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New North Carolina Poll Points the Way to Successful Pro-Life Strategies

By David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.

A North Carolina poll taken the first week of August of 1,000 likely general election voters by the McLaughlin Group for North Carolina Right to Life showed that if the question is properly phrased a very strong majority would allow abortion only in a very small minority of cases. At the same time the poll showed overwhelming support for allowing abortion in those specific cases which constitute about 5% of abortions.

These results reaffirmed similar results that have been found in both nationwide polling by National Right to Life and polling in Oklahoma by Oklahomans for Life.

The North Carolina poll found that 89% supported allowing



abortion to save the life of the mother, 86% supported abortion in cases where there was a medical emergency involving a serious risk of substantial, irreversible physical harm to the mother, and 83% supported allowing abortion in cases of rape or incest.

These numbers show that it will be very difficult to pass life protective legislation without these exceptions. It is also most likely impossible to sustain laws without these exceptions when they face well financed pro-abortion citizen referendums with advertising that hammers on rape and women's health.

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7 theories why the press is complicit with the Harris Campaign

By Dave Andrusko

Like most of those unwilling to take the legacy media's drivel as gospel, pro-lifers rightly complain of rampant media bias.

What's truly interesting about Dan McLaughlin's "Seven Theories of Press Complicity with the Harris Campaign" is not just its comprehensiveness, although it's all of that and more. It's to remind you (as if you needed to be reminded) that it didn't start with pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris.

Sure, we've seen media bias before, but the past month has taken things to new levels. The press took Barack Obama's

personality cult and magnified it; with Harris and Tim Walz, they've invented one from whole cloth. The press let Joe Biden slide for years on taking few, scripted questions and ducking interviews; now they're letting Harris get away with taking no questions at all (no interviews, no press conferences, no interactions with voters) and issuing statements through spokespeople

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Editorials

Experts weigh in on Labor Day, a critical mile-marker on the road to November 5

In this editorial, I'm updating a post I wrote late on Labor Day. The information was so interesting I didn't want to wait, so I ran the story on *NRL News Today* on Tuesday.

Bear in mind that while pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris may be ahead in the national popular vote, pro-life former President Donald Trump is even steeper with her in the 7 battleground states which will likely determine the outcome: Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Politico's Steven Shepard may have over-dramatized the race but the essential point he is making is quite true:


Because of Republicans' advantage in the Electoral College, a

race that Harris leads nationally by between 2 and 4 percentage points, on average, is the equivalent of a knife fight in a phone booth, and it's set to be decided in a smaller-than-usual number of states.


Long-time Democrat strategist James Carville agrees. As he told Bill Maher

[M]ost say we have to win by three in the popular vote to win the Electoral College. So when you see a poll that says we two up. Well, that's actually, you're one down.

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A photograph of a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white sweater, sitting and holding a baby. The baby is wearing a light blue onesie. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is softly blurred, showing some greenery.

Did you know that programs providing essential parenting classes, diapers, and cribs to new moms were cut by Democratic VP candidate, Governor Tim Walz?

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What did we learn from the media's coverage of the Democratic National Convention?

Media bias is hardly a new topic for pro-lifers. The Legacy Media is drawn to pro-abortion Democrats like a moth to a flame which is why they have burnt out their credibility. With your permission, I'm going to take a few minutes to look back at the Democrat National Convention which ran August 19 through the 22nd.

Although it was hailed by the usual suspects as a smashing success, despite a temporary bounce in the polls for pro-abortion Democrat Vice President Kamala Harris, her numbers pretty much went back to where they were before the convention.

If you have time, you should read

a brilliant post written by *National Review's* Becket Adams headlined "Two Publications That Might as Well Be Run by the DNC". He names names: *Politico* and *Axios*.

But while the pro-Harris bias in those publications could and should have been anticipated, on first blush a *NPR* critique headlined "12 misleading or lacking-in-context claims from Harris' DNC speech," written by Domenico Montanaro, almost floored me. But then I remembered that in *NPR's* world, Democrats never make mistakes, only make "misleading or lacking-in-context claims."

After a pro-forma critique of Harris's remarks, Montanaro

shifts course and paddles back to more familiar waters. He begins by patting himself on the back—"It's the role of the press to try and hold politicians to account for the accuracy of their statements in a good-faith way"—just before he lambasts the multitude of "misstatements, exaggerations and outright lies that *NPR* found from Trump's hour-long news conference Aug. 8."

Let's first look at a few of Harris's "misleading or lacking-in-context claims."

In her speech, Harris said, "We're not going back to when Donald Trump tried to cut Social Security and Medicare."

Montanaro responds, "Former President Trump has pledged not to cut Social Security, the popular retirement program."

Harris said, "With this election, we finally have the opportunity to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act."

Montanaro responds, "This is another one of those traps politicians fall into—overpromising when it's not something they can control. Harris needs Congress to do this, and her winning the presidency does not guarantee that any of what she wants done

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From the President Carol Tobias

Holding Back the Flood



Let's be blunt. Donald Trump has said some things we don't want to hear. Is he turning his back on the pro-life movement? I don't think so. He is a candidate who wants to get elected. He was a friend during his

years in the White House but I'm not sure anyone thought of him as a "member" of the pro-life movement. He might be described as practical, as transactional. He benefited from our help; we benefited from his help. It was a mutually advantageous relationship.

First and foremost, Trump appointed three justices who made the reversal of Roe possible. But he did much more.

While Trump was president, we were able to strengthen conscience protections for medical personnel who did not want to participate in an abortion or assisted suicide. We stopped our tax dollars from going to organizations that perform and/or promote abortions in other countries. We created a working group for countries around the world that did not want to bow to pro-abortion pressure from the UN.

Unlike now, abortions were not performed in Veterans Affairs hospitals and the Department of Defense was not paying transportation costs for members of the military to obtain an abortion. The Department of Health and Human Services was not trying to force hospital emergency rooms to perform abortion on demand. The Department of Justice was not throwing grandmas in jail for supposed violations of the FACE Act.

The pro-life movement was excited about the upcoming election and the possibility of electing, again, a friend as president and overturning the fanatical pro-abortion policies of the Biden-Harris administration.

While some in the pro-life movement ask if Trump should still be supported, the important question is: What happens to our country if he isn't?

This situation reminds me of the children's story about a little Dutch boy who saw a crack in the wall that protected his town from surrounding water. If unchecked, the leak would weaken the entire wall, allowing a flood of water to destroy his town. The boy spent the night in a cold rain, holding his finger in that crack and was hailed the next morning as a hero for saving the town.

Logic might tell us that one little finger does not stop a whole wall from collapsing, but the pro-life movement can stop our country from collapsing. We all know, without a doubt, what will happen if Kamala Harris and Tim Walz become our next president and vice president.

If elected, Harris/Walz will be relentless in trying to make abortion legal in every state, for any reason, through all nine months of pregnancy, with our tax dollars paying for it. And they will do their best to shut down every

pregnancy help center in the country. Even though women supposedly have a "choice," they will be pushed to choose death.

If you pay attention to the words of Harris and Walz, they talk in euphemisms. They steer clear of the word "abortion" – talking instead about "freedom" and "reproductive health care." Abortion is not health care. Abortion is killing. We no longer hear the term "pro-choice" because there is to be no choice. The abortion industry wants dead babies.

Let's look at what the Biden-Harris administration has done in a few short years:

- They announced support for a national law that would nullify any and all protections for unborn children in every state. The so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" would legalize abortion for

has removed most regulations on mifepristone, the abortion pill, even allowing pharmacies to mail the dangerous drug directly to a woman for a do-it-yourself abortion.

- The Biden administration is using the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), a 38-year-old law, to attempt to force all hospital emergency rooms nationwide to provide abortion on demand.

These life-destroying actions are all happening or underway. What will our country look like if this continues for another four years under a Harris-Walz administration?

They will not only continue these policies but will expand on them. When Harris ran

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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

any reason up to the moment of birth.

- They called for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, which prevents tax dollars from being used to pay for most abortions in the US.
- They are sending millions of dollars to organizations that perform or refer for abortions as a method of family planning, and giving our tax dollars to organizations that promote and/or perform abortion in other countries, including those with pro-life laws.
- The Department of Defense is using tax dollars to provide transportation and expenses for military personnel to obtain an abortion. The Department of Veterans Affairs is using tax dollars to perform abortions in its hospitals.
- The Food and Drug Administration

for president in 2020, one of her major campaign goals was to use the Department of Justice to control state laws. Any bill that protected and supported unborn children and their mothers would have to be pre-approved by the Justice Department before it could be enacted. (Fat chance of that happening.) She has revived that plan for this election campaign.

Harris has also expressed support for a plan to add four more justices to the Supreme Court. This court packing would be an overt attempt to override the justices already on the court who honor the Constitution.

Think of any evil plan to promote the killing of children and realize that it is possible under a Harris-Walz administration.

There is too much at stake in this election. Let's be the little boy with his finger in the dike, holding back the flood. I don't want to imagine a country after four years of Harris-Walz, and I don't think you do either.

The Outlook to Defeat Florida's Pro-abortion Amendment 4 Brightens

By Lynda Bell, President, Florida Right to Life

Things are looking up in our fight to defeat Amendment 4 in Florida. In late July, a University of North Florida Public Opinion Research poll had support for passage at 69% (60% approval is required).

We at Florida Right to Life (FRTL) and Do No Harm Florida (DNHF) knew we had tremendous work to do. It's our job to inform the voters of the radical, destructive, and deceptive nature of Amendment 4.

However, the latest polls show much more encouraging numbers. As reported in *The Floridian* [<https://floridianpress.com/2024/08/support-for-amendment-4-abortion-bill-appears-to-plummet>], "A new poll conducted by NextGen Polling and Life First PC, taken between August 23rd and 26th, polled 1,664 likely voters. From those polled, 54.3% support the initiative, 25.8% oppose it, and 19% were undecided."

What changed? The truth about how radical Amendment 4 is is beginning to get out. I predict the numbers will continue to plummet as we speak out, do interviews, produce ads, and tell Floridians the enormous negative effect Amendment 4 will have on them and their families.

When polled, voters are given detailed information about Amendment 4, the numbers drop even more. "After message testing, the poll uncovered that the amendment has only 47.5%

of support," according to *The Floridian*.

Since mid-April, I have been criss-crossing the state of Florida, (along with many others in our

expertise on the devastating effects of Amendment 4.

We are going to county commissions and getting resolutions passed to oppose Amendment 4. In

the Nation has presented the resolution to the Lee County Commission. She is a fabulous speaker and has effectively spoken out at many events.



organization) speaking with reporters, doing podcasts, radio programs, television, creating instructional and informational videos, getting out hundreds of thousands informational cards to be distributed at events, churches, meetings, etc. we are seeing the results.

We just released our first ad, and its also making a difference. Our Chairman and spokesperson, Dr. John Littell and Dr. Rebecca Peck, speak out in their capacity as physicians and give their

fact, we are up to 6 counties that have supported resolutions opposing Amendment 4.

Last month I presented a resolution to the Liberty County commission, it passed 5-0. Our coalition partner, Keith Flaugh from Florida Citizens Alliance, passed a resolution 5-0 in Collier County. We are getting requests weekly to forward our resolution to Floridians who want a resolution passed in their county.

Our coalition partner, Debbie Healy with Women Impacting

Collectively, we at Florida Right to Life and Do No Harm Florida are making a difference in this battle for good ! It is a true David versus Goliath story as the pro-abortion effort backed by Planned Parenthood, the ACLU and other radical organizations are extremely well funded. We are not deterred, we have the grassroots, people who are altruistic and give freely of themselves and the truth. I predict the truth will prevail which means the pro-abortionists will not.

Are Abortion Pills Going to Be on the Ballot?

Unresolved issues with mifepristone heading into the election

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

Earlier this year, pro-lifers had high hopes for the Supreme Court as the justices considered the legality of the government's 2000 approval and subsequent protocol changes in *FDA v. AHM*. (The *Food & Drug Administration versus the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*.)

They hoped that the Court would finally recognize the irregularities associated with the original approval of mifepristone—the “abortion pill”—and would also address serious safety issues the FDA had swept under the rug as the Obama and Biden administration sought to deregulate distribution and make the pills more widely available.

It was not to be.

Though some important issues were raised in oral arguments in March, ultimately the court ruled in June that the pro-life doctors lacked legal “standing” to bring the case. The court held that they were not directly or financially injured by the agency's decision, no matter the effects on their patients.

Many in the press and the political community acted as if this ended the matter. They acted as though the High Court had given the FDA's decisions its full blessing; that all scientific and medical issues had been resolved; and that the drug could be shipped and sold all across the country without any restrictions.

Thus, the view of many was that this had taken the issue of chemical abortion off the table for the fall election. Sure, there were state referenda that would still be held and the fate of “reproductive rights” was still going to be a major issue in presidential campaigns. But the thought was that mifepristone's fate really wasn't going to be on the ballot this November.

Not so fast, folks. There's still a great deal yet to be resolved with mifepristone in the coming months and the election is going to have quite a lot to say about the final outcome.

Open Questions

In truth *none* of these issues have been resolved. The legality of the FDA's original approval and issues about whether protocol changes making mifepristone

high numbers of complications and failures accompanying pharmacy dispensing and home delivery.

The Biden administration asserted that the 1873 Comstock Act which forbade the mailing and shipping of abortifacients was no longer in force. While a press report said a Trump administration would generally not use it to restrict abortion, that law is still on the books and

mifepristone in 2016 (when Obama dropped all but one required visit, extending cut off to 10 weeks after a woman's last menstrual period, expanding prescribers to any certified health care provide, etc.), and in 2021 and 2023 (when Biden dropped all required visits, allowing pharmacy and mail order distribution), many states passed laws continuing to require physician visits and exams and disallowing virtual prescriptions, sales, or home delivery.

Generic mifepristone manufacturer GenBioPro sued West Virginia for its ban on mifepristone as part of its general abortion legislation. An abortion pill prescriber in North Carolina challenged state law there that maintained limits on prescription and distribution of abortion pills that the FDA no longer required.

The West Virginia case was *GenBioPro v. Sorsaia* (now *GenBioPro v. Raynes*) and the North Carolina case was *Bryant v. Stein*, both heard in their area federal district courts. Both cases were decided earlier this year, but appeals are ongoing, moving up the judicial ladder in federal courts.

Basically, the outcome was that, given *Dobbs'* overturn of *Roe*, the state of West Virginia could prohibit the sale and use of mifepristone whenever and wherever they generally prohibited abortion, but could not otherwise prohibit the sale or use of abortion drugs. So, prohibition as part of a general law protecting unborn children and their moms was upheld. However, when and where the state allowed abortion, e.g., for medical emergencies,



easier to get were ever appropriately considered were never directly addressed. Safety was still very much a problem. Women were still hemorrhaging, suffering infections, and were seeing ectopic pregnancies go undetected and rupturing. Women were dying in the U.S., in Canada, in Europe as access and use expanded virtually unchecked.

While studies by the U.S. abortion industry were touting the safety of virtual prescriptions and mail order mifepristone, studies from other countries were showing

several states have cited it as a possible basis for limiting the distribution of abortion pills in their states.

Cases Still in the Courts

Two other cases are currently working their way through the federal courts, challenging the ability of states to impose restrictions on the distribution and prescription of abortion pills in their states.

Once Democrat administrations began trying to water down protective regulations on



Nashville Recording Artist Delivers A Melody of Pain and Redemption

"PLEASE DON'T TAKE ME"

By Amy Baker, Director of Development

In the hushed quiet of a recording studio, where melodies often speak louder than words, Vicki Lynn Maxwell pours out her heart through her music. Her song, "Please Don't Take Me," is more than just lyrics set to a tune; it's a poignant testament to her personal journey and the powerful message she carries.

I had the opportunity to interview Vicki Lynn and learned of her story—one that has since blossomed into a cherished friendship. At 19, Vicki Lynn faced a choice that would change her life forever—an abortion. The pain of that decision lingered, shaping her path in ways she could never have imagined. But Vicki Lynn didn't let her pain define her; instead, she transformed it into a ministry, using her voice to reach others who might be walking a similar path of sorrow and regret.

In "Please Don't Take Me," Vicki Lynn gives a voice to the unborn child, crafting a narrative from the child's perspective. The song opens with the poignant plea, "Please don't take me," capturing the innocent desire of

a life not yet begun. The lyrics unfold, painting a vivid picture of the child inside the womb, who hears conversations from another room saying, "don't keep her." This refrain illustrates the difficult choices faced under intense pressure and the silent cries of the unborn child that often go unheard.

As the song progresses, the unborn child speaks of growing healthy and strong inside the mother. The lyrics capture the tender moments—a tiny heartbeat, a kick in the tummy—that bring smiles and dreams of a future together. It's a powerful depiction of life in its earliest stages, full of hope and promise, even as uncertainty looms.

The child in the song expresses a desire to be close, "closer than a friend," promising to be there for the mother and father through life's journey, from the first steps to the last. This imagined future is a beautiful, albeit painful, glimpse into what could have been—a family united, a child growing up, finding love, and having a family of their own.

Through these heartfelt lyrics,

Vicki Lynn touches on a universal longing for connection, love, and forgiveness. The song's narrative reaches its climax with a message of grace and redemption. The child, from beyond the womb, offers a profound statement: "If you've had an abortion, there's forgiveness in heaven." This line cuts through the pain with a gentle reminder that healing is possible and that love and grace are always within reach.

Vicki Lynn's journey through music is deeply intertwined with her roots. Born in Georgia and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, she grew up in the heart of the music industry. Her father, Lee Morris, a successful songwriter and producer, introduced her to the world of music at a young age. From performing backup vocals to learning the intricacies of studio life, Vicki Lynn's upbringing was steeped in a rich tradition of musical diversity—country, R&B, pop, jazz, gospel. It's no surprise that her songs carry a depth and authenticity that resonate with many.

Her latest single, "Butterfly," written by Grammy Award-

winning Hall of Fame songwriter Steve Dorff, is climbing the News Weekly Country radio charts. Like "Please Don't Take Me," "Butterfly" is a song of transformation, offering a message of hope and renewal. Each track on her album reflects a unique story, drawn from her life and experiences, sharing a piece of her heart with her listeners.

"Please Don't Take Me," co-written with Donald Perkins, stands out not only for its emotional depth but also for its dedication. It is a tribute to the precious unborn children whose voices were never heard but whose impact resonates deeply with all who listen.

Vicki Lynn Maxwell's music is more than a collection of songs; it's a ministry, a way to connect with those who have walked the path of pain and loss, offering them a lifeline of hope and a reminder of God's infinite love and forgiveness.

For more information on Vicki Lynn Maxwell and her music, visit her website at <https://vickilynnmaxwell.com/>

Exposing the Extreme Harris-Walz Record on Abortion is Crucial to Defeating Them

The presidential race has fundamentally shifted.

Prior to President Joe Biden's exit from the race, President Donald Trump held a clear advantage. Biden's abysmal debate performance (and subsequent Democratic Party infighting), the assassination attempt on Trump's life, and a successful Republican National Convention all converged to yield small but tangible leads for Trump in the battleground states. Those gains have largely dissipated in the wake of Vice President Kamala Harris's ascendance to the top of the Democratic ticket.

The polls have swung decidedly in Harris's favor as disaffected Democrats return home, the enthusiasm gap closes (particularly among young voters and voters of color), and the media continues to lavish praise upon Harris and her running mate, Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota.

The Cook Political Report, which ranked the battleground states of Arizona, Georgia and Nevada as "Leans Republican" when Biden was in the race, has returned those states to the "Tossup" category.

A *New York Times*/Siena College poll of nearly 2,000 likely voters conducted August 5-9 found Harris leading in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, three states that were key to Trump's victory in 2016 but which he narrowly lost to Biden in 2020. (The results in Michigan and Pennsylvania were within the poll's margin of error.)

Democrats are also becoming more bullish about flipping North Carolina, a state Trump carried by a mere 1.34% margin in 2020. The last time a Democrat carried North Carolina was in 2008 when Barack Obama's campaign successfully turned out high numbers of African American and

young voters. Some Democratic strategists believe having Kamala Harris, an African American woman, at the top of the ticket in 2024 could set the stage for a repeat of Obama's 2008 victory.

In Maine, one of two states that allocates its Electoral College votes by congressional district, Trump leads Harris by just 4 points in the Second Congressional District, according to recent polling conducted by the UNH Survey Center. However, Trump carried Maine's Second Congressional District by 7 points in 2020 and by 10 in 2016.

FiveThirtyEight blog founder Nate Silver, recently updated his presidential election forecast, giving Kamala Harris a 56% chance of winning versus 43.5% for Donald Trump. Throughout the month of July, however, it was Trump who had the higher likelihood of winning, according to Silver.

The media's gushing response to Kamala Harris supplanting Joe Biden has been over-the-top and cringe-worthy yet predictable. Harris has been portrayed as everyone's fun aunt and a mother to the nation ("Mom-ala," if you will). Some have hailed her as the second coming of Barack Obama or a more likable version of Hillary Clinton. Her campaign has been described as "joy-filled" and positive even while it casts her opponent as an existential threat to American democracy itself. We are expected to believe that Harris has been a vital player within the Biden Administration who deserves credit for its successes but cannot be held responsible for any of its failures.

If the election were held today, Kamala Harris could very well be elected the next president of the United States.

Luckily, there is still time to

turn things around!

Although she has been Biden's vice president since 2021, Kamala Harris remains an unknown to many Americans. It seems that her campaign wants to keep it

attempted abortion is afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

Harris and Walz support using your tax dollars to pay for



that way. Since the campaign's launch, Harris has shied away from serious interviews or live press conferences. Some political commentators have described the current state of the race as Kamala's "honeymoon period." They assert that Harris's newfound favorability is fleeting, and it will begin to decline as soon as she is forced to articulate and defend her policy positions, many of which are wildly out-of-touch with mainstream public opinion.

The bottom line is that Harris and Walz are extreme on abortion. Together, they constitute the most pro-abortion ticket in U.S. history, opposing even the most basic protections for unborn babies and their mothers.

Harris and Walz oppose the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a commonsense bill that would ensure that an infant born alive during an

abortion. They oppose the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act and longstanding pro-life appropriations riders like the Hyde Amendment.

Harris and Walz support the so-called Women's Health Protection Act, a sweeping bill in Congress that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and eliminate virtually all existing protections for unborn babies and their mothers on the state level, including parental involvement laws and right-to-know laws.

You have the power to impact the outcome of this election.

First and foremost, make sure you are registered to vote. Then, make a plan for how you will vote. This could be by mail or in person. Take advantage of early voting if your state offers it. In

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Babies make us kinder, gentler individuals and give us a purpose in life

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

I was attending a church event recently when one of my fellow attendees posed a brilliant question: What would we have done without those babies?

The query speaks to the heart of the issue of defending innocent human life. So many of us were conceived in difficult circumstances, and our parents truly struggled. Yet, in the end, against all odds, they gave us life.

Our families, communities, and country would be greatly impoverished without the many babies who enrich our world.

When we support abortion, we are tearing apart the very fabric of our society. We need babies, as much as they need us. They make us kinder, gentler individuals and give us a purpose in life. The world would be a lot colder and a lot less hospitable without them around.

Every life has meaning and represents an eternal spark of divine life. When we extinguish that spark through abortion, we coarsen our culture and undermine our civilization.

We have no right to take the lives of others away. They should be allowed to exercise the most fundamental freedom—the freedom to live.

The issue of the sanctity of human life can make us appreciate all the more the little ones who grace our schools and playgrounds.

What would we have done without those babies? I shudder to think.



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addition to your vote, it is critical that we make an effort to educate, energize, and mobilize the pro-life voters in our social circles. This could include our friends, family, neighbors, members of our faith communities, coworkers, and so forth.

To help you in communicating what's at stake in this election and

the positions of the candidates on the most critical right-to-life issues, National Right to Life has put together several terrific resources.

Compare the Presidential Candidates: Donald Trump vs. Kamala Harris ([https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/POTUS-Trump-Harris-](https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/POTUS-Trump-Harris-Comparison2024.pdf)

[Comparison2024.pdf](https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/POTUS-Trump-Harris-Comparison2024.pdf))

Compare a Los Candidatos a la Presidencia: Donald Trump vs. Kamala Harris (Espanol) (<https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/POTUS-Trump-HarrisComparison2024-Spanish.pdf>)

Compare the Vice-Presidential Candidates: J.D.

Vance vs. Tim Walz (<https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/VancevsWalzComparison.pdf>)

The Record on Life: Kamala Harris (<https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/records/KamalaHarrisRecordonLife.pdf>)

The Record on Life: Tim Walz (<https://nrlc.org/uploads/records/TimWalzRecordonLifeVP.pdf>)

Now is the time to submit op-eds to newspapers and magazines

By Laura Echevarria, Director of Communications and Press Secretary

Getting an op-ed submission published can feel like an uphill climb on slick pavement in a rainstorm. For the last few weeks, I've been submitting one from National Right to Life on the abortion positions of Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz. And it is a challenge. What may be of interest to one publication may not be of any interest to another.

Despite the challenges, however writing an op-ed can be a very effective way of presenting the pro-life view.

As you write, it is very helpful to begin with rough outline. Outlines act like roadmaps and can help you reach your destination.

Ok, now what?

You must remember as we enter into the final days of the election cycle, op-eds become harder to place and once we enter October, many publications will stop accepting op-eds about the elections because they run out of time and space for presenting opposing viewpoints.

Now is the time to write about the pro-abortion policies of certain candidates and the harm they could do if elected.

Newspapers and magazines that publish op-eds are always looking for pieces focused on current events that readers would be interested in reading. And they are

always looking for well-written pieces that clearly present the writer's arguments and opinions.

Publications have limited space so there are rules. For example, *USA Today* will take opinion pieces ranging from 550 to 750 words while the *Wall Street Journal* will take opinion pieces up to 1000 words. Op-ed editors

of the general community or are they a special class of readers such as educators, pastors, or policymakers? Your writing will need to meet the needs of your reader.

Stay laser-focused on your goal.

A common mistake is to try to address three or four different pro-

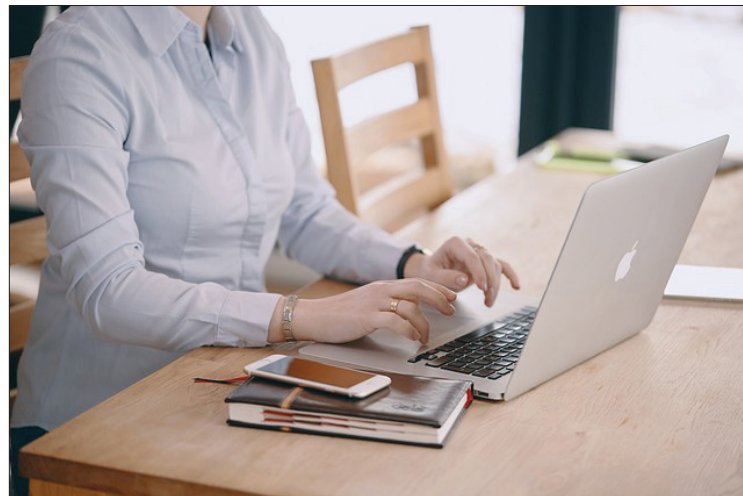
reader, it is unlikely that a reader will completely change his or her mind. Sometimes, effective persuasion is just a nudge in the right direction such as persuading the reader to rethink his or her opinion on an issue.

Your op-ed should conclude with a "call-to-action" that requires some kind of response from the reader. It could be encouraging people to vote for a certain candidate or asking people to call their representative about a vital piece of legislation.

When you are ready to submit your op-ed, keep in mind that you can't submit the same op-ed to two different publications at the same time. You have to wait until you're told a publication will use it or wait long enough to know they will not.

Some publications will tell you that you will know within three days, others will tell you a week to 10 days and others will let you make your best guess. The usual rule of thumb, unless a publication tells you otherwise, is to wait a week before submitting the op-ed somewhere else.

If writing an opinion piece challenges a handful of people to rethink their position on the right to life, it is worth the effort. Changing hearts and minds is the best way we can protect innocent human life both now and in the future.



also require daytime and evening contact numbers for the person whose name is on the byline. State or local publications may also need to know your address and if you are local.

Once you know the publication you are writing for, you need to ask yourself who the audience is and whether you need to focus more on the story or the facts. Also, are the readers members

life issues. Focus on one and keep your arguments and facts centered on that one topic and stay with it to the end.

For example, you can write about abortions late in pregnancy and start your op-ed with a startling statistic that supports your key idea. And you should have at least three supporting arguments with provable facts.

When trying to persuade the



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.

Top Myths DEBUNKED: Human prenatal development

By Bridget Sielicki

Over the years, one of the biggest ways that abortion advocates have been able to convince people that the violence of abortion is necessary and good is by dehumanizing the preborn child, simply because he lives inside his mother's womb. Thankfully, as science and medical technology have advanced, so has our understanding of that hidden life and prenatal development.

Here are some of the biggest myths the abortion industry peddles about preborn human life and prenatal development — and what's really happening in the womb.

Myth #1: A child in the womb is just a 'clump of cells.'

The truth: From fertilization, the child grows quickly. Though the child has few cells at his or her beginning, those cells are doing important work. At the moment of fertilization, the preborn child is already entirely distinct from his mother. His sex, ethnicity, hair color, eye color, and other traits have already been decided, and his DNA is unique from his mother's and father's.

One of the biggest tactics abortion advocates use to assuage abortion-minded women is telling them that the child in the womb is just a "clump of cells." This argument is easily refuted by the images of children who have been miscarried or aborted — tiny hands, arms, fingers, and toes quickly dispel any doubt that the child is anything but fully human.

Live Action's I Saw My Baby campaign shares stories of women who were duped into believing their children were nothing but clumps of cells, and then were shocked and horrified to witness the tiny human who was expelled during the chemical abortion procedure.

According to the Endowment for Human Development, a preborn

child's kidneys are formed five weeks after fertilization, brain waves can be measured as early as six weeks post-fertilization, and he can respond to touch by seven weeks after fertilization.

This rapid-fire development continues throughout pregnancy,

weeks post-fertilization), science shows that the child's heart actually begins beating much earlier, just about three weeks after fertilization.

"The narrative that embryos don't have heartbeats at six weeks' gestation is a blatant

pro-abortion have conceded that preborn children most certainly experience pain by 12 weeks.

The idea that a child may feel the abortion taking place makes some people uncomfortable, so the abortion industry peddles the lie that these children are incapable of feeling pain. Science says otherwise.

The painful effects of an abortion procedure are demonstrated in a horrifying way in the film "The Silent Scream," which uses actual ultrasound video footage showing a 13-week-old preborn child being killed by a suction aspiration abortion. As the abortionist attempts to dismember the preborn baby, she is seen trying to escape the suction curette while her heart rate doubles. As the abortionist does his work, the child's mouth opens in a 'silent scream,' indicating she did likely feel the impact of her violent death.

Though pain is often used as a marker for whether or not abortion should be permitted, it's also irrelevant to the question of a preborn child's humanity.

Regardless of whether or not the child feels pain, no human being should be subjected to death by the poisoning or dismemberment of abortion.

Myth #4: Babies in the womb aren't 'conscious' beings.

The Truth: A 2016 study led by Dr Marisa Lopez-Teijon of the Institut Marques in Barcelona showed babies "singing" to orchestral music as early as 16 weeks. A 2017 study from the University of Kansas found through monitoring babies' heart rates in the womb, that they can distinguish between different languages in utero. Research conducted in 2022 even found that



as the tiny cells of the embryo miraculously grow into the fully-formed infant ready to welcome the world on the day of his birth.

Myth #2: The preborn child's heartbeat is just 'manufactured sound.'

The truth: The medical textbook "Larsen's Human Embryology" states, "The heart is the first functioning organ in humans. It begins beating rhythmically as early as day 22 and pumps blood by days 24 to 25." A number of physicians verify this fact.

As 'heartbeat laws' take hold across the nation, so has the claim that preborn children don't have heartbeats — and that any sound picked up on Doppler is "manufactured." However, though Doppler technology often can't pick up the sounds of the preborn child's heartbeat until around six weeks gestation (four

example of misinformation that can be corrected by studying basic embryology," Dr. Donna Harrison, CEO of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians Gynecologists, told Live Action News in 2022. "In fact, at six weeks' gestation, the embryonic heart rhythmically contracts to pump blood through its arteries, which flows to the placenta to exchange carbon dioxide for oxygen. To call this anything other than a beating heart is dishonest, and serves only to dehumanize preborn people."

Myth #3: Babies can't feel pain until very late in pregnancy.

The truth: A 2017 study found that preborn babies in the first trimester have "adult-like" patterns of nerves, indicating that babies may feel pain as early as eight weeks gestation. Even researchers who are admittedly

Judge says despite history of safety issues, abortion business can open under new ownership

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

An abortion facility that was previously denied a license to open by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) should be given one, according to a state administrative judge who sided with the facility.

July Medical Services, which does business as Hope Medical Services, sued to have the AHCA's decision overturned, and Judge Yolonda Green agreed, in her 40-page ruling. However, the decision will ultimately go back to the state agency for final action.

July Medical Services once operated in Louisiana under the name "June Medical Services," and also operated under the name "Hope Medical Group for Women." Numerous safety issues with the facility were noted, including reports of "[u]nsanitary, expired, missing, or improperly stored instruments, medications, and medical supplies." The Louisiana Department of Justice also accused the business of engaging in criminal activity, claiming

the facility repeatedly failed to report instances of child rape for girls as young as 11.

In her ruling, Green acknowledged the problems with the facility in Louisiana, but *said the new one should open anyway*.

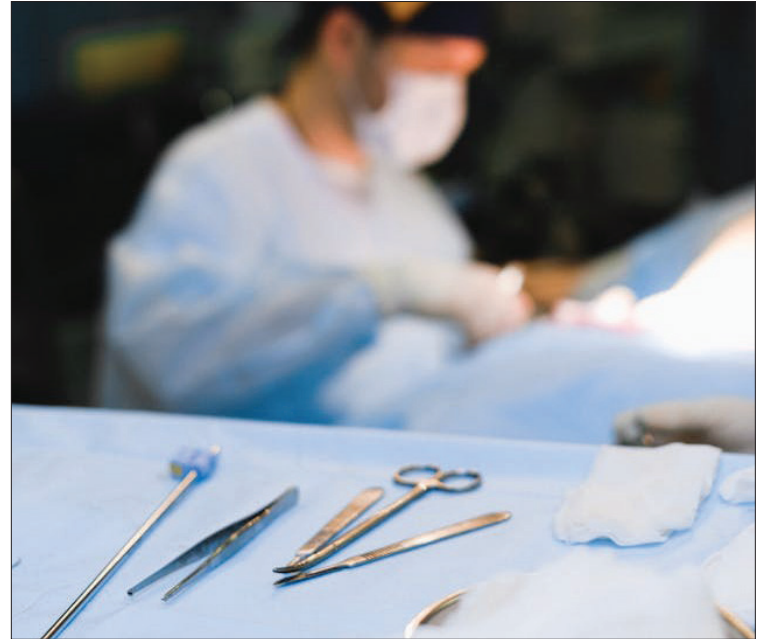
"The operation history of June Medical raises some concerns about their compliance with state regulations," Green wrote. "It also raises concern about the safety of patients. However, based on the evidence of record, there was no threat or actual harm to patients. All the deficiencies proven were corrected. Based on the foregoing, the competent substantial evidence establishes that June Medical's Louisiana deficiencies did not establish a pattern of deficient performance."

In Florida, the facility is owned by Michael Rothrock, whose mother, Robin, owned the Louisiana facility. Kathaleen Pittman, who served as the medical director in Louisiana, will also serve as the medical director of the Florida facility — calling into question how safe

women and girls can possibly be at a business which seemingly has no problem flouting safety standards and laws.

Green noted one instance

and inadequate documentation to verify physician's orders failed to demonstrate diligence. Most of these violations were non-repeated offenses."



of unreported child rape in her ruling, as well as citations which "consisted of lack of documentation in personnel files, lack of board meeting minutes,

Yet because the *current* owner was not the owner in Louisiana, Green said he cannot be held accountable for the previous failings.

The power of abortion survivors and their mothers to educate the public is profound

By Melissa Ohden

Editor's note. For most of us, Melissa Ohden is the face of a "failed abortion." You may be aware of the CliffsNotes version of Melissa's utterly breathtaking story, one that amazes me to this day. In 1977 she survived a saline infusion abortion, a technique that was so dangerous (to the mother) that it is virtually no longer used anywhere. She was adopted by a loving family who raised her as their own.

Sylvester Stallone's most famous roles may arguably be as "Rocky" or "Rambo," but in a recent Unwaxed podcast interview Sistine and he admitted to what I would argue is the defining role of his life—abortion survivor.

As Nancy Flanders of Live Action reported in her article on August 28th, Stallone's daughters, Sophia and Sistine, were questioning him about his relationship with his mother, Jackie Stallone.

"You had said that your mom was nervous to have you," said Sistine. "She didn't want you, right?"

"Not at all," replied Stallone. "My mother would say, 'The only reason you're here is because the hanger didn't work' or 'bouncing down those steps didn't cause you to get lost.'"

I concur with Nancy's statement: "Based on these remarks, it sounds as if Stallone's mother had tried to kill him in at least one, perhaps multiple, DIY [Do-It-Yourself] abortions."

Honestly, I shouldn't be surprised by the "unsuccessful" abortion experiences admitted by famous figures like Stallone. He's not alone in his experience, joining well-known figures like Cristiano Ronaldo and Pastor Jack Hibbs. But even more

importantly, as a fellow abortion survivor and leader of The Abortion Survivors Network, [<https://abortionsurvivors.org>], stories like Stallone's, Ronaldo's, and Hibbs' are being lived out by

hear Stallone's story, they see themselves in it. We often hear it said that representation matters. I can tell you that representation in our culture by abortion survivors is significant.



Melissa Ohden

everyday people like you and me.

Earlier this week, I met two women at an event who survived at-home attempts to abort them; one before Roe v. Wade and one after. At another event, an attendee shared her experience meeting a pre-Roe survivor in her community. These survivor encounters don't even count the survivors who have contacted our team online.

Whether it's at the bank, the hair salon, the grocery store, everywhere I go and dare to mention who I am or what I do, or our organization's name is shared, it seems as if someone knows someone who survived an attempt to abort them. More often than not, it's an at-home or "DIY" attempt.

I do not doubt that when at-home attempt survivors see and

The secretive, isolative experience of surviving any attempt to abort you, coupled with the cultural misunderstandings about us, lead survivors to believe they must be the only ones this has happened to. The recent passing of Phil Donahue reminded me of the power of the stories and voices of abortion survivors and mothers in not only educating the public but also in reaching those with these experiences.

I can remember where I stood in my parents' living room all those years ago when Phil interviewed Ana Rosa Rodriguez's mother. Ana was 32 weeks gestation when her mother, Rosa, went to the New York City abortion chamber of Abu Hayat, the notorious "Butcher of Avenue A" in 1991. Ana survived but lost an arm in the process.

What may have been just another show to Phil, seeing another person like me was one of the turning points in my life.

Abortion survival experiences are diverse, and we have found that more often than not, especially in the U.S., survivors are raised in their biological families.

With the cultural focus on the political fight over abortion, those who survive at-home attempts have often felt like they had no one who would listen to or care about their story.

The story of Michelle Lyman, included in my book, *Abortion Survivors Break Their Silence*, highlights the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of those who survived illegal or at-home attempts before Roe legalized abortion.

Where there are abortions, there is "unsuccessful" abortion—the baby survives. Abortion supporters turn their survival into an argument that these extremely late abortions are "always going to happen," so abortion must be legal.

What a strange position to hold. It means ignoring that women are coerced and forced into abortions. Babies are the intended victims but survive more often than most understand. Whole families are affected, especially mothers who parent their surviving child, like Sylvester Stallone's mother, Jackie, did.

After an abortion attempt, more needs to be done to support women like Sylvester's mom so that family functioning can have better outcomes.

We see high incidences of abuse and neglect in homes like his. Again, that doesn't mean he or any survivor is "better off dead."

CBS Still Ignoring Zuckerberg Admitting to Censoring Covid, Hunter Biden Posts

By Curtis Houck

After going 0-for-3 on Monday night's broadcast network newscasts with the bombshell of Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg admitting his platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp) censored Covid-19 content and Hunter Biden posts over the last four years, *ABC* and *NBC* ended the brief blackout on Tuesday with a full segment on *Good Morning America* and brief on *NBC's Today*.

This left *CBS* as the only network yet to have acknowledged these acts of anti-American, anti-free speech behavior sanctioned by the government.

NBC's Today had a 39-second news brief, but there was no real substance to it with Saturday co-host Peter Alexander heavily underbaking it.

"Also ahead this morning, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg is making headlines, saying he regrets the social media company giving into pressure from the Biden administration to censor Covid content during the pandemic," Alexander simplistically explained.

He noted Zuckerberg said in a letter to the House Judiciary Committee that he wouldn't acquiesce again and "regrets the decisions in 2021 to remove certain content, including humor and satire from Facebook, Instagram, as well as WhatsApp."

That was all Alexander had to say about Zuckerberg as the rest was dedicated to the Biden-Harris administration defending censorship on Big Tech platforms because they felt the need to demand "responsible actions to encourage public health and safety."

ABC's Good Morning America had just about as close to an

acceptable segment as one will get from liberal network news. First, the time spent was hefty



Mark Zuckerberg
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with two minutes and 31 seconds in the first half hour.

"We do turn now to a story breaking overnight. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg claims he was pressured by the White House to censor content related to Covid-19 during the pandemic," weekend co-host Whit Johnson began before tossing to senior investigative correspondent Aaron Katersky.

Katersky hit the nail on the head by explaining much of the hubbub about censorship of views about Covid-19 wasn't just about the virus itself (or, in a topic he left unsaid, vaccines), but "views that challenged the general consensus in the medical community, especially about the origin of Covid-19" (i.e. the lab-leak theory).

"Now, Facebook's founder surprisingly says they're right. This morning, Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg admitting he bowed

to pressure from the Biden administration to censor content," Katersky astutely added.

Katersky then ran through two key lines and one public admission from President Biden about Facebook that showed the levels of contempt the regime had for the platform (and thus a willingness to bully it):

KATERSKY: The Facebook founder issuing a letter to the House Judiciary Committee that said senior administration officials pushed the social platform to censor posts about Covid-19 and expressed a lot of frustration when the company resisted. Zuckerberg saying: "I believe the government pressure was wrong, and I regret we were not more outspoken about it," adding "I feel strongly we should not bow to pressure from any Administration in either direction — and we're ready to push back if something like this happens again." President Biden was asked about misinformation online in the summer of 2021.

PETER ALEXANDER [TO BIDEN] [on 07/16/21]: On Covid misinformation, what's your message to platforms like Facebook?

BIDEN [on 07/16/21]: They're killing people. I mean, really — look, the only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated and that — and they're killing people.

KATERSKY: Biden later walked back the comment insisting he wasn't attacking Facebook.

After running through the White House's response that Alexander touched on, Katersky then brought up the Hunter Biden censorship:

Zuckerberg going on to express regret for demoting content related to corruption allegations against Hunter Biden ahead of the 2020 election, alleging the FBI warned information circulating online was a Russian disinformation operation. "It's since been made clear that the reporting was not Russian disinformation, and in retrospect, we shouldn't have demoted the story" Zuckerberg went onto say the company has "changed its policies and processes to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Katersky concluded by crediting *The Wall Street Journal* for the first reporting the Zuckerberg letter and then acknowledged what's obvious to readers here, but isn't to Katersky and his fellow lefty journalists:

"And, Whit, there really is a tension going on here between the government and Big Tech over how content on social media should be policed and whether conservative voices often get silenced."

"Absolutely. The story getting a lot of attention this morning," Johnson replied.

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West Virginians Will Decide Whether to Pass Amendment 1 to Protect Themselves from Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

By Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

Amendment 1, spearheaded by Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw, passed by supermajority votes in both the West Virginia House (88-9) and Senate (28-4) this past legislative session, and will go to the voters in November. A simple majority vote will add



Mary H. Tillman, JD, speaks in several West Virginia venues, helping people to understand why protection from assisted suicide and euthanasia is so important. Here, she addresses an audience in Weirton.

it to the state constitution, and thus protect West Virginians from physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Amendment 1 will protect vulnerable lives, such as those of senior citizens, veterans, and persons with disabilities or chronic illness. If Amendment 1 fails to pass, however, there is a real danger that

Compassion & Choices, the national pro-death organization that seeks to spread this dangerous practice all over the country, might try to come to the state in 2025.

The West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Health Care (WVAEHC) has developed a website – CaringNotKilling.com – which seeks to educate the public. According to Mary Tillman, J.D., WVAEHC’s Legislative Coordinator, “Historic evidence shows that the legalization of physician-assisted suicide is very dangerous, and leads to the corruption of the medical profession, increased suicide rates (‘suicide contagion’), elder abuse, the undercutting of suicide *prevention* efforts, and more.”

CaringNotKilling.com shows people the importance of voting FOR the protection that Amendment 1 will provide. In addition to videos and written summaries, it contains free resources that can be downloaded and distributed. In the weeks to come, the website will be expanded, so that those seeking to protect life can personally help with lawn signs and billboards.



New Jersey's Deaths by Assisted Suicide Continue to Increase

By Marie Tasy, Executive Director, New Jersey Right to Life

In 2023, one hundred and one individuals in New Jersey sadly took lethal drugs prescribed by a physician to end their lives through the state's assisted suicide law according to a 2023 state report. This translates to a 10% increase from the previous year's report which revealed a total of 91 deaths.

According to the 2023 report, patients were between 37 and 100 years of age, with 19 individuals ranging in age from 35-64 years of age. 57% were female, and 43% were male. 95% were white and 80% were 65 and older.

Malignancy was the leading underlying illness reported by 61% of the cases. The total number of individuals who died since the New Jersey assisted suicide went into effect in 2019 is now up to 287.

However, a 10% increase is not enough for advocates of assisted suicide who are committed to seeing the death count increase even more. They are not happy with the report. The most prominent of these assisted suicide advocates is a well-funded lobbying organization who, under the misnomer of "Compassion

and Choices," is the biggest peddler of assisted suicide in the U.S. They are now behind efforts to expand New Jersey's law to allow residents from out of state

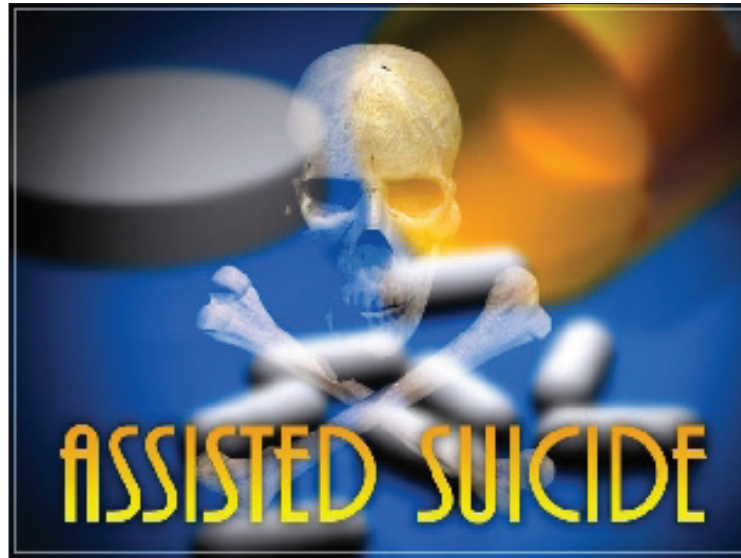
They are also pushing for a New Jersey Assembly bill to have the 15-day waiting period eliminated. Currently, patients who consider utilizing the assisted suicide law

for abuse and coercion by health insurers, health care providers, relatives and caregivers.

It's telling that Oregon and Vermont have already removed their residency requirements. Undoubtedly, the number of individuals dying by assisted suicide will increase even more if New Jersey also goes down this ill-fated path. Although there is no indication presently that New Jersey lawmakers want to remove the residency requirement, a lawsuit filed by 4 plaintiffs orchestrated by Compassion and Choices is pending in New Jersey to challenge this requirement.

Advances in medicine to cure illnesses, extend lives and alleviate pain are made every day. It is not inconsequential then to note that 287 New Jerseyans were given lethal drugs by "physicians" over the last 5 years to hasten their deaths when medication that could alleviate pain and other physical suffering and potentially save and sustain their lives was readily available.

This should give us all pause as we navigate a health care system that is constantly looking to cut costs and ration care.



to come to our state for assisted suicide.

The organization boasts more than \$38 million in total assets in their 2023 Annual Report. Their report also includes a 4-page list of "donors who have created a planned legacy gift." Simply put, they need more deaths to justify their existence to keep the cash flowing into their coffers.

in New Jersey must ask their doctor for the lethal drugs twice over the course of 15 days and then submit a request in writing.

Like a handful of other states that have legalized assisted suicide, New Jersey's law is supposed to have "safeguards," but it is actually riddled with loopholes that have put patients, especially the disabled, at risk

NRLC goes to ALEC and NCSL to exchange information and enthusiasm

By Ingrid Duran, Director, NRLC Department of State Legislation

The beginning of summer can also be synonymous with convention season for NRLC's Department of State Legislation. Every year that we attend, great friends and great memories are made.

From January to June, the department of state legislation assists the NRLC affiliates in each state with legislation affecting

and I traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Annual Summit. We were also able to visit the office of our affiliate, Kentucky Right to Life, as they were preparing for fair season.

We met so many legislators. Their staff were enthusiastic about all of the life-affirming policies



Left to right: Ingrid Duran, Kansas Senator Beverly Gossage, and Andrew Bair.

their state. So, I commonly hear the names of sponsors and co-sponsors. So, it is fascinating to meet the dedicated pro-life leaders who continue to advocate for the effective protection of the unborn and their mothers.

This year the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Annual Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado. Then two weeks later, my colleague

they were working on and had worked on in the past. We met so many friendly exhibitors, and believe it or not, I went to my first ever baseball game and I met Sasquatch! I tried to get as many pictures as I could before the battery in my phone died.

We will be there next year and look forward to seeing the friends we've made and making new friends.



Kansas Senator Mike Fagg and Ingrid Duran



On the left is Senator Rick Wilborn, Vice President of the Kansas Senate, and on the right is Chief of Staff, Darren Beckham.



Kansas Senator Renee Erickson

Pro-Life Laws Allow for Ectopic Pregnancy Intervention

By Ashley Leenerts, Texas Right to Life

Texas' Pro-Life laws fully allow a woman to receive care when she has an ectopic pregnancy. Still, two Texas women are alleging that they were denied this critical medical treatment, which can be extremely dangerous.

Importantly, ectopic pregnancy treatment is explicitly excluded from the definition of abortion in Texas. This ensures that no Pro-Life law prevents women facing this tragic situation from receiving necessary medical intervention.

Still, the Left and liberal media have collaborated to spread confusion about the law, possibly contributing to recent reports of delayed ectopic pregnancy treatment for Kyleigh Thurman and Kelsie Norris-De La Cruz.

An ectopic pregnancy is a tragic condition where the embryo implants somewhere other than the uterus, typically the fallopian tube. In some cases, the child may naturally pass away, but if this does not occur, the condition is likely to result in the rupture of the fallopian tube. This event not only ends the child's life, but creates a life-threatening situation for the mother.

Since current medical treatments cannot save both lives in this scenario, it is acceptable under Texas law to save the mother's life by removing the embryo to prevent further harm. Texas law accounts for this and similar tragic situations, protecting preborn lives without risking the mother's life.

Specifically, Texas abortion law, as outlined in the Health and Safety Code, explicitly states that ectopic pregnancy treatment is not considered an abortion. This means that any law restricting abortion does not apply in

to intervene to save the life of the mother using "reasonable medical judgment" to analyze the threat. However, some doctors may mistakenly believe they cannot act in these situations, leading to erroneous confusion.

Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

EMTALA ensures that patients, including pregnant women, receive necessary emergency medical care without discrimination, aligning with the



situations where a dangerous ectopic pregnancy exists.

Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 245

The Texas Medical Board recently reaffirmed that Texas' Pro-Life laws allow for medical intervention when there is a foreseeable threat to the mother's life or major bodily function, including ectopic pregnancy. The Texas Medical Board rules fully support and clarify that our Pro-Life laws are designed to permit necessary medical intervention as written. Doctors are allowed

Norris-De La Cruz and Thurman are seeking a federal investigation after allegedly being denied timely medical care for their ectopic pregnancies. Their complaint, filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights—an abortion activist group—argues that two Texas hospitals violated federal law and compromised the women's future fertility by delaying necessary treatment. Both women are requesting that a federal agency conduct an independent investigation of these hospitals to secure compliance with the Emergency

commitment to protect all human life. A previous case brought by the Biden-Harris administration against Texas law was thrown out, demonstrating that Texas Life-saving laws do not violate the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act.

Texas Pro-Life laws are intentionally drafted to ensure that both women and their preborn children receive the care they deserve. We must continue to hold medical providers accountable to provide this care appropriately and combat misinformation that can lead to dangerous delays in treatment.

This may be the most important election of our lives, especially in battleground states like Pennsylvania

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

What is it like to live in a battleground state?

It means Presidential candidates and their surrogates crisscrossing our Commonwealth, trying to woo voters from gritty urban centers to sleek suburban enclaves to rustic rural outposts.

It means nightly mentions on cable news regarding everything from voter registration counts to poll numbers.

It means being a constant focus of political pundits and analysts.

Pennsylvania is neither a red state nor a blue state—it is decidedly purple, an interesting blend of the two.

Nothing can be taken for granted here—especially when it comes to defending unborn children

and their mothers from pro-abortion politicians. Every vote is necessary and critical to the long-



term success of protecting women and their babies from harm.

Pennsylvania went red in 2016 and many credit that for Republican Donald Trump's

ascendancy to the White House. In 2020, pro-abortion Democrat Joe Biden captured Pennsylvania's electoral votes, ushering in an administration decidedly hostile to unborn rights.

At stake also in Pennsylvania is control of the state legislature. Currently, Democrats hold a razor-thin lead in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, while Republicans control the Pennsylvania Senate. If pro-abortion Democrats capture the General Assembly, preborn children and their mothers could suffer greatly from the dismantling of the time-tested Abortion Control Act.

Pro-abortion Democrats, led by Gov. Josh Shapiro, desire

an end to our 24-hour reflection period before an abortion. They want to do away with parental consent for abortion, along with informed consent for abortion. They want to rip away the blanket of legal protections that have served our Commonwealth well for decades.

If you live in Pennsylvania, please make sure you are registered to vote. You can learn more at <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote/voter-registration.html>.

This may in fact be the most important election of our lives—especially in battleground states. Let us engage in peaceful action to ensure that the rights of the most vulnerable are protected!

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preborn children had preferences for certain foods; when their mothers ate things they didn't like, they responded by making sad or disgusted faces, seen via ultrasound technology.

Despite the fact that they are hidden in the womb, preborn babies demonstrate time and again that they really are aware of what's going on in the world outside, and that they even have their own likes and dislikes.

Apart from scientific research, there have been many anecdotal incidents of babies responding by jumping or moving in the womb when exposed to certain music or voices. Recent American Idol winner Abi Carter shared a story to demonstrate that she

was musical before she was even born, as her mother heard her 'humming' while listening in on headphones during an ultrasound appointment.

"My mom is a singer herself," Carter shared. "So I was always listening to her sing from the womb."

Preborn human beings are the youngest, most defenseless human beings, which means they are most worthy of protection and compassion — not to be targeted for death because they are vulnerable.

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7 theories why the press is complicit with the Harris Campaign

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disavowing her own prior record and positions with no explanation

And to top it all off, some Democrats, pretending to be scribes, are touting her silence as a shrewd political calculus — “as if it’s the job of the media to applaud rather than challenge candidates who try to manipulate them and avoid uncomfortable questions.”

So, what are the seven theories of press complicity?

1. *Simple partisanship.* Most young reporters are “woke” for which the old ideal of “objectivity” is both amusing and quaint. But why are the old geezers greasing the skids for Harris?

2. *Identity politics.* Many female reporters “are especially invested in the narrative of Harris as a stand-in for all women and a referendum on women as president.” But what if reporters have to treat Harris as a politician with a record to be evaluated? “The wagons get circled in order to preserve the simplicity of Harris-as-women, rather than the grubby reality of Harris the politician.”

3. *Trump.* He is a threat to all that is right and holy, and it would be a dereliction of duty if reporters don’t do everything in their power to stop this “threat to democracy.” Nothing else need be added.

4. *Audience capture.* “Put simply, if you work for CNN or MSNBC or the New York Times, all your incentives are to give your readers and viewers what they want — and conservative-leaning audiences have tuned those outlets out so much that there is nothing but negative feedback for

“Like an umpire trying to fix a bad call, whenever the national press as a whole moves against a Democrat, you can expect a snap-back effort to restore the natural order of things by going too far in the other direction.”

the record, has reportedly been chatting off the record with the people on her campaign plane — shaping coverage in her favor in exchange for an agreement not to tell voters what she’s been saying to them.” And finally

7. *Respect for the game.* There is a tendency to treat politics as a game, a “horse-race,” as an ongoing episode of *The West Wing* where “strategy” is everything. If you play the game well, there is lots of admiration from political reporters. And, speaking of coups:

By dumping their unpopular incumbent nominee midstream, a coup apparently masterminded by the aged former speaker of the House, and seamlessly substituting a new nominee and then unifying their party behind her and subduing the press into prostration, Democratic power brokers have indeed played the inside-the-Beltway game very well the past month. If your concept of political journalism is simply to cheer those who wield the knife well, that yields good coverage.

McLaughlin concludes, “But it’s not what a free press is for in a free and democratic republic.” Amen to that.



coverage that does anything but help Democrats defeat Trump.”

5. *Guilt trips.* There are, shall we say, few occasions where the behavior of a Democrat is so beyond the pale that reporters must make a pass at criticism. But...

6. *Source-greasing.* Times are tight in an era of “proliferating outlets and declining revenues,” and “politicians have figured out that they hold a lot of leverage over reporters.” You write something critical and you lose access and scoops. “Harris herself, while refusing to talk on

Thomas More Society Files Lawsuit Challenging Missouri “Reproductive Freedom” Ballot Initiative

Attorneys Allege Petition to Amend Constitution Violates State Law

Editor’s note. This is adapted from a post found at <https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/news/thomas-more-society-files-lawsuit-challenging-missouri-reproductive-freedom-ballot-initiative>

In a lawsuit filed on August 22, 2024, on behalf of state lawmakers and concerned individuals, Thomas More Society attorneys are challenging the inclusion of proposed Amendment 3 on the November ballot.

The filing alleges that the initiative petition was erroneously certified by Missouri Secretary of State John Ashcroft, because it runs afoul of the Missouri Constitution and state statutes. Amendment 3, also known as the “Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative” seeks to amend the state constitution to include an unlimited, new “super-right,” called the “fundamental right to reproductive freedom.” In the proposed amendment, this term is left largely undefined but affects “all matters relating to reproductive health care.”

By failing to specify the laws and constitutional provisions that it would repeal, directly or by implication, the initiative petition that led to proposed Amendment 3 violates both the state’s constitution and its laws. Missouri Revised Statute Section 116.050 requires that signers of an initiative petition be informed of “[t]he full and correct text” of the initiative, which must “[i]nclude all sections of existing law or of the constitution which would be repealed by the measure.”

Missourians signing the petition to put Amendment 3 on the ballot did not see this information, despite the clear legal mandate requiring such information to be listed, making those signatures

and the petition illegal.

“The petition proposing Amendment 3 violated both state law and the Missouri Constitution, so the Secretary of State was wrong to certify it,” said Mary Catherine Martin, Thomas More Society Senior

The lawsuit is filed on behalf of Missouri State Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman, pro-life advocate Kathy Forck, State Representative Hannah Kelly, and Our Lady’s Inn President and CEO Peggy Forrest. It details that, as proposed, Amendment 3’s new

at viability and from abortion based on discrimination (such race, sex, and Down syndrome), and Missouri’s prohibition on the abortion of late-term, pain-capable, unborn children.

“We are asking the court to reverse the certification



Counsel. “Missouri’s laws require drafters to disclose the effects of initiative petitions on other laws and limit the effect of a proposed amendment to one subject, to protect Missouri voters from being defrauded by artfully drafting them into approving something that has hidden effects. Amendment 3 is rife with hidden effects. Its main provision creates a totally novel, and limitless, ‘super-right’ ranking higher than life, speech, religion, equal protection, and due process. This would require the courts, when making decisions relating to reproduction, to place this ‘super-right’ above the interests of anyone else, and even of society as a whole.”

“super-right” to “reproductive freedom” would repeal essentially all of Missouri’s state statutes and constitutional provisions regulating reproductive care and technologies, including all existing regulation of abortion, cloning, IVF for stem cell research, gender transition surgery, and genital mutilation.

That repeal would include the state’s constitutional amendment banning human cloning and IVF for the purposes of stem cell research, the “Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act,” and the “Infant’s Protection Act”—which is the state’s partial-birth abortion law. Additionally, the proposed Amendment 3 would eradicate state laws that protect unborn children

of Amendment 3 because Missourians have a legal right to an electoral process that follows the law, and the process forcing Amendment 3 on Missouri has not done so,” added Martin. “It is a scorched earth campaign, razing our state lawbooks of critical protections for vulnerable women and children, the innocent unborn, parents, and any taxpayer who does not want their money to pay for abortion and other extreme decisions that this Amendment defines as ‘care.’ To be clear: under our initiative petition process, Missourians are free to tie their hands in this way, but the Constitution and statutes require that they know that they are doing so.”

In their support for unlimited abortion, it is Harris and her supporters who are “out of their minds”

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

No, advocates for life are not “out of their minds” when it comes to the issue of abortion.

The claim came from pro-abortion Democrat Presidential candidate Kamala Harris, who issued the diatribe during her nomination acceptance speech at her party’s convention.

It was obviously designed to be a soundbite to satiate a news media which often seems poised to vilify those who oppose legal abortion.

Ad hominem attacks are nothing new to pro-life activists. They are a sign of exasperation based on the fact that the arguments for abortion up to the moment of birth are deeply flawed. Harris opposes any and all limits on abortion—a stand that is in stark contrast to the views of mainstream Americans.

In an effort to undermine the standing of pro-life advocates in society, Harris is trying to



dismiss pro-lifers as crazy. But what is actually the height of irrationality is trying to argue for the butchering of babies in their mothers’ wombs. Not only does abortion kill an innocent child—it also leaves a mother to grieve for the child she has lost. Many of these women—perhaps even most—are pressured to have abortions they don’t even want.

It is Harris, and those who agree with her, who “out of their minds.”

The verbal slings and arrows being thrown at pro-lifers will not silence us. Rather, they serve to embolden us to continue to speak the truth in love.

I hope and pray that someday the Vice-President will see the brutal reality of abortion for what it is—an act of violence against the most vulnerable. It is not health care—it is the exact opposite of care for both mother and child.

The power of abortion survivors and their mothers to educate the public is profound

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It means we need to reach moms like Jackie and families like Stallone’s so that support can be provided.

The suffering of his mother in her childhood was significant, as Stallone shared, which he compassionately connected to her difficulties throughout her lifetime, including emotional and relational. As we address the generational impact of abortion on abortion survivors and their families, these vulnerabilities in life are often shared.

I’ve heard so many similar stories to Stallone’s family’s—vulnerable women who have undergone a traumatic childhood that leads to unconscious decisions such as looking to be loved, which

then can lead to more traumatic experiences like abortion.

Add in the shock of an abortion attempt not “working.” There is the stress of trying to figure out if the baby will be okay. Add to this the guilt and shame over the years as you raise him or her which can lead to issues with attachment and bonding, and even abuse and neglect in families such as was the case with Stallone.

There’s a lot more that can be unpacked from this bombshell interview between Stallone and his daughters. For now, I want us to acknowledge that he’s not alone in this experience. If you are an at-home attempt survivor or a mother who experienced attempts

“failing,” The Abortion Survivors Network has the resources and an online community where you can safely connect with others you can relate to, reducing the pain of secrecy and shame.

Finally, with DIY abortions increasing being marketed, more mothers like Stallone’s and babies like him will continue living out these stories. Ensuring that women are reached with information about resources available to them when they are experiencing crisis or fear during pregnancy is paramount to reducing attempted DIY abortions.

Additionally, training professionals, including medical professionals and social workers,

can help to identify the emotional, relational, and familial signs that a failed at-home abortion attempt has impacted a mother and child. With greater awareness, we hope that they can make referrals to helping professionals and to organizations like The Abortion Survivors Network.

Story-based educational campaigns centered on these various experiences, told through the voices of mothers like Jackie Stallone and survivors like Sylvester, are another important component to reach these families, heal generations like his own daughters, and reach the public with stories that highlight the human impact of abortion.

Arkansas Supreme Court upholds the rule of law in AAA lawsuit

LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Supreme Court has upheld the rule of law concerning a lawsuit filed by Arkansans for Limited Government and their “Arkansas Abortion Amendment” (AAA), said Rose Mimms executive director of Arkansas Right to Life.

Arkansas Right to Life was involved in multiple efforts to defeat the abortion amendment and will continue working to support pregnant mothers and their children through educational and outreach programs, she said.

“Arkansas has dodged a deadly assault on our women and children with the disqualification of the amendment for the 2024 ballot. We are extremely grateful to the court for their rejection of the amendment as the law

required and for the reprieve that Arkansas women and their babies will enjoy for at least the next two years until they try again,” said Mimms.

The amendment sought to radically alter the Arkansas State Constitution. “This extreme measure would forever change the Arkansas Constitution to allow abortion up until birth and ‘all provisions of the Constitution, statutes, and common laws of this State to the extent inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Amendment are expressly declared null and void ... that would prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion services,’” Mimms said.

Mimms added, “In addition, the amendment forbids any future governmental actions to ensure

the safety, health, and lives of pregnant women and newborns in Arkansas in an unregulated and unaccountable abortion industry

Arkansas Pregnancy Network, and churches throughout our state to provide every pregnant woman or girl with support and services



in our state. “

“Arkansas Right to Life will continue to partner with the Arkansas Department of Health,

that will work for healthy and happy outcomes for mothers, babies, and their families,” Mimms concluded.

In a Secretly Recorded Speech, Abortionist Reveals Her Frustrations

Late-term abortion doctor Lisa Harris talks about stigma and keeping secrets to protect the pro-choice movement

By Sarah Terzo

In 2015, undercover journalist David Daleiden attended a National Abortion Federation Conference and recorded several talks by abortion doctors. He posted the videos to YouTube.

A judge, who himself had ties to Planned Parenthood, forced Daleiden to take the videos down.

However, before the NAF conference videos were taken down from YouTube, I, your friendly neighborhood atheist LGBT pro-lifer, transcribed them. So, I have all that material still available on ClinicQuotes.

Now seems as good a time as any to write about it. Whether you saw the NAF videos when they were first released or not, I thought I'd revisit one of them in this article.

Second Trimester

D&E Abortions

The panel "Second Trimester Providers Self Care" featured several speakers, one of whom was abortionist Lisa Harris.

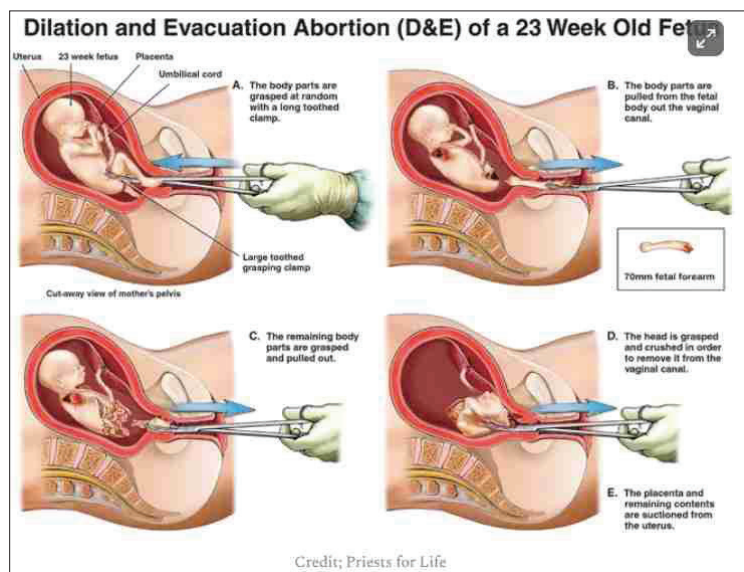
Harris specializes in late-term abortions by Dilation and Evacuation, or D&E.

A former abortionist explains this procedure below:

In a D&E abortion, the abortionist first dilates the cervix, which is the opening of the womb, with sticks called laminaria overnight or over several days, depending on how far along the pregnancy is.

On the day of the actual procedure, the abortionist reaches in with forceps and extracts the baby piece by piece, pulling off arms and legs, then extracting the torso, and then, in the final step, crushing and removing the baby's head.

Here is a diagram illustrating the procedure:



Abortions of this type are generally done between fourteen and twenty-four weeks, or later. To get an idea of the baby's development, here is an ultrasound of a preborn child at twenty weeks (five months).



Doing an Abortion While Pregnant

At the start of her talk, Harris mentions being pregnant with her "unborn fetus" who became her "subsequent daughter." Harris is, incidentally, the only person I've ever heard refer to her own, wanted preborn child as a "fetus."

Harris describes having lunch with another abortionist who had recently given birth to a child and asking her what it was like to commit abortions while pregnant.

She doesn't say much about the woman's response but does say of the conversation: "[O]ut of us spilled all of these stories and experiences about doing the work that we did. Its sacredness, and its great rewards, and also, its burden."

Harris discussed doing abortions while pregnant in her 2008 article "Second Trimester Abortion Provision: Breaking the Silence and Changing the Discourse" in *Reproductive Health Matters*.

Harris was just over eighteen weeks pregnant and was committing an abortion on a woman pregnant with a baby of the same age.

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While reviewing the chart, she says, she realized she “was more interested than usual in seeing the fetal parts when I was done, since they would so closely resemble those of my own fetus.”

She describes starting the abortion procedure:

I used electrical suction to remove the amniotic fluid, picked up my forceps and began to remove the fetus in parts, as I always did. I felt lucky that this one was already in the breech position—it would make grasping small parts (legs and arms) a little easier.

Then she began to dismember the baby:

With my first pass of the forceps, I grasped an extremity and began to pull it down. I could see a small foot hanging from the teeth of my forceps. With a quick tug, I separated the leg.

Precisely at that moment, I felt a kick—a flutter “thump, thump” in my own uterus. It was one of the first times I felt fetal movement. There was a leg and foot in my forceps, and a “thump, thump” in my abdomen.

Harris described how this affected her:

Instantly, tears were streaming from my eyes—without me—meaning my conscious brain—even being aware of what was going on. I felt as if my response had come entirely from my body, bypassing my usual cognitive processing completely.

A message seemed to travel from my hand and my uterus to my tear ducts. It was an

overwhelming feeling—a brutally visceral response—heartfelt and unmediated by my training or my feminist pro-choice politics. It was one of the more raw moments in my life.

Despite all her training, her pro-abortion convictions, and her skill at dehumanizing preborn human beings, Harris had an emotional reaction. Sadly, this experience didn’t lead to a change of heart.

Her experience was sixteen years ago, and she is still doing abortions at the same (and later) gestational ages.

Abortion Stigma and the Risks of Disclosure

In her speech at the NAF conference, Lisa Harris discussed how abortionists are reluctant to tell people what they do for a living. She said:

[P]eople knowing what we do comes with risks... It comes with the risk of being judged. It comes with the risk of creating rifts and ruptures in our relationships and, of course, it carries the risk of harassment and violence.

Harris admits that “[W]e probably feel [the threat of violence] out of proportion to what it might be...”

Harris also discusses abortion stigma, saying, “[W]e feel stigmatized. Meaning, we feel marked in a negative way by our work. Marginalized, discriminated against.”

She gives an example of this “stigma” and “discrimination”:

[W]hen I park my car in the parking lot of the hospital every day, I have to go by that bumper sticker that says, ‘Choose Life.’ You know, or ‘Abortion Stops a

Beating Heart.’

Ah! I’m so mad, because why? I’m just going to work. Why do I have to deal with this?

So simply seeing a pro-life message is stigma, according to Harris. Even a pro-life statement as innocuous as “Choose Life,” which only encourages pregnant people to decide I against abortion, is out of bounds.

And Harris, who has pulled the arms and legs off fully formed babies, knows perfectly well that abortion stops a beating heart. She apparently doesn’t want to be reminded of that fact, however.

Harris goes on to talk more about stigma:

I feel [stigma] in organizations, hospitals, right, when my hospital might not want to deal with having its own abortion clinic, uh, in the hospital.

Other people may feel it in their churches or synagogues. We experience stigma in our communities or in our family and our friends.

You know how willing are we to talk about our most recent case, at, say, Thanksgiving dinner when people are asking us how work is going or how we’re doing?

Fear of Hurting the Pro-Choice Movement

Harris admits that stigma and fear of judgment aren’t the only reasons she and other abortionists don’t talk about their work. One reason for keeping quiet, she says, is “to protect the pro-choice movement.”

Because often, the reality of abortion doesn’t match the sanitized, rosy picture pro-choice activists like to paint.

Harris elaborates:

Our stories don’t really

have a place in a lot of pro-choice discourse and rhetoric, right?

The heads that get stuck that we can’t get out.

The hemorrhages that we manage.

The patients having their eighth abortion. The patients that really fit any of the stereotypes that anti-abortion people like to talk about.

[T]hose are all parts of our experience, but there’s no real good place for us to share those. Not only do we have self-censorship ... we also have this burden of censorship because we care about this movement, and we don’t want to be danger to it.

Keeping silent about the realities of the abortion industry protects abortion. Telling the truth puts abortion rights at risk.

Because, as Harris and other abortionists well know, if the public were aware of what actually goes on behind the closed doors of abortion clinics, there would be more of a public outcry against abortion.

The pro-abortion movement must hide unsavory details about abortion practice from the public in order to maintain support for abortion. Because the truth, the whole truth, is overwhelmingly in pro-lifers’ favor. Therefore, abortionists must censor themselves.

Marginalized Within the Medical Community

Harris goes on to talk about how other members of the medical profession look down on abortion providers:

[W]e are marginalized within medicine. We

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Heading into the home stretch, much of the attention is focused on the battleground states, and particularly on Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. “The three so-called ‘Blue Wall’ states were Democratic bulwarks for decades until Trump won them in 2016 on his way to winning the presidency,” according to *USA Today’s* Francesca Chambers and Zac Anderson:

Biden got them back in 2020, and now the Trump and Harris campaigns are engaged in a struggle. The states represent the easiest pathway to victory for Harris, even as her campaign touts another route through a group of western and southern states that includes Georgia and North Carolina and is known as the Sun Belt.

Harris has a slight lead in all three Rust Belt states, according to the Real Clear Politics polling average, but is trailing slightly or tied in the southern battlegrounds. ...

Politico’s Shepard added

In short: Harris is narrowly ahead in the Rust Belt — which would be enough to win — but Trump is breathing down her neck. And those are also the states where the polling has been least accurate and specifically underestimated Trump in the past two elections. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton led Trump in all three states in 2016, only to lose them. And now-President Joe Biden’s prospects looked like a slam dunk going

into the 2020 election, but he barely escaped with victories in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

There are so many cross-currents you don’t know where to go next. You could start with this trouble-in-paradise story which appeared in *Axios*. Alex Thompson writes

The good vibes of Vice President Kamala Harris’ campaign mask tensions among competing factions, as Harris loyalists and Obama alumni are grafted onto what had been President Biden’s campaign.

Why it matters: New people are remaking the campaign on the fly. The result is a large and at times unwieldy team, with internal worries about cohesiveness when inevitable stumbles arise, six people involved in the campaign tell Axios.

Biden’s campaign was insular, with a few long-serving aides making big decisions. The Harris campaign has become a diffuse “Frankenstein” team with multiple power centers.

Zoom in: Harris kept most of Biden’s team in place. But the main architect of the Biden campaign’s messaging strategy, Mike Donilon, has left and returned to the White House.

Or we could examine the impact of Harris choosing pro-abortion Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate. Tom Hauser, a reporter for *KSTP*, wrote

After what many consider a successful

Democratic National Convention in Chicago where Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz launched their campaign as running mates, our new KSTP/SurveyUSA poll shows Harris’ lead in Minnesota cut in half from a month ago.

According to our poll, Harris now leads Republican Donald Trump by five points, 48% to 43%, with four percent preferring another candidate and five percent undecided. Last month, Harris, in her first appearance in our poll as the Democratic presidential nominee, had a 10-point lead, 50% to 40%.

The drop. Is it causation or merely correlation?

What else could we examine? How about a very excellent analysis by the *Wall Street Journal’s* Aaron Zitner under the headline “Harris Is Still Trying to Rebuild Biden’s Winning 2020 Coalition: Vice president rallies support among Black and Latino voters but continues to trail Biden’s 2020 levels.” Zitner writes

The Democratic coalition that elected President Biden in 2020 was fractured and weakened by the time he ended his campaign for re-election. In the six weeks since, Kamala Harris has gone a long way toward repairing the damage.

But recent Wall Street Journal polling shows the vice president has more work to do to

overcome the gains former President Donald Trump has made among Black, Latino and young voters—groups that traditionally back Democrats. Any erosion in the Democratic coalition could decide the election, given that Biden’s support was barely strong enough to win in 2020. The president’s Electoral College victory rested on tiny margins of about 44,000 votes across three states.

Support for Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, has grown by 13 percentage points among Black voters since Biden left the race in July, combined results of Journal polls in late July and August show. She is still 10 points behind Biden’s 2020 mark.

Harris has also gained 13 points in Latino support—but lags behind Biden’s 2020 mark by 6 points.

Walz is supposed to pick up the slack in outstate areas. But his own elections do not show that appeal. Steve Kornacki explained how that weakness is potentially politically fatal

Kornacki is a national political correspondent for *NBC News* and *MSNBC* and brilliant at what he does. After Harris chose Walz, he wrote

Vice President Kamala Harris’ tactical calculation with her running mate pick is

Lifetime Of Free Diapers Offered to Moms Who Chose Life Outside The DNC

By Ashlynn Lemos, Texas Right to Life

During the Democratic National Convention, one Pro-Life company decided to counteract the anti-Life attacks of Planned Parenthood Great Rivers.

EveryLife, the only Pro-Life diaper company in America, carried out an initiative to provide a lifetime supply of free diapers to mothers who had booked an abortion appointment at the Planned Parenthood mobile bus but chose to give Life to their precious baby instead.

EveryLife said in a statement, “EveryLife is partnering with Sidewalk Advocates for Life and the Life-affirming mobile medical unit from ThriVe Nation, equipped with ultrasound services, who are on the ground in Chicago, outside the DNC, to provide a lifetime supply of EveryLife diapers to any pregnant mom seeking an abortion at the Planned Parenthood abortion/vasectomy bus who chooses Life instead.”

EveryLife Co-Founder and President Sarah Gabel

Seifert added: “While Planned Parenthood mocks and contributes to the devaluing of the family unit and demise of our nation, EveryLife will continue to champion Life and parenthood.

As babies were being murdered inside the bus throughout the day, Planned Parenthood workers made TikToks outside of the mobile abortion clinic.

On a Facebook post by Sidewalk

health of their clients (no surprise here!).”

Sidewalk Advocates for Life, who helped run EveryLife’s station, made a reel in response to the many TikToks Planned Parenthood made.

“Our day was fruitful in ways we will never be able to quantify. We had dozens of conversations with workers, attendees, and passersby where we handed out gift bags and literature, and had genuine conversations about life and family (and even motorcycling and pizza!), and prayed with individuals over requests they brought us,” Sidewalk Advocates for Life posted on Facebook after day two of the DNC.

We are so thankful to EveryLife for their unwavering support of mothers worldwide! As the enemy schemed to destroy God’s creation, a message of light was shone in the darkness.

We pray that the seeds planted outside the DNC begin to sprout in people’s hearts, leading them to Jesus Christ!



We are honored to provide a tangible resource to help moms in need choose Life, knowing that diapers can be the difference between life and death for a baby.”

It has been reported that eight babies lost their lives at the DNC.

Advocates for Life, they updated live from the DNC saying the “clients that did show up were not loved, were not taken care of. The Planned Parenthood staff was concerned about their press and highlighting their staged performance rather than the

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feel looked down upon technically or morally, by our peers in medicine.

We dread complications, not just because of what it means for patients, but because of what we imagine people will say about us to our patients or to each other when those patients present to the emergency department, we dread morbidity and mortality presentations where we feel that our complications will be judged more harshly than a similar complication ...

outside abortion.

I have written about this kind of stigma in the medical community before.

Abortion Doctors as Heroes

Not everything Harris had to say about being an abortionist was negative.

She says that another reason abortionists don’t talk about their work is that “people will always see us as abortion providers and nothing else.”

She says:

Even if it’s a positive view. There’s only so many cocktail parties

you want to go to or soccer games you want to go to, where everyone’s like “I’m so happy about what you do, you’re such a hero!” [laughter] You know? It’s lovely to hear, but you don’t need that all the time.

So, there are indeed pro-choice people who think abortion doctors are heroes. Not all of the attention they get is negative.

Perhaps this hero worship, this positive reinforcement, is one reason they stay in the abortion industry. I can’t speak to their motives—maybe some feel they

are helping women. As I’ve written about before, however, abortion is also very lucrative for abortionists.

For whatever reason, abortionists like Harris tolerate the stigma they feel, the lack of respect from other doctors, the gruesome reality of what they see daily, the cognitive dissonance of nurturing their own children while killing other peoples’, and the negative reactions of others, and continue to do abortions.

Editor’s note. This appeared on Sarah’s substack. You can read more of her work at <https://sarahterzo.substack.com/>

How secular pro-choicers become secular pro-lifers

By Monica Snyder, Executive Director, Secular Pro-Life

In mid-July we launched our survey of non-traditional pro-lifers. Respondents described their religious views and whether they've always opposed abortion. Those who haven't always opposed abortion elaborated on what changed their minds.

Below is a selection of those answers from people who described themselves as "atheist" or "agnostic." You can also see many similar answers from our Ask An Atheist series.

If you haven't always been opposed to abortion, what brought you to oppose it now?

Being pregnant with my son and realizing this was a real baby who I was given to protect. — AS, atheist woman

Believing the "clump of cells" argument until learning some

basic biology. — Jim H., agnostic man

Watching a real life video of an abortion being performed, seeing



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the process and that it really was a baby that was being killed. — CK, agnostic woman

Learning that doctors make mistakes with in-utero diagnoses. Feeling more and more inconsistent with my other pro-life beliefs like being anti-death

penalty. Seeing how hard women still struggle after having an abortion when they wished they had more supports to choose life. — Krissy L., agnostic woman

Going through the experience of pregnancy and birth. I'm a scientist, so it's silly that I would not have been aware of the stages of life, but I simply did not appreciate how quickly development occurs and how early in pregnancy the fetus becomes very close to being what almost anyone would recognize as a small person. Also the argument of viability or autonomous survival became less compelling to me as I realized that it's a bad argument if applied to born living humans (children and adults). But I think my argument on both ends would hinge on brain function

— if the brain has the potential to function to control the body either now or in the foreseeable future than killing the individual becomes difficult to justify. — Rebecca D., atheist woman

I stopped interacting with liberal spaces and people, then realized that abortion is evil unless absolutely necessary. — Anonymous, agnostic woman

Realizing while suicidal that I had to change because all life mattered, including my life as well as the lives of unborn children. — ES, agnostic

I thought I had to support abortion when I left religion (Southern Baptist). Secular Pro-Life and other perspectives brought me back. — HB, agnostic woman

New Mexico Attempts to Recruit Texas Anti-Life Doctors

By Ashley Solano, Texas Right to Life

Texas has some of the strongest Pro-Life laws in the nation, but the same cannot be said about our neighbor to the West. In response to Pro-Life laws passed in Texas, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has launched an initiative to recruit Texas abortion doctors to move to her state.

The campaign, known as “Free to Provide”, is an effort to counteract the Pro-Life work that has been implemented in Texas and to expand abortion services.

This grotesque campaign forgets abortion is not healthcare, and it contradicts the principles of the Hippocratic Oath. This Hippocratic oath emphasizes the commitment to do no harm, which extends to both the woman and her preborn child. By ending the Life of an unborn child, abortion violates the ethical responsibility to protect Life.

Full-page ads were purchased in five major Texas newspapers, including the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Chronicle* as part of New Mexico’s effort. The ads feature an open letter from Governor Grisham, in which she invites Texas abortion providers

who are not able to practice due to Texas law to consider practicing in New Mexico.

In the letter, Grisham describes Texas’ Pro-Life achievements as a “draconian ban” and portrays New

happens in Texas never happens in New Mexico.”

The letter concludes with an invitation to medical professionals stating, “Whether you are a nurse, a resident, a physician assistant,



Mexico as a haven for doctors seeking to perform abortions. She asserted that lawmakers are “fiercely committed to protecting medical freedoms here and we’re taking steps to ensure that what

or a doctor, we cordially and enthusiastically invite you to the Land of Enchantment, where you are free to care for your patient.”

Additionally, the “Free to Provide” campaign includes

billboards placed around the Houston Medical Center, further promoting New Mexico’s pro-abortion stance.

Governor Grisham, a Democrat, entered office in 2019 and has been very vocal of her support of abortion. Following the reversal of *Roe*, Grisham stated, “As long as I am governor, abortion will continue to be legal, safe, and accessible in New Mexico.” She also signed an executive order to protect abortion access and has allocated \$10 million to build a new abortion facility near the Texas-New Mexico border.

It’s also crucial to recognize the significant impact of Texas’s Pro-Life laws. Around 100,000 once-legal abortions have been prevented in Texas. In New Mexico, not only is abortion legal, but the number of abortions continues to increase. The “Free to Provide Campaign” from New Mexico is one coordinated effort made by the Pro-abortion side.

This campaign reflects the broader agenda to expand abortion and highlights the lengths some states will go to promote and expand the killing of preborn children.

Judge places Ohio's 24-hour abortion waiting period on hold while he considers its constitutionality

By Dave Andrusko

Well, that didn't take long. On Friday Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge David Young temporarily blocked Ohio's mandatory 24-hour waiting period for mothers seeking an abortion. This week Planned Parenthood announced it "will begin phasing in same-day abortion services in Ohio," Samantha Hendrickson reported for the *Columbus Dispatch*.

"While same-day abortion services will not start immediately, a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio said that clinics across the state will become operational in the coming weeks."

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office said they plan to appeal.

Under Ohio law, patients are given a 24-hour waiting period after receiving state-mandated information before receiving an abortion. However, the ACLU and Ohio abortion providers successfully challenged the life-affirming provision.

"In a 26-page decision, Franklin County Common Pleas Judge David Young wrote the five clinics that provide abortion services represented by the ACLU of Ohio have a strong likelihood of success on the merits of the case and the plaintiffs 'are suffering injury each day their constitutional rights are infringed

upon,'" Karen Kasler wrote for the *Statehouse News Bureau*.

The lawsuit challenged state laws "that require doctors to inform patients of the medical risks of abortions, the probable gestational age of the embryo or fetus and the medical risks associated with carrying the pregnancy to term during an in-person visit at least 24 hours before the abortions via medicine or a procedure," Jessie Balmert reported for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Pro-lifers strongly disagreed.

"A 24-hour waiting period for an irreversible, life altering decision does not interfere with a mother's ability to abort her child," said Ohio Right to Life President Michael Gonidakis. "The law merely allows a reflection point for a 24-hour period to give appropriate education and reflection to the finality of the decision to abort."

"Abortion ends a child's life and Ohio's 24-hour waiting period has led to countless babies being born in Ohio. Instead of rushing a mother to abort her baby, she deserves the time and resources to adequately reflect on this decision."

In November 2023, Ohioans approved the "Reproductive

Freedom Amendment" that embedded abortion in the state constitution. "But some policies, like the mandatory waiting period after a patient's initial

respectfully disagree with the court's decision that requiring doctors to obtain informed consent and wait 24 hours prior to an abortion constitute



appointment, remained on the books," Hendrickson wrote.

"We have heard the voices of the people and recognize that reproductive rights are now protected in our Constitution," Attorney General Yost said in a statement. "However, we

a burden. These are essential safety features designed to ensure that women receive proper care and make voluntary decisions. These measures were consistently upheld under *Roe v. Wade*. We plan to appeal this ruling."

What did Trump gain from his conversation with Elon Musk? (Hint: Plenty) Four takeaways

By Dave Andrusko

When Elon Musk interviewed pro-life former President Donald Trump, you certainly got your money's worth if you waited out the glitches. Mr. Trump was in his element—the length of their discussion was around two hours—which is typical length when Trump has one of his huge rallies.

My wife and I listened. Here are four thoughts.

#1. Musk hypothesized that the delay was caused by a DDOS [Distributed Denial of Service Attack]. Mixed in with the usual attacks on Trump supporters, *CNN* media analyst Sara Fischer said it was more likely the overwhelming interest. Fischer told “*CNN News Central*” host Sara Sidner that DDOS is

Essentially, when somebody floods your system in order to shut it down. The problem with the DDOS attack, Sara, is that it often looks very much like just a very popular event and so we're just sort of having to take Musk's word for it.

“There has been third-party reporting that suggests it wasn't a DDOS attack, it was just X's systems responding to a flood of interest in this interview, but that actually speaks to some of the success of this interview, right?” Fischer continued. “It was 40 minutes of delay, of glitches, but once it got up and running, you had, I saw, over two million people joining the space live. You had over 50 million people who viewed it.”

Fischer said that the amount of traction speaks to how much “people wanted to hear from the president.”

#2. “Elon invited Kamala to do the same interview on the platform,” Matt Vespa reported. “She refused. I wonder why? Is it because she's not ready for primetime and will be exposed as a horrible candidate? Probably.”

#3. Mr. Trump was permanently suspended from Twitter on January 8, 2021. At the time, he had a whopping 88 million followers. Once Mr. Musk bought Twitter

Times—spent their time bashing Trump: “Live Election Updates: Trump-Musk Chat Is Heavy on Talking Points and Familiar Falsehoods.”

A far more interesting piece appeared in the *Washington Post* under the headline “Trump's Musk interview is latest effort to shore up white male base.”

Leigh Ann Caldwell and Marianna Sotomayor begin by



The Vigilant Fox @VigilantFox on X

(rebranded as “X”), he was invited back. For whatever reason, Trump did not post until yesterday. 619 million people are on X as of 2024, according to demandsage.

Musk reported the conversation reached an enormous audience:

Combined views of the conversation with @realDonaldTrump and subsequent discussion by other accounts now ~1 billion

Between 7:47 PM and 10:47 PM ET, President Donald Trump's Space post received 73 million views. During the same period, there were 4 million posts about Elon Musk and President Trump's conversation on X, generating a total of 998 million views.

#4. The usual suspects—including, of course, the *New York*

noting that “Trump's conversation with Musk had more than a million live listeners on X.”

They quote “several Republican operatives” who characterize the discussion as partly intended to “reach a specific pro-Trump group: young White men.”

You might ask: Hasn't Trump already won over White male voters? Sure, White men have long made up a key portion of Trump's base. But there are cracks in that base. In 2016, he won White men by 30 points over Hillary Clinton, according to an analysis of voters by Pew Research Center. But he only beat Joe Biden among White men by 17 points in 2020 — a big difference in a close election.

Jennifer Oliver O'Connell offered a complementary

perspective under the headline “Trump on X Taps Into a Voting Bloc That Legacy Media Doesn't Even Know Exists.”

She writes

Trump and his VP running mate JD Vance have been speaking to these influencers and appearing on their podcasts and shows, so who knows how many have tuned in Monday night?

Oliver O'Connell quotes from a tweet from *The View's* Alyssa Farah Griffin who argues

Trump: -gets back on Twitter -does interview with Elon -puts out ad about the Mar-a-lago raid He's doubling down with his base. It gains him nothing with undecideds/ swing voters. Bizarre strategy 3 months out.

Pshaw! Oliver O'Connell has the last word and it captures perfectly what happened last night and throughout the campaign:

And how is she so sure that it gains nothing with undecided and swing voters? The people who tend to make up this demo do not respond to debates, and the media noise gives them a headache. But a conversation where Trump gets to lay out policy, discuss how the assassination attempt affected him, and define his opponent? That is something they can be drawn into.

So, who knows how many hearts and minds are being changed by hearing a non-adversarial and conversational Trump?

No one is surprised that Planned Parenthood offers free abortion near the site of the fanatically pro-abortion Democratic National Convention

By Dave Andrusko

The Democrats' choice of Chicago for their National Convention was in every sense apropos, seeing as how a party that elevates abortion to a secular sacrament is celebrating Kamala Harris in a town where the murder rate is 18.26 per 100,000.

On Tuesday night while pro-abortion former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, were demonizing pro-life former President Donald Trump, one man was killed and two others wounded on the streets of Chicago.

And, according to the *Chicago Sun Times*, over the weekend, at least 30 people were shot, 6 fatally.

Life is cheap in the Windy City.

So how fitting that Planned Parenthood of Great Rivers is offering attendees free chemical abortions. "The abortion pop-up is supposed to be a fun example of Democratic policy to come — a sign, one Planned Parenthood rep told media, that Democrats are getting creative following the 2022 overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which many said would dramatically hinder abortion access," according to Haley Strack of *National Review Online*.

Planned Parenthood tells women to get comfortable before taking the abortion pill, recommending that women be at home, or wherever they can rest, because of the painful cramping and bleeding they'll experience. It instructs women to sit "on the toilet" after taking the drug misoprostol, which

"makes the pregnancy come out through your vagina — similar to a heavy period or early miscarriage," Planned Parenthood's website explains. Women can expect "large blood clots (up to the size of a lemon) or clumps of tissue during the abortion. But the pregnancy itself is very small — at 8 weeks, an embryo is about ¼ to ½ inch long. You may not see it when it comes out, especially if you're less than 8 weeks pregnant."

Does Planned Parenthood expect women to go back to their Chicago hotel rooms, get comfortable, and take the abortion pill? What is the pre- and post-care offered at this week's abortion pop-up? The DNC lasts for four days. All abortion appointment slots have been filled this week, Planned Parenthood said. It's entirely possible that some number of women will be bleeding in the bathrooms at the DNC, as Harris brags about her pro-woman platform.

A "fact checker" [most often a contradiction in terms] "corrected" pro-life criticisms. For example, Anna Rascouët-Paz tells us that the free abortions were not at the convention site itself "but rather at two locations relatively close to the site." And, in a vain effort to minimize the

Democrats responsibility, she tells us "In addition, Planned Parenthood isn't associated with the Democratic Party or its 2024 annual convention."

"Isn't associated"? Maybe not

abortion appointments are filled."

Ah, the sweet smell of success.

Last thought. Vice President Harris visited the St. Paul Health Center, a clinic that performs



formally, but Planned Parenthood works hand in glove with the Democrats to make sure everyone has "access" to abortion.

Paz is correct that the two mobile vans preceded their killing frenzy prior to the start of the DNC.

The organization [Planned Parenthood Great Rivers] continued to advertise its initiative until Aug. 18, 2024, the day before the DNC was set to begin. Clicking on the link to the form, Snopes was able to confirm that there were no more appointments available as of that date, an indication that the initiative had been successful.

As you can see from the notice from Planned Parenthood Great Rivers, "Currently, all free vasectomies and medication

abortion, on March 14, 2024, the first president or vice president to visit an abortion clinic.

NRLC President Carol Tobias was outraged.

Planned Parenthood's priority is abortion—anytime, anywhere, and for any reason—regardless of the lives lost.

Planned Parenthood's presence near the Democratic National Convention isn't surprising. The Democratic Party's fanatical support of unlimited abortion is a core part of their agenda and killing babies and endangering women's lives is crucial to the party's identity.

By contrast, the Trump administration was the first to visit a pregnancy help center.

Pro-abortion litigants opt not to continue challenge to Iowa's Fetal Heartbeat Law

By Dave Andrusko

A big victory for the good guys after a long, long battle.

On Thursday, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, the ACLU of Iowa, and the Emma Goldman Clinic opted to forgo “a continued legal battle after the Iowa Supreme Court upheld the state’s strict abortion law and reiterated that there is no constitutional right to an abortion in the state,” Hannah Fingerhut reported for the *Associated Press*.

Iowa’s fetal heartbeat law protects most unborn babies after fetal heart activity can be detected — at about six weeks. There are exceptions for incest or to save the life of the mother.

On June 28, 2024, after the Iowa Supreme Court upheld the law, pro-life Gov. Kim Reynolds, who had worked assiduously since 2018 to have such a law passed, called the decision “a victory for life.”

“As the fetal heartbeat law finally takes effect, our work will continue to strengthen a culture of life in Iowa,” Gov. Reynolds said

in a statement. “I remain deeply committed to supporting women in planning for motherhood, promoting the importance of fatherhood, elevating adoption, and protecting in vitro fertilization

William Morris reported for the rabidly pro-abortion *Des Moines Register*.

“That changed in June [2024] when the Supreme Court reversed the



(IVF). Families are the foundation of society, and policies that encourage strong families will make our state and country strong for generations to come.”

In 2019, Judge Michael Huppert “had blocked the law from taking effect, finding that under Iowa Supreme Court precedent, the state could not enact a law imposing an ‘undue burden’ on a woman’s ability to terminate a pre-viability pregnancy,”

district court’s injunction and declared the law could be enforced. In doing so, the justices ruled 4-3 that the state need only show a ‘rational basis’ for laws restricting abortion, a much lower bar for legislators seeking to limit or eliminate abortion access. The law formally took effect July 29.”

Ruth Richardson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood North Central States, said that further litigation was unlikely to produce a different result.

The Iowa Supreme Court majority decision was written by Justice Matthew McDermott, joined by Justices Dana Oxley, David May and Christopher McDonald. It held that laws restricting abortion are only unconstitutional if the state cannot show a “rational basis” for the law.

Justice Matthew McDermott said they hold that abortion is not a fundamental right under the Iowa Constitution.

“A right to an abortion, as the historical record shows, is not rooted at all in our state’s history and tradition, let alone ‘deeply’ rooted.

“We conclude that the fetal heartbeat statute is rationally related to the state’s legitimate interest in protecting unborn life.”

Experts weigh in on Labor Day, a critical mile-marker on the road to November 5

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that Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz could provide a decisive boost in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania—threestates that, if Democrats can hold on to them, would make their ticket highly likely to win.

One of the Democrats’ chief challenges in those states is in blue-collar and small-town areas, where the party once ran competitively (or at least respectably) before the floor fell out amid and

after Donald Trump’s emergence in 2016. The thinking is that Walz’s story and style will be relatable and reassuring to some of those voters, blunting at least part of the Trump GOP’s newfound dominance.

There’s a catch, though: Walz wasn’t able to do that himself in his last campaign. ...

What’s striking, if anything, is how different the Walz and Biden numbers are from

Obama’s. When Obama won his two elections, he joined strong metro-area support with respectable showings (and sometimes better) among small-town and blue-collar voters. A primary feature of American politics since Obama has been the virtual disappearance of that kind of demographic and geographic balance from the Democratic coalition.

In his ’22 campaign, Walz didn’t restore that

old balance. His coalition, instead, looked just like what has become the standard post-Obama coalition for Democrats. He rolled up massive margins in metro areas and took a beating practically everywhere else.

And so on and so on. You’d never know it by most of the media coverage, but the Harris/Walz team has structural weaknesses that Trump and Sen. J.D. Vance hope to exploit.

No tests, no accountability: NPR report reveals dangers of online abortion pill distribution

By Nancy Flanders

A report from *NPR* is giving an inside look at the business of online abortion pill sales — and it proves how dangerous the online abortion market is.

NPR visited the hub of MAP, a Massachusetts telehealth abortion business outside of Boston that sends abortion pills across the country, even to women who live in pro-life states. “The packages, no bigger than a hardcover book, line the walls of the nondescript office near Boston. It’s not an Etsy retailer or a Poshmark seller or, as the nearby post office workers believe, a thriving jewelry business,” reports *NPR*. But inside these “jewelry” boxes are the abortion drugs mifepristone and misoprostol.

Angel Foster, who leads operations at MAP, calls online abortion sales “modern abortion care.” Pregnant women who want an abortion simply fill out an online form, talk with an abortionist via email or text, and then, once approved, receive the abortion pills in the mail within the week.

Foster’s list of patients for the day of the *NPR* visit includes about two dozen women from Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, and South Carolina. Though *NPR* says “most” of these women are “around six weeks” pregnant, there appears to be no solid proof of this as no exam is carried out by MAP’s abortionists. Still, four of them have signed off on the abortion pill for these out-of-state women. They will do this for 500 women each month, each assumed to be no more than 10 weeks pregnant, and many paying as little as \$5. MAP receives funding from abortion funds, individual donations, and philanthropic gifts. Foster has plans to apply for grants and state funding as well.

Five states — Massachusetts, New York, Washington, Vermont,

and Colorado — have shield laws protecting abortionists who carry out abortions on women from other states through telehealth, like MAP does. This is all possible because the Supreme Court rejected a legal challenge to the expanded use of the abortion drug mifepristone in June, writing that the doctors who filed the suit against the FDA lacked standing.

The doctors had asked the Court to reinstate the FDA’s safety standards on mifepristone that had been in effect for over 15 years but were removed by Biden’s FDA during the pandemic. The lawsuit challenged the FDA’s expansion of abortion pill access to mifepristone, which included the removal of the required in-person visits to obtain the drug and the approval of the dispensing of abortion drugs virtually, by mail, or at the pharmacy. The court’s June 2024 decision allowed abortion pills to continue being sent through the mail.

However, the decision left open the possibility for other court challenges to be brought by plaintiffs with standing.

A profitable, dangerous, hands-off abortion business

NPR shares the story of one woman’s process of getting the abortion pill through MAP. It wrote, “[A new note is] from a woman in Alabama who is six weeks pregnant and filled out her form around lunchtime. *Within an hour, a MAP doctor had reviewed her case and prescribed her the medication.* She paid the fee as soon as she was approved. All in all, the whole process took about three hours. Foster is able to pack up those pills and add them to the batch headed to the post office” (emphasis added).

NPR noted that by 3 p.m., the Alabama woman’s abortion pills package was scanned by the Postal Service worker and was

expected to arrive by the end of the week. No counseling, no exam required, and no knowledge if the woman was dealing with any health factors that might contribute to an increased risk of complications.



The business of telehealth abortions is dangerous for women, and the FDA’s previous safety regulations were in place in order to protect women from the known risks. Studies have shown the abortion pill to be four times more dangerous than a first-trimester surgical abortion — and that research took place before telehealth abortions were introduced. Though frequently touted as “safer than Tylenol,” the abortion pill actually puts women at risk of many complications including severe cramping, heavy bleeding, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and headaches. Certain risk factors increase the chances of complications.

Under the “no-test” protocol used by MAP, there is no way to properly assess a woman’s health or pregnancy. Without an exam, doctors do not know how far along a woman is, if she is Rh negative (which, if unaddressed, could affect future pregnancies) or if she is experiencing an ectopic pregnancy. Taking the abortion

pill after 10 weeks increases the risk of failed abortion, and taking it with an ectopic pregnancy adds to the dangers already associated with the abortion pill, and can lead to death.

Taking the abortion pill when

Rh-negative can lead to difficulty carrying babies in the future, including the loss of future preborn children. The FDA’s own 2023 mifepristone label acknowledges that 2.9 to 4.6 percent of women who take abortion drugs end up in the emergency room. In addition, six percent (6%) of women who took the abortion pill as part of a study required emergency care.

The doctors behind the lawsuit said:

On that label, FDA estimates that 2.9 to 4.6 percent of women will visit the emergency room after taking mifepristone... And FDA’s medication guide acknowledges that as many as 7 percent of women will need surgery after taking mifepristone ‘to stop bleeding’ or to complete the abortion...

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Safe surrender of newborns works: their lives are the evidence

By Kim Hayes

There are many documented cases like the recent one in Texas where a mother or father abandons an infant leaving the child in eminent danger; tragic circumstances where the child's life hangs in the balance and the parents potentially face criminal charges.

A mom who finds herself in such a dark situation as to consider abandonment has accepted a traumatic narrative of pain, shame, and impossibilities. The reality for the survivors of safe surrender stands in stark contrast to that narrative.

Nowhere in the U.S. is this necessary. All 50 states have laws that allow the safe surrender of newborns with now most states providing this protection for 30 days or more after birth.

A Safe Haven for Newborns has provided a toll-free confidential 24/7 multilingual helpline for safe surrender for over two decades in Florida. Their campaign to inform the public of the safe haven laws in the state has led to hundreds of safe surrenders and thousands of families finding help and support to choose life.

Following are three stories of safe surrender survivors who have grown up to experience the possibilities of life.

Kristopher

Aja learned about Safe Haven at church. She was drawn to the ministry and became a volunteer. It never occurred to her as a mother of four that her family would ultimately adopt a Safe Haven child. But the experience has been profound for her family.

"Kristopher saved my life," Aja told *Pregnancy Help News*.

She began suffering with depression in her early 30s, the source rooted in a deep longing

to have another child, yet she was physically unable to have another pregnancy.

"God's plans are so much better than anything we can ever make," Aja commented.

Not only did her family receive Kristopher with great joy, but he became for Aja what she called,

"I see the love, I see the beauty," she said.

Gloria Hope

Gloria, another safe surrender survivor, is entering senior year of college, studying for a Criminal Justice degree with a minor in Social Work.



Safe surrender survivors-Gloria Hope's adoption day with her family

"The blessing that keeps on giving."

"God blessed me, my family, my children, everyone who knows us," she said.

Kristopher always understood he was added to the family by adoption and would often share messages with Aja that he wanted shared with his birth mom.

When Aja asked what those messages would be, Kristopher stated, "I love you and I thank you for loving me enough to do the right thing."

"He never forgets her, and I don't think he could," Aja said. "And I wouldn't want him to."

Kristopher turns 21 this year and recently started working for the TSA. He also volunteers on the production team at Christ Fellowship.

The excitement in Aja's voice is palpable as she speaks of Kristopher's future. Her gratitude for A Safe Haven for Newborns is immense.

"I want to work in victim advocacy," Gloria told *Pregnancy Help News*. "I want to be able to help people who have experienced bad things."

Gloria was three days old when Lori and Mike brought her into their home. Her birthmother called A Safe Haven for Newborns prior to her birth seeking assistance.

When she safely surrendered Gloria, the child was accompanied by two letters.

One letter was for the new parents and the other to be held for her daughter until later. The message of the letter was that she loved her daughter and that is why she safely surrendered her.

"I didn't have a future, and I wanted you to have one," the letter stated.

Lori and Mike have been foster parents for many years. They have adopted two girls and have work to encourage families by

providing a retreat for families to rest and connect in a beautiful setting.

Lori noted Gloria's vision and focus for choosing a career in victim advocacy.

"I'm really proud of her for choosing that career," Lori beamed.

Lori had only ever had foster care experience, and when the call came about Gloria, they were excited, but the concept of safe surrender was new.

"They laid her in my arms and said, 'You get to name her,'" Lori recalled.

Two weeks later they were asked to come and meet Nick Silverio who founded A Safe Haven for Newborns.

"He had been in touch with Gloria's birthmother," Lori recalled. "She had written a book, a handwritten book of letters to Gloria and for us."

"It was beautiful," said Lori. "She put scripture in there, she put some songs in there. She just really poured out her heart. Gloria and I read it on her birthday."

Gloria has thrived and moves forward in preparing to advocate for the most vulnerable, never losing sight of the gift her birth mother gave her.

Lydia

Lydia became the fifth of six children embraced by Donna and her husband.

Born with special needs and having been safely surrendered by her birth mother, Lydia has been blessed with the love of God through that safe surrender and her adoptive family, the adoption plan initiated through Safe Haven.

What did we learn from the media's coverage of the Democratic National Convention?

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if Democrats take control of both chambers.”

Harris said, “We are not going to let him end programs like Head Start that provide preschool and childcare for our children in America.”

Montanaro responds, “Trump has talked about shutting down the Department of Education, but Head Start is funded through the Department of Health and Human.”

I watched her convention speech through gritted teeth as Harris gleefully (and recklessly) pivots to personal attacks on former President Trump which included over-the-top exaggerations and zero respect for the truth. For example, “Consider the power he will have — especially after the United States Supreme Court just ruled he would be immune from criminal prosecution.”

But that’s **not** what the justices said. Writing for the majority, Chief Justice John Roberts said, “The President enjoys no immunity for his unofficial acts.” The Supreme Court ruled “that Donald Trump is immune to criminal prosecution for official acts taken while in

office, but affirmed that he can be prosecuted for unofficial acts,” as James Lynch wrote for *National Review*.

In other words, “The court did not grant Trump — or any

be expected.

But what is not fair, even in a convention speech, is Harris’s accusation that Trump has aspirations to be an “autocrat.” That is a low blow even for Harris.



Pro-abortion Tim Walz and Kamala Harris

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president — full immunity,” *Politifact* reported.

Finally, of course, Harris also promised the moon and the stars—“And we will end America’s housing shortage”—but that is to

Elsewhere in this issue we comment on Dan McLaughlin’s “Seven Theories of Press Complicity with the Harris Campaign” which is not only comprehensive, although it’s all of

that and more, but a reminder that it didn’t start with pro-abortion Vice President Harris.

McLaughlin writes

Sure, we’ve seen media bias before, but the past month has taken things to new levels. The press took Barack Obama’s personality cult and magnified it; with Harris and Tim Walz, they’ve invented one from whole cloth. The press let Joe Biden slide for years on taking few, scripted questions and ducking interviews; now they’re letting Harris get away with taking no questions at all (no interviews, no press conferences, no interactions with voters) and issuing statements through spokespeople disavowing her own prior record and positions with no explanation

There’s a debate scheduled for September 10. Let’s see how the scribes interpret what Harris and Trump say about each other and about the issues of the day. Hint: I’m not looking for even a semblance of truth in their coverage or a fair shake for Mr. Trump.

Kamala Harris has a long history of working to shut down Pregnancy Resource Centers

By Dave Andrusko

What issue, largely ignored in the presidential contest, would you like to surface—to be given the kind of in-depth consideration it deserves?

For me, it would be the war on Pregnancy Resource Centers, those saintly sources that help women and their unborn babies in their most dire hour with physically, emotional, and spiritual help.

There are more than 2,750 PRCs, a number that grows and grows. The pro-aborts hate them because—watch me now—they offer a choice.

Imagine that. “Pro-choicers” who loathe the counteroffer of live over death.

Mary Szoch and Arielle Del Turco wrote a great piece for the *Washington Stand* under the headline “Who doesn’t like Pregnancy Resource Center? Kamala Harris.”

First, they described just some of what PRCs do for women and girls:

Their work saves lives and drives out fear.

How? PRCs provide unwavering support for moms and dads in need. Everyone who walks through their door is met with an open heart, a listening ear, and a plethora of resources — clothing, diapers, wipes, formula; education about pregnancy, parenting, and life skills; and medical services like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and STD testing. Many PRCs also offer housing for mothers and their children, spiritual support, clothing, assistance for victims of abuse and human trafficking, and guidance. ...

PRCs are places of hope — empowering moms and dads to receive the blessing of a child while feeling prepared to take on the future.

And then the transition:

Who doesn’t love PRCs? Kamala Harris. In fact, she has a history of working to shut them down

It’s an impressive—actually depressive—list of actions.

In 2015, Harris sponsored the Reproductive FACT Act. While she argued this

decision which unshackled states. Pro-abortion Sen. Elizabeth Warren, sensing that PRC’s would be busier than ever, “called for PRCs to be shut down because she believes the loving care and resources they offer are ‘torture.’”

Yes, Warren described what they did as “torture.” She seethed when she told reporters that PRCs outnumber abortion clinics 3-1!

Szoch and Del Turco go on to track Harris’s campaign against



Pro-abortion Vice President Kamala Harris

law would “ensure that all women have equal access to comprehensive reproductive health services, and that they have the facts they need to make informed decisions about their health and their lives,” what it really did was require California pregnancy resource centers to advertise for the killing of unborn children.

Pregnancy resource centers sued because this law prevented them from carrying out their mission of saving unborn children from being brutally murdered by abortionists.

Harris was a U.S. Senator by the time the case was taken up by the Supreme Court, but (of course) Harris filed an amicus brief against the PRCs anyway.

But there’s more.

Then came the 2022 Dobbs

PRCs.

A few months later, now as vice president, Kamala Harris met with Democratic state attorneys general at the White House to commend them for “taking on, rightly, the Crisis Pregnancy Centers.” She went on to describe the work of PRCs as “predatory practices.”

In the months preceding these slanderous remarks, there was a spike in violent pro-abortion protestors vandalizing and threatening PRCs. At least 90 PRCs have been attacked since the leak of the Supreme Court’s Dobbs decision in 2022. Dangerous rhetoric like that from Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren could serve to foment this kind of violence against PRCs.

You get the drift.

Harris is rightly described as “the most pro-abortion candidate to run at the top of the Democratic ticket.” That’s a mighty high bar but Harris scaled it easily.

She could not even bring herself to vote for a law protecting babies born alive from being killed or left to die after an abortion. And Kamala Harris doesn’t stop at promoting the killing of unborn children — she actively works to silence anyone helping mothers and fathers in need choose life.

If you’re looking for contrasts, the Trump administration was the first in history to visit a PRC. Harris was the first vice president or president to visit an abortion clinic.

There’s more but I would strongly suggest you read the article in its entirety. Here’s the concluding paragraph:

For American voters, this contrast presents a choice. Do we want to elect leaders who will stand behind pregnancy resource centers, which offer hope, personalized support, and a multitude of free resources for mothers and their children? Or, do we want to elect leaders who stand behind abortion businesses, who exploit the fears and discouragement of vulnerable mothers and fathers and profit off of the killing of their unborn children — while simultaneously working to silence anyone offering moms and dads a different option. On election day this November, we will be deciding between exactly those options.

Competing Proposed Abortion-related Constitutional Amendments will be on November Ballot in Nebraska

By Nebraska Right to Life

Lincoln, NE – As is the case in several states, Nebraskans will be able to vote this November on whether to amend its state constitution regarding abortion rights. Unlike other states, Nebraska will have competing options.

That's because on Friday Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen announced that two ballot initiatives (Protect Women & Children and Protect the Right to Abortion) each gathered enough qualifying signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

"Barring any legal challenges, this November general election ballot will host two ballot measures that appear in direct conflict with each other, which could be the first time this has happened in Nebraska's history," Evnen said.

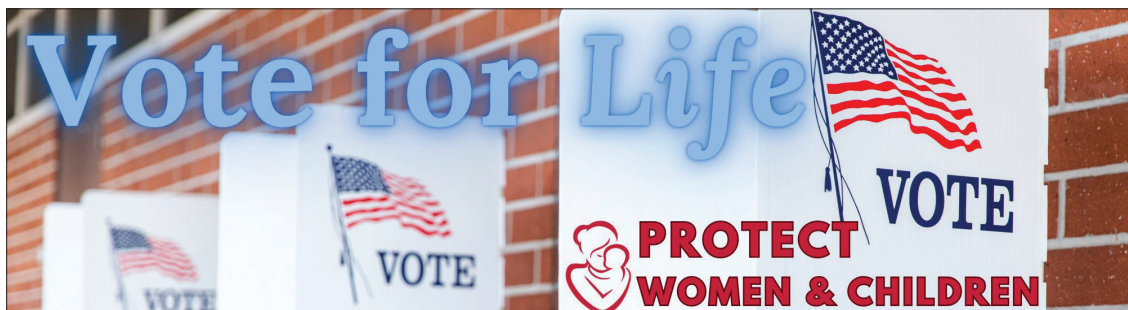
This makes Nebraska the first state to carry competing abortion amendments on the same ballot since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022.

The "Protect the Right to Abortion" proposal would codify a right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution until fetal viability, as determined

by a health care provider (approximately 24 weeks gestation), "or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient."

Danek said that the pro-abortion amendment is worded broadly, and terms such as "fetal viability," "health of the mother," and "health care practitioner" are left

from the state,' a child predator or human trafficker could take a minor into an abortion clinic and obtain an



"Protect Women & Children" would constitutionally protect babies in the womb in the second and third trimesters, consistent with current Nebraska law.

"It's vital that Nebraskans understand what these proposed amendments entail," said Sandy Danek, executive director of Nebraska Right to Life. "The pro-abortion amendment would negate several existing laws that have been enacted over the past decades to protect mother and baby such as prohibitions against partial-birth, dismemberment and web-cam abortions, and parental notification requirements," Danek added.

undefined. She provided examples of possible consequences.

"A full-term baby could be legally aborted because the mother tells a health care practitioner (which may or may not be a licensed physician, and would most likely be the paid abortionist) that having the child would have a negative effect on her mental health or even her financial 'health' (meaning she can't afford the child)."

"Also, since the right to abortion would be 'without interference

abortion for her without the knowledge of anyone, including a parent/guardian."

Danek added that the proposal could even open the door to forcing taxpayers to fund abortions.

To combat the extreme measures of the pro-abortion proposed amendment, Nebraska Right to Life has been part of the coalition that endorses the Protect Women & Children amendment, which Danek said will maintain the existing commonsense protections for which Nebraskans have already shown support.

Walz's record on life: Elderly, newborns, and others pay the price for absolutism and neglect

By Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)

MINNEAPOLIS — Tim Walz, Kamala Harris' choice as running mate, brings to the presidential race a long track record of abortion-up-to-birth extremism, opposition to protection for vulnerable newborns, and policies that harm elderly and disabled patients.

"Tim Walz isn't like your favorite grandpa," said Cathy Blaeser, co-executive director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL), Minnesota's largest pro-life organization. "He's a threat to your grandpa—and to unborn and newborn children, too. He's a strident ideologue, an abortion absolutist, and an ominous sign of what a Harris administration would portend."

As governor during the pandemic, Walz allowed the transfer of Covid-infected patients back into long-term care centers, even centers with known infection-control problems, despite the risks to the most vulnerable patients. Walz's administration also gave nearly \$100,000 of Covid relief money to a non-profit specializing in "abortion doulas," and it temporarily suspended all elective medical procedures (to conserve resources and reduce transmission of the virus)—but

made a conspicuous exception for elective abortion.

Later, Walz—who has described his record as "so pro-choice Nancy Pelosi asked me if I should tone it down"—signed into law the PRO Act to establish a "fundamental right" to abortion for any reason

requirement that reasonable measures be taken to "preserve the life and health" of born-alive infants, replacing it with a requirement for "care," which the bill's author described as "comfort" care. Under the new language, an infant could be

available; Walz repealed the requirement that practitioners of abortion report cases of born-alive infants and the measures taken to care for them.

"Abortions in Minnesota are increasing sharply under Gov. Walz," said Blaeser. "He even recently visited an abortion facility with Kamala Harris to promote the center's work. All throughout his time in government, Walz has shown his commitment to making our state and our nation a haven for unlimited abortion. Women and children deserve better."

When Walz served in Congress, he repeatedly voted in favor of taxpayer funding of abortion and repeatedly voted against protecting unborn children later in pregnancy when they can feel pain. He co-sponsored legislation that would invalidate nearly all state and federal limits on abortion. And he voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would ensure that newborn babies who survive abortion be treated with the same degree of care as other babies born at the same age (so that they are not neglected, abandoned, or killed). Walz also made clear his strong opposition to protecting abortion survivors on Twitter (now X).



*Pro-abortion Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz
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and at any time during pregnancy. He then signed a bill repealing numerous longstanding and commonsense abortion policies, including informed consent for women and Minnesota's Positive Alternatives program that had supported pregnant women and new mothers.

Walz also repealed Minnesota's

denied lifesaving treatment and allowed to die.

In recent years, five born-alive abortion survivors were reported in 2015, five in 2016, three in 2017, three in 2018, three in 2019, and five in 2021, according to the Minnesota Department of Health. This information, however, will no longer be

No wonder pro-abortionists attack them: Pregnancy Help Centers provide hope to women during desperate times

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

With just a little bit of generosity, amazing miracles can occur.

I was reminded of this fact this past weekend, when a woman came up to me at church to hand me a baby bottle filled with coins. She was participating in a baby bottle blessing project launched at our church by a local pregnancy medical clinic.

This incredible center will take those quarters and use them to help support its wondrous work. That much-needed work includes everything from providing ultrasound images of preborn babies to helping men adjust to the responsibilities of fatherhood.

Sadly, this facility and so many others throughout Pennsylvania have faced a shortfall of funds because of pro-abortion

Democrat Josh Shapiro's decision to erase state funding from Real Alternatives, which The program served more than 350,000 women over nearly three decades, offering them



administered Pennsylvania's everything from diapers to day Pregnancy and Parenting care referrals, from maternity Support Services program. clothes to mentoring.

Indeed, Pennsylvania's abortion totals would have been much higher were it not for Real Alternatives.

Politicians can claim to be "pro-woman," but robbing pregnant women of support is decidedly anti-woman. Forcing them to go it alone during their pregnancy journeys is an assault to their freedom to reproduce. Such policies place women in harm's way, by denying them the critical care they need.

Pregnancy centers provide hope during desperate times. State support is vitally important to ensuring that women are empowered to make life-affirming decisions for themselves and their families.

All those baby bottles will definitely not go to waste.



Catholic Church Can't Compromise: Denying Food and Water to Patients is Evil

By Bobby Schindler

On August 13, the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAL), headed by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, released “Little Lexicon on End of Life,” which wrestles with various bioethical issues.

One particularly noteworthy issue is the necessity of providing patients in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) with food and hydration via feeding tubes. That the PAL felt the need to raise questions in the first place is troubling enough, but the documents unclear language also amplified confusion.

For example, it states that persons diagnosed as being in a PVS are victims “of a reductive conception of disease, which is understood as an alteration of a particular function of the organism, losing sight of the totality of the person,” and that “this reductive way of interpreting disease then leads to an equally reductive concept of care, which ends up focusing on individual functions of the organism rather than the overall good of the person.”

Perhaps more concerning for persons thought to be in a PVS is the PAL’s seeming undoing of the Church’s long-standing recognition of feeding tubes as basic care. It reasons that, since a person in a PVS needs their food and water prepared in a laboratory, feeding tube treatments require a form of “technology” and therefore do not qualify as “simple care procedures.” However, as faithful Catholics know, any attempt to redefine feeding tubes as something other than basic care would be contrary to the long-standing teachings of the Church.

Rarely mentioned is that determinations of whether someone is in a PVS rest on the subjective assessments of the doctor(s) examining the

patient. Thus, it has been found that the PVS diagnosis has been inaccurately applied to nearly 50% of the people diagnosed.

The term “persistent vegetative state” is often used for patients who have lost all awareness of their surroundings, exhibit no purposeful behaviors, and lack

as being in a vegetative state found that over 40% of patients referred to their hospital since 1992 had been misdiagnosed due to doctors lacking the proper tools to diagnose this condition with certainty.

More recently, on May 13, 2024, the *Journal of Neurotrauma*

researchers examined had brain activity like that seen in people with no brain injury—indicating that those patients were conscious and aware.

Dr. Nicholas Schiff, a neurologist and one of the study’s authors, said the findings show that up to 100,000 patients in the United States alone might have some level of consciousness despite their devastating injuries.

He also underscored the study’s importance: “Just knowing that a patient has this ability to respond cognitively can be a game-changer in terms of life-support decisions and the degree of engagement of caregivers and family members.”

All these findings are critically important because the public (including some Catholics) has been conditioned to believe that removing the basic provision of food and fluids based on PVS diagnoses is kinder than continuing to care for and love disabled people, even though this removal barbarically causes their death by dehydration and starvation.

Until this new verbiage by the “Lexicon,” the Catholic Church always maintained that providing food and hydration, even if a feeding tube is needed, is a moral obligation and that withholding food and water to end a person’s life is in violation of Church teachings and a grave sin imposed on the human person.

Pope St. John Paul II clarified this issue in a 2004 allocution (a teaching statement) where he explicitly emphasized that providing a feeding tube is a simple requirement for those who are not dying and need this form of ordinary care to live.



Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia

higher brain functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.

Scottish neurosurgeon Bryan Jennett and American neurologist Fred Plum coined this term in 1972 and advanced PVS as a new diagnostic category.

Although individuals in a PVS have sustained serious brain injuries, they are not terminal; they are not dying and can live a normal life span if properly treated. However, the public has been encouraged to accept the veracity of PVS diagnoses and their use as justification for denying or removing a person’s feeding tube.

As far back as 1996, a study by doctors at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in London who specialized in persons diagnosed

published a seven-year study involving 1,392 patients who had sustained traumatic brain injuries and were admitted to hospital trauma centers.

Researchers found that patients who received a poor recovery prognosis had their life-sustaining treatment withdrawn within days of their brain injuries. The study also revealed that 40% of patients who were afforded time recovered with at least some independence.

Perhaps not a coincidence, considering the recent release of the “Lexicon,” on August 14, 2024, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published the findings of its largest-ever research study on patients with cognitive-motor dissociation (vegetative state).

They found that 25% of the 241 of these patients whom the

Planned Parenthood tool Platkin hellbent on denying women true choice

Editor's note. This appeared on the webpage of the New Jersey Assembly GOP.

Assemblyman Paul Kanitra wants New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin investigated for working with Planned Parenthood to use his office to target pregnancy resource centers.

"I know it's hard for Matt Platkin and his co-conspirators at Planned Parenthood to imagine this, but not every woman's first thought when she faces an unplanned pregnancy is, 'How can I get rid of it?'" Kanitra said. "Their ilk wants to create a world through lawfare in which the only choice—which is no choice at all—to unplanned or unwanted pregnancies is abortion. They feign magnanimity, but really, every unaborted baby kills profits."

An open public records act request revealed that Platkin's office worked with Planned Parenthood to create a consumer alert against pregnancy resource centers, issued in December 2022, that claims CPCs are organizations that seek to prevent people from accessing

comprehensive reproductive health care. The alert urges consumers to contact Planned Parenthood for abortion providers and file complaints against the centers with the Division of Consumer Affairs for fraud.



New Jersey Assemblyman
Paul Kanitra

Platkin took his attacks further and issued a subpoena to "First Choice Women's Resource Centers," a nonprofit abortion clinic alternative that does not perform or refer for termination

services with five locations throughout the state. The subpoena demands records dating back more than 10 years, which center representatives say place an undue burden and detract from their mission. The Alliance Defending Freedom said Platkin "has never cited any complaint or other substantive evidence of wrongdoing to justify his demands."

"Platkin is using the courts to cripple pregnancy resource centers into oblivion, plain and simple," Kanitra said. "It's a pregnancy resource center. They offer screenings and counseling just like Planned Parenthood does. They don't offer abortion referrals and services, just like Chick-Fil-A doesn't sell hamburgers. Sane people know this."

There are more than 50 crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state, many religiously affiliated. A 2022 pregnancy center state impact report showed the centers offered more than \$3.5 million in materials and services to 23,000 clients. The centers are staffed by licensed medical professionals as well as volunteers.

Meanwhile, New Jersey has 41 brick-and-mortar abortion clinics. According to the Guttmacher Institute, 48,830 abortions were performed in 2020. The state ranks sixth in the number of abortions performed in the country.

A 2023 report stated: "New Jersey is a unique abortion environment. Its abortion rate increased by 15% from 2013 to 2020; further increases are expected."

Abortion is legal up to the moment of birth in New Jersey.

"Matt Platkin belongs to an elite coalition of blue state attorneys general that prosecute undercover activists for investigating fetal tissue trafficking and persecute pregnancy resource centers for trying to help women and save babies, under the scare tactic heading of 'misinformation,'" Kanitra said. "The state legislature or even the Feds need to come in and launch their own investigation into Platkin's motives. If there is no factual basis for his actions against these pregnancy centers, he needs to immediately retract his consumer alert and drop his subpoena."

NPR report reveals dangers of online abortion pill distribution

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The label also warns that a prescriber must '[e]xclude [ectopic pregnancy] before treatment,'... 'because some of the expected symptoms experienced with a medical abortion (abdominal pain, uterine bleeding) may be similar to those of a ruptured ectopic pregnancy.'

MAP has no way of knowing if it is sending the abortion pill to a woman who is experiencing an ectopic pregnancy. But telehealth abortionists may be hundreds of miles away from women experiencing abortion pill-related complications. When women report to ERs after taking the abortion pill, it will be those ER doctors who are tasked with caring for women in the aftermath of the

injuries telehealth abortionists have caused. And sometimes, these women will have been coached by abortionists to lie and tell ER doctors they are experiencing complications from natural miscarriage, potentially changing the course of their treatment.

The elite is funding the abortions of the poor

NPR also stated that of the women who contact MAP for the abortion pill, there are many who can't afford to pay for the drugs, which cost \$250. It's because of this that MAP offers a sliding scale so that patients can pay as little as \$5 for the abortion pill regimen. MAP is funded through abortion funds, individual donations, and philanthropic gifts — a sign that the elite are paying for the abortions of disadvantaged women who are deprived of

counseling and a proper medical exam.

One woman wrote on her online form, "I really need an abortion pill. My state has banned it. My funds are really low. I'm a single mom with a kid under two. I can't afford a baby. I can't even afford this abortion."

Rather than raise money to help this woman keep her baby, MAP will pay for her abortion with money from donors earmarked to pay to kill the preborn children of disadvantaged women. Women should be helped out of the situations that are pushing them towards abortion under the false idea that it is their 'only' option, but the abortion industry financially profits off of the killing of their children.

Another woman wrote, "I just wanted to say thank you so much. I was terrified of this process. It

goes against everything I believe in. I'm just not in a place where I can have a child. Thank you for making the pills easily accessible to me (emphasis added)." This ignores the reasons that women are seeking telehealth abortions and the fact that many of them don't want the abortion but are driven by fear and may suffer from abortion trauma as a result.

Foster said she also wants to apply for grants and state funding for MAP, which would allow babies of disadvantaged women to be targeted for death, paid for by the government under the guise of helping women. Polling has consistently found that most Americans do not support taxpayer-funded abortion.

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Are Abortion Pills Going to Be on the Ballot?

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for teen victims of rape or incest, etc., the state could not proscribe mifepristone or any particular method.

Similarly, in North Carolina, general state laws on abortion could be enforced, such as requiring an in-person visit to the clinic or the physician for informed consent. But regulations specific to mifepristone, put in place by the state for patient safety, were disallowed as overstepping the federal government's unique authority to determine the conditions under which approved drugs could be safely used and distributed.

Presumably, at this point, those rulings only apply to the federal jurisdictions where they were handed down. But if they ascend to the higher court, those rulings could have national implications, particularly for pro-life states which have either adopted similar state safety regulations or abortion pill specific regulations.

Other Chemical Abortion Laws Affected

Of course, concerns about these laws are in addition to whatever general protections that exist for the unborn in states where all abortions limits are being subjected to pro-abortion state referenda. Laws prohibiting or restricting distribution of abortion pills as part of a broader legislative system could be affected too.

There are also preemptive laws that have been put in place in several abortion-friendly states to protect distributors of the pills. The goal there was to protect online mifepristone sellers who ship abortion pills from states where these are legal to states where they are not. These so called "shield laws" say that those online pill merchants cannot be held liable or extradited for violating the laws of another state so long as the seller's home state has no such prohibitions.

This is legally suspect, as states are generally bound by the "full faith and credit" clause of the Constitution requiring that states honor and respect the laws of other states. But until tested in court, we may not know whether these shield laws will be recognized.

Some states, on the other hand, have laws mandating the sharing of information on abortion pill reversal (APR) or rescue for patients taking mifepristone who might change their minds. Depending on the language of the law or referendum, or a possible turnover in state political leadership, these could be at risk. It is already the case in some states that the sharing of such information is dismissed or discouraged as unsafe "junk science," despite over 5,000 successful and safe reversals nationwide.

Each and every one of these things stands to be affected by the upcoming election in some way.

The Election Will Have Consequences for Chemical Abortions

Even if an incoming Trump administration does not intend to actively pursue overturning or reexamination of the original mifepristone approval, appeals of the original approval and subsequent protocol changes made by Democrat administrations may yet be brought back to the court by states suing on behalf of citizens whose lives and health have been affected by the drugs.

Three states -- Kansas, Missouri, and Idaho -- have already filed suit to pursue the unresolved issues in the *FDA v. AHM* case.

Just having new personnel in key offices could prove significant. The appointment of a new Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary and a new FDA head no longer beholden to the abortion industry could itself lead to a fresh

look at earlier FDA decisions and perhaps an openness to more objective studies showing much higher complication and failure rates and higher numbers of lost patients than those being offered

If results go the other way, pro-life state attorneys general, citing the Comstock Act, may continue to try and keep those national pharmacy chains and online abortion pill merchants from



by the abortion lobby.

If science and safety resume their proper priority at the FDA, some reevaluation and re-regulation of mifepristone may be possible, if not expected.

Online Mifepristone and Retail Pharmacy Sales

If election results favor abortion advocates, some pro-abortion states will try to use recent FDA changes to pressure national retail chains and pharmacy corporations to offer abortion pills at as many locations in the state as possible. Emboldened by those same election results, more abortion friendly states will not only promote and fund abortion travel but will pursue those "shield laws" talked about earlier, welcoming and protecting online abortion pill entrepreneurs in their states.

shipping and selling mifepristone in their states, whether or not whoever is president decides to make it a federal issue.

Courts may have to decide whether mifepristone manufacturers and distributors have to comply with the plain and direct text of the law.

State versus Federal Determinations of Mifepristone Availability, Safety and Efficacy

Courts are eventually going to have to address whether (and how much or in what way) states can limit the sale, distribution, or use of mifepristone in their states under the authority granted under *Dobbs* to regulate abortion within their borders.

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Part and parcel of that is that the courts will have to decide whether or not the FDA's official designation of mifepristone's safety and efficacy amounts to a requirement that it generally be

protections flowing from that, but also how or whether these cases currently moving through the courts are going to be brought and argued and decided in the coming months and years.

deciding these cases?

Who are the Senators who will be voting on judicial appointments that will fill vacancies in federal courts hearing these cases? Who will be casting a vote on the

Which Congressional representatives will vote on whether to continue enforcing the Hyde Amendment or funding organizations like Planned Parenthood who are sending abortion pills through the mail and helping arrange for women to travel out of state for both chemical and surgical abortions?

Elections at the state level matter too.

State legislators will be deciding what protections exist for unborn children. Some of these will specifically deal with the legality and availability of chemical abortion in the state. Governors and state attorneys, along with local officials, will be deciding how seriously to enforce or defend those laws in the state and in the courts.

State officers can decide whether to make it easier or harder for women to obtain information on Abortion Pill Reversal. They can either require that information be shared, or like, in Massachusetts, mount an expensive public campaign disparaging the work of pregnancy care centers providing this life-affirming service.

There may or may not be a chemical abortion measure on your ballot this fall, but, in either case, your vote will still play a critical role in determining whether mifepristone continues to take the lives of unborn children in your state.



available, even in states where abortion is legally prohibited, or whether it only affects state laws or regulations directly or explicitly based on state concerns about abortion pill safety or efficacy.

Obviously, this makes federal court and agency appointments critical, not just to hold in place the *Dobbs* decision and all the

Who you vote for matters

More than just the president's personal or political position on abortion or mifepristone is at stake.

What will be the government's position when these cases come before the courts? Who will be arguing the FDA's position? Who will be appointing the judges and attorneys who will be bringing or

next Supreme Court nominee, a justice who could either solidify or undercut years of hard-fought progress and deal with ongoing repercussions of those decisions in years to come?

Will there be enough pro-abortion Democrats in Congress to term-limit pro-life justices off the court and replace them in a few years?

Safe surrender of newborns works: their lives are the evidence

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“She wrote me a letter recently and in it she said that she knew more than one family had wanted to adopt her and that she’s glad God gave her to us,” Donna told *Pregnancy Help News*.

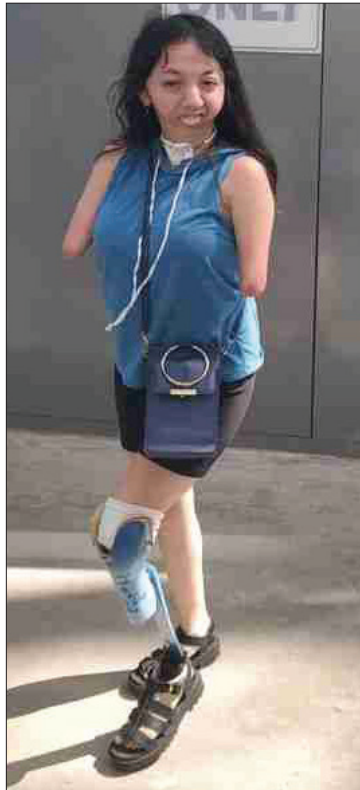
The adoption agency called to inform Donna that a baby girl was safely surrendered at a hospital.

Being informed about Lydia’s special needs did not dissuade the couple.

Lydia’s arms end where elbows would be, her left leg ends below the knee, and she has no lower jawbone.

The couple didn’t miss a beat helping their child understand her place as a child of God.

“I knew that those congenital amputations were only challenges to overcome and were no reason to reject this baby,” Donna stated. “This baby would learn to do the things we all do in her own unique way.”



Lydia

“Just like other 19-year-olds, Lydia is on a path to independence,” Dona said. “There is very little that she needs help with.”

Lydia is currently working with Vocational Rehabilitation to find a job. She has her driver’s permit, is saving for a car, and she is working with a certified driving occupational therapist toward getting her license.

Earlier in the summer Lydia volunteered at a camp for families with disabled children and was a buddy to a young girl who has Down syndrome and autism. Lydia enjoyed the experience the camp has invited her back to help again.

Lydia comes to the A Safe Haven for Newborns gala each year to share her story of how the organization helped to set her up to be welcomed into her forever home.

“She writes what she wants to say and then she asks me say it for her,” Silverio told *Pregnancy Help News*. “It’s just very moving. She’s a special little girl.”

The work continues

More than 6,000 individuals have found help and resources through A Safe Haven for Newborns.

From the beginning Silverio has maintained that if their efforts saved only one life it would be worth it. The organizations recently celebrated 407 lives saved and counting.

“The two most important days of your life are when you are born and when you find out why,” Silverio said.

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In 2007, William Cardinal Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, responding to questions raised by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, affirmed St. John Paul’s allocution and the moral duty to provide feeding tubes to patients in a PVS.

The PAL’s new wording warrants serious concern as it

questions the Church doctrine that feeding tubes are required care for our medically defenseless. Confusion already exists within the laity on this issue; why the PAL would choose to create more by sharing a worldview with people who support a dangerous, nihilistic, pro-death agenda is difficult to explain.

There is no compromising with

evil, especially when it intends to force an agonizing death on our medically weak. If we continue to ignore attacks on our God-given dignity that undermine the sacredness of the human person—especially in today’s bureaucratic U.S. healthcare system—there will be nothing to stop people from finding other justifications for killing our innocent, medically

vulnerable brothers and sisters who will continue to fall victim to their wickedness.

Bobby Schindler and his family work as patient advocates, establishing the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network in honor of his sister, Terri. This first appeared here and is reposted with permission.

New North Carolina Poll Points the Way to Successful Pro-Life Strategies

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The good news though is that a very strong majority will support allowing abortion only in these narrow cases.

Respondents were asked if they would support or oppose allowing abortion only under these four circumstances:

- 1) when it is necessary to save the life of the mother
- 2) when there is a medical emergency posing a serious risk of substantial irreversible physical harm to the mother
- 3) in cases of rape
- 4) in cases of incest.

71% said they would support such a proposal--51% strongly--while only 22% opposed it.

Legislation that allows abortion in only these four circumstances eliminates about 95% of all abortions and makes it impossible for stand-alone abortion clinics to profitably operate. Such legislation is successfully in effect in West Virginia and Indiana and is clearly superior to legislation based on weeks. A 15-week abortion "ban" stops only about 5% of abortions and a 12 week "ban" stops only about 10%.

This proposal gained such strong majority support despite 49% of respondents identifying as pro-choice and 45% as pro-life. "Pro-life" has been so denigrated by the press, and "pro-choice" so lauded, that these labels do not always accurately convey what many people actually feel about the issue. Candidates advocating for life will do better articulating their actual position rather than just relying on the label "pro-life".

The poll also asked:

"Would you support or oppose a law prohibiting abortion except when it is necessary to save the life of the mother or when there is a medical emergency posing serious risk of substantial irreversible physical harm to the mother, or in cases of rape or incest?"

57% supported such a law and

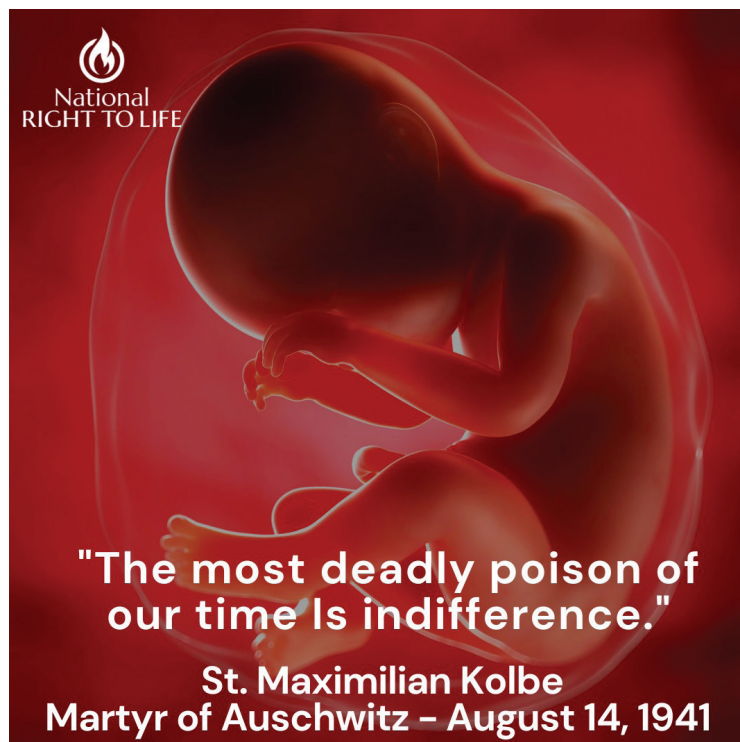
35% opposed it, even though the two questions described exactly the same proposal in different words! This same phenomenon has been found in a previous national poll testing these questions.

Why such different results describing identical circumstances? It appears that a substantial segment of the population does not want unlimited

terms like "ban" or "prohibit."

The poll also asked about "heartbeat" legislation:

"Would you support or oppose allowing abortion only before six weeks when there is no detectable heartbeat and later in pregnancy only under these four circumstances:



1) When it is necessary to save the life of the mother

2) When there is a medical emergency posing serious risk of substantial irreversible physical harm to the mother

3) In cases of rape

4) In cases of incest»

62% supported such heartbeat legislation while 29% opposed it with the remainder undecided.

These results suggest that while a majority would support legislation limiting abortion to six weeks of pregnancy (if abortions for life of mother, rape, incest and medical emergencies are allowed throughout pregnancy), it may be just as publicly acceptable to pass legislation allowing abortion

only in those four cases. This is especially so since the pro-abortion opposition and the press will vociferously oppose either to same degree anyway.

Allowing abortion only in the four circumstances discussed above is certainly the preferred legislative outcome since it would eliminate about 95% of abortions while heartbeat/six weeks legislation would eliminate about 55%. However, either would be far preferable to the current North Carolina 12-week abortion limit which has allowed about 90% of in state abortions to continue while making North Carolina an abortion destination state.

Another very significant result involved the use of abortion for birth control. Respondents were asked:

"Do you approve or disapprove of abortion being used/allowed as a method of birth control?"

Only 29% approved of abortion being used or allowed as a method of birth control while 64% disapproved!

This result should be very helpful for pro-life candidates who point out that their pro-abortion opponent really "supports abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control." Abortion for birth control is really just another way of describing elective abortion, i.e., abortion for any of the reasons one would use birth control. A pro-abortion candidate's position is that abortion should be available for any and all of those reasons.

This may also be helpful in opposing pro-abortion ballot initiatives which also allow abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control.

The poll also found that 62% opposed "using tax dollars to pay for abortion" and only 31% favored taxpayer funding of abortion.

These results should give guidance to both pro-life candidates and pro-life advocates in developing successful pro-life strategies and legislation.