 or older. Since then, these voters have fled from Ms. Harris. By Oct. 26, Mr. Trump led by 22

A Pathway to a Pro-Life Victory in Florida

By Michael J. New

On Monday, StPetePolls.org released a poll of 1,227 likely general election voters in Florida. The poll contains good news for Republicans and pro-lifers. The poll has Donald Trump leading Kamala Harris by over 5 percentage points. It also has Amendment 4, which would place legal abortion in Florida's state constitution, receiving only 54 percent of the vote — six points short of the 60 percent threshold necessary for passage. The poll also finds that 38 percent of Floridians oppose Amendment 4, one of the highest levels of opposition in any Florida poll.

What makes this poll different than the numerous other surveys of Sunshine State voters is that it presents the results of those who already voted. Among Floridians who already cast ballots, 57.5 percent said that they supported Amendment 4, with 37.3 percent opposed. Another 5.2 percent of respondents either would not reveal how they voted or did not vote on the ballot question.

It should be noted that early voters tend to skew Democratic and liberal. The poll bears this

out. This StPetePolls.org poll finds that 55.0 percent of Democrats planning to vote had already voted. In comparison, only 48.1 percent of Republicans planning to vote had

Most of the polls on Amendment 4 indicate that it is not reaching the 60 percent threshold needed for victory. Furthermore, research on direct democracy shows that most

pro-life victory on Amendment 4 is far from a sure thing. However, the recent poll from St. PetePolls.org does show that a pro-life victory is within reach.



already cast ballots. Furthermore, Kamala Harris is performing 9.4 percentage points better among those who have already voted when compared to those who plan to vote.

ballot propositions lose support as Election Day draws near.

Additionally, most people who are undecided tend to vote against direct-democracy questions. A

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Women tell their stories of hope and pregnancy help on new webpage

By Tabitha Goodling

A wide-ranging collection of unique stories of women assisted by life-affirming organizations has been compiled and is ready for sharing online.

The Her Story page brings the courage of these women and the beauty of their stories to life in one place, roundly conveying the message that no woman with an unwanted pregnancy is alone.

“Our goal is to refute the abortion lobbyists’ lie,” said Anna Stephens, Communications coordinator for Her PLAN, referencing the abortion falsehood that pro-life movement only cares about women facing unplanned pregnancy until their babies are delivered.

“We are the ones working with her every step of the way,” Stephens said.

Her Story is a project of Her PLAN (Her Pregnancy and Life Assistance Network), which connects pregnancy centers, agencies, and organizations that can be a vital resource to women and their families during times of need.

Established in 2000, Her PLAN connects 4,800 assistance providers in 29 states including food pantries, medical care, homeless shelters and more. Pregnancy centers can connect with these resources to further direct clients in need. The site also offers a search engine to help find providers within the network.

“Our focus is on providers connecting with one another,” Stephens said. “A provider can use our directory online by state.”

Her PLAN believes so much in the success of the resources that they established Her Story page to showcase the positive results those resources mean in the lives of women and families. The stories page offers countless

testimonials of women who have benefited from some form of pregnancy help.

“Oftentimes the media only shows false scenarios,” Stephens

Categories of submissions on the site include abortion recovery, adoption, pregnancy support, pregnancy loss, human trafficking, pregnancy loss, and

she eight months pregnant.

Another example is Andrea, who spoke to the *Washington Times* before the *Dobbs* ruling. Andrea shared her desire for *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned because she wished that she had the support of a pregnancy center when she faced an unexpected pregnancy.

Newsweek picked up the story of Beverly whose daughter was diagnosed with Trisomy 18 in the womb. Beverly chose to continue the pregnancy and now has a ministry to help other families with similar diagnosis.

The list of successes continues to grow.

Pregnancy centers and other pregnancy help providers can encourage clients to share and reach out to either Heartbeat International, which works to share stories of pregnancy help with Her PLAN, or to Her PLAN.

Agencies interested in joining the online directory can enroll at <https://herplan.org/>

Many of the stories are “full circle stories,” Stephens said. They begin with a pregnancy center or a provider’s help for women during a time of genuine need for support. Then the women often end up volunteering at such organizations, passionately passing the torch of support.

This is yet further example of how the pro-life and pregnancy help movements truly do care for women beyond the birth of their child, she said, adding, “It’s a beautiful testament of how the movement walks with these women not just for a moment but for a lifetime.”

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said. “There are untold stories out there that are not spotlighted in the media. Each woman, each story, each child is unique.”

Her Story accepts testimonial submissions and not only publishes them on its own site, but it also works to get the truth presented with other media platforms, whether print, broadcast, or social media.

“Our goal is to get them on the airwaves of the media,” Stephens said. “Their stories are stories of hope and truth.”

more. Visitors to the site can also search by state for stories.

There are currently 30-40 stories on the Her Story site, with many more waiting to finish the process and be published. There is no cost to those who share their experiences.

Stories include videos, photos and links.

One example is a *CBS Mornings* interview with a woman named Kathleen who spoke about the support of a homeless shelter after sleeping behind a dumpster while

The *Washington Post* joins the *La Times* in saying it will not endorse a candidate for president and all heck breaks out

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NPR’s David Folkenflik filled in background not found in the accounts of the *Post* and the *New York Times*.

Colleagues learned the news from the editorial page editor, David Shipley, at a tense meeting shortly before Lewis’ announcement. The meeting was characterized by two people with direct knowledge of discussions on condition of anonymity to speak about internal matters.

Shipley had approved an editorial endorsement for Harris that was being drafted earlier this month, according to three people with direct knowledge. He told colleagues the decision was to endorse was being reviewed by the paper’s billionaire owner, Jeff Bezos. That’s the owner’s prerogative and is a common practice.

On Friday, Shipley said that he told other editorial board leaders on Thursday that management had decided there would be no endorsement, though Shipley had known about the decision for awhile. He added that he “owns” this outcome. The reason he cited was to create “independent space” where the newspaper does not tell people for whom to vote.

In a text message to *The Post*, former *Post* executive editor Martin Baron, “who led the newsroom to acclaim during Trump’s presidency, denounced the decision starkly,” according to Folkenflik, laid into the decision.

“This is cowardice, a moment of darkness that will leave democracy as a casualty. Donald Trump will celebrate this as an invitation to further intimidate The *Post*’s owner, Jeff Bezos (and other media owners). He added, “History will mark a disturbing chapter of spinelessness at an institution famed for courage.”

Using anonymous sources Roig-Franzia and Wagner wrote

An endorsement of Harris had been drafted by *Post* editorial page staffers but had yet to be published, according to two sources briefed

on the sequence of events who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. The decision not to publish was made by The *Post*’s owner — Amazon founder Jeff Bezos — according to the same sources.

New York Times reporters Benjamin Mullin and Katie Robertson wrote

The Post’s editorial board had contacted the Harris campaign and

would end its decades-long practice of endorsing presidential candidates.” reported Elahe Izadi. “The figures represent about 10 percent of *The Post*’s digital subscribers.”

I couldn’t find how many subscribers—print or digital—the *Post* has lost in the last decade but it’s a mountain.

Amidst all the doomsday talk, the owner Jeff Bezos pointed another doomsday scenario that was far more real in an article he wrote under the headline: “The hard truth: Americans don’t trust the news media.”

In the annual public



the Trump campaign to request interviews ahead of its decision to endorse, two of the people said. Ms. Harris declined the interview and the Trump campaign didn’t respond, one of the people said.

For their part, wasting no time, *The New York Times* editorial board, endorsed Ms. Harris for president on Sept. 30. Interestingly enough they also told their readers in August they would stop endorsing candidates in New York elections, including the New York City mayoral race and governor.

But the fight at the *Washington Post* drags on. While three high ranking Los Angeles *Times* writers quit, I see resignations from the editorial board but not from the *Post*.

Meanwhile, “At least 250,000 *Washington Post* readers have canceled their subscriptions since the news organization announced Friday that the editorial page

surveys about trust and reputation, journalists and the media have regularly fallen near the very bottom, often just above Congress. But in this year’s Gallup poll, we have managed to fall below Congress. Our profession is now the least trusted of all. Something we are doing is clearly not working. ...

Most people believe the media is biased. Anyone who doesn’t see this is paying scant attention to reality, and those who fight reality lose. Reality is an undefeated champion. It would be easy to blame others for our long and continuing fall in credibility (and, therefore, decline in impact), but a victim mentality will not help. Complaining is not a strategy. We must work

harder to control what we can control to increase our credibility. ...

Presidential endorsements do nothing to tip the scales of an election. No undecided voters in Pennsylvania are going to say, “I’m going with Newspaper A’s endorsement.” None. What presidential endorsements actually do is create a perception of bias. A perception of non-independence. Ending them is a principled decision, and it’s the right one. Eugene Meyer, publisher of *The Washington Post* from 1933 to 1946, thought the same, and he was right. By itself, declining to endorse presidential candidates is not enough to move us very far up the trust scale, but it’s a meaningful step in the right direction. I wish we had made the change earlier than we did, in a moment further from the election and the emotions around it. That was inadequate planning, and not some intentional strategy.

Most of the rest of the opinion piece was denying that Bezos was bending to pressure or looking to win favors should Trump win.

One other point. Mullin and Robertson did offer some context:

A growing number of news outlets are moving away from political endorsements. In 2022, the second-largest newspaper operator in the country, Alden Global Capital, announced that its 200 newspapers would no longer endorse candidates in races for president, Senate and governor, saying readers were “often confused” about the distinction between news and opinion. The new owners of *The Baltimore Sun* said in January that they would also stop making endorsements.

No doubt about it, tough sledding ahead for *The Washington Post*. On the other hand, as a newspaper written for itself and a selected clientele, they are getting what they so richly deserve.

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By Dave Andrusko

I am constantly reminded that there are many people who either run across *NRL News Today* as they search for information or they see one (or more) of our stories because the news aggregated by this or that search engine included those stories. In other words, they come across *NRL News Today* by happenstance.

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By signing up you will also receive the monthly edition of *National Right to Life News*. This is a particularly useful source of pro-life news for busy right to lifers.

If you have any questions, my email is daveandrusko@gmail.com.



Peter Hegseth weaved together the concepts of family, faith, and freedom to create a tapestry which truly celebrated life at Pennsylvania Banquet

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

“Because there’s always a reason to choose life,” the slogan of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, proved to be the underlying theme of the 2024 Celebrate Life Banquet held in Hershey, Pennsylvania this past weekend.

Cable news host, best-selling author, and military veteran Pete Hegseth invoked that theme during his touching talk. Hegseth credited his grandmother and mother with being responsible for his standing before the crowd of hundreds of pro-life advocates. In his dynamic speech, Hegseth weaved together the concepts of family, faith, and freedom to create a tapestry which truly celebrated life.

Singer Adrienne Moton offered a stirring rendition of the time-honored hymn, “Amazing Grace,” her voice soaring above the ballroom. Moton is featured in the documentary “Unthinkable” and once worked for the barbaric

West Philadelphia abortionist Life Federation Executive Kermit Gosnell. She now offers Director Michael Ciccocioppo hope to individuals aiming received the Pennsylvania Pro-



Pete Hegseth with PA Pro-Life Federation staff

to break free of the abortion Life Lifetime Achievement industry. Award. Ciccocioppo, who led Pennsylvania Pro-Life for an

The evening also included an emotional moment when incredible 21 years, is the first-born in a family of 15 children. former Pennsylvania Pro-

He gave up a successful career in hospital administration to labor full-time in the pro-life movement and never looked back.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias and Assistant Political Director Andrew Bair were among the distinguished guests at the banquet, which raised money for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund. The Education Fund, through its partnership with the website TeenBreaks.com, has reached more than 800,000 teens with life-saving, life-changing information.

In the end, the banquet had the feel of a giant family reunion, where everyone from a nine-day-old baby to seasoned grandparents came together to honor the dignity and priceless value of human life. It was an absolute joy to emcee this phenomenal event, which underscores the critical importance of the pro-life movement in Pennsylvania.

A new category of medical professional joins in providing Abortion Pill Reversal

By Tabitha Goodling

The second chance for women to choose life through Abortion Pill Reversal continues to see success in large part thanks to the many medical professionals who are aware of its impact and are willing to implement it. In a recent development, pharmacists are now included in the roster of healthcare professionals on board to work with the Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN).

This addition of pharmacists to the APRN creates another layer of expertise supporting the lifesaving opportunity provided by Abortion Pill Reversal (APR).

Two drugs are used to perform a chemical abortion, also known as the abortion pill, mifepristone and misoprostol. Mifepristone acts as a progesterone blocker. Progesterone is a necessary natural hormone for retaining pregnancy. Misoprostol is taken 24 hours later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the pregnancy.

There have been countless scenarios where a woman panics upon taking the first abortion pill, regretting having done so. Some women have stated they tried to make themselves vomit, as they realize this is not what they want to do after all.

APR entails progesterone prescribed to the woman after she has taken mifepristone but before she would take the misoprostol. Countering the mifepristone with bioidentical progesterone may save the pregnancy. A 2018 peer-reviewed study found that 64%-68% of the pregnancies were saved through APR. There was also no increase in birth defects and a lower preterm delivery rate than the general population.

Statistics say that to date more than 5,000 lives and counting have been saved thanks to APR.

Pro-life ob-gyns from across the

U.S. and the world have been on board to prescribe the APR when women call the hotline searching for help. Many pregnancy centers are also part of the APRN, a network of more than 1,400 healthcare professionals, pregnancy centers, hospitals – and now pharmacies – that administer or refer for APR.

The addition of pharmacists to the APRN is a first for making these medical professional

depth of understanding of how the drug mifepristone works and how its dangerous effects can be reversed with progesterone.”

The danger posed by chemical abortion drugs, Brown said, is one that women need to understand and that APRN pharmacists can confirm simply because they understand the science.

“The reversal of mifepristone is backed by science,” said Brown.

“Mifepristone is a progesterone

also used in IVF treatments and has been proven safe, she said.

Brown told *Pregnancy Help News* that the “pro-choice” crowd tries to quash these scientific truths with their own spin on “science.” Pro-abortion politicians and a complicit abortion-affirming media are also onboard with suppressing and denigrating APR.

“It is unethical to withhold information and access to this care from those requesting it,” Brown noted.

“Offering a safe antidote to a drug is within the standard of care and this includes reversal of mifepristone for women choosing to continue their pregnancies,” she said.

Despite this ongoing push against the reversal protocol, most of the time women do not have a problem getting their prescription filled for the progesterone, Brown said.

“However, some women seeking patient education have been denied their prescriptions for progesterone,” Brown said. “This is not because there is a potential for harm, but due to political ideology regarding abortion.”

There are pharmacists, she said, who believe, like pro-abortion activists, that once an abortion is started, it should continue.

“When this occurs, we are usually able to move the progesterone prescription to a different pharmacy. But it’s challenging for the patient to experience a delay in care as prescribed by her physician,” she said.

Brown explained the process when a woman in need seeks help from the APRN.

She reaches out to the APRN, which has trained nurses on the



available in a woman’s time of crisis.

Christa Brown, senior director of Medical Impact for Heartbeat International, said that adding pharmacists to the APRN was the next logical step.

“This partnership to support women is exciting for us,” Brown said. “Prescribers can prescribe the reversal protocol in a pharmacy which supports the woman’s choice to continue her pregnancy.”

Heartbeat International is the largest network of pregnancy help organizations in the U.S. and the world a manages the APRN.

“A pharmacist brings an additional level of professional experience that ensures women will receive the care they need,” she said. “Pharmacists have a

receptor antagonist,” she explained. “When micronized progesterone is administered to women hoping to continue their pregnancies, it works to reverse the antagonistic effect of mifepristone.”

“As mifepristone was developed decades ago, researchers documented how it could be reversed with progesterone,” she added. “It’s been proven in animal and human studies, as well in the thousands of children alive today after successful Abortion Pill Reversal.”

A pharmacist can provide that education, Brown said. She pointed out that bioidentical “natural” progesterone has been saving pregnancies since the 1950s and even gained FDA approval in 1998. Progesterone is

Dignity in Dying's own poll shows only 43% want their MP to vote for legalising assisted suicide

By Right to Life UK

Fewer than half of the public want their MP to vote for legislation that would make assisted suicide legal in the UK, according to polling from assisted suicide lobby group, Dignity in Dying.

In a survey of 10,897 UK adults conducted earlier this year, only 43% of the public want their MP to vote in favour of assisted suicide legislation according to polling from the pro-assisted suicide lobby group, Dignity in Dying.

The results of this polling are consistent with recent polling from King's College London, which found 45% of those surveyed wanted their MP to vote for an assisted suicide law.

The results are also consistent with polling published in The Telegraph earlier this year that showed that the public did not think "legalising assisted suicide" should be a priority, with it being ranked by the public as 22nd out of 23 policy priorities they thought the new Government should be focused on.

Support for MPs to vote to introduce assisted suicide low among Labour base

Despite having the backing of the Prime Minister, support for MPs [Members of Parliament] to vote for a change in the law on assisted suicide remains comparatively lower among Labour's traditional voting base.

Significantly, support for MPs to vote for a change in the law was low among Labour supporters, with only 44% of those intending to vote Labour in the 2024 election wanting their MP to vote for assisted suicide. Only those intending to vote for the Liberal Democrats had lower support for their MP to vote for assisted suicide (42%).

Among those who wished their MP to vote for a change in the law, support was lowest among the 18-34 age bracket with only 36% wanting their MP to vote for assisted suicide.

Support for MPs to vote in favour of assisted suicide legislation was also lowest in London of all the regions in the UK, with only 34% of those surveyed wanting their MP to vote for a change in the law.

Fewer people who voted 'remain' in the EU referendum in 2016 wanted their MP to vote for assisted suicide legislation (45%), than those who voted 'leave' the EU (49%).

Among people of faith, support for MPs to vote for assisted suicide legislation was lowest among Muslims surveyed, with only 19% in favour.

This result comes after a survey of healthcare workers, undertaken by the British Islamic Medical Association, showed that 88% disagreed that it should be legal for doctors to prescribe life-ending medication.

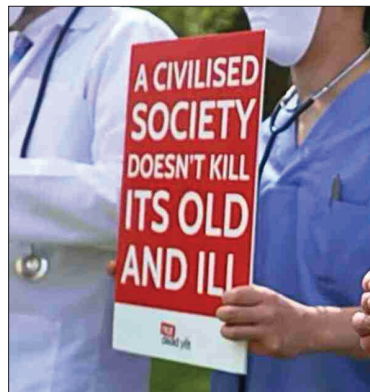
When those who wanted their MP to vote for a change in the law on assisted suicide are broken down by ethnicity, support is lowest among black and Asian voters, with only 24% in favour.

Support for their MP to vote for a change in the law on assisted suicide was lower among private renters (37% supported) compared to people who owned their house outright (46% supported) or who owned their house with a mortgage or loan (48% supported).

Labour Cabinet deeply divided on assisted suicide

When Kim Leadbeater MP's assisted suicide Bill was introduced last Wednesday, it has been found that the Labour cabinet

is deeply divided on assisted suicide with fewer than half indicating they support making assisted suicide legal despite the Prime Minister's vocal support for a change in the law, according



those who are not terminally ill.

According to the *Telegraph*, a group of 54 cross-party MPs are believed to be campaigning for Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill to apply not only to people who



to their previous voting records and public statements.

Based on previous votes for assisted suicide in 2015 and 1997, as well as recent public comments on the issue, fewer than half of the MPs within the Labour cabinet appear to support assisted suicide becoming legal and would be likely to vote for a change in the law next month.

Ten members of the cabinet are likely to vote against a change in the law based on their previous votes and public statements, while the views of two members of the cabinet remain entirely unknown having no known statements on the matter nor were they elected Members of Parliament for the last assisted suicide vote in the House of Commons in 2015.

Despite assurances from Leadbeater that making assisted suicide legal will not lead to a 'slippery slope' whereby a law with supposedly restrictive criteria for access to assisted suicide is then amended at a later date or later interpreted in a way that allows wider access to assisted suicide, dozens of Labour MPs are backing proposals to widen the scope of the Bill to apply to

are terminally ill, but also to those who are "incurably suffering". These include "as many as 38 Labour" MPs, 13 of whom are in Government positions.

Widening of assisted dying law in Oregon and Canada

Leadbeater's claim that the slippery slope isn't real is undermined, not only by MPs from her own party already attempting to widen the scope of her Bill that has not even been released yet but also by evidence from a number of jurisdictions with laws that originally had supposedly restrictive criteria for access to assisted suicide but have subsequently widened the criteria under which assisted suicide and/or euthanasia can happen.

Assisted suicide campaigners, Dignity in Dying, cite Oregon as a model for rolling out legislation in the UK, claiming that it provides for assisted suicide under strict criteria and with several safeguards.

A review of the assisted suicide data from Oregon over the last

Sen. Bob Casey has betrayed the pro-life voters who initially put him into office. How far he has fallen in his quest for power.

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

There was a time when Bob Casey seemed to aspire to follow in the footsteps of his legendary father, Robert Casey, Senior. Entering into the political world inhabited by his Dad, the junior Casey sought and won the endorsements of pro-life organizations.

But no more. The U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, in the heat of a tough re-election campaign, has now been endorsed by the radical pro-abortion organization Reproductive Freedom for All, formerly known as NARAL.

How far Bob Casey has fallen in his quest for power.

His pro-life voting record has been, at best, abysmal. Still, there were those who held out hope that Bob Casey would somehow rediscover his roots and come back to the pro-life fold. But that hope has now been dashed by his alliance with the mouthpiece for the abortion industry.

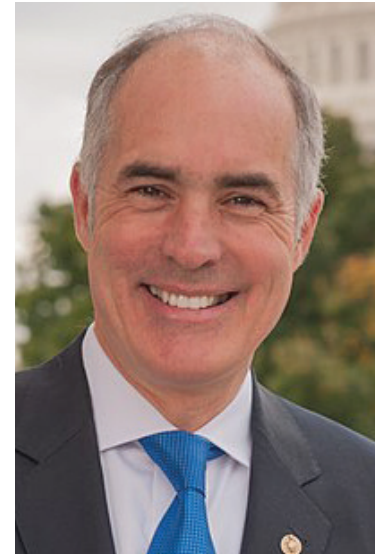
Casey is in the fight of his political life facing off against Republican Dave McCormick, a military veteran who seems to have closed the favorability gap with his opponent. In a previous campaign, McCormick stated his opposition to abortion except in the rare cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

Bob Casey has betrayed the pro-life voters who initially put him into office. But, more importantly, he has betrayed poor defenseless babies and their vulnerable mothers.

It is a turn of events that one could imagine would have brought great pain to his father, who challenged party bosses with his heartfelt pro-life stand. Bob Casey has voted for legislation that would overturn the very Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act his late father signed into law.

Bob Casey has now proven he is not on the side of the “little guy.”

For he will do nothing to defend the little guy inside his mother’s womb.



Pro-abortion Sen. Bob Casey

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phone 24 hours a day. Women can initially connect via phone, text, chat, or email. Following an explanation of the help available to her, she is then asked if she would like to proceed.

If she answers in favor of going forward, the nurse then connects her with an APR provider in her area. She is also given contact information for her local pregnancy center for free

assistance and resources. The medical professional prescribing the progesterone connects the woman with a pharmacy.

“This is urgent care because the woman has taken an abortion drug,” Brown said. “Over 90 percent of the connections happen in less than an hour from the time of her call.”

“The pharmacist is able to continue the education and

answer any further questions the woman may have,” she said.

Therefore, pharmacists who work with the APRN are a vital piece of the puzzle where time matters.

The network is always seeking new providers as they grow in providing women a second chance at choice.

OB-GYNs, pregnancy centers and pharmacists can go online to

the APRN and follow the steps to join the network.

Editor’s note: Heartbeat International manages the Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN) and Pregnancy Help News where this first appeared. Heartbeat is currently the subject of two lawsuits brought by state attorneys general concerning sharing information about Abortion Pill Reversal.

Two Victims of Coerced Abortion Tell Their Stories

By Sarah Terzo

Although abortion is promoted as a “choice,” all too often pregnant people are pressured into abortion.

Two women who were in this situation wrote about their experiences in a pro-life book by Kathleen Winkler called *When the Crying Stops: Abortion, the Pain and the Healing*.

Legal Loophole Allows

Abortion before *Roe v. Wade*

Maria is the first victim of a coerced abortion. Maria wanted her baby but was pressured to abort by her boyfriend. She says, “I told him that I didn’t think abortion was right and that it wasn’t what I wanted.”¹

Despite her wishes, he continued to argue:

I got daily pressure from Sam. “When are you going to do something?” he’d ask. “You have to do something soon, or it will be too late.” I remember at that point being terribly afraid that I would lose him because I wasn’t doing what he wanted me to do.²

This was before *Roe v. Wade*, but Maria was able to have a legal abortion anyway. All she had to do was meet with a psychiatrist:

[The psychiatrist] asked me a list of what seemed like standard questions. If I didn’t answer them “correctly,” he told me what I should have said and asked the question again...

He wrote on a piece of paper that I was incompetent to have a baby, and that’s how the illegal abortion became legal.³

Giving in to “Two Male Authority Figures”

At the abortion facility, Maria

tried to back out:

I remember telling the [doctor doing the abortion] that this wasn’t really what I wanted, but he said that this was the best solution to my problem. “What would your mother and father say if they knew?” he asked.

All through my growing up years I’d been taught to respect doctors, that they would always do what was best for me. I remember thinking that

goes through labor to deliver her dead baby.

Maria recalls being in a bed surrounded by other women waiting to deliver. She heard crying and moaning all around her. It took 12 hours for her to expel her child.

She recalls,

“I called the nurse; she put the baby into a steel container and took it away... I knew it was a boy.”⁵

After the abortion, Maria suffered severe complications.



he must be right, that this must be the best solution to my problem.

I was mesmerized by these two male authority figures— my boyfriend and my doctor—and I did what they told me to do.⁴

A Traumatic Abortion followed by Serious Complications

Maria had a saline abortion, a type of abortion that is seldom done today because it is so dangerous to the mother and resulted in so many live births.

In a saline abortion, a caustic salt solution is injected into the uterus, which burns and poisons the fetus/baby. The mother then

The saline solution caused a massive infection, and her kidneys failed.

She was rushed to the hospital and put on dialysis. Maria had wanted to keep her abortion a secret from her parents, but doctors doubted she would survive and suggested she call them. She remembers her father standing by her hospital bed, weeping.

When the dialysis tube was removed, Maria began bleeding internally. Her father called for a priest to administer Last Rites. When the priest heard her confession, the full realization of what she’d endured hit Maria.

She says,

“Suddenly I realized what

I had done to myself, to my baby, to my parents, to the baby’s father. It was like dominoes, all the lives that had been affected by what I had done.”⁶

She was in the hospital for two months.

She later tried to cope by drinking to “numb the pain” and keeping herself “too busy to think.” Sam, now her husband, “kind of went crazy with his heavy drinking.” She believes guilt from the abortion and its aftermath is what led to his alcoholism.

When she and Sam tried to start a family, she discovered she couldn’t conceive. The infection had left her infertile.

Maria says,

“The guilt that I felt, guilt that I killed my only child, was extreme.”⁷

A Coerced Abortion by an Abusive Boyfriend

Lynette was also the victim of a coerced abortion. She was a junior in high school when she became pregnant. She says, “It was wonderful until I told Tom.”⁷

Her boyfriend Tom demanded she have an abortion. Lynette protested:

At first, I was adamant. I told him that God had given me this child, put it inside my body, and I couldn’t do that to it.

That was the first time he beat me up. He told me, “You will either go and have this done, or I will beat it out of you. I’m not raising this child.”⁸

Even though Tom was abusive, Lynette was emotionally

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dependent on him. She says:
This boy was my life; I was totally committed to him... I was such a romantic. I had bought it all, hook, line, and sinker... It was going to be melodramatic and painful, but wonderful so long as we had each other. I trusted in that.

She gave in, had the abortion, and married Tom, who continued to abuse her. Consumed with guilt, she felt she didn't deserve a better relationship. Eventually, their marriage ended.

She married another man, and they wanted children. But she suffered an ectopic pregnancy. Doctors said the abortion could be the cause. She was unable to conceive, and her second marriage

fell apart. Lynette suffered post-abortion trauma for many years. Eventually, she found healing.

An Abortion Clinic Security Guard Speaks Out

Others have noted the threat some men pose to their pregnant partners.

When employees at one abortion facility tried to pass a buffer zone law to keep pro-lifers away, the security guard who worked for them, Richard Seron, testified—in favor of the pro-lifers.

He said,

“I stood toe-to-toe with Operation Rescue. I never found their behavior objectionable in any way.”¹⁰

According to reporter Brian

MacQuarrie:

[T]he former guard said, the group he considered most likely to become aggressive were the men who accompanied women to the clinic.

During his time as a Preterm [abortion facility] guard, Seron said, two young men had to be disarmed of a club and a sharp “impaling” object as they escorted women into the clinics.¹¹

It wasn't the pro-lifers who were a threat to women coming in for abortions, Seron said—it was their partners.

Pregnant people who abort under pressure may suffer from feelings of regret, anger, and loss

afterward, as these two women did.

Footnotes

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Dignity in Dying's own poll shows only 43% want their MP to vote for legalising assisted suicide

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25 years, published by leading academics in the journal *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*, suggests that since the law was introduced in Oregon, the law has subsequently been interpreted to allow for wider access to assisted suicide.

The academics found that “[s]ince 2010, patients with a range of non-cancer diagnoses have received [physician assisted suicide] including non-terminal illnesses such as arthritis, arteritis, complications from a fall, hernia, sclerosis, ‘stenosis’ and anorexia nervosa”.

Residency requirements for assisted suicide in the state of Oregon were removed in 2022, leading to concerns about ‘suicide tourism’.

Canada's legislation that allows assisted suicide and euthanasia previously had a requirement that the natural death of those applying for euthanasia or assisted suicide be “reasonably foreseeable”. However, in 2021, the Canadian Parliament repealed this requirement.

This took place only five years after the original legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted

suicide was passed in 2016. Legislation was introduced in February 2024 so that euthanasia and assisted suicide would become legal on the grounds of mental health alone from March 2027.

Spokesperson for Right To Life UK, Catherine Robinson, said “The results of this survey from the assisted suicide lobby group, Dignity in Dying, indicate that the Prime Minister is at odds with his own Party's voter base on assisted suicide. The push for assisted suicide is not at the forefront of Labour voters' concerns.

“This legislation, which only a minority of the electorate want their MP to support and which MPs are already seeking to widen, is a disaster in waiting. The risk of coercion and pressure, always present when assisted suicide is legal, is heightened at a time when the NHS is under such strain.

“MPs must vote against this ill-thought-through, rushed and dangerous Bill”.

How a Picture Changed My Life

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In that moment, a pro-life activist was born.

I remember being in the local library, looking at more pictures of aborted babies. Silently, I went into the bathroom, and got down on my knees, to pray.

I asked God to use me, to give me opportunities to speak out against abortion and help preborn babies. I promised Him I would devote the rest of my life to fighting abortion. I prayed that I would always be strong and dedicated.

While I'm no longer a religious person, no longer a believer in any sort of God, I've always been true to that prayer. In that, I've never wavered.

My Pro-Life Work Over the Years

I've written well over a thousand pro-life articles. Before I began doing that, I set up a huge website, with pages reaching out to abortion-minded women. Before Google changed its policies about indexing sites to favor pro-abortion sources like Planned Parenthood (a good subject for another article), I got over 2000 visitors a day.

These were almost all pregnant people considering abortion. They all got to see my website, my appeal to them, fetal development facts and pictures, links to pregnancy resource centers, and pictures of aborted babies.

A few hours before I wrote the original version of this article, about ten years ago, a woman left a message on my website saying that she had been planning an abortion and changed her mind after seeing graphic abortion photos.

The next few paragraphs were written back then when my site was still getting a lot of traffic.

I have had a number of women come to my website and change their minds about abortions they were planning on having. These

women Googled information about abortion or abortion clinics and got my site.

Seeing the pictures of what abortion would do to their children, they realized they couldn't go through with it.

I also have had pro-life conversions. There is a survey on my site on a page that has a video of abortion procedures. The survey asks what the viewer's feelings on abortion are, whether or not it should be legal, and whether their opinions were changed by the video.

A lot of people who come to my site are already pro-life. Some are pro-choice, and stay pro-choice.

I don't understand how someone can see pictures of aborted babies and stay pro-choice, but I can't judge them.

They may be carrying pain in their hearts from an abortion they or their partner had; they may not be able to admit the truth to themselves or anyone else. Or their hearts could just be hardened to the point where they don't care. I don't know.

But it seems like every week, 3 or 4 people who respond to the survey say that they have converted from pro-choice to pro-life on the spot after seeing the video.

In other cases, they stay pro-choice, but choose the option that says "it hasn't changed my stand, but I view abortion differently now." I am hoping that some of those people, even though they still support legal abortion, will think twice before having one.

I like to think that even someone who still feels that abortion should be legal, as long as they know the reality of abortion, can be an asset to the pro-life movement if they are willing to talk to their loved ones about how bad abortion is.

It's a process—people don't always convert on the spot, but even with the pro-choice ones, I hope I've planted a seed.

All Because of a Picture

Like I said, I've written over a thousand articles about abortion. These articles have made it into amicus briefs in three different Supreme Court cases.

They've been quoted in publications like the *Wall Street Journal*. They've been referenced in debates before Congress. They have been shared by top influencers. They have been reprinted and/or reposted many thousands of times.

They have reached many hundreds of thousands of people or more.

For over eight years, 2000 abortion-minded people a day saw my site. About thirty of them said in the comments they changed their minds and decided to have their babies. Over the years, about forty other women have decided to have their babies after talking to me.

And those are just the ones I know about.

The vast majority came, looked, and never contacted me personally.

If just 1% of the pregnant people who came to my site considering abortion chose life based on what I wrote and the facts and pictures I shared, that would be 20 babies saved per day. For eight years.

If 10% did, that would be 200 a day.

Not only that, but I could see, through my analytics, that every day, dozens of visitors left my site and went directly to pregnancy resource center directories, or, from their computer, called a pregnancy resource center hotline. Every day, three or four visitors went to the abortion pill reversal site.

Again, for eight years.

Some may have just been curious. Some, I want to believe, went looking for help.

So Should We Show Pictures?

I wouldn't say that the tactic of

showing abortion pictures is right in every situation or with every audience.

But if you are one of those people who think they never should be shown, please consider this.

Everything I have ever done—every article, my website, my talks with people considering abortion, and any other pro-life work—is because I saw that picture of the aborted baby.

Had I not seen it, I never would have done any of it. I never would have become truly pro-life.

None of those babies would have been saved. None of those articles would have been written. None of those people would have been reached with the pro-life message. None of that would have ever happened if not for that picture. If not for me seeing it that day.

When my friend showed me that picture, she changed my life forever. If she had never shown it to me, and if I had never seen an abortion picture in any other context, I never would have done anything at all to help preborn babies or their mothers. None of what I built would exist.

I am pro-life because I saw that picture. I've done everything I've ever done because someone showed me it.

Does that mean you, personally, should show pictures of aborted babies to your friends and family, or publicly? I don't know. I can't answer that. But please consider what I said.

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Here's exactly how born-alive infants were denied protection under Minnesota law

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And that—preventing babies from being left to die—is precisely what Walz and the legislature decided to reverse.

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145.423 ABORTION; LIVE BIRTHS.

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In the screenshot above, you can see how the Born Alive Infants Protection Act (MN Statutes 145.423) required “reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice.”

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Moreover, evidence from many other places demonstrates that infants who survive abortion

have often been neglected or even actively killed. This evidence includes the eyewitness testimonies of doctors, nurses, and mothers; infamous cases like that of Kermit Gosnell; undercover investigations; and more. (Such evidence should not be too surprising: These are babies who were intended to die and who likely have no advocate in the room after they are born.)

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Babies born with disabilities or the risk of disabilities (and not just those born in the context of abortion) are also too often endangered. An analysis in the *Journal of Perinatology*, for example, notes strong evidence showing that “when a newborn is at risk for a certain level of disability, some [health care providers] will deem it acceptable to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining therapy and allow him to die, whereas an older child with that level of disability may not be considered a candidate for comfort care [rather than lifesaving interventions].” To explain the unequal treatment, the researchers write that “it is possible that neonates, and possibly the very premature infant, are not considered [by some health care providers] to be the *same kind of persons* as older children” (emphasis added).

Minnesota's current law enables this lethal discrimination and ableism. Because of Walz and the Minnesota legislature, babies in our state who are born after abortion or who have disabilities can be denied appropriate lifesaving medical treatment—and left to die.