



National Right to Life releases new report examining the current status of abortion in the United States

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) has issued a new report, "The State of Abortion in America." The report summarizes key legislative developments at the state and the federal levels, finds that the annual number of abortions continues to decline, and shows that a majority continue to oppose the vast majority of abortions allowed under the doctrine of Roe v. Wade.

"While the most recent data indicate a decrease in the annual number of abortions, tragically, more than 3,000 unborn children are still killed every day in the United States under the legal doctrine of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton," said National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. "As we observe the 41st anniversary of the twin decisions that legalized abortion in America, the pro-life movement remains committed to restoring legal protection to unborn children and providing help and support to their mothers."

As noted in the report, on the basis of the most recent reports from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and by the Guttmacher Institute (originally founded as a special research arm of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America), National Right to Life estimates that there have been more than 56 million abortions in America since 1973, the year that the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand.

The report also observes that after reaching an all-time high of over 1.6 million in 1990, the number of abortions performed

annually in the U.S. appears to have dropped to around 1.1 million a year.

This drop in the annual number of abortions can be traced to pro-life legislative efforts at the state and the federal level that have raised awareness about the humanity of the unborn child. These laws not only encourage life-affirming alternatives to abortion, they seek to inform and empower women facing unexpected pregnancy.

"Laws enacted at the federal and state levels have helped immensely in reversing the disturbing trend established by Roe and Doe," observed Tobias. "As just one example, it is estimated that the Hyde Amendment, which prevents the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions in the Medicaid program, has saved well over one million unborn children since it was first enacted in 1976."

"Abortion remains widely available. But after years of being told that abortion was 'the best choice' or 'their only choice,' women are learning that there are alternatives to abortion that affirm their lives and the lives of their children," added Tobias. "The bottom line is simple: the right-to-life movement is succeeding because even after 41 years and more than 56 million abortions, the conscience of our nation knows that killing unborn children is wrong."

The report is available from the National Right to Life Communications Department at <http://www.nrlc.org/communications/stateofabortion>

Roses for Life to those who stand in witness!

Many lives are being saved by the powerful, prayerful witness of those who are on the sidewalks across Missouri. These life warriors stand outside abortion facilities to give love, comfort, prayer, and alternatives to those arriving for abortions.

Will you stand with them for one hour a month to save a child? Will you become a life warrior?

You may contact one of the groups through these websites:

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40 Days for Life-St. Peters at 40daysforlife.com/stpeters.html 40 Days for Life-Kansas City at 40daysforlife.com/overlandpark

Constant Witness/Defenders of the Unborn at stl-defenders.com Coalition for Life at coalitionforlifestl.com

40 Days of Prayer for Life, Springfield at www.facebook.com/40DaysForLifeInAmerica



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you;"

Deuteronomy 31:6



10 surprising quotes from abortionists

(Excerpts)

They're threatened by informed consent. They're traumatized by the limp body parts they look at every day. They're torn by the contradiction that they became doctors to preserve life but use their profession to end it. Here are some eye-opening confessions from current and former abortionists.

"They [the women] are never allowed to look at the ultrasound because we knew that if they so much as heard the heart beat, they wouldn't want 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

"This is why I hate overuse of forceps, things tear. There are only two kinds of doctors who have never perforated a uterus, those that lie and those who don't do abortions." -Anonymous Abortionist

"I got to where I couldn't stand to look at the little bodies anymore." -Dr. Beverly McMillan, former abortionist

"I think in many ways I've been lucky to have been part of this. If I hadn't gotten involved, I would have gone through life probably being perfectly satisfied to go to the medical society parties and it would have been very, very dull. I would have been bored silly." -Dr. Jane Hodgson, late abortionist

"Sorrow, quite apart from the sense of shame, is exhibited in some way by virtually every woman for whom I performed an abortion, and that's 20,000 as of 1995. The sorrow is revealed by the fact that most women cry at some point during the experience... The grieving process may last from several days to several years... Grief is sometimes delayed... The grief may lie

sublimated and dormant for years." -Dr. Susan Poppema, abortionist

"If I see a case ... after twenty weeks, where it frankly is a child to me, I really agonize over it because the potential is so imminently there... On the other hand, I have another position, which I think is superior in the hierarchy of questions, and that is "who owns this child?" It's got to be the mother." -Dr. James McMahon, abortionist

"We know that it's killing, but the state permits killing under certain circumstances." -Dr. Neville Sender, abortionist.

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Doctor Says Girl in Accident Will be in a Vegetative State, Now She's a Mom

by Wesley J. Smith

I can't tell you how many times I have been called by desperate people fighting hospitals and doctors not to give up on their desperately ill or injured loved ones.

Sometimes the cases seem beyond effective remedy. But sometimes, it does seem that doctors or bioethicists want to give up because they don't think the life they can save will be worth living.

An anecdote from the noted pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson illustrates the point. From, "A Physician's View on the Sanctity of Life:"

"A couple of decades ago, I came into the pediatric Intensive Care Unit on morning rounds and was told about a four-year-old girl who had been hit by an ice cream truck, and was comatose and exhibiting little neurological function other than reactive pupils. I tested her pupillary reflexes and both pupils were fixed and dilated.

"The staff indicated to me that this is something that must have just occurred. I grabbed the bed and with some help, transported her quickly to the operating room for an emergency craniotomy. I was met along the way by a senior neurosurgeon who told me I was wasting my time and that at best, we would end up with someone in a vegetative state.

"Nevertheless, we completed the operation and a few days later, her pupils became reactive and she eventually left the hospital. I saw her a few years ago walking through the hospital with her own 4-year-old little girl. She was neurologically fully intact and told me she had become somewhat of a

celebrity because of the experience I just related."

I have had a similar, although certainly much less direct, experience after giving a speech in Canada about ten years ago. A distraught mother came up and tearfully told me how doctors were trying to pull the plug on her desperately ill daughter because they were convinced that if she survived, she would be seriously disabled.

The mother didn't care. She wanted her daughter to live! But she was receiving such little support from others she was near despair. I encouraged her and gave suggestions on how to fight against the medical authoritarianism.

A few years later I was in Canada speaking again and a woman came up. "Do you remember me?" she asked. I vaguely recalled the face. She reminded me of our conversation, then motioned to a beautiful teenager, who walked up smiling: "I drove two hours to see you because I wanted my daughter to meet the man who saved her life."

When I could speak, I protested. I hadn't done anything. She had won the fight that shouldn't have been necessary. But I'll tell you, I had to go into the parking lot for a few minutes before I was ready to talk.

The moral of the story isn't that these two cases turned out well. For the morality of the thing, that is irrelevant. The point is that life should be considered the core question, not its predicted quality. That is certainly an issue in discussions around informed consent. But it should not be determinative in whether the life-saving treatment shall be rendered.

It would be devastating to medical professionalism and what remains of our sanctity of life culture if "saving life" when that is wanted is replaced by an ethic of, "we will save your life if we think it is worth saving."

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From the President ~

The Legacy We Leave

Having reached my mid-60's -- an age my darling sons call "God's waiting room" -- I'm increasingly concerned about the legacy of my life . . . what they call "cramming for the final."

I thought of legacies when I read about the upcoming retirement of Paula Gianino, the regional head of Planned Parenthood for almost 25 years. According to the newspaper report, the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in St. Louis, which is currently the only abortion clinic in Missouri, aborts about 6,000 babies each year.

While abortion numbers have fluctuated here as they have across the country, 6,000 per year is a reasonable estimate of the average number of abortions over the last 25 years at this facility. That means that under Paula Gianino's leadership, Planned Parenthood in St. Louis has ended the lives of approximately 150,000 unborn children. Ms. Gianino says she has no regrets.

That's a stunning admission. So many babies -- little beating hearts, tiny hands and feet, unique human beings each made in the image and likeness of God. Tiny babies torn apart, suctioned out, thrown away.

Knowing how greatly I rely on God's mercy for my many failings and that my own day of judgment will be terrifying, I shudder to think of anyone facing God with the blood of 150,000 babies on their hands.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, once the director of the world's largest abortion clinic and co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, personally aborted over 75,000 babies -- including his own child. In a conversion that made headlines world-wide, he renounced his profession after viewing an ultrasound abortion and became a pro-life advocate. In his autobiography, *The Hand of God*, he recounts how the pro-lifers who were gathered outside of his abortion mill told him countless times that they were praying for him. He credits those prayers for his conversion not only to pro-life but to Christianity.

We would be morally negligent if we were to let Paula Gianino's legacy go unchanged. Our faith compels us to pray for her conversion. Our prayers, like those prayed for Dr. Nathanson, can alter her legacy and she, too, could be a witness to God's mercy and grace.

As for me, I share the hope expressed so beautifully by late Congressman Henry Hyde when he said:

"When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God -- and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine.

But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world -- and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us.' "

Praying for conversions! Praying for Life!



Pam & Tom Fichter and grandchildren
Jack, Thomas, Madeline, Matthew & Michael

*Blessings,
Pam. Fichter*

St. Louis Pro-Life Protestors Vindicated

by Gerard Nieters

Missouri Right to Life Legislative Director

Much fanfare has been made in the pro-life community about the decisions of St. Louis City Associate Circuit Judge Michael Noble's ruling in favor of stalwart pro-life sidewalk counselors Brian Westbrook and Rita Sparrow in separate misdemeanor cases filed against them by the City of St. Louis upon complaints made by Planned Parenthood (PP).

I was honored to be able to represent both of them in their cases. The wins certainly were worthy of the publicity generated. The decisions send a clear message to both the abortion industry and the pro-life community that intimidation and harassment of pro-lifers on the sidewalk outside PP is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The decisions should bring comfort and ease concerns of all pro-lifers present on the sidewalk.

Brian was accused of "false advertising" for displaying a sign outside the PP clinic that said, "Free Pregnancy Test & Ultrasound." Planned Parenthood does not provide these services for free, but these free services are offered at the Thrive mobile medical unit parked across the street from the PP clinic.

In Rita's case, the city charged her with violating the littering ordinance for placing a lawn chair outside the PP clinic with a sign against abortion on the chair. Can you imagine how many lawn chair tickets could be written at a park concert or holiday parade?

While the city avoided the issue, it was clearly the signs' messages in both cases to which PP and the city took offense. The city's violation of Brian's and Rita's constitutional right to free speech was given great emphasis in our defense pleadings, and they were eloquently argued before Judge Noble by co-counsel Thomas Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Soci-

ety, a public interest law firm located in Chicago that champions the cause of life. Whether Judge Noble was concerned about or affected by the free speech arguments, we do not know. In both cases, Judge Noble simply ruled that their conduct did not violate the respective ordinances. Judges frequently rule on cases with a narrow view, avoiding sweeping, broad-based decisions.

Beyond the merits of the decisions, the cases are a testament to the persistence of Brian and Rita specifically, and pro-lifers in general in their effort to save lives. These charges were issued over a year ago, but Brian and Rita refused to surrender to the intimidation of the city.

It is hard to believe that these cases got to the point where the Honorable Judge Noble found them too far-reaching by the city. Consider the steps taken to get to Judge Noble: Planned Parenthood complained; the police officers issued citations; the city attorney(s) decided to pursue prosecution; a municipal judge found Brian and Rita guilty of violating the respective ordinances after an informal trial, off-the-record, under Missouri Court rules. Applications for new trials were then filed and the cases were assigned to Judge Noble.

What seemed to be common sense decisions by Judge Noble eluded so many city officials for so long! Such action calls into question the motives of the City of St. Louis. It is our hope that the city heeds the message of Judge Noble's decisions and refrains from similar actions in the future. It is worth pointing out that no citations have been issued to any pro-lifers on the sidewalk since the citations issued to Brian and Rita over a year ago. Let's hope that Judge Noble's decisions serve to keep it that way.

U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Hobby Lobby Case

by Joshua Hawley

The U.S. Supreme Court recently announced that it would decide the suit brought by Hobby Lobby challenging the federal government's contraceptive mandate. The mandate is the regulation issued by the Obama Administration that requires most businesses to include contraceptive coverage in their employee health plans. The mandate poses a profound problem for the Green family, who own Hobby Lobby, for this reason: the Greens are devout Christians committed to defending the innocent unborn, and four of the contraceptive methods the government requires them to fund can cause an abortion.

Briefing is now underway at the Supreme Court, with oral argument to follow in late March. We expect a decision in June. I urge you to alert your friends and neighbors about the vital importance of this suit -- and your representatives as well. No matter what happens in the courts, Congress and the state legislature should act to protect the rights of religious liberty and of the innocent unborn. We believe we will prevail in the Hobby Lobby case. And with any luck, it will be just a beginning.

I am one of the attorneys for the Greens and Hobby Lobby in their suit before the U.S. Supreme Court. Let me share a word or two on why this case is so important.

First and foremost, this is a case about life. The Greens have no objection to contraception and no desire to tell their employees what contraceptives they may and may not use. The point for the Greens is simple. Four of the contraceptive methods the govern-

ment has ordered them to fund can cause an abortion, and the Greens can't in good conscience facilitate abortions in that way.

Nor should they have to. Which gets at another reason this case is so important: it involves the Greens' religious liberty. The primary reason the Greens object to funding abortion-causing drugs is their Christian faith. The government says that faith shouldn't matter, that when you choose to start a business, you leave your religious convictions behind. The Constitution says otherwise, and it must be vindicated.

And there's a third important thing about this case. The Obama Administration is trying to force businesses to pay for its pro-abortion agenda. It is trying to dictate what moral beliefs you must endorse in order to enter the marketplace. But no business should be forced to agree with -- and then fund -- the government's social agenda as the price for doing business in America. That's not the free market.

This case, then, is about vindicating the right to life, the right to religious liberty, and the character of the free market. In short, it is about preserving the foundations of our free society.

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Joshua Hawley

Missouri Right to Life
"Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day
Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City, MO
Tuesday, March 11, 2014



You can help good things happen!

- Come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- **Priority Legislation:** stricter abortion clinic inspections; preventing taxes from funding embryonic stem cell research & human cloning.
- Registration at 9:00 a.m. at Selinger Center, next to St. Peter Church. After 10:00 a.m., registration also in the 1st floor Capitol Rotunda.
- Lobby your legislators before and after the Noon Rally.
- Join the Noon Rally at the Capitol Rotunda.

Noon Rally Featured Guest ~ Susan Jaramillo

As a post-abortive woman, Susan will share the devastating effects of abortion on her life.

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Susan Jaramillo to be Featured Speaker at Pro-Life Action Day

Susan Jaramillo is a speaker and writer whose story underscores how God can turn bad circumstances into good. She lived with the guilt and shame of having had multiple abortions.

In 2007, after 35 years of wandering, pain, hardship, and trauma — the results of trying to satisfy self-driven needs, wants, and desires — Susan was transformed instantly through a God-appointment where she received much needed prayer. With His amazing gifts of unconditional love, grace, and healing, God rewrote her heart from the inside out.

Through God's grace, she is now able to share with others the experiences she once kept hidden, using these events to minister to hearts, and inviting all to experience a deliverance and freedom they may not think possible.

Susan has overcome many obstacles. Her message is one of hope, forgiveness, healing, and unconditional love -- a story of how God rewrote her heart.

Susan travels, speaks, and has worked with organizations such as Pregnancy Centers, MO Right for Life, The Vitae Foundation, 40 Days for Life, Personhood USA as well as testifying for legislation to change abortion laws. She is a nationally recognized speaker for Students for Life and for Save the 1.



Women's Health Care Protection Act Filed in Missouri Senate

Missouri Right to Life's Priority Legislation for 2014 Session

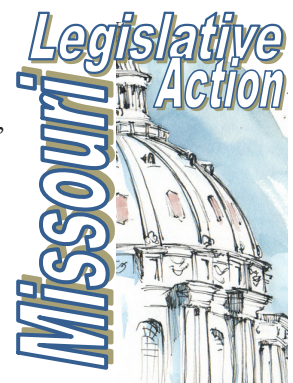
Missouri State Senator Wayne Wallingford, Cape Girardeau, filed the Women's Health Care Protection Act on January 23. The companion bill in the Missouri House is sponsored by Representative Kathryn Swan, Cape Girardeau, and has over 100 cosponsors.

The Women's Health Care Protection Act would place in statute stricter inspection requirements and more accountability for abortion clinics. It will establish statutory requirements rather than relying solely on regulations for oversight of abortion clinics and will be less subject to the agenda of a particular agency or political party.

Atrocities at abortion clinics in Pennsylvania and Texas and numerous violations of health requirements at the St. Louis Planned Parenthood facility where there have been multiple 911 calls over the last 4 years illustrate the need for this legislation.

We thank Senator Wayne Wallingford, Representative Kathryn Swan, and all the co-sponsors for working to move this important, life-saving legislation forward and help get it to the Governor's desk.

For complete legislative updates, visit our website at <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/update2014-01-24.html>. For weekly updates and action alerts, sign up to receive our Friday "Lifeline" e-mail newsletter at <http://www.missourilife.org/signup.html>.



January 22, 2014
41st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

You remembered . . .



. . . in Kansas City where MRL Western Region gathered for a pro-life prayer vigil.

. . . in St. Louis where several hundred attended the Archdiocese Respect Life Committee's prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility.



. . . in Washington DC where over 2000 Missourians traveled in frigid temperatures and a snow storm to witness for life. Senator Roy Blunt addressed the crowd before they participated in the March for Life.



. . . in Sedalia where MRL's Sedalia Chapter sponsored a memorial observance at the Pettis County Courthouse.

. . . and all across Missouri where you took time to remember the tragedy of abortion. Keep remembering, keep praying!

Memorials

***In memory of a loved one or a friend,
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The Paul Biermann Family

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Sr. Mary Matthew Kimminau
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March 5 - **40 Days for Life**
April 13 Columbia, Overland Park, St Louis,
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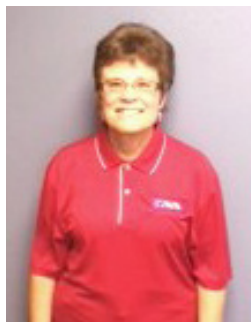
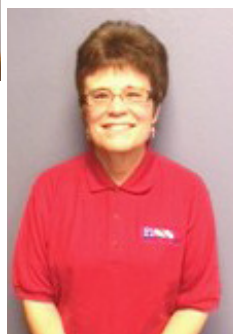
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MRL appreciates hearing from you with information and concerns, and we ask that you please contact us via U.S. mail with your provided postage, by email at righttolife@missourilife.org, or by telephone at 573-635-5110.

Thank you!

Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi





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"Protecting the unborn and their vulnerable mothers has always been, and always will be, essential to Christian faith."

The historic teaching of the Christian faith is that personhood begins at the moment of conception. Consider some quotes from a widely diverse group of theologians:

Clement of Alexandria, church father (circa 150 - 215 AD): "Abortion is killing human life that is under God's care, design, and providence."

John Calvin, Protestant Reformer: "...the unborn, though enclosed in the womb of his mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of life which it has not yet begun to enjoy."

Orthodox Church in America: "Because we believe that each of us is willed to be, by God, we cannot accept the belief that the humanity which starts at conception is accidental, or has no value ... Every life is valued infinitely by God. This includes the life of the unborn child."

Pope Francis: "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases ... the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question."

The Apostle Peter, in one of the earliest sermons ever given, called Jesus "the Prince of Life" (Acts 3:15).

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