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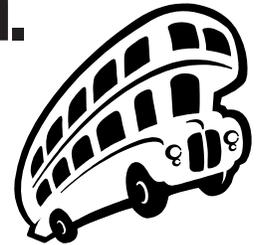
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**Monday, January 23rd ♦ 7:00 a.m.**

*The buses are leaving...*



**Join us for the 39th annual...**



**MARCH  
FOR LIFE  
Washington, D.C.**

Blair County Chapter of CCHL buses will be leaving at 7:00 a.m., Monday, January 23rd, from three locations in Altoona: Bishop Guilfoyle High School, Altoona Central Catholic School and St. Therese Church, and also from St. Mary Church in Hollidaysburg. The buses are scheduled to return about 9:00 p.m. that evening. The cost is \$15 per person, \$10 for students. Each participant should bring a bag lunch and money to cover the cost of dinner.

Bishop Mark Bartchak and Msgr. Mazur will be celebrating a prayer service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. A special blessing will be given for all those going to the March for Life. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Bartchak on our bus trip; he will be going to the March on Bishop Guilfoyle's bus.

Please plan on coming with us to the March for Life. Your presence, with the hundreds of thousands of other participants, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of *Roe v. Wade*, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate abortion from America's future.

**To reserve a seat on a bus or for more information, call 814-946-0681**

# News to Know

## Steve Jobs Changed the World: Adoption Changed His

Life without an iPad, iPhone or iPod may be unthinkable in the 21st Century, but if a different choice were made in the 20th Century, we might all still be walking around with PCs and Sony Walkmans. On October 5, Steve Jobs, one of the founders of the technology giant, Apple, died after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

In 1955, Joanne Simpson became pregnant with Jobs. She was unwed and due to family circumstances, could not marry the father of Jobs. The couple decided to give Jobs up for adoption. When family circumstances improved, the couple wed, but Jobs' adoption by Paul and Clara Jobs was final.

Jobs' story shows once again that no one knows the potential of every human life. According to LifeNews.com, many other well-known people were also adopted and given the chance to go beyond their dreams and make a difference in the world. These include: Charles Dickens, George Washington Carver, Nat King Cole, Babe Ruth, Dave Thomas (Wendy's), Bo Diddley (musician/performer), Dan O'Brien (Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist) and Faith Hill.

"Steve Jobs is among this list of infinite possibility," Ryan Bomberger, founder of the Radiance Project, wrote in his column, "No matter the perceived worldly success of an adoptee, adoption is a loving act that transforms, not only the life of the child, but the entire family. And, sometimes, the world." —Excerpts from *The Pro-Life Reporter Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter, Fall 2011*



Popular radio host, Teresa Tomeo, knows from experience that the self-image of American women is being distorted by pop culture. With its emphasis on youth, physical beauty, and sexuality, the secular media is encouraging women—and girls—to see themselves primarily as sex objects. A professional TV and radio journalist, Tomeo pulls together the latest research on social behavior and trends to demonstrate that women are harming themselves and their chances for true happiness by adopting the thoroughly modern, sexually liberated lifestyle portrayed in magazines and movies. Packed with not only persuasive statistics, but also powerful personal testimonies, *Extreme Makeover* shows that it is not the slogans of the sexual revolution and the women's liberation movement that free and dignify women, but the beautiful teachings of the Church.

So what are women steeped in the Hollywood and Cosmo girl version of reality to do? Undergo Tomeo's *Extreme Makeover*. With the help of this book, they can shed the toxic messages that objectify and enslave them and embrace the truth about being a beloved daughter of God.

—Ignatius Press, [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com)

## Company Halts First Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Trial

From the *New York Times*: The company conducting the world's first clinical trial of a therapy using human embryonic stem cells said that it was halting that trial and leaving the stem cell business entirely. The company, Geron, said that its move did not reflect a lack of promise for the controversial field. Rather, it said, with money scarce, it had decided to focus on its experimental cancer therapies, which are further along in development.

"I deeply believe in the promise of stem cells," John A. Scarlett, the chief executive of Geron, said in an interview. "I don't think that promise is in any way, shape or form changed by what we're doing."

Still, the move is expected to be widely seen as a setback for the field, because of Geron's central role.

—LifeNews.com, November 15, 2011

## Brave New World Doublespeak?

An ad appearing on a side bar to a Google search for abortion statistics in New York advertises "gentle abortions" and abortions with "no pain and no recollection of the procedure."

For pro-lifers such statements raise some very obvious questions: Gentle for whom?—clearly not the unborn child whose life is taken in a variety of not very gentle methods. No pain—again, no pain for whom?—clearly not the unborn child who has been proven capable of feeling pain when being dismembered or scalded or crushed. No recollection of the procedure—perhaps not the procedure itself but no woman who has ever undergone an abortion forgets that she had one. She might forget an address, a phone number, even the name of an old acquaintance, but never the fact that she was a participant in an act that destroyed her child's life.

Another clinic in New York offers "natural abortions with no disturbing suction noise." Abortion is NOT natural (unless used as a medical term for a spontaneous miscarriage). Noise or lack thereof does not change the fact that an abortion takes the life of a developing baby.

Closer to home, a trip to the website for Northland Family Planning Center will discover that along with aromatherapy, soft lighting, relaxing music and heating pads, their doctors take gentle medical and surgical steps to *remove fetal life support and cause fetal death before removing the pregnancy* (emphasis added).

In case one misses the point, the woman whose body houses the unborn child is the "fetal life support" and the "pregnancy" is the child.

If any other destructive act performed on a woman's body was advertised in such glowing "touchy-feely" terms, the outrage expressed by women's groups would be deafening. Not so with abortion. It would appear that those who seek to profit from women in crisis will try to make this ugly act as pretty as possible.

—Diane Trombley, Michigan Nurses for Life

# 160 Million and Counting

*It is important to note that the article described in this piece was not intended as an "anti-abortion" piece but rather a commentary on the impact of a society with too few females born into it. That having been said, it casts a whole new light on the importance of the proposed legislation introduced this week by Rep Trent Franks (R-AZ) which would ban knowingly performing or financing sex or race based abortions.(PRENDA). The usual pro-abortion organizations are opposing this, claiming it hinders full access to health care for women. Strangely, these groups don't seem very concerned about the female children that are at risk for sex-based abortion.*

—Diane Trombley, Michigan Nurses for Life

## By Ross Douthat

In 1990, the economist Amartya Sen published an essay in *The New York Review of Books* with a bombshell title: *More Than 100 Million Women Are Missing*. His subject was the wildly off-kilter sex ratios in India, China and elsewhere in the developing world. To explain the numbers, Sen invoked the "neglect" of third-world women, citing disparities in health care, nutrition and education. He also noted that under China's one-child policy, "some evidence exists of female infanticide."

The essay did not mention abortion.

Twenty years later, the number of "missing" women has risen to more than 160 million, and a journalist named Mara Hvistendahl has given us a much more complete picture of what's happened. Her book is called *Unnatural Selection: Choosing Boys Over Girls, and the Consequences of a World Full of Men*. As the title suggests, Hvistendahl argues that most of the missing females weren't victims of neglect. They were selected out of existence, by ultrasound technology and second-trimester abortion.

The spread of sex-selective abortion is often framed as a simple case of modern science being abused by patriarchal, misogynistic cultures. Patriarchy is certainly part of the story, but as Hvistendahl points out, the reality is more complicated—and more depressing.

Thus far, female empowerment often seems to have led to more sex selection, not less. In many communities, she writes, "women use their increased autonomy to select for sons," because male offspring bring higher social status. In countries like India, sex selection began in "the urban, well-educated stratum of society," before spreading down the income ladder.

Moreover, Western governments and philanthropic institutions have their fingerprints all over the story of the world's missing women.

From the 1950s onward, Asian countries that legalized and then promoted abortion did so with vocal, deep-pocketed American support. Digging into the archives of groups like the Rockefeller Foundation and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Hvistendahl depicts an unlikely alliance between Republican cold warriors worried that population growth would fuel the spread of Communism and left-wing scientists and activ-

ists who believed that abortion was necessary for both "the needs of women" and "the future prosperity—of maybe survival—of mankind," as the Planned Parenthood federation's medical director put it in 1976.

For many of these antipopulation campaigners, sex selection was a feature rather than a bug, since a society with fewer girls was guaranteed to reproduce itself at lower rates.

Hvistendahl's book is filled with unsettling scenes, from abandoned female fetuses littering an Indian hospital to the signs in Chinese villages at the height of the one-child policy's enforcement. ("You can beat it out! You can make it fall out! You can abort it! But you cannot give birth to it!") The most disturbing passages, though, are the ones that depict self-consciously progressive Westerners persuading themselves that fewer girls might be exactly what the teeming societies of the third world needed.

Over all, "Unnatural Selection" reads like a great historical detective story, and it's written with the sense of moral urgency that usually accompanies the revelation of some enormous crime.

But what kind of crime? This is the question that haunts Hvistendahl's book, and the broader debate over the vanished 160 million.

The scale of that number evokes the genocidal horrors of the 20th century. But notwithstanding the depredations of the Chinese politburo, most of the abortions were (and continue to be) uncoerced. The American establishment helped create the problem, but now it's metastasizing on its own: the population-control movement is a shadow of its former self, yet sex selection has spread inexorably with access to abortion, and sex ratios are out of balance from Central Asia to the Balkans to Asian-American communities in the United States.

This places many Western liberals, Hvistendahl included, in a distinctly uncomfortable position. Their own premises insist that the unborn aren't human beings yet, and that the right to an abortion is nearly absolute. A self-proclaimed agnostic about when life begins, Hvistendahl insists that she hasn't written "a book about death and killing." But this leaves her struggling to define a victim for the crime that she's uncovered.

It's society at large, she argues, citing evidence that gender-imbalanced countries tend to be violent and unstable. It's the women in those countries, she adds, pointing out that skewed sex ratios are associated with increased prostitution and sex trafficking.

These are important points. But the sense of outrage that pervades her story seems to have been inspired by the missing girls themselves, not the consequences of their absence.

Here the anti-abortion side has it easier. We can say outright what's implied on every page of *Unnatural Selection*, even if the author can't quite bring herself around.

The tragedy of the world's 160 million missing girls isn't that they're "missing." The tragedy is that they're dead.

—*New York Times*, June 26, 2011

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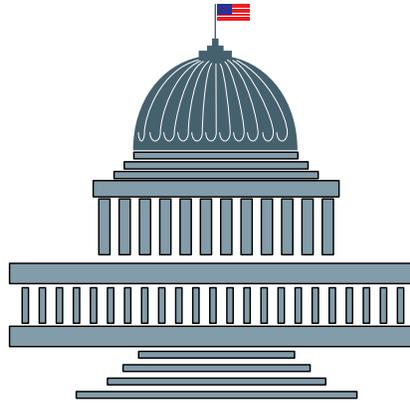
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## Congressional Bill Bans Sex-Selection, Race-Based Abortions

A U.S. congressman has reintroduced legislation that would ban sex-selection or race-based abortions. Congressman Trent Franks, an Arizona Republican who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, has brought back the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act.

The measure would prohibit knowingly performing or financing sex-selection or race-based abortions. Franks has said the bill is needed because abortions on black babies are done at much higher rates than abortions on babies of other races.

"The Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, or 'PRENDA,' ... restricts sex-selection abortion and race-selection abortion, and the coercion of a woman to obtain either. The woman seeking an abortion is exempted from prosecution, while abortion providers are held to account," wrote Franks in a letter to colleagues.

"Sex-selection abortion is happening in the United States. A study published in the April 2008 *Journal of the National Academy of Sciences* shows through U.S. Census data that certain segments of the U.S. population—particularly those coming from countries that practice sex-selection abortion—have unnaturally skewed sex-ratios at birth caused by sex-selection 'most likely at the prenatal stages,'" Franks added.

Franks also noted that abortion centers are disproportionately placed in African-American communities and he pointed out that Planned Parenthood has come under fire for accepting donations from people claiming to want the abortion business to target blacks.

A few years ago, a national study showed the possibility that the practice of sex-selection abortions has made its way from Asia to the United States. Researchers Douglas Almond and Lena Edlund of the National Academy of Sciences say their analysis of the 2000 Census shows the odds prematurely increasing for Asian-American families from China, Korea and India to have a boy if they already have a girl child.

The data "suggest that in a sub-population with a traditional son preference, the technologies are being used to generate male births when preceding births are female," they wrote in the paper.

The bill [was] formally introduced November 29 and Franks's letter to congressional colleagues lists 18 current cosponsors of the bill.

"A 'sex-selection abortion' is an abortion undertaken for purposes of eliminating an unborn child of an undesired sex. Sex-selection abortion is barbaric, and described by scholars and civil rights advocates as an act of sex-based or gender-based violence, predicated on sex discrimination," according to the 2009 version of the bill. "By definition, sex-selection abortions do not implicate the health of the mother of the unborn, but instead are elective procedures motivated by sex or gender bias."

Similarly, "A 'race-selection abortion' is an abortion performed for purposes of eliminating an unborn child because the child or a parent of the child is of an undesired race. Race-selection abortion is barbaric, and described by civil rights advocates as an act of race-based violence, predicated on race discrimination."

—Excerpts from *LifeNews.com*  
November 29, 2011

## Pending Legislation in U.S. Congress

For detailed up-to-date bill status and to take action by contacting your legislator, go to National Right to Life's Federal Legislation: [www.capwiz.com/nrlc/issues/bills/](http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/issues/bills/)

### ABORTION

Bill Name	Number of Sponsors	Position
<b>S. 1241</b> - Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA)	32 (32 R)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>S. 906</b> - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act	37 (37 R)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>S. 877</b> - Protect Life Act	35 (35 R)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>S. 314</b> - Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act	18 (18 R)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>S. 165</b> - Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA)	9 (8 R, 1 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>S.J.RES. 21</b> - "Equal Rights Amendment" (ERA)	13 (1 I, 12 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 3130</b> - Heartbeat Informed Consent Act	45 (44 R, 1 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 2299</b> - Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA)	145 (141 R, 4 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 2059</b> - Prohibition on funding of the UNFPA	107 (105 R, 2 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 361</b> - Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA)	108 (104 R, 4 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 358</b> - Protect Life Act	145 (139 R, 6 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 217</b> - Abortion Provider Prohibition Act	176 (173 R, 3 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 3</b> - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act	227 (216 R, 11 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.R. 2</b> - Repeal of Obama health care law	182 (182 R)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
<b>H.RES. 20</b> - Resolution urging ratification of CEDAW	119 (119 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation
<b>H.J.RES. 69</b> - "Equal Rights Amendment" (ERA)	185 (7 R, 178 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation
<b>H.J.RES. 47</b> - Federal ERA "Resurrection" Resolution	31 (31 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation

### HEALTH CARE RATIONING/EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE

<b>H.R. 452</b> - Repeal "Independent Payment Advisory Board"	221 (206 R, 15 D)	We <b>SUPPORT</b> this legislation
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### HUMAN EMBRYOS (INCLUDES HUMAN CLONING)

<b>H.R. 2376</b> - DeGette-Dent Clone-and-Kill Bill	22 (7 R, 15 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation
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### ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

<b>H.R. 2543</b> - Federal restrictions on pregnancy resource centers	39 (39 D)	We <b>OPPOSE</b> this legislation
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## "Abortion Express Train" Derailed in Senate!

To the surprise of many, an attempt by Senate Democrat leaders to fast-track a funding bill laden with pro-abortion provisions, on November 15, ran into an immovable procedural wall—erected by a group of pro-life senators with the strong encouragement of National Right to Life.

Pro-abortion Senate Democrat Leader Harry Reid (D-Nv.) attempted to move to the Senate floor a so-called "mini-bus"—a measure combining three different appropriations bills.

Among other offensive provisions were sections that would have removed an existing ban on government funding of abortion in the District of Columbia, removed a longstanding ban on coverage of abortion in federal employees' health plans, and earmarked \$40 million for the United Nations Population Fund.

In addition, the bill contained a provision authored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) that would have prevented any future president from curbing funding of pro-abortion organizations overseas. The last three Republican presidents have denied overseas family-planning funds to private organizations that perform or promote abortion (the so-called "Mexico City Policy").

Senate rules do not allow appropriations bills to be combined in the way that Reid attempted, except by "unanimous consent," meaning that each senator had the right to object and prevent the combination bill from advancing. Such "unanimous consent" has been achieved in the past, for other multi-bills that did not contain pro-abortion provisions.

But pro-life Senator David Vitter (R-La.) took to the Senate floor to deny Reid the "unanimous consent" that was required. Vitter was joined by other pro-life senators, including Jim DeMint (R-SC), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), and Mike Lee (R-Utah).

"National Right to Life commends the Senators for courageously derailing the Abortion Express Train.

—Excerpts from *National Right to Life News Today*, November 15, 2011

## PA LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### Pennsylvania OKs Bill That Could Shut Down Abortion Clinics

The Pennsylvania State House signed off on a State Senate-passed bill that could close other abortion centers that, like the one run by Kermit Gosnell, fail to follow health and safety standards protecting women's health.

The bill would finally subject abortion centers into the state to regular inspections that could result in fines or closing them if they breach state health and safety laws like the one run by Gosnell in Philadelphia that was described as so dilapidated it was a "house of horrors."

The House passed SB 732 and the measure, once it gets a final Senate vote, will head to pro-life Gov. Tom Corbett, who is expected to sign the legislation into law. Passage of the bill comes the same day as Pearl Gosnell, Kermit's wife, pleaded guilty to various charges including assisting in abortions as an unlicensed clinic worker.



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Gosnell's center was found to be filthy and in violation of numerous state health and safety laws and he put women's health at risk with botched abortions that ultimately killed at least one woman and injured others. Gosnell also used a live birth abortion technique that essentially had him birthing unborn children for the sole purpose of killing them in infanticides using medical scissors to "snip" their spinal cords. The aftermath of numerous investigations found state officials ignored complaints about the abortion center and that the state government had not inspected it or other abortion businesses.

Gosnell and several staffers at his abortion center, including his wife Pearl, were arrested in January after a grand jury indicted them on multiple charges after officials raided his abortion business following a woman's death and discovered a "shop of horrors" filled with bags of bodies and body parts of deceased unborn children and babies killed in infanticides.

Pearl Gosnell, Kermit's 49-year-old wife who has no medical license, faces a charge of providing an abortion at 24 or more weeks and conspiracy and other charges.

In the raid, officials found jars containing the remains of pre-born babies dating back 30 years along with filthy and unsafe conditions and evidence that unlicensed workers had been illegally treating patients. The office has no access for a stretcher in the case of an emergency. In previous emergencies, care was delayed because exit doors were padlocked shut or blocked with debris from the clinic.

But, the grand jury investigation also showed state officials did nothing when reports came in about problems at Gosnell's abortion center, which had upset incoming pro-life Governor Tom Corbett who fired several state employees.

*—Excerpts from LifeNews.com, December 13, 2011*

### Bill Allowing PA to Opt Out of Abortion Funding Passes

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has a message for the Obama Administration: The Keystone State should opt out of abortion funding under President Obama's health care law.

The House has passed HB 1977, a common sense piece of legislation which would ensure that Pennsylvania is not forced into the abortion business as a result of the new health care reform law.

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, the state affiliate of National Right to Life, applauded the passage of HB 1977:

"Congress said states have the right to opt out of abortion coverage and we want to ensure that for the state of Pennsylvania. This continues Pennsylvania's long-standing policy of not using government resources for abortion," said Maria Vitale Gallagher, Education Director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

A Quinnipiac University poll found that 67 percent of the Americans surveyed opposed funding abortion with federal funds under the health care law.

*—Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, December 15, 2011*

### Denying Plan B Drug to Teenagers Protects Girls' Health



The recent overruling of the FDA decision to sell Plan B over the counter (OTC) to children as young as eleven years of age has engendered no small amount of outrage by proponents of the FDA plan, and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has come in for severe criticism from women's health and advocacy groups. Setting aside for a moment the undercurrent of abortion and the distrust between warring parties over the issue, this decision by Secretary Sebelius is a victory for the very children the FDA purports to serve and protect.

According to FDA labeling on Plan B:

*"Ectopic pregnancies account for approximately 2% of all reported pregnancies. Up to 10% of pregnancies reported in clinical studies of routine use of progestin-only contraceptives are ectopic."*

That represents a five-fold increase in the incidence of a potentially fatal side effect of the drug's usage in those taking the drug. The very issue proponents of OTC Plan B cite for selling to young adolescents, their fear of parental knowledge and involvement in their sex lives, heightens the risk of fatality in the very young.

Aiding and abetting the young in skirting parental involvement fosters a do-it-yourself gynecology where side-effects such as cramping, nausea, vomiting, and bleeding can serve to reinforce and heighten the fear and distrust that led to the child's self-medication in the first place. Plan B taken by a child with an existing and untreated endometriosis can lead the child into thinking that the lower abdominal pain and heavy bleeding of a resulting ectopic pregnancy may well be her monthly norm. Such a mistake can be fatal, but what is an already fearful and distrustful child to do? It is entirely unreasonable to expect children, who are notoriously ignorant of their changing physiology, to engage in self-differential diagnosis and admit their clandestine activities to the parents they fear and distrust.

In research conducted by Family Health International (FHI), January, 2003:

*"... the sine qua non of an OTC-switch is that patients should be capable of self-medicating by reading the drug's package insert. The above label comprehension tests for Plan B indicate that safe self-medication is not possible for a significant segment of the population. For example, only 75% of all respondents answered correctly that Plan B should not be taken in the presence of unexplained vaginal bleeding. Among the low-level literacy group that figure declined to 69%. Furthermore, only 67% of all respondents understood that Plan B is designed to serve as a backup for regular contraception methods, not a replacement. Among those of low-literacy this figure dropped to 46%; whereas for women of high literacy the figure was 78%. Obviously, many patients do not understand much of the drug's package insert, which argues against FDA approval of EC OTC."*

If there are any doubts about the ability of children and teens to self-prescribe such medication and act responsibly, NPR published a story about the work of Harvard's Dr. Frances Jensen that shows how the child and adolescent brain is underdeveloped in the areas responsible for critical and prudent decision making: She learned that it's not so much what teens are thinking—it's how.

Jensen says scientists used to think human brain development was pretty complete by age 10. Or as she puts it, that "a teenage brain is just an adult brain with fewer miles on it."

But it's not. To begin with, she says, a crucial part of the brain—the frontal lobes—are not fully connected.

Really.

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## Twenty-fifth Annual **Respect Life March** *Tyrone, Pennsylvania* **Sunday ♦ January 22, 2012 ♦ 12:00 noon**



A Prayer Service begins this pro-life event at 12:00 noon at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, 1105 Cameron Ave. Participants then walk the 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery, to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. All are cordially invited to spend a couple of hours with us as we publicly show our love for all of God's most defenseless children, both born and unborn. You will enjoy pro-life fellowship as we draw upon the strengths of each other to continue the battle for respect for human life at all stages, from the unborn to the terminally ill. Please join us as we walk prayerfully and meditate upon the atrocities that have taken place in our country and the world.

You are encouraged to bring a sign. If you are unable to walk the distance from the church to the cemetery, please feel free to join by driving at the end of the procession. A luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the March. For more information, call Pete Kreckel, 814-682-7311 or email [pharmcanoe@aol.com](mailto:pharmcanoe@aol.com).

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# Secretive Planned Parenthood memo: how to stop overpopulation by discouraging birth

By Abby Johnson

When I worked at Planned Parenthood, there was something that we were not allowed to talk about. If we didn't talk about it, then maybe no one else would either. It was called the Jaffe Memo. In 1969, Planned Parenthood was asked by the government to produce some ideas to help with overpopulation. They did just that. What is in the memo as a "solution" to overpopulation is astonishing. And, I'm sorry to say, it looks like the Jaffe Memo is starting to show its face in our culture.

**Memorandum to Bernard Berelson (President, Population Council) found in "Activities Relevant to the Study of Population Policy for the U.S." 3/11/69 by Frederick S. Jaffe (Vice-president of Planned Parenthood - World Population).**

**TABLE 1. Examples of Proposed Measures to Reduce U.S. Fertility, by Universality or Selectivity of Impact**

| Universal Impact                                                                            | Selective Impact Depending on Socio-Economic Status                                                                                                                                                                  | Measures Predicated on Existing Motivation to Prevent Unwanted Pregnancies                                               |                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Social Constraints                                                                          | Economic Deterrents                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Social Controls                                                                                                          |                                                                   |
| Restructure family:<br>a) Postpone or avoid marriage<br>b) Alter image of ideal family size | Modify tax policies:<br>a) Substantial marriage tax<br>b) Child Tax<br>c) Tax married more than single<br>d) Remove parents tax exemption<br>d) Additional taxes on parents with more than 1 or 2 children in school | Compulsory abortion of out-of-wedlock pregnancies                                                                        | Payments to encourage sterilization                               |
| Compulsory education of children                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Compulsory sterilization of all who have two children except for a few who would be allowed three                        | Payments to encourage contraception                               |
| Encourage increased homosexuality                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                          | Payments to encourage abortion                                    |
| Educate for family limitation                                                               | Reduce/eliminate paid maternity leave or benefits                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                          | Abortion and sterilization on demand                              |
| Fertility control agents in water supply                                                    | Reduce/eliminate children's or family allowances                                                                                                                                                                     | Confine childbearing to only a limited number of adults                                                                  | Allow certain contraceptives to be distributed non-medically      |
| Encourage women to work                                                                     | Bonuses for delayed marriage and greater child-spacing                                                                                                                                                               | Stock certificate type permits for children                                                                              | Improve contraceptive technology                                  |
|                                                                                             | Pensions for women of 45 with less than N children                                                                                                                                                                   | Housing Policies:<br>a) Discouragement of private home ownership<br>b) Stop awarding public housing based on family size | Make contraception truly available and accessible to all          |
|                                                                                             | Eliminate Welfare payemnts after first 2 children                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                          | Improve maternal health care, with family planning a core element |
|                                                                                             | <b>Chronic Depression</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |
|                                                                                             | Require women to work and provide few child care facilities                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |
|                                                                                             | Limit/eliminate public-financed medical care, scholarships, housing, loans and subsidies to families with more than N children.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |

**Source: "A Family Planning Perspectives Special Supplement" published by Planned Parenthood-World Population, NYC, NY, 1970.**

That is the memo, in its original form. Scary, isn't it? What is scarier is that some of these things are happening...and they have begun to happen under Obama's reign.

This memo was put out just over 50 years after the first Planned Parenthood clinic was opened. We are now a little over 40 years out from the publication of this memo. Look what has happened in those 90 years. Abortion has been made legal and continued to increase. Planned Parenthood is a non-profit giant in this country (and others)...just last year they grossed \$1 billion in revenue. They are pushing for no restrictions on birth control and abortion.

And guess who is right alongside them leading the charge? Our Commander in Chief, Barack Obama.

Don't be naïve. This memo is still Planned Parenthood's ultimate desire. Abortion and contraceptives on demand: that is their goal. They will do anything to make it happen, including coercion, breaking the law, underhanded deals, and dirty politics.

It is time to fight back. I do not want to live in a communist country. That, of course, would be no problem for Planned Parenthood...they would end up on top in a communist regime. Just think of what could happen in the next 50 years if pro-lifers don't stand up against this organization! FORCED abortion...it could happen. LIMITS ON CHILDREN...another possibility.

Spread this message to other people who value life. Show people what Planned Parenthood is really about. Don't be silent! Get the word out. Go pray at a clinic. Reach out to abortion clinic workers. Only vote for candidates that clearly state they will remove funding from Planned Parenthood. This memo is real...and it is really happening in our country. This is not just a fight we have on our hands...it is a war. Let's put on our armor. Truth still matters.

—LifeSiteNews.com, November 28, 2011

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## Essay Contests

Junior and High School students residing in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset Counties are invited to write an essay on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research from a pro-life perspective for the Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Essay Contest.

### Regional Contest Entries Due February 8, 2012

A copy of the essay, along with the 2012 Essay Contest Entry Form (available online at [www.centralpaprolife.org](http://www.centralpaprolife.org)), must be mailed to: **Pro-Life Essay Contest, c/o Janet Creighton, 3495 Business 220, Bedford, PA 15522** and emailed to [contact@webparish.com](mailto:contact@webparish.com) by February 8, 2012.

#### Awards: Cash or Scholarship

Sr. High (Grades 10-12) Essay Contest  
Word Limit: 750

1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Jr. High (Grades 7-9) Essay Contest  
Word Limit: 500

1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

*Students are encouraged to enter both the Regional and State Essay Contests!*

### State Contest Entries Due March 1, 2012

*Entering the Regional Contest does not automatically enter a student into the State Contest and visa versa. The region runs its contest before the state does so that students can use feedback from the Regional Contest to improve their essays for the State Contest. These are two separate contests.*

The 2012 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation "Be a Voice for the Voiceless" Essay Contest is open to PA students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. Word limit is 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Each essay must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, name of school (or the fact that the student is homeschooled) and grade. Winning essays will receive cash prizes. Deadline for entries is **March 1, 2012**. Essays can be e-mailed to [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or mailed to the **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA; 17109**.

### National Right to Life 2012 Essay Contest

Senior Essay-Grades 10-12; Junior Essay-Grades 7-9. 1st Place-\$200; 2nd-\$150; 3rd-\$100. Essays should address this question: *What effect has abortion had on your generation?* Entries must be submitted between **December 19, 2011 and January 23, 2012**. Please refer to the National Essay Contest details at [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org), under the "Special Events" tab.

## Oratory Contests



The Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Oratory Contest is open to all 9th - 12th grade students in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset Counties.

Students must prepare a five to seven minute Pro-Life talk on Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia or Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

A written copy of the speech, along with the 2012 Oratory Contest Entry Form (available online at [www.centralpaprolife.org](http://www.centralpaprolife.org)), must be mailed to: **Pro-Life Oratory Contest, c/o Janet Creighton, 3495 Business 220, Bedford, PA 15522** and emailed to [contact@webparish.com](mailto:contact@webparish.com) by February 8, 2012.

Speeches must be from a pro-life perspective and delivered as written, but need not be memorized. The student may use a podium and appropriate hand gestures but may not use props.

**Regional Oratory Contest Dates**  
**Written Copy Due: February 8, 2012**  
**Regional Competition: February 19, 2012**

#### Awards

Varsity (Grades 11 & 12) Oratory Contest  
1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Novice (Grades 9 & 10) Oratory Contest  
1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

★ *Top Two Regional Varsity Winners Go to State Competition (see below)*

#### Pro-Life Dinner Invite

All regional winners will be invited as our guests to the Bedford County Annual Pro-Life Dinner. The top two Varsity winners will be invited to speak at the dinner, preceding the guest speaker.



### Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest

High School Juniors and Seniors interested in competing in the state contest should contact Education Director, Maria Vitale by March 1, 2012 at [vitale@paprolife.org](mailto:vitale@paprolife.org) or 717-541-0034.

Winner of PA state contest wins an all expense-paid trip to the national contest at the National Right to Life Convention, summer 2012!

## Citizens Concerned for Human Life Needs YOU!

Help the Blair County Chapter of CCHL in its pro-life efforts! We really need your membership donations to help continue the printing and mailing of our newsletter and other pro-life materials, to sponsor Life Chain in October and the March for Life buses to Washington each January.

Our existence as a pro-life organization in this community is dependent on your support. Please consider a membership donation (see form at bottom of next page) or a gift membership (see related article on this page).

Another great way to help contribute is by sending in a donation in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, graduation or anniversary of someone near and dear to you. Blair County *Life News* will publish your name as well as the names of those you are honoring and/or remembering. Instead of flowers or a card, your donation will help us save lives. See article on the next page.

*In matters of style, swim with the current;  
in matters of principle, stand like a rock.*

—Thomas Jefferson

## Denying Plan B Drug to Teenagers

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"It's the part of the brain that says: 'Is this a good idea? What is the consequence of this action?'" Jensen says. "It's not that they don't have a frontal lobe. And they can use it. But they're going to access it more slowly."

Do-it-yourself gynecology is bad medicine for the young, and our daughters deserve better than such callous disregard for their lack of knowledge of their bodies, lack of impulse control, and lack of sufficient neurological development to enable them to make reasonable and informed decisions. For those who lack trust in the experience and wisdom of the adults who know them best, it is all the more imperative that we ensure they don't fall victim to pharmaceutical merchants and their allies who would exploit the callowness of their youth.

For the women's groups howling with rage at Sebelius, I remember a time when feminism demanded medicine's best for women, not do-it-yourself gynecology for our teenage and pre-teen daughters.

—Gerald Nadal, Ph.D., *LifeNews.com*, December 9, 2011

*"Many people want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologize for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you are right, and you know it, speak your mind. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is still the truth."* —Ghandi

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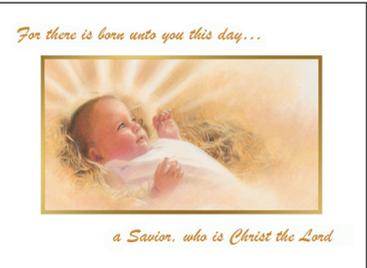
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## Pro-Life Christmas Cards - Thank You!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported CCHL with our Christmas card fundraiser this past year, either by helping to sell the cards or by your purchase of them. A special note of appreciation to the pastors who welcomed the availability of our cards to their parishioners. Look for our Pro-Life Christmas cards in the future!



PEACE ON EARTH



*For there is born unto you this day...*

*a Savior, who is Christ the Lord*

## Crisis Hotline Numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call *Birthright*, 2706 7th Ave., Altoona, 814-943-8185; or *Precious Life, Inc.*, 1716 12th Ave., Altoona, 814-944-2669. For post-abortion counseling, contact *Project Rachel*, 814-884-8000; [www.ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org](http://www.ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org); or *Rachel's Vineyard*, 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463); [www.rachelsvineyard.org/](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/). For information on Natural Family Planning, go to: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org) or [www.familyplanning.net](http://www.familyplanning.net). For those with life-limiting illnesses, contact *Home Nursing Agency*, 201 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona 16603, 814-946-5411, 1-800-445-6262 or email: [help@homenursingagency.com](mailto:help@homenursingagency.com). Family Life, Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown, offers pastoral guidance, call 814-886-5551; email: [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org).

# From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

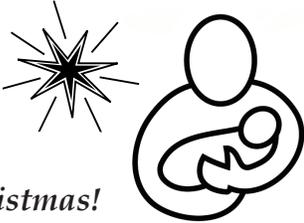
This issue gives us an opportunity to understand what has happened in our country over the last forty years.

The Jaffe memo in Abby Johnson's article shows us the goals of Planned Parenthood and explains some of the actions of our government over those years.

Today, the Obama administration is attempting to financially coerce many third world countries to accept practices that those countries find morally repugnant.

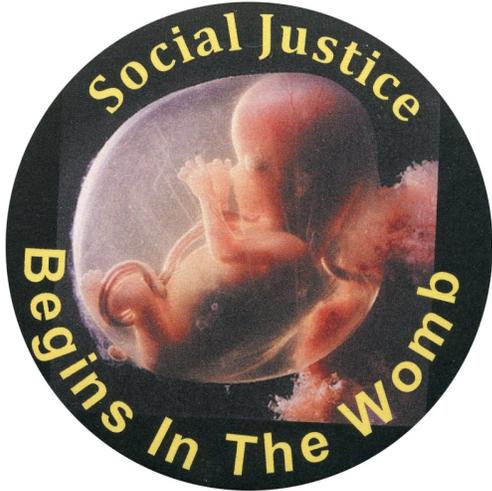
We have an opportunity to show our support for "life" by participating in the Tyrone March (page 5), the Cathedral prayer service with Bishop Bartchak and Msgr. Mazur, and going to Washington with thousands of others for the March for Life (front page).

Let us rejoice in the gift of LIFE this blessed season and do our best to protect and preserve it.



**Merry Christmas!**

—R. Thomas Forr, Jr., President, Blair County Chapter Citizens Concerned for Human Life



# Regional CCHL Chapter News

## Centre County CCHL

The annual auction and raffle to benefit Centre County Citizens Concerned for Human Life will be held on **Saturday, February 11, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 Stratford Dr., State College, at 10:00 a.m.** Doors open at 9:00 a.m. For more details, contact **Sue Rogacs, 814-238-9590, or rogacs@comcast.net.**

## Donations In Loving Memory or In Honor of Your Loved Ones



Donations may be made to Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life, in memory of loved ones who have died. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Inc., will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Your gift will be recognized in an issue of *Blair Life News*. Send your donations to **Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Inc. (CCHL), 2715 Third St., Altoona, PA 16601.** Thank you!



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## *Pearls of Wisdom*

# **ROE V. WADE WAKE UP**

*Editor's Note: The two articles that follow are really companion pieces, even if published by two different sources. The first one can be found on Live Action's web page and the second can be found on Wisconsin Right to Life's web page. Before you read them, ask yourself how well you know the effects of the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973. The last sentence in the article from Live Action (emphasized in italics, bold font and underlined by your editor) is probably one of the most important you will ever read.*

### **ARTICLE #1**

#### **How Well Do You Know Roe?**

A recent Gallup poll (July 2011) showed that more Americans lean pro-life than we may think when it comes to abortion practices—that's the good news. The bad news is that these same poll results also indicate that many Americans are very misinformed about the effects of *Roe v. Wade*.

From *LifeNews*: The poll found 87 percent of respondents favored laws requiring doctors to tell women about the possible risks of abortion, 71 percent favored parental consent laws, 69 percent favored a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion, 64 percent favored a ban on partial birth abortion and 50 percent favored a law requiring women seeking abortions to be shown an image of their ultrasound.

...the vast majority of Americans oppose abortion after the first trimester, more than 2/3 of poll takers (71 percent) thought abortion should be illegal in the second three months of pregnancy and nearly 90 percent favored making abortion illegal in the third trimester.

If Gallup had asked these same poll takers whether they thought *Roe v. Wade* was a good decision, the majority of them would have probably said "yes." ...58 percent of Americans [think] *Roe v. Wade* was a good decision.

So how can 71 percent of Americans favor a policy which can't happen because of a ruling 58 percent of Americans think was good? The answer is—Americans don't know *Roe*.

*As members of the pro-life movement, it's our job to stay informed so that we can continue to do our part in educating others on the facts of abortion.* —liveaction.org

### **ARTICLE #2**

#### **1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Decisions Legalized Abortion in the U.S. for the Full Nine Months of Pregnancy**

Prior to 1967, abortion was prohibited in all 50 states except when the mother's life was in danger. Between 1967 and 1973, 18 states added further exceptions, mostly to allow abortion in cases of rape and incest, or for certain limited medical reasons, or on demand (New York).

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered two decisions, *Roe v. Wade*<sup>1</sup> and *Doe v. Bolton*<sup>2</sup> which, taken together, have allowed legal abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy in all 50 states. The two original decisions established legal abortion as follows:

1. In the first three months of pregnancy, no one can interfere with a woman's decision to abort her child.

2. After the first three months, but before the "viability" of the unborn child, an individual state can enact laws to protect the health of the mother but cannot prohibit the abortion of the unborn child.

3. After "viability" of the unborn child, an individual state can, if it chooses to do so, enact laws to protect the unborn child, but abortion must be allowed if the life or "health" of the mother is at stake. The Supreme Court defined "health" as "the medical judgment that may be exercised in light of all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health."<sup>2</sup>

Consequently, the broad definition of "health" has made abortion legal up to the moment of birth.

<sup>1</sup>*Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113

<sup>2</sup>*Doe v. Bolton*, 410 U.S. 179