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“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”

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How You Vote WILL Affect Abortions in this Country!

If you say, “I have not had an abortion” or “I do not want other people to have an abortion,” but you support candidates for public office who do support abortion, then ***this is how you directly support abortion in our country – when you vote for people for public office that profess to be pro-abortion and not pro-life!***

Here is what these pro-abortion candidates do once they are elected:

- They vote for abortion laws and abortion policies.
- They vote to confirm judges who will rule on abortion laws.
- They vote to elect liberal members of their party to leadership positions who support abortion and abortion policies that have power to kill pro-life bills before they ever come up for a vote.
- These liberal members of the party, if they are in the majority, keep pro-life policies from ever seeing the light of day, in other words, they effectively help to kill the pro-life bills/policies.

These are just a few of the ways you support abortion by your vote if you vote for candidates who support abortion. If you wish to vote pro-life, find out how the candidates stand on the abortion issues and other life issues. Don't be deceived by churches or other organizations that put more weight on issues such as capital punishment and immigration than the real life issues of abortion and euthanasia.

Another point you need to remember is just because a candidate says they are pro-life does not mean they really are. That is why Right to Life checks voting records (if they are an incumbent) or public statements made by the candidate to make sure they really are pro-life. Find out how they stand on the abortion issue and then the choice is up to you!

2018 Banquet Book

As of now we will move forward with the 2018 banquet book. It looks like we will try it one more year. We were not sure we were going to be able to do so because it takes a great deal of time and effort in contacting all the sponsors. We are hard pressed to find the help to make all the follow-up calls as sometimes people are slow to respond and it takes several times trying to make the contact.

It is a nice fund raiser for us but it is a great deal of work and help is needed to complete this task. I know I have mentioned that people have a tendency to put the letter aside when we send out the renewal letters and we have to follow up in order to get the ads in. We are asking ad sponsors to respond in a timely manner. If you wish to help with this, contact Louie Kavanaugh Jr. at 812-486-3658. The biggest issue we have is the follow-up to individuals to get the ads or the money sent in. If you can help in any way, please contact us.

If You Have not Attended Before, Plan to Attend the 2018 Banquet!

If you have not attended a Right to Life banquet, you might consider doing so. If you are pro-life, show your support to the movement by your attendance at these banquets. These individuals have given so much of their lives to the organization and to the movement, and your presence at the banquet would mean so much to them. It would also be a huge encouragement to them to continue in this battle. So please consider going to the banquet on October 4th; I don't think you will regret it.

Telling Words From Abortionists

“They (the women) are never allowed to look at the ultrasound because we knew that if they so much as heard the heartbeat, they wouldn't to have an abortion.”

—Dr. Randall, former abortionist

“Even now I feel a little peculiar about it, because as a physician I was trained to conserve life and here I am destroying it.”

—Dr. Benjamin Kalish, abortionist

2018 Right to Life Banquet set for Thursday, October 4 at Simon J. Graber Building, Terry Beatley Speaker

Right to Life is happy to announce that Terry Beatley will be the main speaker at the Right to Life banquet on October 4 of this year. Beatley wrote the book *What If We've Been Wrong?* which details information given by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the man most responsible for promoting abortion before it became legal. Dr. Nathanson (who died in 2011) later repented for this and converted to the pro-life cause and also converted to Christianity. Nathanson was the banquet speaker here in Daviess Co. in October of 1988. Terry Beatley interviewed Dr. Nathanson and promised she would tell what really happened back then and how abortion became accepted. In the book, Beatley relates what Dr. Nathanson told her about how they deceived the American people in various ways in order for them to accept abortion. We will have more information on our web site (www.daviesscountyrtil.com) on Terry Beatley and her book, which was published in September of 2016. We invite you to reserve the date of October 4th of this year to hear this special lady who is on a mission to tell the world what actually happened to make abortion accepted here in America. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.



Terry Beatley, author of the book *What If We've Been Wrong?*

Kentucky Senate Joins House in Approving Ban on Dismemberment Abortions *By Dave Andrusko*

Kentucky is on the brink of becoming the ninth state to approve a ban on the vicious and gruesome practice of dismemberment abortions. By an overwhelming vote of 31-5, the Kentucky Senate on Thursday approved House Bill 454. On March 12 the House approved a slightly different version of HB 454 by an equally one-sided vote of 71-11.



Kentucky State Rep. Addia Wuchner

Eight states have already passed bans on dismemberment abortions: Kansas (2015); Oklahoma (2015); West Virginia (2016); Mississippi (2016); Alabama (2016); Louisiana (2016); Arkansas (2017); and Texas (2017).

During discussion in the Senate Judiciary Committee, the "ACLU of Kentucky and other people who testified against the proposal this year say the bill will significantly reduce women's access to safe abortions," according to Morgan Watkins of the *Louisville Courier Journal* whose story did not make a

pretense at balance. In addition, they complained that the bill would be challenged in court and cost the state money.

Reuter's Steve Bittenbender reported that "Addia Wuchner, a Republican, tweeted after a state Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, that her bill protects 'unborn children in Kentucky from intentional bodily dismemberment.'" In a dismemberment abortion, a living baby is pulled out, a piece at a time. The abortionist uses clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors, or similar instruments that, "through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush, and /or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body to cut or rip it off."

Watkins' attempt to minimize the brutality was to tell readers that the baby is small and weighs only a few ounces at 11 weeks. Bittenbender quoted the abortion industry's in-house think tank to tell readers that most abortions are done in the first trimester:

While dilation and evacuation is used in most second-trimester abortions, nearly 90 percent of all abortions are performed in the first trimester, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Neither addressed what South Carolina State Sen. Katrina Shea said during debate in that state's Senate Medical Affairs Committee over its ban on dismemberment abortions:

"If this was a bill about puppies" Sen. Shealy added, "we would have people lined so far down that hall to save a dog that we couldn't get them in the building. I cannot even understand why we are having an argument here."

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Ind. Gov. Holcomb Signs Historic Bill Allowing Additional Murder Charges if Murder Victim Is Pregnant

SEA 203 rightfully recognizes an unborn child's humanity

INDIANAPOLIS – Over the weekend, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed historic legislation that allows additional murder charges if a murder victim is pregnant. SEA 203 permits charges of murder, manslaughter, and feticide against any person killing an unborn child, at any stage of development, during the commission of a felony.

SEA 203 passed the Indiana House on Feb. 27 by a vote of 96-3. It passed the Indiana Senate on Feb. 1 by a vote of 42-6. Sen. Aaron Freeman authored the bill after hearing from a woman in his district whose pregnant daughter and grandchild were killed in a homicide. Freeman said, “If someone kills a pregnant woman, they should not only be tried for her death, but also the death of the fetus.”

“We applaud Gov. Holcomb for signing this groundbreaking legislation that recognizes an unborn child’s humanity,” said Sue Swayze Liebel, Indiana Right to Life Vice President of Public Affairs. “This law will deliver justice to the families grieving the loss of two lives when a pregnant woman is tragically murdered.”

Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life offered the following statement when the SEA 203 became eligible for Holcomb’s signature:

“Indiana Right to Life applauds the passage of SB 203 as a powerful step forward in recognizing and protecting the full humanity of unborn children at any stage of development. The recognition of the worth of a child killed during a felony further places Roe v. Wade on a collision course with law and history. We are committed to doubling down on efforts to bring about a majority on the Supreme Court that will strictly interpret the constitution, dismantle Roe, and provide full protection for all unborn children, including those who are targeted for abortion.”



Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb

Pro-Life Democrat Defeating Pro-Abortion Democrat Totally Ignored by Networks *By Dave Andrusko, National Right to Life*

Kudos to Scott Whitlock of *Newsbusters* for a first-rate column headlined, “Media Yawn as Pro-Life Democrat Beats Back Hard-Left Challenger.” The contest was very unusual, not that it was pro-life versus pro-abortion, but that it featured a pro-life Democrat versus a pro-abortion Democrat. This primary battle was a very significant test of the Democratic Party’s compulsion to eliminate every pro-life Democrat, in this case Rep. Dan Lipinski.



Dan Lipinski

Let me start with the obvious contrast in media coverage. Suppose for the sake of discussion, pro-abortion Marie Newman had defeated pro-life incumbent Rep. Lipinski in Tuesday’s Democratic primary for Illinois’ 3rd congressional seat. All the qualities that made Rep.

Lipinski so important to National Right to Life and the pro-life community in general would have been turned by ABC and NBC into evidence explaining why he had lost!

For example, during the current 115th Congress, Lipinski, who has served in Congress since 2005, cosponsored and voted for the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” legislation

to protect unborn children at 20 weeks, a point by which science demonstrates the unborn child is capable of experiencing great pain when being killed by dismemberment or other late abortion methods.

Lipinski also cosponsored and voted for the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” a bill that would establish a permanent, government-wide policy against funding abortions or health plans that cover abortions.

But because Rep. Lipinski defeated Newman 51% to 49%, not a whisper from ABC and NBC. Had Newman prevailed, those same networks would have told us how decisively it was that NARAL and EMILY’s List, and Planned Parenthood’s political arm poured scads of cash into the primary.

Near the end of his post, Whitlock observed:

Despite a combined six hours of available air time on Wednesday, NBC’s Today and ABC’s Good Morning America skipped the story. (The first hour of CBS This Morning was preempted in much of the east coast due to snow coverage. But This Morning did not cover it in the second hour.)

Party primaries often don’t get much coverage, but if a conservative Democrat had lost to a Trump-hating progressive, it seems likelier that journalists would have shown some interest. It would have been massive. Congratulations to Rep. Lipinski!

Cardinal Timothy Dolan: Democrat Party Has “Slammed the Door” on Catholics by Worshiping Abortion

Micaiah Bilger

Catholic Cardinal Timothy Dolan criticized the Democratic Party for “slamming the door” on Catholics and their values. In an op-ed for the *Wall Street Journal* on Friday, Dolan said the political party has abandoned the most vulnerable members of society by embracing abortion on demand.

“It saddens me, and weakens the democracy millions of Americans cherish, when the party that once embraced Catholics now slams the door on us,” wrote Dolan, leader of the Archdiocese of New York. The Catholic Church is one of the strongest advocates for unborn babies in the world; it teaches that every human life, from conception to natural death, is valuable and worthy of protection.

Democrat leaders once championed themselves as advocates for the most vulnerable in society and welcomed pro-life candidates. However, the party increasingly has adopted a radical pro-abortion stance and pushed out elected officials who do not toe the party line. Dolan criticized Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez for insisting “that pro-life candidates have no place in the modern Democratic Party.”

He slammed the party, not just for abandoning unborn babies but also for openly celebrating those who destroy babies’ lives. As CNA reports: He pointed to the party’s recent refusal to support incumbent Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL), who is one of the few remaining pro-life Democrats in Congress, in a tight primary race.

Dolan was particularly critical of a proposed New York law titled the “Reproductive Health Act,” which he says would “morbidly expand” the “most radical abortion license in the country.” The New York State Assembly is overwhelmingly Democrat.

“For instance, under the proposed Reproductive Health Act, doctors would not be required to care for a baby who survives an abortion. The newborn simply would be allowed to die without any legal implications,” wrote Dolan.... Dolan said believes that the Democrats of today have abandoned many of the tenets that made the party attractive to Catholics generations ago. Dolan also pointed to other issues, including school choice



Cardinal Timothy Dolan

programs and tax credits for education, where the Democratic Party and Catholics now differ.

As was evident in the recent Illinois election, abortion on demand has become a key issue for the party. In 2016, the DNC approved a platform calling for full support of abortions for any reason up to birth and taxpayer funding of abortions. Both are widely unpopular positions among the general public. Many pro-lifers are leaving the Democratic Party because it has stopped supporting pro-life laws and advocates for life like Lipinski. A Massachusetts mayor recently announced his decision to leave, disgusted by the party’s demand that unborn babies be sacrificed and their deaths celebrated.

“The dignity and sanctity of human life, the importance of Catholic schools, and the defense of a baby’s civil rights” are “widely embraced by Catholics,” Dolan said. “This often led Catholics to become loyal Democrats. I remember my own grandmother whispering to me, ‘We Catholics don’t trust those Republicans.’” Now, however, Dolan said the DNC has rejected “the needs of poor and middle-class children in Catholic schools, and the right to life of the baby in the womb.”

March for Our Lives Counter-Protestor Says “Abortion Kills More People than Guns”

Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC

A counter-protester who held pro-life signs during the March for Our Lives over the weekend says that the focus of the event is ignoring the bigger form of violence. The pro-life advocate says the march really needs to be focused on how abortion kills unborn children — because they are victimized by violence at far greater numbers than those who are killed by guns.

Victims of both gun violence and abortion violence should be remembered, and the destruction of human life as a result of either is certainly a tragedy. But the 53-year-old Indiana man who counter-protested says that people need to keep in perspective how abortion kills many times more people every day than guns do:

At the intersection of 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Phil Miedzinski stands with a huge banner that reads: “Rethink your outrage. Guns kill 18 youths daily. Abortion kills 3,500 daily.”

“I want the outrage to go both ways. Abortion kills more people than guns,” Miedzinski said. He says he’s been getting yelled at, a lot. “Who are you, some white dude, to say this to me?” a woman walking by shouted. “You’re killing children,” Miedzinski called back. Miedzinski, a 53-year-old Uber driver from Indian Head, Md., says his Christian faith, not political positions, motivates him to do this. A few people made supportive comments. “Keep up the good work,” one woman whispered to him as she walked by.



Spring Primary Voter Guide - May 8th

Note: This Information is Not Meant as an Endorsement of either Candidate. The sole purpose is to inform the voter how each Candidate stands on the abortion issue. The Voter's choice is their own. The following covers candidates for Federal Races in our area that have opposition. Those with no opposition may be listed separate depending on the race.

Voters must be registered to vote by the end of the day on Monday April 9th in order to vote on May 8th.
Early Voting Begins at the Court House on Tuesday April 10th.

US Senate From Indiana

Mike Braun	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right to Life P.A.C)
Todd Rokita	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right to Life P.A.C)
Luke Messer	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right to Life P.A.C)
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Joe Donnelly	(Dem) Mixed Voting Record on Pro-Life Issues, Not a Strong Pro-Life Vote, Supports Pro-Abortion Leaders in Dem. Party, (Unopposed in Primary)

US Congress 8th District

Larry Bucshon	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Ind. Right to Life P.A.C.)
Richard Moss	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position
Rachel Covington	(Rep) Did not Respond to Survey
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William Tanoos	(Dem) Unopposed in Primary

State Representative District 63

Shane Lindauer	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position, (Unopposed in Primary)
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Joe Lannan	(Dem) Views are Unclear
Dennis Tedrow	(Dem) Did not Respond to Survey

State Representative District 64

Matt Hostettler	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Ind. Right to Life P.A.C.)
Bruce W. Ungethiem	(Rep) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Ind. Right to Life P.A.C.)
Ken Beckerman	(Rep) Did not Respond to Survey
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No Opposition on the Democratic Ticket in District 64 in Spring Primary	

State House District 45 and Senate District 39 & 48

Bruce Borders	House District 45: No opposition in the Spring Primary.
State Senator Eric Bassler	Districts 39: No opposition in the Spring Primary.
State Senator Mark Messmer	District 48: No opposition in the Spring Primary

These candidates may have oppositions in the Fall Elections as someone could be appointed to run for the Fall Election.

Note: If you see the following after the Candidate's name, "**Views are Unclear**" This means the Candidate was not clear in their response to the questionnaire to make a final judgment. They also may be avoiding the issue or not letting their views on abortion be known by not responding to the Right to Life PAC Questionnaire.

Endorsements are made by Indiana Right to Life Political Action Committee and it is based on questionnaires that are completed by the candidates, voting record and public statements by the candidates,

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Election Year 2018, Who is Running?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

The 2018 Spring Primary is May the 8th, do you know who is running and what they stand for? In Indiana one major race will be for U.S. Senate where the present Senator Joe Donnelly will seek re-election after a full term in office. When Donnelly was elected he portrayed himself as pro-life but he has not gone far from his pro-abortion democratic party. The pro-life movement has not been happy with him during his years in office. When Donnelly served in the U.S. House he voted pro-life most of the time but now that he is in the U.S. Senate the pressure is on by his pro-abortion Democratic party and the pro-abortion leadership. So if he wants to keep his party's money flowing to his campaign he has to vote with them. This does not mean he has been a strong pro-abortion supported but the pro-life movement cannot depend on his vote to save the lives of the unborn.

Several Republican Candidates have lined up to run against him including Congressman Luke Messer, Congressman Todd Rokita and former State Representative Mike Braun. All three men have solid pro-life voting records and will get the endorsement from the Indiana Right to Life P.A.C. Mike Braun a former State Representative from District 63 has made a major impact in the last few months and has pulled close to Rokita and Messer in the polls. Rokita and Messer were favored to be the front runners early in the race but they battled each other and they may have turned off some of the voters. In the meantime Braun has been coming up fast but the name recognition may hurt him in the end. All three republicans have strong pro-life credentials and would be a much more dependable pro-life vote than Senator Donnelly and that may be the deciding factor in the fall election. Even though that President Trump won Indiana by 20% over Hilary Clinton in Indiana during the 2016 presidential election but it is expected that it will a tough race to unseat Donnelly and it appears it will be a close senate race here in Indiana.

In the race for 8th District Congressional race Congressman Larry Bucshon is once again being challenged by Dr. Richard Moss who is going all out in his bid to unseat the incumbent. Even though both are pro-life Bucshon will receive the endorsement of Indiana Right to Life P.A.C because of his strong pro-life stand and his voting record while serving as a congressman. Some pro-life people worry that this race is getting ugly and could damage whoever wins in their bid to keep the seat in Republican hands against Democrat William Tanoos. It is unclear how Tanoos will stand on the pro-life issue but if he expects support from the Democrat Party he likely will not be a good pro-life vote. This is an important race as the U.S. House as the House in danger of falling into the hands of liberal pro-abortion Democrats. There will be races for State Representative and State Senate but most will be in the fall election.

Vote Pro-life During This Election Year:

As we begin the 2018 Election Year we want to express to all our readers that we highly encourage voters to vote Pro-Life for all offices in this election year. **Voting Pro-Life means voting for Candidates** who not only say they are pro-life and against abortion but are willing to vote that way. The Right to Life P.A.C. has checked the background of those candidates running for office and we feel confident in their assessment.

If you don't know how the Candidates stand on the Abortion Issue, check out our web site at www.daviesscountyrtl.com or watch the newspapers for our voter guide. If you vote for pro-abortion candidates, you are working against everything we are trying to do and you might as well be contributing to pro- abortion Candidate's campaign.

So, Please Vote Pro Life and encourage your Family and Friends to do so!

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Media Coverage of Gun-Control March vs. March for Life Puts Leftist “Compassion” in Perspective

WASHINGTON, DC, March 26, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – This weekend saw the “March for Our Lives,” in which scores of teenagers (organized by a who’s-who of left-wing groups, including Planned Parenthood and MoveOn.org) descended on Washington, DC to demand tougher gun control laws, ostensibly to prevent future school shootings like last month’s tragedy in Parkland, Florida.

“There cannot be two sides to doing everything in our power to ensure the lives and futures of children who are at risk of dying when they should be learning, playing, and growing,” the march’s official mission statement reads. Marching through the nation’s capital, a hot-button issue, youth activism, saving children’s lives...sound familiar? There are a few obvious parallels between Saturday’s event and January’s annual March for Life, also in D.C., which makes it all the more glaring how differently the mainstream media covered the two.

The gun-control march received breathless headlines about students “taking aim at the NRA” and voicing their expectations for politicians, and features on the “most powerful signs” held by protestors, the “most powerful young speakers,” and the “most memorable moments.” Most of the headlines matter-of-factly run with the name “March for Our Lives,” often without referencing gun control or providing so much as a quotation mark to distance their pretense of objectivity from the event’s self-serving branding.

“CNN and MSNBC have extensive, all-day coverage planned. CNN starts special coverage at 6 a.m. Saturday, while MSNBC rolls at 8 a.m.,” the Baltimore Sun’s David Zurawik wrote Friday. *Meet the Press* host Chuck Todd even declared the march “right up there” with the civil rights demonstrations of the 1960s.

The March for Life is also massively attended every year. It’s also dominated by passionate young people. It also has unforgettable signs and powerful speeches by national leaders, celebrities, and individuals directly affected by the issue.

Yet how much airtime did ABC, NBC, and CBS devote to the most recent march protesting abortion? Less than two minutes in the Friday leading up to the event, despite the fact that this year Donald Trump became the first sitting president to address it via live video. (In fairness, the march got a whopping 21 minutes, 51 seconds the year before, thanks to the newly-elected Trump sending Vice President Mike Pence and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway to the march.)

And when the press did cover it, it tended to be with headlines like “Abortion opponents march in D.C.” or “President Reaches Out To Foes Of Abortion,” and “Photos: Anti-Abortion Activists ‘March for Life’ in DC.”

March for Life coverage took pains to identify the underlying issue being protested. There’s nothing inherently wrong with that. But it is a suspicious contrast to the framing of the March for Our Lives as a broad, unifying stand for “school safety” rather than putting its gun-control objective front and center.

In fairness, at least one ABC News segment acknowledged the March for Life’s “huge crowds,” but overall there was nothing like this past month’s anti-gun adulation, no special features on the pro-life event’s amazing speeches, moments, or personal stories.

In fact, NewsBusters notes that some outlets such as *USA Today* are even exaggerating the March for Our Lives’ popularity, taking at face value organizers’ claim to have had roughly 800,000 attendees after it was determined it probably only got around 200,000 – a turnout far smaller than the 400,000 the March for Life is believed to have gotten in 2012 or the 650,000 it got in 2013.

The reason for the double standard is no mystery. The mainstream media vastly prefers one to the other, and does everything they can short of saying so to get you to prefer it, too. Nor is it a shocker that the media is biased against the pro-life cause. But given the events’ parallels, the double standard offers one of the best examples yet of the Left’s moral insincerity.

Whatever one thinks the solution to gun violence may be, there’s an inarguable difference between 122 mass school shooting deaths since 1999 and over 900,000 abortion deaths every year, between horrific failures of existing protections and horrors continued because the law *forbids* protections. Yet not only are those most self-righteous about the former AWOL on the latter, they actively support the side of killing.

So, don’t let anyone tell you leftists simply want to ensure everyone has a life free from violence.

Do You Ever Wonder About Judges who Rule in Favor Of Liberal Agenda? *By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

Recently I saw where a southern state passed a very good pro-life bill only to have a liberal judge put it on hold the next day. I wondered about this judge so I went online and sure enough it was a judge appointed by the most pro-abortion president we have ever had – Barak Obama. This is becoming a common practice as pro-life laws or laws that support Christian values are passed in state legislatures – the ACLU or liberal attorneys will go to district courts where they know liberal judges preside and appeal these cases. Many of the judges were appointed by the pro-abortion President Obama, so you can pretty well guess how they would rule. President Trump is appointing good pro-life judges, but the Democrats in the U.S. Senate are using every trick in the book to delay and sometimes kill these appointments. The Senate rules are very cumbersome; and just because the Republicans have a slight majority in the Senate, it does not mean they can get the appointment through. We can only hope this will improve, but don’t bet on it.

"I Didn't Realize Abortion Bothered Me Until..." *By Cullen Herout*

In April of 2011, I began working with the post-abortion ministry Rachel's Vineyard. Over the years, I have had the privilege of hearing the stories of many women and men who have an abortion in their past. Each and every story that I've heard is unique, complex, and riveting in its own way, and through these stories, I have come to a deeper understanding of the mental, social, and relational impact that abortion can have in a person's life.

One of the things that always strikes me when I reflect on the stories I've heard is the variation in the amount of the time that passes before individuals decide they want to share their abortion stories and explore how the abortion has negatively impacted their lives. Sometimes it takes women (and men) five or 10 years before they are willing to explore the topic. Sometimes it is several decades before they are ready to address it. Many times, it is even longer than that. We once had an 85-year-old woman attend a retreat. Forty-five years after the fact, she had finally decided she was ready to take steps to put the abortion in her past.

It is a fascinating, and simultaneously tragic, thing to see how long the pain of abortion can stay hidden in a person's life. Perhaps equally as interesting is exploring how each of these individuals came to understand that abortion had a negative impact on their lives. Many times, these individuals acknowledge that they have spent many years trying to rationalize their abortions. Some have admitted that they became staunchly pro-choice in an effort to justify the abortion in their pasts. Some have simply suppressed the negative feelings, afraid that if they were to verbalize any negativity, they would be forced to address the problems that arise as a result. Still others have never told anyone of the abortion in the first place and believe they have nowhere to turn to share their thoughts or feelings.

There are myriad reasons why a person might wait many years before addressing the negative consequences that arose as the result of choosing abortion. But for each of these individuals who eventually come to verbalize remorse or negative thoughts regarding their abortion, there is a moment in which the realization of the negative impact of their abortions is made. There is a moment when the need for help becomes clear. This moment can often catch these individuals by surprise, especially if the negative thoughts and feelings have been suppressed or ignored over the course of time.

For some, the negative responses to abortion were clear, but the magnitude was not. For others, the moment was simply the straw that broke the proverbial camel's back. Some are surprised that they eventually feel any negative thoughts at all. Whatever the case may be, each of the individuals has a moment where they realize that the abortion has impacted them more than they have realized.

We can call this the "I didn't realize how much the abortion bothered me until" moment. Again, this moment is unique for each individual, but here are some examples that I've heard multiple times. "I didn't realize how much the abortion bothered me until..."

... I was pregnant with my second child, a child that I wanted.

... my marriage was falling apart, and I realized my abortion was still impacting my relationship.

... I saw an ultrasound picture of a baby that was the same age as mine when I aborted him.

... I overheard a friend talking about abortion procedures.

... my best friend had a baby and I realized that I didn't want to hold her.

... I realized that I couldn't trust anyone. And the reason I couldn't trust anyone was because I couldn't trust myself, and the reason I couldn't trust myself was because of my abortion. I couldn't take care of my baby.

... many years later when I began to realize that there should be one more person at all of our holiday gatherings.

... I saw a counselor and realized that all my alcohol consumption was just an effort to drown out thoughts of my abortion."

These examples demonstrate how powerful the psyche can be in covering pain in one's past. They also highlight how disingenuous it is to claim that abortion has no significant psychological impact on those who choose it.

Indeed, these examples stand in contrast to a culture that peddles the narrative of harmless abortion. Truly, there are many abortion defenders who want everyone to believe that abortion does not harm women, that there is no psychological impact and that it is simply another medical procedure.

And it is certainly true that there are some women who never feel any regret or negative feelings about their abortions. Conversely, there are women who are bothered by it from the minute they walk out of the clinic.

Women (and men) respond differently to abortion, especially when taking a longitudinal view. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to categorizing these responses, but as the above examples demonstrate, asserting that all post-abortive individuals experience the same response is to over-simplify the post-abortion experience.

This, in turn, becomes an injustice toward individuals whose negative responses are not validated. These individuals may feel or think that they are not welcome to seek help after an abortion, or may assume that the problem is "all in their head."

As a result, these individuals may never experience the benefits that come with sharing one's abortion story.

All that is to say, it's a dangerous endeavor to claim that abortion has no psychological impact on the individuals who choose it. The claim ignores the many interconnected dimensions of the human person and the human psyche. It also ignores the countless stories and testimonies of those who have verbalized negative thoughts or feelings stemming from their abortions.

The examples of the individuals whose stories I've heard show us that we ought to recognize that abortion responses

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Observations, 2 Predictions in NIFLA v. Becerra *By Noel Sterett*

On March 20, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *NIFLA v. Becerra*, a case involving California's effort to restrict and compel the speech of pro-life pregnancy help centers.

Since Mauck & Baker had filed an amicus brief in the case on behalf of twenty-three Illinois centers, I made sure to get a front row seat for the argument and it didn't disappoint. As a witness to the arguments that were being made both in and outside the court room on Tuesday, here are three observations and two predictions.

Observation 1: California could not point to any actual evidence that pro-life pregnancy care centers have engaged in the type of misleading and fraudulent behavior of which they are accused. Accusations that these centers "pose as abortion clinics" or are "fake clinics" are being made daily by pro-abortion interest groups and politicians under the new hashtag #EndTheLies.

While Planned Parenthood supporters may believe such accusations without any actual evidence, the Supreme Court demands more. In an ominous sign for California's case, it was Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the most outspoken supporter of abortion rights on the court, who asked the state if it had any evidence for this claim. It did not.

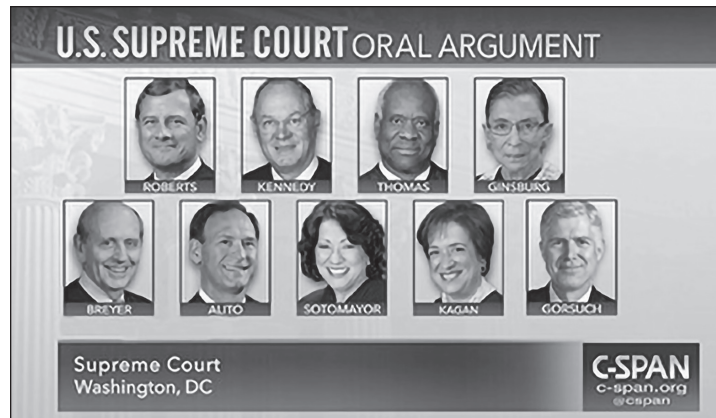
Observation 2: As Justice Gorsuch put it, this court "jealously" protects the freedom of speech. Not a single justice gave any indication that they were interested in weakening the freedom of speech by recognizing a "professional speech" exception to the First Amendment, and most of them seemed troubled by what Justice Kagan referred to as the "serious issue" as to whether the "statute has been gerrymandered" to target only pro-life centers.

Observation 3: Justice Kennedy's billboard hypothetical put the nail in California's coffin. Justice Kennedy asked both attorneys a simple question, "What would happen if an unlicensed entity, unlicensed center, just had a billboard that said 'Choose Life'? Would they have to make the disclosure?" The disclosure to which he was alluding is a 29 word statement that must be in the same size font as the main message and must inform the public that the center is not licensed as a medical facility by the state.

While California's attorney would not concede the absurdity and burden of such a disclosure requirement, Justice Sotomayor, who kept returning to this question, said the requirement seemed "burdensome and wrong."

Prediction 1: The Supreme Court will rule in favor of NIFLA, and the decision will not be close. The Supreme Court's recent free speech cases have been mostly unanimous decisions, and while this case may not result in a unanimous decision, I do not see a 5-4 split here.

Prediction 2: Pro-abortion interest groups and politicians will increase their efforts to go after pregnancy help centers, even though they have clearly chosen the wrong ground upon which to fight. By ground, I mean both the ground of truth—which is on the side of the pro-life community—and the United States of America—wherein our freedom to proclaim the truth is still "jealously" protected by the Supreme Court



Editor's note. Noel Sterett is an Alliance Defending Freedom allied attorney and a partner at Mauck & Baker. This appeared at *Pregnancy Help News* and is reposted with permission.

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We are asking for all to consider praying each day for our President and his administration. The liberal media along with Democrats, the Hollywood crowd, and the anti-Christian people in America continue to use every method and every roadblock they can to derail the efforts of this administration. We have many pro-life federal judgeships and other pro-life appointments that are being held hostage by Democrats in the U.S. Senate. They are working daily as a resistance mob to bring down this administration. So let us double our efforts in prayer for our president and his efforts to turn this country around and make it a nation of Christian principles once again. Let us pray for the president and his administration!

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There's No Going to Disneyland After Abortion *By Melissa Ohden*

There is no "Happily Ever After" to be found there for anyone

Editor's note. This appeared on Melissa's blog. Melissa is the survivor of a "failed" saline abortion in 1977. She speaks all over the world including at many National Right to Life Conventions. She has often written for NRL News. She is the author of "You Carried Me."

With the recent tweet by a Planned Parenthood affiliate about the "need" for a Disney princess who has had an abortion (and who was "pro-choice"), I was reminded of the following article I wrote six years ago that is still relevant today. (Six years! Our youngest daughter is now almost the same age that our oldest was at that time!) But I digress...

No matter how the abortion industry or media attempt to frame it, abortion affects all of us. It doesn't just end a life (most of the time), it affects the lives of men and women, extended family members. It affects relationships for generations, unless there is healing that occurs. There is no Disney princess who's had an abortion, because there is no going to Disneyland after an abortion. There is no 'Happily Ever After' to be found there for anyone.

Here's the original post from six years ago.

"I'm going to Disneyland!" You won the Super Bowl? You sailed around the world? Now what are you going to do? "Go to Disneyland," that's what. Or so the catchphrase goes.

Maybe it's because I'm the mother of a soon to be four-year-old, who, like so many little girls her age, is mesmerized by all things Disney—the princesses, the castles, even the mere scrawling of the word, Disney, on merchandise and on the movie screen, invokes a shriek of joy from Olivia. Maybe it's because I've spent far too many visits recently with members of my biological family that involved an outpouring of tears from them over the abortion that was meant to end my life decades ago.

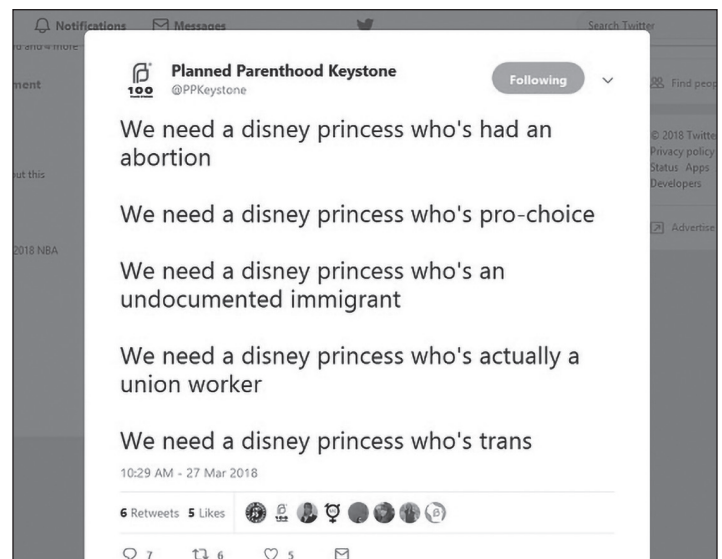
But for the last couple of months, I have kept thinking over and over again about how my life hasn't been "normal" since I found out that I was an abortion survivor—how I can never turn off the reality in my heart and in my head not only about what happened to me, but about what happens to children in our world everyday and how women, men, families, and entire communities are deeply affected by abortion.

"Look Mom, it's Stitch!" Olivia shouted from her stadium chair as we watched Disney on Ice a couple of weeks ago. As we watched Lilo, Stitch, Nani (Lilo's sister), and others skate gracefully across the ice, depicting for us the meaning of 'ohana' (family), I was reduced to a sobbing mess.

For those that may not know the back story, Lilo and Nani lost their parents in a car accident. Stitch, a cute, albeit, historically dangerous alien life form, who looks more like a big mouse than an alien, is adopted by Lilo. That's the short version of the story. The long version involves Dr. Jumba trying to recapture this alien life form on Earth and Lilo fighting to save and keep Stitch.

'Ohana' Family. Grief and loss. Fighting to keep the family that you have. Yep, I was a sobbing mess.

Even when the pace of the segment changed and Stitch was strumming a ukulele and singing Elvis tunes, I couldn't get my mind off of it. Abortion.



I thought to myself, "I must be the only woman in this place watching a harmless show with her daughter and thinking about abortion." I glanced around the arena filled with happy, joyful families, trying to shake the thought from my consciousness. But as I watched Lilo and Stitch that Saturday with Olivia, I felt the deep pain that comes with experiencing loss and I sensed the powerful love that adoption had brought into Lilo's and Stitch's lives.

"Why can't I just go to a show with Olivia and enjoy myself?" I questioned myself. "Why can't my life just ever be normal?" Why? Because after an abortion, there is no "going to Disneyland," like the old catchphrase goes. As I've been telling students in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada this week, where I am speaking at seven different high schools, abortion changes everything. It not only ends a life, but it transforms others, forever.

And not just a woman's life, but a man's life, grandparents' lives, aunts and uncles, siblings, cousins, friends, communities. Relationships are altered; many are damaged or ended.

For so long now, women have been told not only that it's their "right" to have an abortion, but so, too, they have been told that it is a simple procedure from which they can easily move on with their lives. After an abortion, they can "go to Disneyland," as the adage goes.

In a different way, men, too, have been guided to believe that an abortion meant that they could "go to Disneyland," too, since their responsibility to a child no longer existed, and they could go on with their lives like nothing significant had happened.

Yet the experiences of post-abortive men and women reflect that life doesn't just magically get better or simply and easily go on "as if nothing" had happened. I encourage you to check out the new videos by Silent No More (www.silentnomore.com) for stories that illustrate this first-hand.

What is the allure of Disney and what is the significance of “going to Disneyland?” I’ve been pondering over the past few weeks. Watching and listening to Olivia, I believe that it’s not only the flawless beauty of princesses or the storybook ideologies of love and valor, but the concept of ‘Happily Ever After’ that most attracts young and old alike.

No matter the depth of evil implored by Snow White’s wicked stepmother, the Queen, no matter how many difficulties or obstacles Cinderella faced at the hands of her Stepmother and Stepsisters, in the end, the heroines of Disney live happily ever after. And we love that, don’t we?! It warms our hearts to see good triumph over evil, for love to win over hate, for life to triumph over death. And we desperately want our lives to be the same.

Yes, there are days that I wish I didn’t think about abortion the moment that I look at myself in the mirror in the morning as I wipe the sleep out of my eyes. Yes, there are days that I wish that my last thought, my final prayers for the night, didn’t involve abortion. Yes, there are days that I wish that I could take Olivia to a show like Disney on Ice and not think about abortion, but the truth is that there is no ‘Happily Ever After’ when it comes to abortion.

However abortion will always be a part of my life, the lives of my biological family, of my adoptive family, of my husband Ryan’s and Olivia’s lives, of my friends’ lives. We are forever touched and forever changed by that one decision that was made to force an abortion on my birthmother.

No, there is no “going to Disneyland” for me when it comes to abortion. I am forever impacted and forever changed.

But God has blessed me with my own version of Happily Ever After, by allowing me to live, to be loved, to become united with my birthmother, and to be a wife and mother. How about a Disney princess who is alive today because her mother was blessed to live? Who has overcome her own health issues and is now thriving?

Hmmm....I might know of one.

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“I Didn’t Realize Abortion Bothered Me Until...”

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come in all shapes and sizes, and that there is no set timetable on when or how a person might come to acknowledge these responses.

The best way we can support post-abortive individuals is to hear their stories, validate their experiences and help them to find healing from whatever wounds may have come from their abortion.

Supreme Court Will Determine if Future Videos From David Daleiden Exposing Planned Parenthood Will be Censored

The Supreme Court is convening today to consider whether to review *Daleiden v. National Abortion Federation*, involving David Daleiden’s right to publish videos exposing the abortion industry’s role in the sale of baby body parts.

The National Abortion Federation (NAF) sued Daleiden shortly after the first video was released, seeking a gag order prohibiting Daleiden and his Center for Medical Progress (CMP) from releasing additional footage recorded at its annual conferences.

Federal judge William Orrick, who previously served on the board of an organization that partnered with a Planned Parenthood affiliate, granted the order. Orrick held that Daleiden contracted away his First Amendment rights when he signed the non-disclosure agreement NAF requires of all conference attendees, to avert public relations disasters like that which followed late-term abortionist Martin Haskell’s unveiling of the new technique of partial birth abortion at a NAF meeting in the 1990’s.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the order without fully reviewing the case, as is required when First Amendment freedoms are threatened. Life Legal subsequently filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Ninth Circuit’s ruling.

Life Legal’s Vice President of Legal Affairs, Katie Short, notes that no federal appeals court has ever upheld a gag order that was based on the alleged agreement of the parties to hide information that is of significant public interest and concern.

Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, receives over \$550 million in taxpayer funding annually.

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