

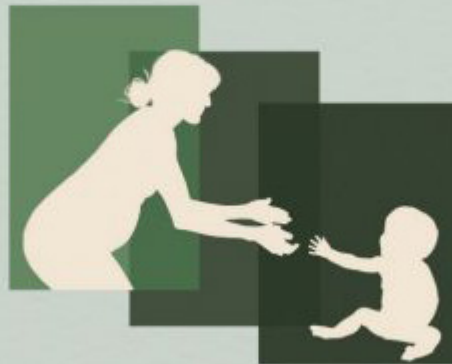


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Congress Attempts to Push Back on Biden Administration's Abortion Agenda

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

As the Biden administration attempts to expand abortion at every turn, Congress has limited options in fighting back so long as President Joe Biden holds the veto pen. One option that Congress has is known as the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Much of the damage the Biden Administration is doing in regards to the life issue relates to the issuing of rules and directives to expand abortion.

In a certain window (usually 60 days of session), if Congress disapproves of a rule, they can work to pass a resolution. If

passed and signed, the rule will be nullified and the administration, along with future administrations, would be prevented from enacting something similar.

Action is afoot in both chambers of Congress in regards to one particularly egregious Biden Administration action having to do with abortion and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), and Representative Michael Cloud (R-TX), along with more

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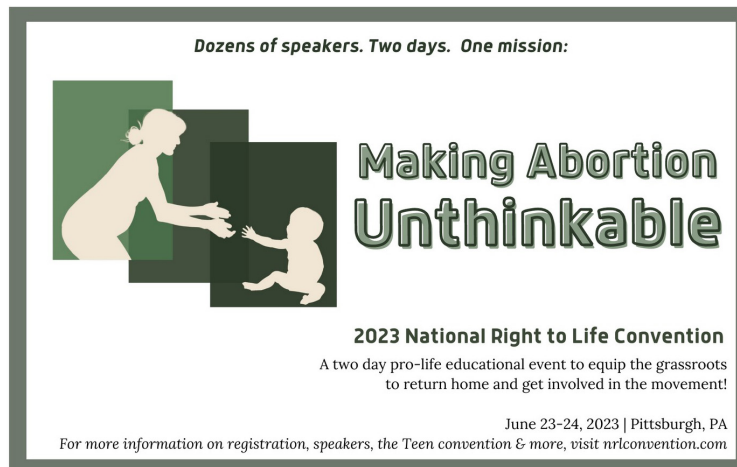
NRLC 2023 ~ Let's Make Abortion Unthinkable!

By Jacki Ragan, Director, NRL Conventions


Where were you when *Roe v. Wade* was overturned? I was in a hotel in Atlanta, Georgia at NRLC 2022, National Right to Life annual Convention. I was surrounded by Executive Directors, Presidents, and Directors of state right-to-life affiliates from all across the country. How fitting that these pro-life champions would be in one place when *Roe* fell.

What an amazing morning that was!

My little temporary office



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there at the Marriott quickly filled up. We shared hugs, tears, disbelief, praise, worship, and overwhelming joy. The audience that we shared the news with included representatives from the states, attorneys, and NRLC's devoted staff.

I've devoted my adult life to playing a role in helping to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. After 46 years, it had collapsed.

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Editorials

Yahoo News/You Gov poll shows overwhelming consensus that Biden is too old to run again; nearly half of Democrats agree

While the belief among nearly everyone in Biden's orbit is that he'll ultimately give the all-clear, his indecision has resulted in an awkward deep-freeze across the party — in which some potential presidential aspirants and scores of major donors are strategizing and even developing a Plan B while trying to remain respectful and publicly supportive of the 80-year-old president--“Biden's Age Can No Longer Be Ignored by Democratic Elites”-- Jim Geraghty.

Let me put this bluntly: Joe Biden should not run for reelection in 2024. He is too old. Biden will turn 80 on November 20. He will be 82 if and when he begins a second term. The numbers just keep getting more ridiculous from there. “It's not the 82 that's the problem. It's the 86,” one swing voter said in a recent focus group, referring to the hypothetical age Biden would be at the end of that (very) hypothetical second term— “Why Biden Shouldn't Run in 2024 ”--Mark Leibovich.

With the prospect of being 82 years old if he were to run again and win, it probably comes as no surprise that a “majority of voters” [68%] and even a “plurality of Democrats” [48%] “say Biden is too old to run again.”

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The March edition of *NRL News* is bursting with information

The March edition of the “pro-life newspaper of record” is a record 49 pages long but that still only allows us to scratch the surface. There is a lot—a **lot**—going in Congress and the state legislatures. Let's dig into the issue and see what we can discover.

Since the *Dobbs* decision, pro-abortionists have reached deep into their bag of obfuscations, distortions, and (to be polite) half-truths to cover the genuinely

radical agenda that is close to their hearts. Pro-lifers have countered with a truth campaign which begins with our insistence that women are not at war with their unborn children: we proposed win-win solutions, not either/or. The pro-abortionist can only scratch their heads in amazement at such generosity of spirit.

This edition of *NRL News* begins with a front page that alerts you to **the** upcoming

pro-life educational event of the year: the National Right to Life Convention to be held in Pittsburgh June 23-24. If you've attended previously, you know what a gold mine of information, motivation, and camaraderie those two days present.

As the late Dr. Jean Garton said, “The National Right to Life Convention represents the annual gathering of America's Pro-Life ‘family’ and it is like coming home again.”

Also on page one, Federal Legislative Direction Jennifer Popik, JD, offers an insider's analysis of the 117th Congress. The pro-abortion Democrats are up to their usual tricks, the goal of which never changes: Find as many creative ways as possible to multiply the number of dead babies while accusing pro-life Republicans of being “extremists.”

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From the President Carol Tobias

Doing What We Can



“Do what you can, with what you’ve got, where you are.”

I heard that phrase many years ago, attributed to Theodore Roosevelt, but it actually came from Squire Bill Widener, a community

leader in rural Virginia. As I look at abortion in the US since the fall of *Roe v Wade*, I see pro-life people doing exactly that.

Abortion forces have unleashed numerous plans to protect abortion. And regardless of the consequences to women and innocent preborn children, they want to make abortion as readily accessible and available as possible.

But instead of waiting for someone else to do something, pro-lifers continue to step forward to counter this pro-abortion offensive, doing what they can, with what they’ve got, where they are.

To be sure, this deep reservoir of love and resolve is being tested by pro-abortion President Joe Biden. The Biden administration is using every weapon in its arsenal to attack life, and even lovers of life.

The Department of Justice has arrested people who protest the killing of innocent preborn babies; the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense intend to subsidize abortion and abortion travel for its personnel.

The Department of Health and Human Services is likely to repeal several safeguards for healthcare providers who do not want to participate in abortions or assisted suicide.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has removed almost all safeguards for women and authorized the broader distribution of the abortion pill. Pharmacies will be strongly urged, likely by investment firms, to participate in a procedure that results in death for the babies and, often, harm to the mothers.

In some states that have no interest in protecting unborn children in any way, shape, or form, legislatures are repealing even commonsense laws that enjoy popular support. These include requiring that a woman seeking an abortion be given factual information about pregnancy, abortion, potential complications, and available alternatives.

Some states have removed laws that give parents the opportunity to intervene if their minor daughter is considering an abortion. And in some states, taxpayers, regardless of their pro-life convictions, are being forced to pay for the killing.

But **pro-life people** are not standing idly by. They are making their voices heard in state capitals, lobbying elected officials and testifying against anti-life legislation.

Pro-life people are making their voices heard in letters, emails, and petitions to pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens, and Rite-Aid, asking the companies to NOT dispense the abortion pill.

Pro-life people are helping new moms with baby supplies. Oftentimes, this is done through a pregnancy center, but many are also making individual appeals for help through social media and on-line crowdfunding platforms.

Pro-life people are organizing community events to mobilize new advocates for life.

National Right to Life is working with our state affiliates to pass pro-life bills and stop anti-life bills, in both Congress and state legislatures.

We’re working with chapters to strengthen pro-life outreach in their communities.

Our Education department has issued an abundance of articles about the dangers associated with chemical abortions and the recent FDA changes as to how and where the pills are dispensed. The information is easy to read and understand, and is available through

NRL News Today and *National Right to Life News*.

Our Communications Department talks to reporters on a daily basis, providing quotes and, often, background information to hopefully get a pro-life perspective into stories that are released.

Looking ahead, we’re preparing for another great convention on June 23 and 24 in Pittsburgh. Please keep up to date by checking back at <https://nrlconvention.com>. And, of course, we’re already looking at the critical 2024 elections.

In a recent *AP* article, an owner of several abortion facilities is said to be girding herself for many more post-*Roe* battles in the future, adding abortion “is just under attack and it’s going to be for years.” The only thing we are “attacking” is the indiscriminate slaughter of unborn children.

Thanks to the tenacious determination of pro-life people who are fighting the good fight, I can guarantee that abortion will be under “attack” for many years. Pro-life people are doing what they can, with what they’ve got, where they are.

Why? Because unborn babies are counting on us-- all of us.



With Lives Hanging in the Balance, Every Vote Matters

By Karen Cross, NRL Political Director

It is not uncommon to hear someone question, “Does my vote really matter?” But in the pro-life movement, we know that every vote does matter. We also know that elections have consequences. When pro-life candidates win, we gain new opportunities to pass legislation to protect unborn children and their mothers.

just six votes! That same year, pro-life Congresswoman Claudia Tenney of New York prevailed in her race by 109 votes. Both women defeated staunch pro-abortion Democrats.

In Georgia, pro-life Senator David Perdue secured more votes than pro-abortion Democrat Jon Ossoff in the November 2020

way, 7,000 votes, spread across five key districts, essentially determined that pro-abortion Democrat Nancy Pelosi would no longer be Speaker of the House and Republicans would regain control.

In 2022, Pro-life Congresswoman Lauren Boebert nearly lost her seat to a pro-

in Iowa’s 3rd District by 2,145 votes.

With pro-abortion Democrats in control of the U.S. Senate and the White House, taking back the House in 2022 was absolutely crucial. And every vote in these races mattered.

On the state level, Minnesota underscores the importance of every vote and that elections really do have consequences. In 2022, control of the Minnesota Senate flipped from Republican to Democrat after the deciding race was won by a Democrat by just 361 votes out of nearly 43,000 cast. Soon after, the Minnesota Senate passed a radical pro-abortion bill that established abortion on demand in the state and invalidated many existing pro-life protections for unborn children and their mothers.

In New Hampshire, a 2022 state House race even resulted in a tie! Authorities held a “redo election,” but in the midst of lower turnout, a pro-abortion Democrat prevailed.

Polls may suggest that your state is not a battleground or the races in your area are not competitive. Ignore the polls. But treat every race like it is a tossup. Polls are often wrong, and the elections experts featured on cable news are not infallible. Who can forget 2016 when many of the most highly revered pollsters and political commentators predicted that Hillary Clinton would win the presidential election?

There are always surprises in elections and we owe it to the innocent lives that we are trying to save to show up every time. ***Every vote matters!***



Studies show the impact of pro-life legislation—lives are saved! Conversely, when pro-abortion candidates win, they pursue the abortion industry’s legislative priorities, putting innocent lives at risk. This is precisely why we have to be engaged in politics. The lives of unborn children and their mothers hang in the balance, and our vote enables us to be a voice for the voiceless.

Sometimes just a handful of votes determines an election’s outcome. In the 2020 elections, pro-life Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks won her Iowa Congressional seat by

general election. But, because neither candidate received more than 50% of the vote (Perdue stood at 49.7%), the race went to a runoff. Turnout declined in the runoff and Ossoff ultimately defeated Perdue by a margin of 1.2%. It was the closest Senate race of the 2020 cycle. The result meant that Democrats had taken control of the Senate. Currently, Republicans hold a narrow five-seat majority in the U.S. House. When added together, the number of votes by which the five closest House races were won in the 2022 cycle was less than 7,000. Put another

abortion Democrat challenger in Colorado’s 3rd District. When her opponent conceded, he was only 551 votes behind in the vote count. Pro-life Republican John Duarte was declared the winner in California’s 13th Congressional District, winning by just 660 votes. In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District, pro-life Republican John James eked out a win by 1,600 votes out of over 326,000 votes cast. The next two closest House races were called for pro-life Republican Mike Lawler in New York’s 17th District by 1,787 votes and for pro-life Republican Zach Nunn

Walgreens says it will not, for now, send mifepristone to states where that is against the law

By Dave Andrusko

According to a story in POLITICO, Walgreen's — the nation's second-largest pharmacy chain — “confirmed Thursday that it will not dispense abortion pills in several states where they remain legal — acting out of an abundance of caution amid a shifting policy landscape, threats from state officials and pressure from anti-abortion activists.”

Indeed!

“Thanks to the large public outcry and the actions of some of these principled state attorneys general, Walgreens and some of these other drugstore chains may finally be coming to understand that they can't rely upon the abortion industry and the Biden's administration's assurances of this drug's safety and legality,” said Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, director of Education & Research. “The Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs means that states which wish to protect unborn children and their mothers from this deadly drug should now be able to do so.

As *NRL News Today* reported last month, attorneys general in 20

states warned CVS and Walgreens against mailing abortion pills in their states.

In a letter sent to the two largest drugstore chains, they said, “We emphasize that it is our responsibility as State Attorneys General to uphold the law and

protect the health, safety, and well-being of women and unborn children in our states.” They added “Part of that responsibility includes ensuring that companies like yours are fully informed of the law so that harm does not come to our citizens.”

Walgreens “told POLITICO that it has since responded to all the officials, assuring them that they will not dispense abortion pills either by mail or at their

brick-and-mortar locations in those states,” Alice Miranda Ollstein reported.

One of those attorneys general was Kansas's Kris Kobach. On February 6, he wrote, saying that the Biden administration's attempt to make abortion pills

encourage you to follow it.”

In a statement to POLITICO, Kobach wrote

“In my letter to Walgreens, we made clear that Kansas will not hesitate to enforce the laws against mailing and dispensing



available through the mail was clearly illegal.

“President Biden is beholden to the country's most extreme pro-abortion voices, who consistently advocate for expanding the abortion regime without any consideration of legality or even women's safety,” the letter to Danielle Gray, Walgreens Executive Vice President, reads. “But nothing requires you to join him. The law says what it says. I

abortion pills, including bringing a RICO action to enforce the federal law prohibiting the mailing of abortion pills. ... Evidently, Walgreens understood that my office was serious about this. I'm grateful that Walgreens responded quickly and reasonably and intends to comply with the relevant laws.”

Tell CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid STOP DISPENSING DEADLY ABORTION PILLS

Whereas the drug mifepristone is used to take the lives of unborn children, and

Whereas the drug mifepristone has also been associated with potentially severe side effects for their mothers, resulting in visits to the emergency room for more than 10% of patients and complications such as infection, hemorrhage, or ruptured ectopic pregnancy for as many as 5.2% of those taking the drug, and has been linked to 28 deaths in the United States alone, and

Whereas CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid pharmacies have recently announced plans to dispense this dangerous and lethal drug, and

Whereas, pharmacies traditionally have been, and should be, operated for the purpose of providing drugs that cure and treat disease, rather than killing,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the undersigned, call upon the management and board of directors of CVS Health Corporation, Walgreens Boots Alliance, and Rite Aid Corp pharmacies to reverse their decision immediately and cease to dispense this lethal and dangerous drug.



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

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Federal judges continue to turn thumbs down on ERA revivalism

Congressional Fight Heats Up on Campaign to Jam “Equal Rights Amendment” into U.S. Constitution

WASHINGTON (March 4, 2023) –The U.S. Senate is likely to vote before April on a measure that, if adopted by both houses of Congress, purports to make the long-expired federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) part of the U.S. Constitution.

However, advocates for the ERA have suffered an unbroken string of losses in the federal courts, most recently in an adverse February 28 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (the “D.C. Circuit”). Nevertheless, congressional Democrats appear united in support of measures that would put Congress on record as asserting that the ERA is part of the Constitution. President Biden has endorsed such congressional action, even though the Justice Department has argued in federal court that the ERA has not been ratified.

Democrats control the Senate, 51 seats to 49. However, because of the Senate’s filibuster rule, 60 votes would be required to advance the ERA-revival measure, S.J. Res. 4, which is sponsored by Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Ak.). So far, Murkowski is the only Senate Republican to announce support for S.J. Res. 4.

In the House of Representatives, a companion measure has been introduced by Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.). She has so far picked up 153 cosponsors, but only a single Republican, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.).

Republicans currently control the House 222-213. This means that the measure cannot reach the House floor for a vote, even with the active support of every Democrat, unless at least five Republicans join in signing a “discharge petition,” which is a legislative tool that is always disfavored by the majority

party leadership, and seldom successful.

“The ERA resuscitation measure faces insurmountable obstacles in both Senate and House,” said Douglas Johnson, director of the NRLC *ERA Project*. “The measure is a cheap political

(withdraw) their ratifications before the deadline.

However, after failing in attempts to re-start the amendment process in Congress in 1983-1984, ERA advocates in December 1993 developed what they called “the three-state theory.”



gimmick, which the federal courts would disregard even if it passed. Congress’s proper constitutional role with respect to the 1972 ERA ended more than a half-century ago.”

HALF-CENTURY BATTLE

The ERA Resolution was originally submitted to the states by Congress in 1972 with a seven-year ratification deadline. NRLC and other pro-life groups have long opposed the 1972 ERA, based on recognition that it could be employed as a constitutional foundation for legal attacks on pro-life laws and policies, and to buttress legislation advancing abortion and attacking pro-life conscience rights.

The ERA expired on March 22, 1979, after being ratified by only 35 of the 38 states (three-quarters of 50) necessary to become part of the Constitution. Moreover, four of the 35 ratifying legislatures had formally acted to rescind

The theory, which has morphed into variant forms, generally postulates that ratification deadlines are unconstitutional, or unconstitutional unless they take a certain form, or that the ERA’s deadline could be removed retroactively by any later Congress. The theory also asserts that rescissions are not allowed.

After decades of failed attempts by ERA-revivalist forces, state legislatures in Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020) finally adopted “ratification” resolutions based on such premises.

However, in January 2020 the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, which provides binding legal guidance for Executive Branch agencies, issued a legal opinion stating that the ERA had expired in 1979. On that basis, the Archivist of the U.S., at that time David Ferriero (an appointee of President Obama), refused to certify the ERA as part of the Constitution, saying that he

would do so only if so directed by “a final court order.”

Three Democratic attorneys general then sued Ferriero to try to force him to certify the ERA. Meanwhile, ERA advocacy groups tried but failed to pressure the Justice Department into reversing its position on whether the ERA had been ratified.

In March 2021, federal Judge Rudolph Contreras (appointed by President Obama) ruled that the deadline contained in the 1972 ERA Resolution was constitutional, that it would have been “absurd” for the Archivist to ignore it, and that the legislative actions by Nevada, Illinois, and Virginia “came too late to count.” Judge Contreras dismissed the pro-ERA lawsuit, but the attorneys general of Illinois and Nevada appealed to the D.C. Circuit.

On February 28, a three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit unanimously ruled against Illinois and Nevada. The court refused to order the Archivist to certify the ERA, and upheld Judge Contreras’ dismissal of the lawsuit.

The panel specifically repudiated a key legal theory of the ERA-revival movement – that the ERA’s deadline was ineffective because it appeared in the “proposing clause” of the ERA Resolution (which they usually refer to, inaccurately, as a “preamble”). The panel said that claim was “unpersuasive” because a key element of “every amendment in our nation’s history would also be inoperative” if it were true. (Not every proposed constitutional amendment has contained a deadline, but every one has contained a binding proposing clause, which instructs

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the states whether to ratify by legislatures or state conventions.)

The ruling was written by Judge Robert Wilkins, an appointee of President Obama, joined by Judges Michelle Childs (Biden) and Neomi Rao (Trump).

“The ERA-revivalists have run up an unbroken 41-year string of defeats in the federal courts,” observed NRLC’s Johnson. “Pro-ERA litigants have presented their shoddy theories before six federal courts, with a total of 29 federal judges. They have not gained a single vote, from a single judge, on a single one of their implausible constitutional claims. Of these 29 judges, 15 were appointed by Republican presidents and 14 by Democratic presidents, with the most recent cases decided mostly by Democratic appointees.”

By coincidence, the D.C. Circuit ruling was released during a hearing on the ERA before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which was the first Senate hearing on the ERA since 1984. The committee is made up of 11 Democrats (all pro-abortion) and 10 Republicans (all pro-life).

Pro-ERA testimony was presented by S.J. Res. 4 sponsors Senators Cardin and Murkowski; Juliana Stratton, lieutenant governor of Illinois; Thursday Williams, a college student and Broadway actor representing the ERA Coalition; and Kathleen M. Sullivan, a former law professor. Testimony opposing ERA was presented by Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.); Jennifer Braceras, director of the Independent Women’s Law Center of the Independent Women’s Forum; and Elizabeth Price Foley, professor of law at Florida International University.

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, said, “Most Americans would be really

upset to have a constitutional amendment that would do the things we’re talking about – mandate abortion on demand up to the moment of birth. That’s what it would do—and the people pushing it, that’s what they want.”

Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Dick Durbin (D-Il.) also referred obliquely to the abortion component, stating, “At the heart of this is the *Dobbs* decision...,” referring to the June 2022 Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Many ERA proponents now say that the ratification deadline for the ERA was unconstitutional. In an exchange with Senator Ted Cruz (R-Tx.), Prof. Foley said that deadlines had been included in every constitutional amendment proposed by Congress since 1917, save one. Cruz also noted that ERA proponents claim that the pre-deadline rescissions by four states were unconstitutional – yet, Democrat-controlled legislatures in Maryland (represented by Sen. Cardin) and Illinois (represented by Senator Durbin) in recent years formally rescinded their previous ratifications of the Corwin Amendment, a pro-slavery amendment proposed in 1861 (which contained no deadline).

The Judiciary Committee will not vote on the ERA-promoting joint resolution, which Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) will bring directly to the Senate floor. That will occur before the end of March, according to ERA proponents.

As the vote approaches, groups on both sides are stepping up their communications to Senate offices and to the news media.

For example, on February 23, 2023, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sent a letter to the Senate “to express our alarm with a number of far-reaching consequences that will arise

from the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and its negative impacts to the common good and to religious freedom. We strongly urge you to oppose it and any resolution attempting to declare it ratified.”

In a February 10, 2023 statement, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention “urges Congress to not add the language of the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,” citing pro-life concerns and adding, “The ERA could eliminate conscience protections for medical professionals” and could “effectively erase sex-segregated spaces, leaving women vulnerable.”

ERA-ABORTION CONNECTION

For decades, most ERA proponents denied or deflected pro-life assertions of an ERA-abortion connection, even flatly asserting that the ERA had “nothing to do” with abortion. Now, however, leaders of prominent pro-abortion groups and lawmakers openly proclaim that if interpreted in the manner they deem proper, the proposed federal ERA language would bar limits on abortion (including late abortion) and limits on government subsidies for abortion.

To cite just one among now-innumerable examples, in a media backgrounder on the ERA-abortion connection, the Columbia University Law School’s ERA Project said, “The Equal Rights Amendment... would protect the right to abortion and the full range of reproductive healthcare and is more critically needed now than ever before.”

“All of the most prominent pro-ERA advocacy groups, and all of the most prominent abortion-

rights groups, now assert that the ERA would provide sweeping protection for abortion rights,” NRLC’s Johnson observed. “Some of their allies in Congress, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.), chief sponsor of the ERA-revival measure, have also made the ERA’s pro-abortion effects one of their main talking points. Yet, oddly, some journalists continue to present the ERA-abortion link as a projection by ‘conservative’ or ‘Republican’ opponents.”

In addition to pressing for congressional approval of the joint resolutions that they claim would “complete” the ERA ratification process, activist groups continue to demand that President Biden order the Archivist to certify the ERA as part of the Constitution, notwithstanding the uniformly adverse federal court rulings.

RESOURCES

For much more detail on the history of the ERA-abortion connection, the “three-state strategy,” the 41-year unbroken string of defeats for ERA-revivalism in the federal courts, and other key components of the ERA issue, please refer to the *Special Report on the Equal Rights Amendment* published by NRLC on January 23, 2023. Extensive additional documentation on the ERA (including NRLC’s most recent letters to Congress against S.J. Res. 4 and H.J. Res. 25) is available on the NRLC website ERA page at <https://www.nrlc.org/federal/era/>

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Biden Administration faithfully follows pro-abortion 'Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice'

By Laura Echevarria, Director of Communications and Press Secretary

In 2019, more than 90 organizations signed on to *The Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice*. In 111 pages, these pro-abortion organizations, including NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Abortion Federation, Planned Parenthood, and the National Organization of Women, laid out legislative goals, goals for the judiciary, international goals and goals involving executive action.

The Blueprint was based on a pro-abortion president winning the 2020 election.

We are not quite two and a half years into this administration but it's clear to everyone that this administration is cleaving to the goals of the abortion industry as closely as possible.

From *The Blueprint*, the pro-abortion groups listed what they called "First Priorities: Executive and Agency Actions" that were probably on President Biden's desk on day one of his administration. The "First Priorities" included:

"On day one, the president must issue an executive order unequivocally stating his commitment to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health care, uphold sexual and reproductive rights, including abortion care, in the U.S. and around the world, and rescind or revoke prior executive actions limiting access to care. This executive order must:

Clearly and explicitly state that the president

is committed to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, including

of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to lift the FDA's in-person dispensing requirement

the goals and elements should be modified or removed from the approved strategy..." [Mifepristone is used in



abortion ... that no one should be denied access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, ...

Revoke the January 23, 2017 Presidential Memorandum Regarding the Mexico City Policy and clarify what is permitted under current law to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including foreign assistance for abortion, to the maximum extent allowed ...

Rescind Executive Order 13535 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Consistency with Longstanding Restrictions on the Use of Federal Funds for Abortion ...

Direct the Secretary

for mifepristone for the duration of the public health emergency, consistent with similar directives and waivers issued to reduce risk of COVID-19 ..."

Nearly all these things were completed or in action almost immediately after the establishment of the Biden administration.

In addition to the previous list, the "First Priorities" included removing conscience protections for those opposing abortion on religious or moral grounds. The document authors demanded that within the first 90 days, the new pro-abortion administration would require that "The FDA must review the REMS [Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy] for mifepristone to determine whether a REMS remains necessary, or whether

combination with misoprostol, a prostaglandin, to cause an abortion.]

The *Blueprint* is truly a pro-abortion wish list, and the Biden administration has been following it almost to the letter!

Now that we are in the second half of the Biden administration, the objectives have grown to include additional demands made in the lengthier *Blueprint* document. In response to *Dobbs*, the administration is pursuing policies on the federal level to entrench unlimited abortion to the degree that it can. The aim is to challenge state laws with executive action or rules changes or put an end to well-established federal provisions such as the Hyde Amendment.

These pro-abortion groups want to see policies on the federal level that would pave the way for creating laws that would go beyond *Roe v. Wade*.

State Legislation Update: Helping mother and child during pregnancy and beyond

By Casey Romanoff Coffin, Legislative Assistant, Department of State Legislation

The first few months of 2023 have been busy for pro-life state legislators as they work to protect the lives of unborn children and expand assistance for their mothers. The positive post-*Dobbs* momentum is strong in these early days of state legislative sessions and, as pro-lifers know, we never give up on helping mothers and children in need. Here is a rundown of what is going on in state legislatures across the country.

Since January, a few hundred pro-life state bills have been introduced. Pro-life legislators in Iowa, Kansas, and West Virginia have introduced bills to prohibit dispensing dangerous chemical abortions to women via telemedicine.

In Arizona, Indiana, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island, pro-life legislators have introduced the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This commonsense bill requires health care practitioners to exercise the same degree of professional skill and care that would be offered to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

Nebraska and New Hampshire legislators have put forward “heartbeat” bills, which protect children from the point where their heartbeat can be detected (around 6 weeks gestation). South Carolina’s House has passed the Human Life Protection Act, which would protect the unborn at all stages of development.

In addition to bills that protect a child in the womb, pro-life legislators have been building on the tangible, everyday ways that we have, for decades, been assisting women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. States are working to use their many

resources to expand access to physical and mental healthcare, and life-affirming assistance and information to help new and expectant mothers.

States like Alaska, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Utah, and Wyoming

These bills provide expectant mothers information that is easily accessible and updated with the most current resources. West Virginia’s “Support for Mothers and Babies Act” pools state funds to allow pregnancy centers to assist in their work.

the adoption expense tax credit for residents wishing to adopt.

Kansas is working to establish the “Alternatives to Abortion” program, which offers resources and promotes childbirth to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please continue to contact your



have pending legislation that would extend postpartum Medicaid benefits to women for one year after giving birth. This is crucial to the mental and physical well-being of new moms acclimating to motherhood and taking care of her precious child. Expansion of these benefits gives real health care options to women, not the “promise” of “healthcare” that pro-abortion activists say abortion provides.

North Dakota’s Senate has passed a bill requiring the state’s health department to develop a pregnancy and parenting resource website; Iowa, Oklahoma, and Oregon have similar bills to provide resources.

The Kansas Senate has passed the “Pregnancy Resource Act,” which provides a tax credit for donations made to pregnancy centers. This is a great incentive for pro-lifers who want to help moms in need and assist the selfless (mostly volunteer) women and men who staff the thousands of pregnancy centers across the country. North Dakota’s House passed a similar bill. Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma have similar pending legislation.

Mississippi’s Senate has passed a bill to expand tax credits for contributions to pregnancy centers, to create a childcare expense tax credit, and to double

state legislators about important pro-life legislation; it is important that your legislators hear from you, and it makes a difference. Sign up to receive email alerts from your state affiliate of NRLC.

Being pro-life means caring for the whole woman, the whole child, the whole family. We face many challenges from abortion advocates who are working hard to pass laws to enshrine a “right to abortion” into their state law or constitution. We face a formidable foe, but we are on the side of truth and love and are privileged to hold the hand of a woman in a crisis pregnancy each step of her way to giving birth and beyond.

Reaching the Hispanic Community in South Carolina

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

When Amy Baker attended the National Right to Life Academy in 2022, she tapped deeply into the training on Hispanic outreach. In college, Amy minored in Spanish with the goal of being able to speak the language in Latin American countries for Christian Missions. Her life took a different path, however, and for years she didn't use her Spanish language skills. That's all changed now with the campaign she developed for South Carolina Citizens for Life called Love the Baby Humans.

In her donor relations and development position with SCCL, Amy is acutely aware of the need to reach the younger generation with a pro-life marketing message that resonates with the young adult age group. She attended the 2023 March for Life and was inspired by the tote bags that young adults carried evoking a softer and kinder pro-life message using an environmental theme and applying it to humans. She loved the delivery of the message of baby turtles holding a sign that says, "Save the Baby Humans."

Thanks to a generous donor, Amy was tasked with developing a matching gift fundraising campaign. Using her background in media sales, she created a campaign called "Love the Baby Humans" for a social media

promotion that took off like wildfire centered around the baby turtle messaging with a February love theme. Then it struck her to find out how such a campaign would resonate with the Hispanic community on social media. Her

Amy notes. "Faith is important to them," she said. "Within a seven-day time frame, we reached 85,000 Hispanics who were engaged in our first message that was simple and straight forward: "Ama a las bebéshumanas. ¡Ellas

only did the Hispanic community like our messaging, but we also saw that they were 60% more likely to share and advocate for Life than their non-Hispanic counterparts," Amy said. The strong response from the Hispanic community in turn caused the non-Hispanic campaign to trend higher.

With that encouragement, the next campaign featured Austin Cherry, a former NRLC intern and president of Florence County (SC) Citizens for Life, who is fluent in Spanish. This campaign called "Save the Babies SC" is a call-to-action social media campaign encouraging the pro-life grassroots supporters to contact their state senators to support the Human Life Protection Act. The Human Life Protection Act has already passed the South Carolina House by an overwhelming vote of 83-31. Now the fate of our brothers and sisters waiting to be born in South Carolina is in the hands of the State Senate.

Years ago, when Amy aspired to work in missions in Latin American countries, she never lost her heart for reaching the Hispanic community. Now she is using her Spanish language skills to draw enthusiastic Hispanic young adults by the thousands into South Carolina's strong pro-life movements.



Spanish language skills were no longer dormant, and the results were stunning.

To date there have been nearly 200,000 social media responses from the Hispanic Community. Hispanics are family oriented,

no puedenhablarporsimismas!"

The metrics showed the strongest response, almost 70 percent, within the 25-44-year-old population. "Seeing those in their 20's and 30's engaged in our messaging was so exciting! Not

Q&A: *NRL News Today* interviews Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon on the FDA's Decision to Allow Pharmacies to Stock and Sell the Abortion Pill Mifepristone

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

Editor's note. On January 3rd of this year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officially published new rules authorizing appropriately certified pharmacies to stock and distribute abortion pills to women with prescriptions from a certified prescriber. Exactly what this means, and how it affects people in states where there are currently legal protections in place for unborn children and their mothers, are a few of the matters we sought to clarify with Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, National Right to Life's Director of Education and Research. Dr. O'Bannon has closely monitored the issue of chemical abortion for nearly thirty years.

Q. Does this mean that abortion pills are now available over the counter at my local pharmacy without a prescription?

A. No. While that is clearly the ultimate aim of abortion pill promoters, at this point the FDA only authorized pharmacies to dispense these under strict conditions. That pharmacy, whether a brick-and-mortar retail store or an online entity, must certify that they have a designated person to complete a Pharmacy Agreement Form to ensure pharmacy compliance. This person is to review the FDA's prescribing information for mifepristone and is required to verify that they have, on file, a Prescriber Agreement Form from any health care provider sending them a prescription.

Under the terms of their certification, the pharmacy is not to sell or distribute the abortion drugs to anyone who does not have a prescription from a verified certified prescriber; this rules out

over-the-counter sales or even prescriptions from doctors or other medical agents unknown to the pharmacy. Drugs are to be delivered to the patient within four calendar days, with the pharmacy tracking and recording all shipments. The pharmacy is also responsible for reporting all deaths to the prescriber who is to report these to distributor.

A pharmacy which does not agree to comply with these conditions is not authorized to stock and sell these abortion pills.

Q. Will my local CVS, Walgreens, or Rite Aid be stocking and filling prescriptions for the abortion pill?

A. After the FDA announced its decision, corporate offices of CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid all announced their intentions to comply with the certification procedure and stock and distribute the drug. As of this writing, none have claimed to have set up the program in any of its drug stores yet. That is, none had indicated that they had trained the appropriate staff, filled out the required certification forms, set up the database of certified prescribers or set up the system for shipping and tracking deliveries of pills to patients.

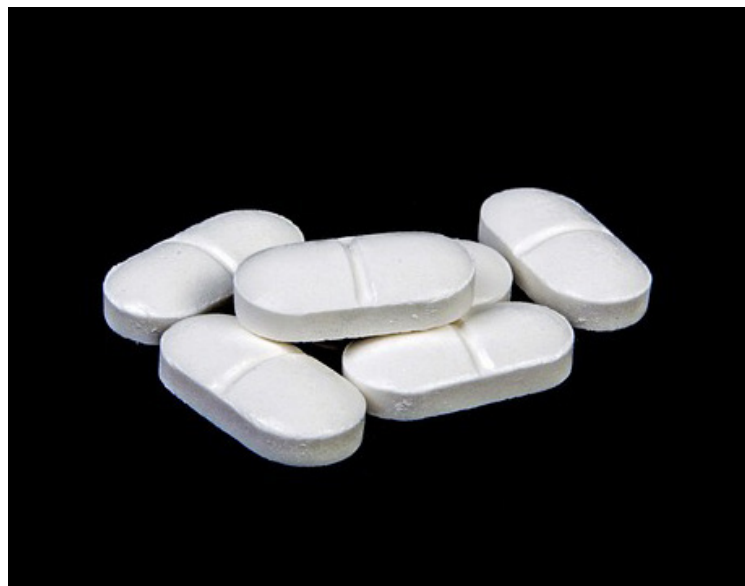
It may take some time for these corporations to fully set up the system at its stores, to identify and train the appropriate employees, and some stores and staffs may not wish to take part in it. For now, the drugstore chains have said they will confine their dispensing of the drugs to stores in states where these chemical abortions are allowed by state law. Walgreens noted in a recent letter that it had not yet decided whether to ship pills by mail (see the last question

and answer below).

If you haven't let the corporate offices of CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid know of your opposition to their plans, do so immediately. Ask that they consider whether selling abortion drugs is good

legal opinion saying that a long-time federal law prohibiting the mailing of abortion drugs can simply be set aside?

A. The Biden administration has taken a number of actions to assure its pro-abortion constituency that



business, much less an appropriate activity for a company supposedly devoted to healthcare.

But also contact your local CVS, Walgreens, or Rite Aid stores, particularly ones where you might previously have done business, and find out whether they intend to participate in the announced corporate program. Find out how they feel about turning your local store into an abortion clinic or an abortion pill outlet. You may find that they are as troubled by the prospect as you and could use your support in fighting against the corporate policy.

Q. Will the FDA's new authorization override my state law protecting unborn children or otherwise limiting chemical or telemedical abortion? What about the Biden administration

it means to guarantee women's access to the abortion pill.

On the day that the Supreme Court announced its Dobbs decision overturning Roe, Biden's Attorney General Merrick Garland went out of his way to note that "States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

In addition to actions by the FDA allowing both health care providers and pharmacies to dispense and deliver mifepristone by mail, the Biden administration's Office of Legal Counsel issued a memo. This memo declared that, in spite of

Media bullies Jessa Duggar Seewald, claiming post-miscarriage D&C was an ‘abortion’

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

TLC reality alum Jessa Duggar Seewald recently experienced a heartbreaking miscarriage, the news of which she shared on social media. Yet it took no time at all for pro-abortion media to exploit her tragedy by calling it what it was not: an abortion.

Seewald shared a video about her miscarriage on YouTube, expressing her heartbreak after the loss of her fifth child. After she began bleeding, she visited the doctor, who told her the outcome didn't look good. "Nothing could have prepared me for the weight of those words in that moment," she said in the video. "At that moment I was just in complete shock. I didn't have words. I just immediately started crying."

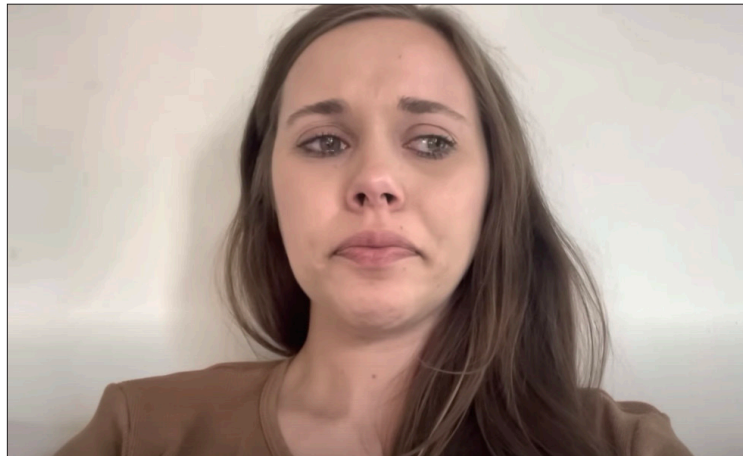
Because she had health risks preventing her from passing the body of her preborn child at home, she had to have a post-miscarriage dilation and curettage, or D&C. "I was able to thank God in that moment for giving us this life, even if we wouldn't be able to hold this baby in our arms," she said, adding, "Those 10 to 15 minutes before I was taken back to the room where Ben and my mom were waiting were probably some of the hardest in my life, just laying there feeling so alone."

She also described how difficult the procedure was, explaining the sadness of "waking up after the procedure was over and having this hollow feeling inside because you know that the life that was in you is no longer there, and you never did get to see your baby and say those goodbyes."

Yet almost immediately after her announcement, pro-abortion media outlets began exploiting her miscarriage. *Parade* magazine ran a headline saying Seewald had a "life-saving abortion," while the *Arkansas Times* published a blistering op-ed labeling Seewald a hypocrite.

Jezebel likewise claimed Seewald had an abortion, saying she didn't actually have a miscarriage.

"People magazine and other outlets accepted Duggar's framing of the experience as a



Jessa Duggar Seewald
Youtube screenshot

'miscarriage' — which would be fine, except that an anti-abortion celebrity literally having an abortion is probably something that's worth discussing honestly," Caitlin Cruz wrote for *Jezebel*. "It's commendable that Duggar Seewald is sharing her experience of a procedural abortion. She rose to fame — along with her family — on the backs of reality shows promoting evangelical Christianity and its politics. Duggar Seewald's story is proof that abortion treatment is needed and wanted by even the most anti-abortion among us."

Pro-abortion writer Josie Duffy-Rice also tweeted, "To be clear this is a member of one of the most famous vocally anti-abortion families.....admitting she got an abortion. people in my mentions telling me she had a miscarriage not an abortion are proving our point. a d&c is the technical term for the abortion procedure. she experienced a tragedy and needed medical intervention. one of the

many reasons abortion should be legal."

In actuality, a D&C is a dilation and curettage, which is utilized for many reasons — only one of which is to intentionally end the life of a child in the womb. The

"in the image of God" (Gen 1:27), and to purposefully destroy a baby in the womb is an affront to the God who created that life.

There's a world of difference between someone dying and someone being killed. To equate one to the other—and to a mother grieving the loss of her baby no less—is severely distasteful. There is a world of difference between a mortician and a murderer. Even a child understands the difference between the two.

A "missed miscarriage," according to Mayo Clinic, is when "the placental and embryonic tissues remain in the uterus, but the embryo has died or was never formed."

Live Action founder and president Lila Rose also responded to the pro-abortion claims equating Seewald's post-miscarriage D&C to an abortion, tweeting,

"This is at best ignorance, at worst a cruel lie. Jessa miscarried. Her baby passed away & she needed a surgery to remove her little one's body. An abortion intentionally kills a living baby. Abortion is an intentional act of homicide, a miscarriage is a tragic natural death."

Rose further tweeted

"There's a terrible, vengeful cruelty in insisting to a woman who has tragically miscarried

procedure, according to Mayo Clinic, is used to "diagnose and treat certain uterine conditions — such as heavy bleeding — or to clear the uterine lining after a miscarriage or abortion."

Notice how Mayo Clinic differentiates between miscarriage and abortion.

Seewald seemingly responded to the miscarriage-abortion comparisons in a pinned comment left on her YouTube page (emphasis added):

Women have D&C's for many reasons, not all of which involve killing a living human being. The ultrasound revealed that I had a missed miscarriage. My baby's heart had stopped beating 3 weeks before I had a D&C. (Btw, this was not my first D&C— it was my second. My first was 2 weeks postpartum Ivy's birth for retained placenta.)

Each person is created

The new owner of what was Mississippi's last abortion clinic says "I want to do something that the community will embrace. I want it to be a positive thing."

By Dave Andrusko

The 180 degree turnabout is complete. What was Mississippi's last abortion facility has reopened as "a luxury consignment store selling high-end home goods and furniture." As you might guess, pro-abortion sites such as *Jezebel* are furious. Susan Rinkunas writes

In one of the worst visual metaphors I've ever seen, Mississippi's one embattled abortion clinic—called the Pink House for its bubblegum stucco walls—has now been painted white and is set to re-open as a luxury consignment store selling high-end home goods and furniture.

Jackson Women's Health Organization in Jackson, Mississippi was the plaintiff in the case—*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's*

Health Organization—that the Supreme Court used to overturn *Roe v. Wade* last June. The only life into the community."



abortion clinic since 2004, the "Pink House" aborted its last baby on July 6th.

Some backgrounds. According to *WBLT*, Mike Peters, a Jackson businessman, purchased the building. Peters said, "The whole neighborhood has been waiting for this day." Peters also explained that it was his goal to

fill the building with a positive business that would breathe new life into the community."

On Tuesday afternoon, January 10, 2023, the interior of the building was being gutted so remodeling could begin. David Carpenter, owner of "Hunt the Shop," said they are hoping to move

into the new location by March 1, 2023. According to their website, the business is based out of Jackson, Mississippi, and prides itself in unique, one-of-a-kind furniture pieces for homes, offices, or collections.

[Rinkunas wrote that "Hunt said on its Instagram that it plans to open at 2903 North State Street—the former clinic site—on March 22."]

Carpenter told *NBC News* that he wasn't interested in discussing the past of the building that he bought in July from a developer.

"I really don't want to get into the political side of it," Carpenter said in January. "That was then. This is now. I want to do something that the community will embrace. I want it to be a positive thing."

Women's History Begins in the Womb

Leona Edwards was born in Pine Level, Alabama, the youngest of Sylvester and Rose Edwards' three daughters. Although she did not receive a degree, she attended Payne University in Selma. Leona became a dedicated rural school teacher, and her modest salary was the main source of the family's income. On February 4, 1913, she gave birth to a daughter, Rosa Louise. Leona instilled in Rosa the importance of faith, self-respect, and education. Lessons that served **Rosa Parks** well.

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Idaho weighs three pro-life laws; decision expected in a few months

By Dave Andrusko

Earlier this year, on January 5th, the Idaho Supreme Court allowed three pro-life laws to go into effect. Last week the Justices “sharply questioned” attorneys for both sides—the state defending the laws, the ACLU challenging them.

The laws were a near total abortion ban; a 6-Week Ban—the “Preborn Child Protection Act”; and a Civil Liability Law which “allows healthcare professionals who performed or induced an abortion in violation of the law to be civilly sued for attorney fees and statutory damages of not less than \$20,000,” according to Skyler Lee.

Alan Schoenfeld, the attorney representing a regional Planned Parenthood affiliate, told the court “For 50 years, generations of Idaho women have had control over their bodies and lives with respect to the most intimate personal and private decision imaginable whether to carry a pregnancy to term or whether to terminate it,” the *Associated Press’s* Rebecca Boone reported.

Boone added that Schoenfeld “said that Idaho’s Constitution recognizes that people have the right to privacy, to bodily

autonomy, and to procreate, and the procreation right was recognized by the state Supreme Court even before the right to abortion was enshrined in *Roe v. Wade*.”

Justice Gregory Moeller challenged Schoenfeld: “It would seem to me that procreation would be the opposite of abortion,” the justice said.

According to Boone’s story

Megan Larrondo, the deputy attorney general representing the state, said that the right to liberty doesn’t include

crazy places.”

Justice John Stegner asked if protecting the health of the mother should be one of those boundaries.

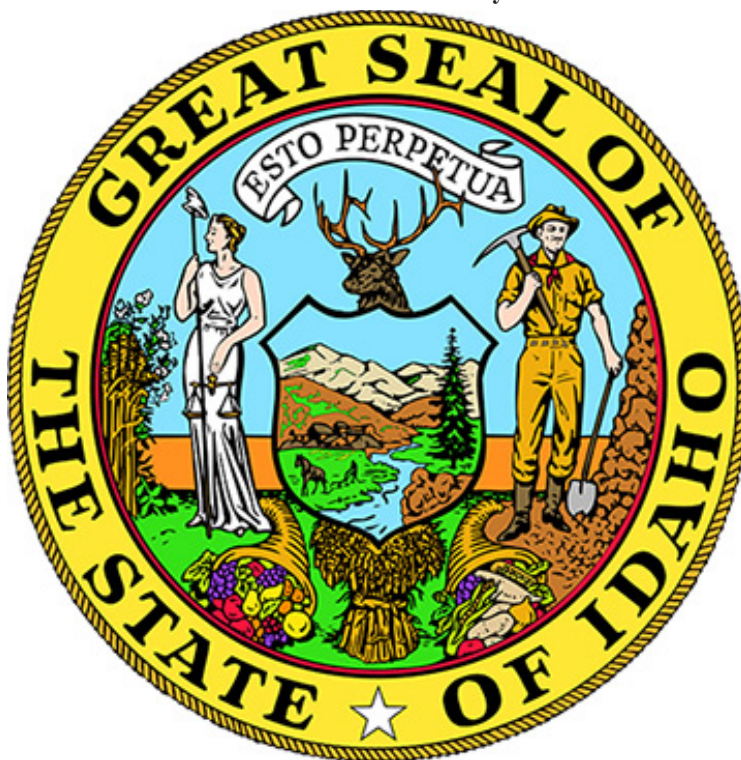
“It seems like you are arguing that the unborn life has priority over the woman who became pregnant,” Stegner told Larrondo.

“When it’s a choice between the fetus’ life and the life of the mother, the life of the mother should take priority, Larrondo told the court. But when it’s a choice between the fetus’ life and the health of the mother, the fetus’ life should be protected.”

Monte Stewart represented the Idaho Legislature. He urged the justices to follow the Supreme Court’s reasoning in *Dobbs*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

“Any decision recognizing that there is a “fundamental right at stake” for pregnant women would turn the state’s highest court into legislators rather than judges,” Stewart said.

the right to end another human life. The right to liberty has to have boundaries, she said, “because it could go



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Kentucky Supreme Court holds the line; near total ban on abortion will remain in place

By Addia Wuchner, RN, Executive Director, Kentucky Right to Life

Editor's note. A week ago last Thursday, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled in favor of Attorney General Daniel Cameron, agreeing with the Court of Appeals' decision that a lower court wrongly stopped the enforcement of Kentucky's Human Life Protection Act and Heartbeat Law. As a result Kentucky's near-total ban on abortions will remain in place until a lower court can decide whether or not the law is constitutional.

For Kentucky Right to Life, chapters and pro-life Kentuckians, today's 4-3 ruling by the Kentucky

Supreme Court is another historic moment. It's a moment to rejoice. We're extremely grateful for Attorney General Cameron and his entire team and the stellar work that they've done defending the laws of Kentucky.

Abortion facilities have been closed for over 198 days and they remain closed. Lives will continue to be saved. But we clearly understand that... the battle is far from over. We will continue to work, pray, and advocate to protect the lives of unborn children and to work with their moms to make abortion unthinkable.

With the overturning of *Roe*, the matter of abortion was appropriately returned to the

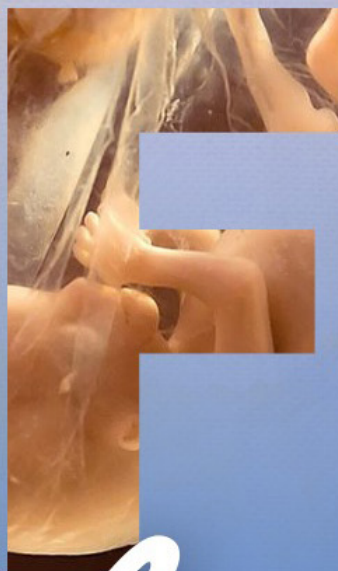


Kentucky Attorney General
Daniel Cameron

States. We are now experiencing how democracy should work.

The Justices are to precisely rule on matters of legislation so they can consider these issues in constitutional rather than political terms. The Courts are granted the great power of judicial review, the power to uphold or strike down laws passed by federal or state legislatures, on the grounds that they violate the basic principles of the Constitution.

Today we celebrate, we have turned the page; this chapter has a happy ending. But this book on life is far from over.



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Pro-aborts want to roll back the clock, eliminate long-standing pro-life provisions

Pushing for a Constitutional Amendment

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

In a desperate attempt to roll back the clock for pregnant mothers and babies in Pennsylvania, pro-abortion Democrats in the House of Representatives are now pushing a radical Constitutional Amendment.

The Amendment, known by the bizarre terminology “Reproductive Rights Amendment,” is designed to discourage reproduction as much as possible. The Amendment would create abortion without limits in the Keystone State. It would wipe out common sense protections such as the time-tested law which protects a baby from abortion after 24 weeks gestation.

Keep in mind that this proposal comes at a time when premature babies are being saved at ever earlier stages of development.

The Amendment would also frustrate efforts to ensure that women are fully informed

about abortion and its tragic repercussions. Informed consent for abortions would be gone. So would the 24-hour reflection



period which allows women to talk with their family, friends, and clergy before an abortion takes place.

Under the proposed Amendment, Pennsylvania could

also lose parental consent for abortions for teenage girls. At a time when parents’ rights are a top issue, this proposed change

Women’s History Month seems especially galling.

We have worked too long and too hard to go back when it comes to securing the civil rights of preborn children. 4D Ultrasounds prove the humanity of these precious babies. Legislators should not be beholden to the abortion industry, which claims the lives of more than 33,000 Pennsylvania children in a given year.

Women deserve better than abortion—and they certainly deserve better than this Amendment.

Action Item: If you live in Pennsylvania, please send an immediate message to your state lawmaker, letting him or her know you oppose the so-called “Reproductive Rights Amendment.” You can email your legislator by clicking here at <https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/4p8>.

in the law seems particularly archaic.

Insulting, too, is the fact that the Amendment could eliminate the ban on sex selection abortions. For this to be pushed during

Appeals court panel unanimously rules in favor of New York crisis pregnancy centers

By Dave Andrusko

A three judge panel of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last Monday in favor of the pro-life Evergreen Association, which operates the Expectant Mother Care and EMC FrontLine Pregnancy Centers in New York City, in an important freedom of expressive association case.

U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy Sr. dismissed the case in 2021, but Evergreen appealed and its president, Christopher Slattery “brought a civil suit against the state of New York in Northern District of New York in January 2020,” Josh Russell wrote. “They argued the state’s so-called Boss Bill of 2019 unconstitutionally infringed on its freedoms of speech and religious exercise...”

Judge Steven Menashi wrote for the unanimous appeals court that “[I]f the state could require an association that expressly opposes abortion to accept members who engage in the conduct the organization opposes, it would severely burden the organization’s right of expressive association.”

“Evergreen argues that the statute unconstitutionally burdens its right to freedom of expressive association—as guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments—by preventing it from disassociating itself from employees who seek abortions. Evergreen contends that the statute undermines its anti-abortion message as a crisis pregnancy center because associating with such employees contradicts its central message,” Judge Menashi wrote for himself and Judges Park and Nardini.

“We hold that Evergreen

stated a plausible claim that the labor law unconstitutionally burdens its right to expressive association.... Here, Evergreen has a right to limit its employees to people who share its views and will effectively convey its message. Thus, the district court erred in dismissing Evergreen’s expressive association claim.”

“We are thrilled that New York’s Federal Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld my EMC FrontLine Pregnancy Centers non-profit, organization in a key claim in a major free speech and right to expressive association case yesterday,” said Slattery.

Slattery went on to explain

In 2019, New York State and New York City made major new employment laws called “Boss Bills”, which highly regulated employment law for those employers opposing abortion in the State of New York, and the City of New York.

This new Second Circuit Court Appeals ruling in a case the Northern District of New York had dismissed, gives major new hope to abortion opponents, like me in NYC, and by extension across the United States. The case also opens up an opportunity for the open Eastern District court case out of Brooklyn to soon rule in our favor, in

our separate New York City lawsuit.

Evergreen’s attorney J. Matthew Belz, who represents Evergreen through the Thomas More Society, said, “We are pleased that the panel recognized the

communicate to clients and the world.”

The Court of Appeals decision in this case “effectively said that the law in New York State (the New York City law is almost identical) denied our pro-life pregnancy our



need to protect mission-oriented organizations from intrusions by the state, and we look forward to cementing this victory at the district court level.”

In his appeals brief, Belz wrote

“Everything Evergreen does — from counseling pregnant women, to providing women with nursing services, to speaking in defense of the unborn, to communicating expectations to its employees — aims at bringing about an abortion-free culture. ...Anything less would compromise Evergreen’s message by requiring it to employ as its representatives people who actively dissent from the worldview it exists to

constitutional ability to insist on hiring and retaining only like-minded pro-life employees,” Slattery said. “And they claimed the law severely impairs our ability to communicate our anti-abortion message.”

Slattery added,

The case has been sent back to the Northern District of New York for further review, and is now clear that the Court of Appeals will not tolerate this bad law as partly unconstitutional, which is a major victory for the pro-life world, and Catholic and Christian schools and organizations, thanks in large part to the Thomas More Society and their great crack attorneys.

A Japanese professor at Yale floats the idea of mass suicide for the elderly

Yusuke Narita is surfing the Zeitgeist of an ageing, sclerotic society which is fraying at the edges.

By Michael Cook

With a fertility rate of about 1.3 children per woman and a third of the population over 65, it seems inevitable that some Japanese should begin thinking about institutionalized euthanasia. One out of five people live alone and Japan has the highest proportion of people suffering from dementia.

A film on the topic, *Plan 75*, was Japan's entry for the best foreign feature film. The director, Chie Hayakawa, imagines a not-too-distant future in which senior citizens are coaxed into euthanasia plans by cheery young salespeople as if they were considering an overseas cruise.

This might seem too pessimistic, but a recent feature in the *New York Times* profiled a Yale University economist who has floated an even darker idea — **forcing** old people to accept euthanasia. Thirty-eight-year-old Yusuke Narita has a huge social media following amongst disaffected Japanese youth who feel that the elderly are a logjam keeping them from advancing socially and professionally.

He seems to be a kind of Jordan Peterson without a moral compass.

“I feel like the only solution is pretty clear,” Narita said in one online news program in late 2021. “In the end, isn't it mass suicide and mass ‘seppuku’ of the elderly?”

Seppuku is a loaded word for Japanese. It is ritual self-disembowelment by disgraced

samurai. Defeated officers in the Japanese army in World War II sometimes committed *seppuku* as a way of atoning for their failure and of restoring the honour of their family.

It was an explosive comment for a Yale lecturer. Was he implying that being old and dependent is dishonorable, a disgrace to the nation?

There is a YouTube video of Narita responding to a high school student who questions him about seppuku for the ageing population. He vividly describes a scene from the Swedish horror film *Midsommar* in which two elderly members of a cult jump off a cliff to their deaths.

“Whether that's a good thing or not, that's a more difficult question to answer,” he said. “So if you think that's good, then maybe you can work hard toward creating a society like that.”

In another interview, he said that: “The possibility of making [euthanasia] mandatory in the future will come up in discussion.”

Under the klieg lights of media publicity, Narita backtracked a bit. “I should have been more careful about their potential negative connotations,” he told the *New York Times* about his use of the terms “mass suicide” and “seppuku”. They were an “abstract metaphor”, he explained. “After some self-reflection, I stopped using the words last year.”

In an email to the *Times*, Dr Narita said that “euthanasia

(either voluntary or involuntary) is a complex, nuanced issue. I am not advocating its introduction. I predict it to be more broadly discussed.”

Whatever an “abstract metaphor” may be, it seems that Dr Narita is surfing the Zeitgeist

Another disturbing sign of dysfunction in an ageing and atomized society is kodokushi (lonely deaths). About 30,000 people a year in Japan die on their own. Their corpses discovered after a long time, in filthy surroundings. There is a small



of an ageing, sclerotic society which is fraying at the edges.

In today's Japan, signs of decay are everywhere. Recent feature articles in the *London Times* and the *BBC* have described the disconcerting phenomenon of akiya, abandoned houses. This is to be expected in rural areas, when young people leave to find education and jobs in the big cities. But because of the quirks of Japanese property law and taxation, there are akiya even in prosperous neighborhoods in Tokyo. According to the *BBC*, “A record high of 13.6% properties across Japan were registered as akiya in 2018, and the problem is predicted to get worse.”

industry specialising in cleaning up the decay and clutter.

None of these miseries are unique to Japan. But Japan is ageing more rapidly than other nations.

Its solutions to the dark side of the demographic winter are likely to be repeated in other countries — wherever old people fear becoming another forgotten case of kodokushi. And it seems that Yusuke Narita and his young followers will try to ensure that compulsory euthanasia, mass seppuku, is going to be on the national agenda.

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“Born Alive” bill passes Arizona Senate

By Dave Andrusko

The Arizona Senate took an important first step forward Wednesday when it passed a born-alive bill, 16-13.

Sen. Janae Shamp’s Senate Bill 1600 “would amend the existing law to view an infant who is delivered alive as a legal person with the same rights to medically appropriate and reasonable care as anyone else,” Caitlin Sievers reported.

“I will always stand to protect those who cannot protect themselves,” Sen. Shamp said.

Democrats charged that in some cases such treatment would amount to “torture.”

“Shamp countered that, because the bill says health care workers must provide ‘medically appropriate and reasonable care,’ doctors could decide to provide only comfort care to the infant and family, if that’s what they

thought was best,” according to Sievers.

Passions ran high during February 14th debate in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Sievers reported.

Nicole Cestaro told the committee that she was pressured to abort her child, who was born last May, because her daughter had trisomy 18, a chromosomal condition that causes slow growth and organ abnormalities.

Her daughter was born without complications but only lived about a week, and doctors did nothing to try to save her, Cestaro said.

“She died in our arms,” Cestaro told the committee. “It was a moment no parent should

have to experience.”

She added that her daughter deserved to continue fighting for

Ron Johnson, executive director of the Arizona Catholic Conference, also strongly supported Senate Bill 1600.



life with the help of her doctors.

“She was loved, she was wanted, her life held immeasurable value,” Cestaro said.

“We believe in the dignity of human life from conception to natural death,” Johnson told the committee.



Nebraska Heartbeat bill voted out of committee, heads to full legislature

By Nebraska Right to Life

Editor's note. Nebraska's legislature is unique among all state legislatures in the nation because it has a single-house system.

LB 626, the Nebraska Heartbeat Act, was voted out of the Health and Human Services Committee last week! This is a vital step in the legislative process that paves the way for the bill to be debated by the full legislature in the coming weeks.

If LB 626 is passed, it will protect preborn babies with heartbeats from abortion. It will require an ultrasound to be performed before an abortion, and, if a fetal

heartbeat is detected, no abortion may be performed.

This bill was also designated as a priority bill! The Nebraska Legislature will begin floor debate on senators' priority bills in the coming weeks.

NOW is the time to contact your state senator! Ask them to support this life-saving bill.



Congress Attempts to Push Back on Biden Administration's Abortion Agenda

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than 65 colleagues, introduced a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act to nullify a September 9, 2022 Biden Administration VA rule that provides abortion services through the taxpayer-funded VA health care system.

According to Congressman Cloud,

No American should be forced by our government to pay for someone else's abortion. The Biden administration is abusing its authority and ignoring the law to enforce a radical anti-life agenda. The VA should remain committed to providing care to support the lives of our veterans, not be used as a political tool by the

Biden administration to illegally provide taxpayer-funded abortions.

Sen. Tuberville shared similar sentiments stating,

It's shameful to see the Biden administration continue to find ways to blatantly undermine our laws. The interim final rule from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide taxpayer-funded abortions at its facilities is the latest subversion in a long line of actions from this administration that points to complete contempt for the law. It betrays the convictions of many Americans who

value the sanctity of life and don't want their tax dollars paying for abortions. I am proud to join my colleagues in voicing opposition to this rule and holding the Biden administration accountable.

Several votes on CRAs (on several topics) are expected in March, and it is possible that this CRA could be called up on short notice for a vote in either chamber. And even if this vote could garner a simple majority in both chambers, it would likely face the threat of veto from President Biden.

Background:

Since 1992, the VA has been

statutorily prohibited from using taxpayer dollars for abortion. In fall of 2022, the administration disregarded this longstanding statutory prohibition on taxpayer funding for abortion at the VA and issued a new rule that includes funding abortion for health reasons.

The undefined reference to "health" will mean as in *Doe v. Bolton* (the companion case to *Roe v. Wade*) that abortions can be done for virtually any reason. The Court held in *Doe* that, "medical judgment may be exercised in the light of all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the wellbeing of the patient. All these factors may relate to health."

Kansans for Life Praises AG Kobach for defending rule of law, calls on other pharmacies to follow Walgreen's response

By Kansans for Life

In a letter dated February 17, 2023, Walgreens has committed to abide by Kansas and federal laws after receiving a written warning from Attorney General Kris Kobach to not begin dispensing abortion pills from its pharmacy windows in the state.

Walgreens became the first nationwide pharmacy chain to announce it intended to sell the chemical cocktail used to intentionally cause the deaths of preborn babies, despite peer-reviewed science showing abortion pills are dangerous for women. Walgreens' actions soon triggered copycat announcements from other major pharmacy chains that seemed to have sensed a new profit-making opportunity.

Kansans for Life (KFL) applauds Attorney General Kobach for swift action to clearly communicate his firm resolve to stand for the rule of law. We call on other pharmacies to also commit to protecting the health and safety of women who

would be endangered by the lack of monitoring of these deadly chemicals.

In the letter, Walgreens Executive Vice President Danielle C. Gray states that the company "does not intend to dispense Mifepristone within your state and does not intend to ship Mifepristone into your state from any of our pharmacies."

Since December, KFL has been

monitoring the situation resulting from Biden Administration's efforts to remove protections for

women by eliminating in-person physician oversight of use of the abortion pill. Large cohort studies have shown chemical abortion results in four times the rate of complications than surgical abortions. Dangers include life-threatening blood loss, undiagnosed ectopic

pregnancy, and inappropriate use of chemical abortion pills due to underestimated gestational age

from lack of medical oversight.

Kansas law requiring in-person physician administration of the abortion pill has been temporarily enjoined but remains on the books.

A hearing before the Kansas Supreme Court will take place in March 2023.



Elevate life.

Two British pro-lifers found not guilty of thought crime—praying outside of abortion clinic

By Dave Andrusko

Isabel Vaughan-Spruce and Father Sean Gough, a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, were found “not guilty” February 16 after being tried at a Birmingham Magistrates’ Court for the “crime” of praying silently outside an abortion facility.

SPUC reported that following her acquittal, Ms. Vaughan-Spruce said that “I’m glad I’ve been vindicated of any wrongdoing. But I should never have been arrested for my thoughts and treated like a criminal simply for silently praying on a public street.

“When it comes to censorship zones, peaceful prayer and attempts to offer help to women in crisis pregnancies are now being described as either ‘criminal’ or ‘anti-social’. But what is profoundly anti-social are the steps now being taken to censor freedom of speech, freedom to offer help, freedom to pray and even freedom to think. We must stand firm against this and ensure that these most fundamental freedoms are protected, and that all our laws reflect this.”

Vaughan-Spruce was arrested on December 6th and charged with “protesting and engaging in an act that is intimidating to

service users,” for praying in a censorship zone established by the local city council,” according to Ari Blaff. “Advocates were prohibited from praying, distributing literature, and other

and Father Gough.

Igunnubole said that winning the court case “is of great cultural significance. This isn’t 1984, but 2023 — nobody should be criminalized for their thoughts,



Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (center-left) and Father Sean Gough (center-right) celebrate their legal win outside the Birmingham Magistrates Court in Birmingham, England, on Feb. 16, 2023. (photo: March for Life UK)

activities deemed to foster “anti-social behavior” nearby a local abortion facility.

On a separate occasion, “Father Sean Gough prayed outside the same abortion facility while carrying a sign reading ‘praying for free speech,’” according to Jeremiah Igunnubole, Legal Counsel for ADF UK, who defended both Vaughan-Spruce

for their prayers, for peaceful expression on a public street.”

Michael Robinson, SPUC Executive Director for Public Affairs and Legal Services, said

“The acquittal of Isabel and Fr Gough is a significant victory – but we must not be complacent. Thoughtcrime in the

UK remains a terrifying prospect that must be opposed and rejected once and for all.

“Clause 9 of the Public Order Bill, currently being debated in Parliament, threatens to rob British citizens of their hard-won rights to speech free and religious expression. Buffer zones are inherently authoritarian, even seeking to outlaw silent prayer within the confines of an individual’s head.

“While it is absurd that such an inoffensive, peaceful and prayerful person as Isabel was arrested and put on trial, this nevertheless happened in the UK, where persecution of pro-lifers and religion has now become the order of the day.”

Robinson concluded

“Such persecution is unacceptable and a breach of human rights. The Government must act with immediate effect to protect the right to free speech of all its citizens.”

A new low: pregnancy center board member's home vandalized

By Patty Knap

On a mid-December morning this past year the Executive Director of Pregnancy Aid Detroit received a text from one of the center's board members.

The board member's house had been vandalized during the night. A window was broken,

to find something similar at the pregnancy center, and that's exactly what she found.

The Eastpointe, Mich., pregnancy center had large, red, threatening, spray-painted messages. "Liar," "Fake Clinic" and "Jane's Revenge" were

pointed out, is that they occurred after Michigan passed Proposition 3, which allows abortions up to delivery in the state.

"I'm not sure what their end game is, what their goal is, other than to hate," she said.

Over the past year there

A few days later as Anter was still thinking about how to get rid of the red spray-painted graffiti, another board member called to tell her it was already gone. He and his wife had gone to the building the night before with scrub brushes and buckets and cleaned the entire wall.

"We had several people come by with cartons of diapers or wipes or baby clothes, saying they'd seen the report in the local media," Anter said. "They were really appalled that a place that helps young moms in unplanned pregnancies, and all for free, would be treated with such hate."

As of mid-February, Pregnancy Aid Detroit had received no reports of any arrests, and has been told, "The investigation is continuing."

The president of the nation's largest network of pregnancy help remarked on the absurdity of attacking pregnancy centers that help thousands of women each year.

"Vandalism and violence have proven to be useless tools in preventing pregnancy help centers from their mission to help provide alternatives to abortions," said Heartbeat International's Jor-El Godsey. "If anything, the time to fix damage is taken away from needy moms and their babies."

"Targeting board members is even more ineffective on both accounts," Godsey said. "However, each incident of vandalism is another opportunity for perpetrators to be caught then prosecuted for domestic terrorism."

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Photo: Pregnancy Aid Detroit

and spray paint was all over the garage, doorbell, and driveway with a threatening message, "If abortions aren't safe neither are you!"

The board member heard noise during the night and got up to see two figures dressed in dark clothes and hats running from the house and taking off in a car.

With all the attacks on pregnancy help organizations since the Dobbs ruling last June, Pregnancy Aid Detroit Executive Director Nancy Anter expected

found on the side of the building, unfortunately outside the view of security cameras.

Anter called everyone who was due to come in to work at the center that morning, asking if any of them preferred to stay home. That included a volunteer nurse practitioner who was scheduled to teach a new parenting class on postpartum issues.

Everyone wanted to come in, and the center opened at 10 a.m. as usual.

One irony of these attacks, Anter

have been over 100 attacks on pregnancy centers, including firebombing, graffiti, and other vandalism. However, this is reportedly the first time that a board member's home was attacked.

The disturbing incidents ended up bringing out a lot of support for the pregnancy center's work.

A mom and her two teenagers came by, compassionately asking how they could help. Several people sent checks, including new donors.

Why is the number of Canadian euthanasia deaths so high?

“With no safeguard but the personal discretion of providers.”

By Michael Cook

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

Why? As Scott Kim, a bioethics researcher at the US National Institutes of Health, wrote in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* recently, it’s probably not because Canadian law is more permissive. Switzerland also has very permissive legislation, but the level of deaths is not nearly as high.

In Dr. Kim’s opinion, two currents of thought have combined: that euthanasia (medical assistance in dying or MAiD) is not a last resort but a normal therapeutic treatment and that doctors are actively promoting it. It is “a uniquely Canadian MAiD ideology”.

“... it is striking that Canada’s main MAiD-provider organization, the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers (CAMAP), has been promoting the practice of bringing up the procedure unsolicited. The organization, which

received \$3.3 million from the government to develop a curriculum for MAiD providers, has

In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been legal for decades, MAiD is treated as a desperate last resort. In

practice of medicine, not something to be taken into its very bosom. There is a reason why all MAiD laws regulate how to respond to requests, not how to promote it. But in Canada, aided by a flawed law, a MAiD ideology is transforming the way medicine views itself. To talk of ideological capture in Canada is not hyperbole.”

Canadian doctors – or rather, some of them – believe that euthanasia is a “treatment option” and a “care option” that is “medically effective.” In a sense, it does – it gets rid of the pain – but at the cost of getting rid of the patient.

“This ideology has co-opted and transformed the country’s health care system into the most potent vehicle for MAiD delivery in the world,” writes Kim, “with no safeguard but the personal discretion of providers.”

set this out as not merely something permissible, but as a ‘professional obligation’. It is difficult to overemphasize how radical this position is.”

other jurisdictions, doctors are forbidden from raising the topic with their patients. Kim writes:

“Even when MAiD is legal, it should be an exception to the

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“Keep Louisiana Pro-Life” RV Tour making its way across the state

On February 27, Louisiana Right to Life launched the “Keep Louisiana Pro-Life” RV Tour, which will make its way across Louisiana from February 27th through the start of the legislative session and then ending on Pro-Life Day at the Capitol on May 10th.

The aim of the tour is to reach Louisiana citizens with the message that every life is worth protecting, that every mom should be offered assistance, and that Louisiana should keep its pro-life laws in place. Abbeville resident and pro-life speaker Dustin Bertrand of Lafayette will share his inspiring testimony, a beautiful story of choosing hope in the face of immense adversity.

“In Louisiana, we are thankful that over 60% of our population is pro-life, but we must continue to work in educating citizens on the abortion issue as we anticipate threats to our pro-life laws in the coming months, especially at the legislature,” Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, said.

“We also hope that through this education tour more people will be challenged to protect life, even when those lives are conceived in difficult circumstances, as well as activated to love and support moms in need.”

To view our Keep Louisiana Pro-Life Tour schedule, see prolifelouisiana.org/rvtour At every tour stop, a Louisiana Right to Life representative will be present for media questions.



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#IamthefaceofMAiD twitter trend connects us to victims of Canada's euthanasia laws.

By James Schadenberg

Since February 14, the Twitter hashtag #IamthefaceofMAiD has been used to highlight the stories of people with disabilities who've been victimized by Canada's euthanasia (MAiD) laws. The trend started when a Twitter user who goes by @chydorina posted the following tweet:

I am the face of #MAiD (assisted-death) in Canada.

received thousands of likes and millions of views.

Twitter user @arianek posted the following:

I am the face of #MAiD (assisted-death) in Canada.

As a 42 year old woman with a rare complication of lupus + iatrogenic injuries I will only cost the 'system'. I want to live but can't get the

#IamthefaceofMAiD #Iamthefaceofhumanity

Some of the other #IamthefaceofMAiD stories can be found here:

twitter.com/enfysciel/status/1625920978327830543
twitter.com/CrippleCakes/status/1627866235194204163
twitter.com/Denise13F/status/1626236132945182720

support euthanasia will justify it with arguments about liberty and autonomy, one cannot ignore the utilitarian aspect of euthanasia in Canada.

When Bill C-7 was being debated, the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer released a document highlighted the cost reductions that would result from allowing doctors to kill patients whose deaths were not reasonably foreseeable. The #IamthefaceofMAiD tweets put human faces to the issues that arise when a government sees killing as a method to reduce healthcare spending.

Many of the #IamthefaceofMAiD tweets show that these problems will be exacerbated if the government expands MAiD to those with mental illness. The Canadian Senate may soon vote to pass Bill C-39, which will delay until March, 2024 the expansion of MAiD to those whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness. But a delay is not enough. The systemic abuses that arose from expanding MAiD to those with physical disabilities who were not terminally ill cannot be fixed. We should not even be discussing expanding MAiD to those with mental illnesses.

The Hon Ed Fast MP has introduced Bill C-314, a bill that would prohibit euthanasia for mental illness. EPC supports Bill C-314 since it amends the Criminal Code to prohibit euthanasia for people with a mental disorder.

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As a single, 50 yr old female with a genetic condition and a disability pension I will only cost the 'system'. I would be approved for untreatable pain if I applied – except my pain IS treatable – the gov just wont cover it.

care I need + I have been approved for MAiD.

#IamthefaceofMAiD #Iamthefaceofhumanity

Twitter user @Nat_Alycia posted the following:

I am the face of #MAiD (assisted-death) in Canada.

As a 41 yr old woman with fibromyalgia & chronic widespread pain, I will only cost the 'system'. I receive nerve block to keep me moving. I would be approved for death if I applied.

All of these stories give a human face to the systemic problems that have arisen from Bill C-7. The Canadian government has told people with physical disabilities that they will help them kill themselves, while flaws in our healthcare system prevents them from being given sufficient aid in continuing their life. The MAiD system makes it increasingly easier for them to die and harder for them to live.

As some of the #IamthefaceofMAiD tweets point out, many of these people feel like they are a “cost to the system.” Though politicians who

This post inspired many other users with physical and mental disabilities to use the hashtag #IamthefaceofMAiD to share their stories about how the Canadian government is offering them aid in dying rather than aid in living. These tweets have since

Man charged with first degree murder of one boy, intentionally abusing and injuring his twin brother

By Dave Andrusko

Robert Middleton is on trial this week, charged with first degree murder in the death of one of his twin sons and of intentionally abusing and injuring his twin. Both boys were found to have a fractured skull. Davale Middleton survived. Deville Middleton did not.

Takaylia Young testified that less than a year into their relationship she became pregnant for the first time. She said that Middleton “said he wasn’t ready to have another child,” according to reporter Kara Fohner .

Middleton already had a daughter from another relationship.

“She agreed to terminate the pregnancy, and Middleton paid for it.”

She became pregnant a second time in 2019, this time with twins. “I was shocked at first, but I was really excited about having two babies,” she said.” Fohner wrote

When she told Middleton about the twins in a phone conversation, he hung up

on her, and when the two eventually talked about it again, “we argued a lot about keeping the boys.”

But Young was determined to have her babies.

Her pregnancy was considered high risk. “Young had complications with the pregnancy and stayed in the hospital for a month in the summer, during the height of COVID-19,” Ken Lemon reported.

Deville and Davale had to stay in the hospital for weeks after delivery, according to Lemon.

Assistant District Attorney Debbie Gullege told jurors that the babies were only home for 11 days before Deville began having trouble breastfeeding. One weekend, the boys stayed alone with Middleton, and Deville “seemed off” after that, and his sleep schedule changed, Gullege said in court.

Young took Deville to an eye doctor appointment, and from there he was taken to the hospital,

Prosecutors said Middleton claimed he bumped into a door while walking with his son.



where he was found to have a skull fracture and bleeding in his brain.

Devale was then taken to the hospital, and he was found to have similar injuries. He survived, but Deville did not. ...

A medical examiner said that couldn’t have caused the wounds.

“It certainly doesn’t happen from simple falls or none of us would have made it past the age of two or three years old,” said Dr. Thomas Owens.

Abortion clinic, DSS sued for \$15 million for allegedly pressuring 15-year-old into having an abortion and concealing it from parents

By Dave Andrusko

WJHL cuts right to the chase:

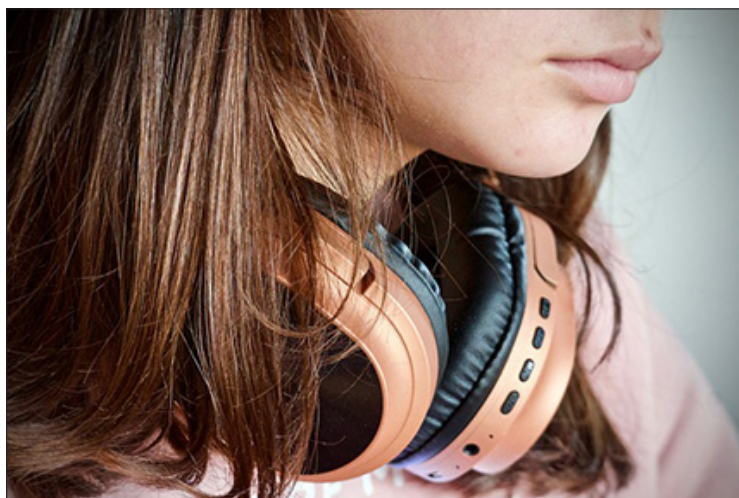
A Southwest Virginia family is suing a Bristol abortion clinic, Dickenson County's Department of Social Services (DSS), and several individuals for allegedly pressuring their 15-year-old daughter into having an abortion against her will and without legal consent in January.

The civil suit claims a DSS employee pressured the girl into the abortion and that the DSS's local director tried to retroactively get judicial consent "for the unlawful abortion." Both are named as defendants along with the abortion clinic's director, whom the suit accuses of joining in the social worker's efforts to persuade the girl. The suit also names a doctor from the clinic as a defendant.

"It's just shocking that it happened," said Tim McAfee,

the family's attorney. The civil suit seeks \$10 million in compensatory damages and a total of \$5.4 million in punitive damages.

"Some people would say you killed something," McAfee told



News Channel 11. "The young lady has killed her baby. That's how she looks at it."

The child's parents are listed as plaintiffs along with the child, identified as "CRFM." She was about three months pregnant and her abortion was chemically-induced.

The girl's pregnancy, according

to the suit, "occurred as a result of a conscious choice of CRFM." She "intended to take her child to full term and intended to deliver her baby at the appropriate time," Jeff Keeling reported.

CRFM was approximately

The suit further asserts that "CRFM had told her mother she didn't want an abortion but was being pressured by DSS to do so and that she 'promised her mother that she was not going to abort the baby,'" Keeling reported.

DSS did not inform either CRFM's parents or her guardian ad litem of the abortion, the suit alleges. Nor did DSS "provide medical records of it to her parents 'despite multiple written requests.'"

'The civil suit claims a DSS employee pressured the girl into the abortion and that the DSS's local director tried to retroactively get judicial consent 'for the unlawful abortion,'" according to Madeline Leesman.

"The suit alleges a host of potential negative physical and emotional effects on CRFM," Keeling reported. "It claims the actions of DSS, the clinic and the people involved interfered with her parents' rights by not involving them in the decision, not informing them of the abortion and denying access to medical records."

three months pregnant, the suit claims, "when the Dickenson County Department of Social Services (DSS) removed her from her father's care on Jan. 19," according to Keeling." She had been staying with her father since August, the suit says, and was placed with a friend of the family."

NRLC 2023 ~ Let's Make Abortion Unthinkable!

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And it happened at the 51st annual National Right to Life Convention. It was truly one of the most amazing moments of my life.

As we are planning the convention this year, I keep thinking to myself, "Well, that is going to be a hard one to top." We won't have an historic reversal to celebrate but consider what we have lined up for you!

NRLC 2023 will begin on Friday morning, June 23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located inside the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Airport. So mark that date, put it on your calendar and let's start planning to be there!. Keep up to date by checking <https://nrlconvention.com/#updates>

If you are ready to register, just go to <https://nrlconvention.com/product-category/2023-registration>

The two-day convention will have something for everyone and we invite everyone to join us. There will be pro-life exhibits, a National Teens for Life convention that will be filled with workshops especially designed for teens.

Workshops covering topics from

A-Z that will give you in-depth information and guidance about what needs to be done. General Sessions on current legislative and political battles will bring you the latest information courtesy of

experience in a little different setting.

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the many amazing speakers we will have, including some of your favorites. An opening Prayer Breakfast and a closing Banquet will offer inspiration and at the same time provide a learning

same issues as you do, share with them how **you** do things, and—most importantly—exchange ideas and strategies for accomplishing the glorious goals of helping mothers and their unborn children.

a decision that cost almost 65 million lives.

We will celebrate.

We hope to see you there!

Unborn baby saves mother's life as cancer is discovered during ultrasound scan

By Right to Life UK

A pregnant mother has said her unborn baby “saved her life” after an ultrasound scan of her womb revealed early-stage bladder cancer.

Megan McQuade from Teesside had been trying for a baby for over two years. Everything was progressing as it should until

discovered a shadow on her bladder and urged her to have it investigated.

However, Megan was so “overjoyed” at seeing her baby for the first time, she completely forgot about the shadow and the medical advice. When she returned for another scan though,

a turn in my stomach almost that something wasn't right

It could be cancer

In December, when Megan returned for a consultation, she was warned that it could be cancer. Describing how she felt afterwards, Megan said “the

Megan was able to have a biopsy and surgery in January, which went well. “The next steps were to determine whether I needed chemotherapy or not and if I did it was explained to me that we would have to basically choose between whether we would take it out, we treat it with chemo or keep baby”, she said.

“It was the worst decision that anyone could ever have to face”, she added.

At a follow-up appointment two weeks later, Megan and her partner “sat down, [and] the consultant said, ‘Everything has gone really well, we managed to get it all out, we took out some extra cells around it just to make sure there's no chance of it growing back. We believe at this point there's no further treatment needed’.”

“I still get a bit tearful – it was the best possible news I could have had.”

The couple are expecting their baby in July

Right To Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson said “It's wonderful not only that Megan didn't have an abortion that she clearly did not want, but also that her own unborn baby was the reason that her cancer was found and treated in the first place.”



*Megan McQuade's life was saved thanks to her unborn baby, pictured with partner Michael Johnson.
Credit: Evening Gazette*

Megan found some light bleeding when she was about six weeks pregnant.

“As a first-time mum I panicked”, she told *BBC Radio Tees*.

When she went to the hospital, the sonographer

things were suddenly a lot more serious.

“The lady's tone completely changed. She said ‘I really think you need to get it looked into so please, make an appointment with your GP’.”

“It suddenly hit me then – I felt

second I walked out of the room my partner just put his arm around me and said, ‘Are you alright? and I just broke down.’”

“All possibilities were flooding through my mind – am I going to survive it? What's going to happen with baby? It was awful.”

The *Associated Press's* pro-abortion slant now includes a War on Crisis Pregnancy Centers

By Dave Andrusko

We've posted several stories recently about how the *Associated Press* has gone over to the dark side. We discussed first how the *AP's Style Book* banished "late-term abortions"

"Do not use the term 'late-term abortion,'" The AP intoned. "The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists defines late term as 41 weeks through 41 weeks and 6 days of gestation, and abortion does not happen in this period."

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

and "pro-life"

"[U]se the modifiers anti-abortion or abortion-rights; don't use pro-life, pro-choice or pro-abortion unless they are in quotes or proper names. Avoid abortionist, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions."

But that's only part of the *AP's* in-kind contribution to the pro-abortion cause. Ashley McGuire tells us about "The Associated Press Joins the War on Crisis Pregnancy Centers".

She begins by telling us about the onslaught of violence against pregnancy centers ["more than 80"] and "over 200" if you include churches.

"But the *AP's* mischaracterization of these centers does more than push incendiary language," McGuire writes. "It's flat-out biased and unfair — and that would be true coming from anyone, much less from an enterprise claiming to be the literal vanguard of journalistic integrity."

Her story is built around her own experience after *Roe* fell "with a pregnancy care organization, where I was stunned by the breadth of the services it provides." I would encourage you to read the list of services they provide women, including many whose first language is not English.

They exist, she writes to be flesh-and-blood counterpart to the Culture of Death:

They exist to offer women who are seeking a refuge from the pervasive cultural pressure to abort the support they need to thrive as the moms they want to be, no matter how challenging the circumstances of their pregnancy. This is not first and foremost "anti-abortion." This is authentically and comprehensively pro-woman.

McGuire ends with a sobering reminder. "Which is why these centers find themselves quite literally in the crosshairs of abortion activists. As Jane's Revenge, one of the leaders of the attacks on pregnancy centers, said in a statement:

For the allies of ours who doubt the authenticity of the communiqués and actions: there is a way you can get irrefutable proof that these actions are real. Go do one of your own. Everyone with the urge to paint, to burn, to cut, to jam: now is the time."

Now, she concludes, "they have the Associated Press to help them make a list of targets."



Survey: Physicians Are Far Less Likely to Abort Their Children

By Kelsey Hazzard, Secular Pro-Life

A recent survey published in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology* and covered by *MedPage Today* had an intriguing finding:

Among physicians of reproductive age (45 years or younger), the abortion rate was 10.2%, said researchers led by Morgan Levy, BS, of the University of Miami School of Medicine, and colleagues.

Levy said these findings show that abortion is common among physicians, albeit slightly less common than in the general population, as previous studies estimated that the abortion rate among reproductive-age women was 23.7%.

Let's correct the spin first. Abortion is less than half as common among doctors (not "slightly"). We see your attempt to normalize killing, *MedPage*.

Why are physicians and their partners so unlikely to abort? After all, we're constantly told

that people need abortion to ensure career success. Viewed in the light of the prevailing pro-abortion narrative, it's a counterintuitive result.



The question merits further study. Three possible reasons come readily to mind.

First, physicians are wealthier than the general population. It's well-established that most abortions are committed under financial pressure, leaving low-income

babies at higher risk. Although this is likely a contributing factor, it fails as a complete explanation. Physicians are not necessarily well-off during all their reproductive

years. A downside is that it fails to account for an odd finding: the female partners of male physicians had a lower abortion rate (7.5%) than female physicians themselves. That could be a quirk of small sample size, though.

Third, physicians are better educated about prenatal development and abortion risks. Only 14% of ob/gyns commit abortions, and that may carry over into their personal lives.

All three causes, and others I didn't think of, could be at play. Bottom line: the medical profession should be about healing, not killing.

And if you are pregnant and considering abortion, bear in mind that about the overwhelming majority of physicians do not choose abortion for themselves or their partners. If it isn't good enough for them, why accept it for yourself? You deserve better.

years. Time spent in medical school and residencies delays earning potential.

Second, physicians are highly educated about methods to prevent pregnancy. One would hope, anyway! This hypothesis has the benefit of encompassing earlier

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20 Dem Governors Form Abortion Access Coalition

By Tierin-Rose Mandelburg

Yet again the left has pledged its support of more baby death.

On February 21, a group of 20 governors announced a pro-abortion coalition in order to strengthen abortion access across the states in a post-*Roe* America.

The multi-state Reproductive Freedom Alliance, as they're calling it, is a way to show that, despite the fact that abortion is no longer federally protected, certain state leaders are still fully committed to baby killing. It's virtue signaling for death cultists. To no surprise, Gov. Gavin Newsom (D- Calif.) is heading the coalition.

Here's the joint statement from the group:

As governors representing nearly 170 million people across every region of the country, we are standing with all people who believe in reproductive freedom and health care. We are standing with them to say, "enough."



In the last year alone, over 36 million women have lost access to critical health care with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Medication abortion – one of the safest forms of health care for decades now – may be stripped from our clinics and hospitals nationwide. Doctors face criminal prosecution for providing care. Extremists are trying to restrict access to contraception – and we know they won't stop there.

In the face of this unprecedented assault by states hostile to abortion rights and their enablers in the courts, we are pledging to work together to strengthen abortion firewalls across America. This fight isn't over.

They failed to mention that over 60 million babies have been killed as a result of abortion. What really killed me (no pun intended) was the part of the statement that said medication abortion was "one of the safest forms of healthcare for decades now."

A medication abortion is essentially a multi-day progression of bleeding, cramping, pain, and contracting to slowly end the life of an unborn child. The process can take up to 30 days to complete, is "four times more dangerous" than surgical abortions and has reportedly increased abortion-related ER visits by 500 percent from 2002-2015.

The coalition, funded by the California Wellness Foundation and the Rosenberg Foundation, will work together to keep medication abortion pills — life threatening for the mother and life ending for the child — easily accessible, as well as work against any prosecution that doctors face for conducting abortions, even when illegal.

It sounds like a windfall opportunity. Abortions cost money. Medication abortions cost money, and blue states are always looking for more tax revenue.

That's the goal. To make money and to end life.

Planned Parenthood president Alexis McGill Johnson agreed when she said the coalition is needed "now more than ever" and that "It will be more important than ever for elected leaders to be bold and invest in health care services, patients, and abortion providers."

Yeah because if they don't, Planned Parenthood will go out of business. God forbid!

This whole charade is a sick and twisted way to advocate for more and more murder of innocent children. These people are disgusting.

Here's a list of all of their names.

- California Gov. Gavin Newsom
- Colorado Gov. Jared Polis
- Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont
- Delaware Gov. John Carney
- Hawai'i Gov. Josh Green
- Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker
- Maine Gov. Janet Mills
- Maryland Gov. Wes Moore
- Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey
- Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer
- Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz
- New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy
- New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham
- New York Gov. Kathy Hochul
- North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper
- Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek
- Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro
- Rhode Island Gov. Daniel McKee
- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee

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Yahoo News/You Gov poll shows overwhelming consensus that Biden is too old to run again; nearly half of Democrats agree

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Yahoo News's Andrew Romano writes

The survey of 1,516 U.S. adults, which was conducted from Feb. 23 to 27, underscores the central challenge facing the oldest president in American history as he gears up for a likely reelection bid — and the difficult position his age is putting his party in.

According to the *Yahoo News/You Gov* poll it's not that Democrats disapprove of his performance in office: 77% approve. Yet, Romano writes,

Despite viewing Biden favorably, many Democrats seem wary of what comes next. Asked in June 2020 “how

concerned” they were “about Joe Biden’s health and mental acuity,” just 28% of Democrats said they were either somewhat (10%) or very concerned (18%); the other 72% said they were either slightly (28%) or not at all concerned (44%).

Today, more than two and a half years later, the combined number of somewhat or very concerned Democrats has risen 12 points to about 40%, while the combined number who are slightly or not at all concerned has fallen by the same amount, to about 60%.

“The *Yahoo News/YouGov* poll suggests that Democrats have

reason to worry,” Romano writes:

A majority of registered voters (56%) now agree that “there is an age at which somebody is too old to be president” (up from 50% in June 2020), and 45% choose 80 or younger as the age they consider too old for the job.

What about independents?

Among independents — the key voting group that often decides elections — 60% say someone can be too old for the presidency, and a majority (54%) set that threshold at 80 or younger.

As John Sexton observed,

That’s obviously a problem for Biden as it’s hard to see how he’s going to win those people back

at this point. They’ve seen what they’ve seen.

So, what does the President have going for him? Glad you asked. It’s the alternative:

If forced to choose between Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris for the nomination, more than twice as many Democrats and Democratic leaners say they would pick Biden (53%) over Harris (24%). And “if Joe Biden does not run for reelection,” nearly half say they would rather see “someone else” as the nominee (49%) than Harris (36%)...

Stay tuned.

Doctor who saved premature baby is rescued by him 30 years later

By Kim Schwartz, Texas Right to Life

Over thirty years ago, a premature baby boy named Chris Trokey was given a fifty percent chance of survival. Doctor Michael Shannon, based in San Clemente, California, worked tirelessly to keep the 3.2-pound infant alive.

Fast-forward to March 29, 2011, and the preemie returned the favor. Now a firefighter-paramedic, Trokey helped rescue Shannon from his burning SUV after he was hit by a semi-truck on Pacific Coast Highway in Dana Point, California.

Their latest reunion, four years after their dramatic encounter, was at a fundraiser for the St. Baldrick's childhood cancer research charity in Rancho Santa Margarita. KTLA's video of the sweet event has over 20,000 "likes" and counting, warming the hearts of thousands who are in awe of their serendipitous story.

Shannon believes that things

happen when they are meant to and that he sees examples of this almost daily in his life and



practice. Trokey had no idea who he was helping when he responded to Shannon's crash. He only found out when he went to the hospital and started talking about it.

During Shannon's 45-day recovery at Mission Hospital in

Mission Viejo, the men bonded anew. Trokey praised Shannon's knowledge and care, calling him

one of the most knowledgeable and caring pediatricians he had ever met. Shannon has been a pediatrician for 42 years and continues to love his work and helping his patients.

Their story is one only God could orchestrate.

Trokey had no idea who he was rescuing, and Shannon did not know who was rescuing him. Yet, in a strange turn of events, the two reunited and strengthened their bond. Their friendship has touched the hearts of many and serves as a reminder that God blesses us with gifts in the most unexpected ways.

Their story has come full circle, with Shannon now taking on Trokey's child as a patient. Trokey expressed his gratitude, stating that he could not imagine taking his son to anyone else. The two men's serendipitous story continues to inspire and captivate many.

Their friendship and bond are a testament to the idea that even in the most unexpected of circumstances, we can find support and care from those we least expect.

Media bullies Jessa Duggar Seewald, claiming post-miscarriage D&C was an ‘abortion’

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her beloved baby that she had an elective abortion,” adding, “Burying a dead person ok. Burying a living person not ok. Same procedure, entirely different act. The significant difference is the killing part. Stop conflating miscarriage with elective abortion.”

Rose’s Twitter thread was filled with comments by abortion advocates dishonestly calling a D&C a “procedural abortion,” equating the natural death of miscarriage to the intentional killing of an induced abortion.

But in her YouTube video posted above, Seewald said at that moment when the ultrasound technician told them that the sac looked good but the baby did not, the technician gave Seewald and her husband some time alone in the room to grieve the death of their baby. “I was just in complete shock. I didn’t even have words. I just immediately started crying... just trying to process through the loss... and wondering, ‘what do we do from here?’”

“I had minimal spotting for, like, 24 hours and that was it,” Seewald said, noting that the miscarriage was a complete shock to them because she had stopped spotting and had no other signs of miscarriage.

Seewald said she ended up having to see her doctor “because [of] my history of hemorrhaging and all of that, there was concern that if I tried to just take something or pass the baby at home that I might have trouble and have to be transported... and so we decided to go to the hospital and get checked

in there and go through a D&C.”


What Seewald is saying lines up with Mayo Clinic’s information on miscarriage, which states that miscarriage can be managed

become dangerous. It is clear that the Seewalds’ baby was deceased before she underwent a D&C, and had died during a missed miscarriage.

removed from its website. And while the abortion industry often attempts to conflate miscarriage treatment and abortion, it’s a comparison that even pro-


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"Overturning *Roe v Wade* means women won't be able to get treatment for miscarriages."



Pro-life legislation explicitly exempts treatment for miscarriages from the legal meaning of abortion.

in different ways — through “expectant management,” which means waiting for the baby’s remains to pass on their own; through “medical treatment,” which means taking a drug to cause the uterus to expel the remains; or through “surgical treatment,” which involves using the D&C procedure to remove the child’s remains.

It appears the surgical option was chosen because of Seewald’s history of problems with hemorrhaging, which could

Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned last summer, abortion advocates have increasingly attempted to liken treatment for miscarriage to abortion, even though natural/accidental death and intentional killing are in no way the same. Even Planned Parenthood previously acknowledged this, pointing out that treatment for ectopic pregnancy is not the same thing as an abortion — a fact the nation’s largest abortion business later

abortion women find distasteful and offensive.

And though many have used Seewald’s tragedy as a means to disparage her as a hypocrite, treatment for ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage (which are not induced abortions) are legal in every single state.

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Using Abortion Pills at Home is Objectively unsafe, no matter what the FDA is now saying: Yale Professor and FDA Drug Safety Expert Dr. David Gortler

“Mailed mifepristone mendacity” will 100% result in preventable morbidity and mortality in America’s women

By Dr. David Gortler

The abortion drug Mifepristone (Mifeprex) entered the U.S. market in 2000. For the past two decades, the drug’s official labeling stated some permutation of the following:

“Mifeprex...Administration must be under the supervision of a qualified physician”

—and—

“Mifeprex may be administered only in a clinic, medical office, or hospital, by or under the supervision of a physician, able to assess the gestational age of an embryo and to diagnose ectopic pregnancies.”

These warnings are further reflected and elaborated upon on the websites of the Mayo Clinic and the NIH’s National Library of Medicine.

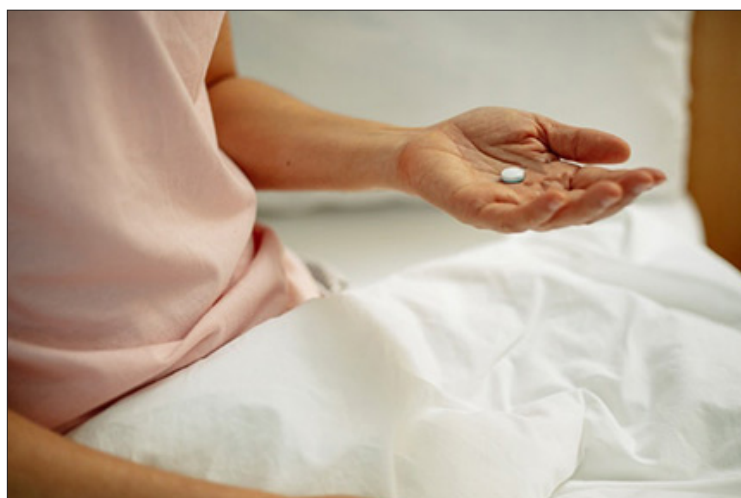
The FDA is now not just approving—but promoting—Big Pharma’s proposal to permit mailed, at home use of mifepristone for “do it yourself” abortion. No more doctor or staff present. No more ultrasounds to confirm gestational age or any in-house monitoring for complications for internal bleeding – for a drug well established to cause life-threatening bleeding.

What changed? Did the FDA just unearth data showing that mifepristone is safer than originally thought? The answer is no.

In fact, mifepristone is so unsafe that it could only be dispensed under the FDA’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) protocol since 2011. REMS protocols are only issued to high risk drugs which means that

mifepristone is one of the rarely selected FDA-approved drugs that although approved, has unusual “serious safety concerns.”

In its recent decision, the FDA did release a medical review. But anyone looking for scientifically meaningful reasoning based on cumulative safety findings will be both disappointed and outraged.



What they will see are many small, non-safety-prioritized studies and the redundant authorship of pro-abortionists and study sponsorship from places like The National Abortion Federation and the biased UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. Indeed, studies referenced were shamefully deceptive, and instead of referencing “safety” used muddy, academically unacceptable language like “unplanned clinical encounters.”

The few studies the FDA relied on for its safety determination were not prospectively, longitudinally, statistically or appropriately designed safety-centric studies *despite*

mifepristone currently being a REMS product. Further, studies that did reference safety used in-house monitoring and ultrasounds to confirm age of the fetus and evaluate bleeding—which are now omitted. Importantly, the one study the FDA referenced with a noteworthy number of participants *required in-*

“The COVID-19 public health emergency” ...which Biden has already decided to end.

Cumulative safety and women’s health should be FDA’s ultimate concern. However, the studies referenced in the medical review were mysteriously limited to an approximate three-year window from 2019–2021. Of note, that window only included when Mifepristone was limited to use in a doctor’s office and only through *49 days* gestation. In contrast, today’s requirements depend on women unreliably self-assessing gestation up to 70 days. The FDA deceptively states in its review “*there have been no new safety concerns identified*” but ignores existing ones and contemptibly omits multiple, large specially designed safety studies with obviously negative findings published during the same 2019–2021 time period!

Then, there’s what the FDA removed from its report. Generally, FDA redactions of anything related to public health is questionable, but this time the FDA took the unprecedented maneuver of hiding not only its authors of the medical review, but also the name of the FDA division which wrote the report! That same 100-page FDA medical review was then signed off by the FDA’s senior executive leadership *in less than one hour, redacting all signer’s names as well.* The signature timeline also questions whether or not signers actually read the review.

“**Medication abortion with mail-order pharmacy dispensing of mifepristone appears effective, feasible, and acceptable to patients.**” While “feasible and acceptable” is... nice to know... it’s totally unrelated to the FDA’s safety mission statement on assuring drug safety

The justification that the FDA gives in its report for skirting essentially every safety requirement it had in place decades prior to 2021:

White House Proclamation Celebrates Women's History Month By Promoting Abortion

On Tuesday, February 28, the White House released the Biden administration's proclamation about Women's History Month which included promises to promote laws and policies that

State of Abortion in the United States, National Right to Life, based on data from the CDC and the Guttmacher Institute, now estimates that 64,443,118 abortions have been performed in

abortions, such as seeing the abortionist in person. The in-person requirement of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ensured that complications, such as ectopic pregnancy, were ruled out in advance of a woman undergoing a chemical abortion. Mifepristone, the "abortion pill," has no effect on ectopic pregnancies and leaves the woman with this life-threatening medical condition. The FDA recently announced that certified pharmacists will be permitted to dispense chemical abortion drugs and it will permit these dangerous drugs to be sent through the mail.

- strongly supporting the radical Women's Health Protection Act which would essentially remove nearly all legal protections for unborn children on the

federal and state level and prevent future protections for unborn children.

- supporting the elimination of the Hyde Amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

"Women's History Month is about the contributions women have made to our nation's history. Predictably, the Biden administration uses Women's History Month to promote policies that support unlimited abortion and have caused untold harm to women and their unborn children," said Tobias. "The tragedy is that mothers facing an unexpected pregnancy are often told, incorrectly, that they cannot achieve success in life unless they have an abortion."

The *State of Abortion in the United States, 2023* report can be found at www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/stateofabortion2023.pdf

would support unlimited abortion. "The president's proclamation is ironic," stated Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life (NRL). "By promoting abortion, the Biden-Harris administration is promoting the destruction of many of tomorrow's female leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, scientists, and educators—just a few of the noted accomplishments praised in the proclamation."

In its 10th annual report, *The*

United States since 1973. Of these abortions, approximately half were performed on unborn baby girls.

Instead of policies that would advance the right to life, the Biden administration promotes policies and laws that support unlimited abortions and have the potential to harm women, including:

- suspending protections established for women undergoing chemical

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Check your Born Privilege

By Rebecca Stapleford

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Chances are, if you've been exposed to the writings and ideas of the modern progressive social justice movement, you've encountered the concept of privilege—a common term used to describe the favorable treatment of certain groups by society as held in contrast to the discrimination faced by other groups. Common examples given of privilege are white privilege, male privilege, Christian privilege, heterosexual privilege, cisgender privilege, able-bodied privilege and class privilege.

Members of privileged groups are reminded of their favored status and encouraged to “check their privilege” by comparing their experiences to the average experiences of members of oppressed groups and recognizing the social, political, and economic inequalities that exist in the lives of the latter. Towards this end, activists write up privilege checklists that outline specific examples of privilege for a certain privileged group. Privilege checklists have been written for almost every possible group of people—except for one group.

The unborn have been left behind by progressive social justice movement. They aren't even considered to be people. In an attempt to raise awareness of this injustice I have compiled a checklist for born privilege—the privilege experienced by individuals who are already born.

- No one tells your bereaved parents that

they can always try again, that you weren't a “real baby,” or that it was a good thing that you died because you probably were defective anyway.

- Society doesn't believe that ending your life is the best solution to the problems and challenges that you might face in the future.
- The law doesn't deny you personhood based on age, personal appearance, size, level of dependency, or current temporary lack of consciousness.
- The law protects your life, even if your mother wants to end it.
- Society doesn't try to justify killing you based on the hardships experienced by your mother. Instead, we try to help both you and your mother through your hardships.
- People who fight for your basic, most fundamental right to live are almost universally supported and encouraged. No one accuses them of being religious theocrats who just want to force their beliefs on everyone else and who want to oppress women. (Note: This privilege is obviously not experienced by death row inmates.)
- Your right to live is almost universally acknowledged and

respected by everyone, regardless of religious beliefs or lack thereof. (Note: This privilege

like you is an important and acceptable way to reduce world overpopulation.



is obviously not experienced by death row inmates.)

- There is not a dedicated movement of people who honestly believe that only through having the right to kill you, an innocent human being, can women achieve equality with men and be liberated from the bonds of patriarchal oppression.
- No one denies that you are, in fact, a human being.
- The UN and various NGOs do not suggest that the killing of people

I could go on, but by now you should get the general idea. While there are many groups oppressed in our society, which still struggles to recognize the dream of “liberty and justice for all”, no group is more oppressed than the unborn. No other group has their personhood, humanity, and right to life (which is the most fundamental human right on which all other rights depend) regularly denied by society. Modern progressives need to realize that in order to truly stand up for social justice for all of humanity, it is absolutely necessary to fight for the unborn and their rights as well.

The March edition of *NRL News* is bursting with information

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Last November, for example, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer tweeted out the following (NRLC has no position on immigration):

Now more than ever — we're short of workers. We have a population that is not reproducing on its own with the same level that it used to. The only way we're going to have a great future is if we welcome and embrace immigrants...get a path to citizenship for all 11 million or however many of the undocumented there are here.

Never mind “the shrieking hypocrisy of lamenting fertility rates while pushing for unrestricted abortion,” as Hot Air’s Ed Morrissey said. This advice came out of the mouth of a politician who has no regrets over the extinction of over almost 65 million unborn babies. No wonder “We’re short workers” and “have a population that is not reproducing on its own with the same level that it used to.”

It’s enough to give hypocrisy a bad name.

We have article after article

on the “abortion pill”—which while referring to mifepristone is typically shorthand for the summary of the FDA’s decision to allow pharmacies to stock and sell the abortion pill mifepristone and

positive post-*Dobbs* momentum is strong in these early days of state legislative sessions and, as pro-lifers know, we never give up on helping mothers and children in need.”

Holly Gatling, executive director of South Carolina Citizens for Life, explains her state’s wonderful outreach to the Hispanic community. Amy Baker who attended the National Right to Life Academy in 2022, developed a campaign called “Love the Baby Humans.”

There is the very encouraging news that what was Mississippi’s last abortion clinic has been turned into a consignment store selling high-end home goods and furniture. The new owner, David Carpenter, has a different goal. He told *NBC News* back in January “I really don’t want to get into the political side of it,” adding “That was then. This is now. I want to do something that the community will embrace. I want it to be a positive thing.”

There’s much, much more which we will write about over the next week. Do let me know what you think of the edition, won’t you?

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lethal two-drug combination of mifepristone and misoprostol. Dr. Randy O’Bannon, NRLC’s Director of Education & Research, has closely monitored the issue of chemical abortion for nearly thirty years. Randy and I have a “Q&A” which is both an up-to-the-minute

a corrective to the misinformation floating about.

Casey Coffin, Legislative Assistant in the Department of State Legislation, offers a terrific overview of what NRLC’s affiliates are undertaking in the Post-*Roe* era. She writes “The

Using Abortion Pills at Home is Objectively unsafe

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You don’t have to read between the lines to figure out the FDA’s mifepristone decision was not clinical or scientific. Mailing abortion pills seems to be a thinly disguised partisan response by the White House that deliberately ignores comprehensive safety findings, and just another radical pro-abortion response by the Biden administration to the *Dobbs* decision.

Unfortunately, it’s just one more in a series of dozens of examples of FDA ignoring clear clinical data pointing in the opposite direction to force through unproven edicts.

Today’s FDA has become a marionette performing for the Biden White House and Big Pharma. This new and concerning trend shows no signs of stopping. In the meantime, the cumulative safety profile of mifepristone

predicts that the FDA’s decision to allow mailing of abortion drugs for at home use will lead to preventable morbidity and mortality in America’s women and children.

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Humanize Podcast: Alex Schadenberg on the Canadian Euthanasia Epidemic

The Humanize Podcast is hosted by Wesley J. Smith, bioethics expert from The Discovery Institute.

This episode of the Humanize Podcast features Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition who is on the front lines of the fight against euthanasia in Canada. To get a preview of how far some want to go with euthanasia in America, we only have to look to Canada.

Listen to the most informed minds on the issue discuss euthanasia, and also, be prepared to see them at the 2023 National Right to Life Convention! They

will be keynote speakers for our General Session on euthanasia.

No modern society has embraced lethal injection euthanasia with the enthusiasm of Canada, where not only the terminally ill can be killed by doctors but also people with chronic conditions and disabilities. Soon, people with mental illnesses will qualify for a doctor-hastened death. In 2021, more than 10,000 Canadians were euthanized by doctors or nurse practitioners.

As recently as 2014, euthanasia was outlawed in the country. But then, the Supreme Court declared that such laws were unconstitutional. Since that

event, Canada has created one of the world's most radical lethal injection euthanasia regimes.

Why has Canada, of all countries, embraced doctor-administered death? Wesley's guest on this episode of Humanize has the answers. Alex Schadenberg is one of the world's premier opponents of euthanasia and assisted suicide. He is the co-founder and executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, founded in 1998 and based in the Canadian Province of Ontario. He produced The Euthanasia Deception documentary that explores 15

years of euthanasia legalization in Belgium. Schadenberg has traveled the world speaking about the issue, authored countless opinion columns, and moderates the world's most widely-read blog devoted to the issue, the link to which can be found in the program notes. He is also the author of Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

Hear Wesley Smith & Alex Schadenberg speak at the 2023 National Right to Life Convention this summer.

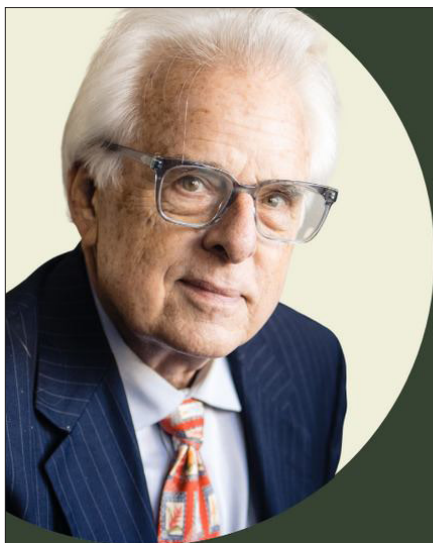
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Q&A: *NRL News Today* interviews Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon on the FDA's Decision to Allow Pharmacies to Stock and Sell the Abortion Pill Mifepristone

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an 1873 federal law specifically and directly prohibiting the mailing of abortifacients, the Justice department was of the opinion that the Comstock act—despite being reaffirmed multiple times and still in force—“does not prohibit the mailing, or the delivery or receipt by mail, of mifepristone or misoprostol...” because the shipper’s and recipient’s intentions cannot be presumed.

Meanwhile, lawsuits have been brought in federal court against limits imposed on the sale and prescription of mifepristone in West Virginia and North Carolina. GenBioPro is arguing, as Attorney General Garland asserted in June of 2022, that state law prohibiting the use of mifepristone as part of a larger ban on abortion conflicts with a federal determination of the abortion pill’s safety by the FDA. Similarly, a doctor in North Carolina says that a state law requiring the abortion pill to be dispensed in person goes beyond regulations the agency

says are sufficient for safe use. In each case, plaintiffs argue that the issue for the courts is whether the state or the federal government is entitled to declare what constitutes safe use of the drugs.

All these matters will eventually be resolved in court, but legal experts say the Biden administration’s case is weak. The Comstock Law is pretty direct in its prohibition on the mailing of abortifacients. Mifepristone mailers rely on the Justice department’s novel reading of the law at their own legal peril. Anyone mailing these pills and counting on the Biden administration’s declaration as their defense will have nowhere to turn if and when a court rejects that argument or when a new administration takes office.

Much the same can be said regarding the upcoming tussle between federal and state governments over safety measures limiting the availability of mifepristone. States can and have had different laws and opinions

regarding the safety of different drugs, products, and practices than the federal government and these have generally been allowed to stand in the name of state

decision allows the state to ban or regulate abortion as it sees fit, in the interest of protecting nascent human life (or any other reason), regardless of whether chemical



sovereignty and the Constitution’s 10th amendment.

Furthermore, even though the state may raise several demonstrated safety issues associated with use of the mifepristone-misoprostol combination, the 2022 *Dobbs*

abortion is or is not proven to be safe.

Additional Questions & Answers on this issue can be found on the www.nrlc.org website. Click on the “Stay Informed” tab under which you’ll find “Special Reports.”

FBI Director, AG Garland Defend FBI, DOJ's Extreme Pro-Abort Bias In Post *Roe* Arrests

By Tierin-Rose Mandelburg

It has become abundantly clear that the Biden administration and their accomplices are in favor of abortion. They'll do whatever it takes to further the pro-abortion narrative even if that means allowing pro-aborts to get away with violent acts of domestic terrorism while arresting innocent pro-lifers.

Flashback to September 2022, when father and husband Mark Houck was bombarded with at least two-dozen armed FBI agents and arrested over a minor altercation he'd had with an abortion supporter. The arrest was absolutely berserk and Houck, as of Jan. 2023, has been cleared of all counts.

Nonetheless, the FBI is still claiming they weren't biased in their arrest.

In a *Fox News* segment on Tuesday's Special Report, FBI Director Chris Wray was called out for his decisions to arrest certain protestors but not others. He claimed the FBI bases its policies on "one standard which is irrespective of ideology politics."

Wray is "wray" wrong. Wray himself even stated that 70% of violence following *Roe*'s overturn is acts of vandalism against churches, pro-life organizations and crisis pregnancy centers. Yet, the people who are getting

arrested are the pro-lifers for their either non-existent or minuscule "crimes," while pro-abortion vandals often aren't ever caught.

Take Houck, for example, who shoved away a 72-year-old

public safety, that he or she is permitted to self surrender, rather than subject dynamic execution of an arrest warrant. Here's what I'm talking about is the dual system. ...

been over 81 reported attacks on pregnancy resource centers and 130 attacks on Catholic Churches, but only TWO individuals have been charged.

Though the why is evident: the DOJ is ultimately run by Biden, who's got an extreme pro-abortion agenda.

Attorney General Merrick Garland had a different proposition as to why pro-lifers are getting charged and not the pro-aborts.

Merrick Garland says that the DOJ has prosecuted more pro-lifers for peaceful protests at abortion clinics than domestic terrorists firebombing pregnancy resource centers because the pro-lifers are doing it during the day and the centers are being bombed at night.



abortion-supporting man who got in the face of Houck's 12-year-old son shouting obscenities. This took place outside of a Planned Parenthood where the Houcks were peacefully praying. Though Houck acted in defense of his son, he was the one arrested. Nothing happened to the older man.

In the interview, host Bret Baier pointed out the hypocrisy in Wray's and the FBI's decisions.

Historically FBI protocol is that a defendant has, if it has no criminal history, is not believed to be violent or pose a threat to

YUP! The hypocrisy is undeniable.

The FBI has not done much if anything about the pro-death activists who've fire-bombed, graffitied, thrown paint at, egged, and broken the windows of dozens of life-affirming institutions.

As a matter of fact, on March 1, Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) announced that the Department of Justice [DOJ] has announced charges against 34 individuals for "blocking access to or vandalizing abortion clinics." He also mentioned that there've

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

It has gotten incredibly obvious that our "authorities" have an agenda. They're no longer doing their jobs to protect the innocent and ensure that we live in a just nation. Instead, they're cherry-picking who our laws do and don't apply to in order to establish and push their extreme leftist views.

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Mum refuses abortion of one of her twin daughters, nine months later, both twins are flourishing

By Right to Life UK

A mum of twins, whose unborn daughter was diagnosed with a disability, refused an abortion and now both little girls are flourishing.

Marie Stockdale from Penrith, Cumbria, was pregnant with twin girls in 2022. Everything seemed to be proceeding as it should and it was only at her 20-week scan that doctors realised something was wrong. They found that one of the girls, Ava, had a lot more fluid surrounding her body than her sister Mila did.

While they drained some of the fluid, it continued to build up and they discovered that Ava had esophageal atresia and tracheo-oesophageal fistula. These conditions meant that her esophagus was not properly joined with the rest of her digestive system. This in turn prevented Ava from swallowing the amniotic fluid as she should have. She was also diagnosed with rhombencephalosynapsis, a rare brain condition that can cause cerebral palsy.

Marie said “because the condition is so rare, doctors had

no idea how severely it would affect her, and I was offered a termination. It was never an option though, I had to give her a chance to fight.”

Marie’s waters broke the night before her caesarean section



was supposed to take place. She had to be put under general anesthetic and when she woke 6 hours later she said that “Paul [her partner] had been able to spend time with Mila, while Ava had been taken to a special baby unit and, once I’d come round, they took me through to meet her.”

“We had spent the weeks

leading up to the birth trying to come to terms with what laid ahead for our daughter after we’d found out about her condition, but nothing could have prepared us for when we saw her tiny body on a ventilator, covered in tubes and



wires. It was very tough for us to see her like that.”

Nine months old and getting stronger every day

Doctors determined that Ava should have surgery that same day and, fortunately, it was successful. Ava was not out of the woods yet though. She had to be put on a ventilator and underwent

a second surgery to fix her aorta and sternum to help her breathe properly.

Her mum said “Mila and I had been discharged but thanks to the support of The Sick Children’s Trust, we were able to stay with Paul at Crawford House, just next door to where Ava was.”

“It meant we could spend as much time as possible with both our babies and our other children were able to visit.”

When she was 8 weeks old, Ava was well enough to go home. At almost nine months old, Ava still needs help controlling her movement but she’s getting better all the time. “They’re both little characters, Mila is very chilled out and patient and Ava is really happy and smiley”, her mum said.

Right To Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson said “It’s great that these children are getting along so well and that Marie refused an abortion. It is shocking though that she was offered an abortion in the first instance. Abortion is not a cure for a disability.”