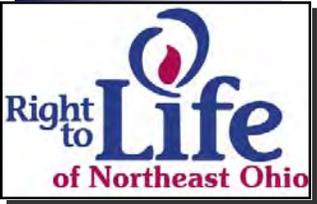


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2016 Ohio Abortion Statistics

by Denise Leipold



The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) released the *“Induced Abortions in Ohio 2016”* report in September. The report shows that overall, abortions in Ohio are down by 1.45%, but when looking at the historical data for Ohio, abortions are down by almost 59% since their highest point 35 years ago in 1982. From 1982 through 1997, the abortion rates fluctuated up and down, but since 1997, there has been a steady downward trend.

The good news is that there are less abortions in Ohio, but the bad news is that there were 20,672 children needlessly killed in 2016, and that these children were *legally* put to death.

Of the six counties in Ohio with surgical abortion facilities, three showed a decrease in the number of abortions both overall and by residents from 2015 to 2016:

- Cuyahoga County **+3.19%** (2 surgical abortion facilities)*
- Franklin County **-5.07%** (2 surgical abortion facilities)
- Hamilton County **-7.45%** (1 surgical abortion facility)
- Lucas County **+16.02%** (1 surgical abortion facility)
- Montgomery County **-9.27%** (1 surgical abortion facility)
- Summit County **+1.18%** (2 surgical abortion facilities)*

The 2016 Ohio abortion report also revealed a lot of demographic and statistical information.

- While black women make up 12.49% of the female population of Ohio, 40.6% of the abortions in Ohio are obtained by black women. By contrast, white women make up 82.48% of the female population in Ohio, and are accountable for 48.3% of the abortions.
- 57.8% of the abortions in Ohio are obtained by women age 25 and over.
- 63.4% of the abortions in Ohio are obtained by unmarried women.
- 57.97% of the abortions were first time abortions.
- While 84.5% of the abortions were performed on children of 12 weeks gestation or less, there were still 508 late term abortions performed. Pro-abortion advocates tend to describe late term abortions as very rare. However, something that occurs on an average of 1.4 times daily is not rare.

Facilities which provide non-surgical abortions in Ohio are *not* required to be licensed. In 2015, there were a reported 1,195 non-surgical abortions. **In 2016, the Ohio Department of Health reported 3,818 non-surgical abortions, an increase of 219.5%.** By county, the increases were:

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The actions of some people these past few months have been intolerable. Probably the most tragic was the hatred and violence that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia. The rhetoric spurred on by this tragedy is even more unfortunate because instead of uniting people by lessons learned from the divisiveness and horror of the occurrences, the media seems to be concentrating on who said what, when they said it, what they think it means and how wrong they were to say it. The white supremacy, racism, hate, bigotry and other underlying catalysts seem to be ignored. Adding to all of this was the often venomous and ugly commentaries spurred on by the actions of many athletes, particularly in the NFL, when they protested bigotry and racism by kneeling or refusing to participate in our national anthem

As pro-life advocates, we are used to the facts about abortion, euthanasia and the sanctity of life being ignored. We spend a good deal of our mission educating and advocating about the right to life from the womb to the tomb and it gets overshadowed by the lucrative abortion industry creating false messaging about how abortion is healthcare. The tragedy of the events at Charlottesville exposing hatred and white supremacy should have awakened the country to realize that life is much too short to tolerate this senselessness, yet **the reality of the situation is that many of those who decried what happened in Charlottesville or those who kneel for our national anthem will ironically defend the killing of unborn children.**

The Federalist published an article entitled: "If We're Tearing Down White Supremacy, Start With Planned Parenthood." The article points out the well documented historical fact that **Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, embraced racial and eugenic visions with her desire to eliminate the black race, those she perceived as sickly, the undesirable immigrants, and to "accentuate the 'better racial elements in our society' so as to erase from the population 'defective stocks—those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization'".** In 1933, Margaret Sanger's *Birth Control Review* published an article by German psychiatrist Ernst Rudin which called for racial purity. Rudin went on to become the architect of Hitler's eugenic's laws and committed horrible atrocities during WWII. Margaret Sanger died many years ago, but Planned Parenthood continues to push her agenda in black and low income neighborhoods. Their purpose may have changed from the original eugenic goals of Margaret Sanger to that of the tremendous profits they make from abortion, but that doesn't change the facts. They still push to eliminate unborn children because of the possibility of mental and physical defects, and tragically, simply because they are not wanted by their parents. **The information in this article is nothing new.** These are facts that we talk about all the time in our education and advocacy efforts to promote the

value of ALL life.

When I posted the Federalist article to our Facebook page, I was immediately berated in comments by several of the abortion clinic escorts from the Cuyahoga Falls abortion clinic. Among other things, they told me that I was disgusting, and that I should be ashamed for using the "hate filled events that happened in this country to further your agenda." In my response, I pointed out that **WE didn't tell Planned Parenthood what to do. They did that all by themselves.** As far as hate-filled events, *there is nothing more hateful than killing an unborn child.* Regarding the posting of the article, the information in the Federalist article has been disseminated by us continuously through the years. The events in Charlottesville or the athletes who kneeled for the anthem didn't create an opportunity...it just magnified our messaging. They also said that I was spreading lies by saying that Planned Parenthood is run by Nazis. Wow, how easy it is for them to twist the truth and ignore the facts. But the one that really got to me was being called disgusting. My answer to that was that WE are the one saving lives, or at least trying to get women not to kill their unborn children, while THEY stand by and let them be killed...and I'M the one who is disgusting? Do the athletes who kneel to protest bigotry and racism protest against the bigotry and racism that occurs at abortion facilities? Do they shout out about the hugely disproportionate number of abortions that are perpetrated on black women? Our website and our facebook page are educational and informational. We invite comments from anyone, even those who are pro-abortion. It is an opportunity for us to try and change their hearts and minds to realize just what it is they are promoting and how wrong it is. However, when the dialog gets out of hand, gets ugly, mean and hate-filled like it eventually did with those I mentioned above, we do ban the participant from commenting again because we are a peaceful organization. I'm sure they are reading this, so just know that we are all praying for you. Don't delude yourself to think you are doing what you do because it is about women's rights. **Killing an unborn child is about HUMAN rights, not women's rights.** If you really cared about the women, you wouldn't be helping them to kill their children. Moreover, over 40 years of medical research demonstrates that legal abortion increases the risks of physical and psychological harm for women who abort.

The story of Cain and Abel in the Bible teaches us that we ARE our brother's keeper...*no matter if you are born or unborn, black or white or any other race!* This means that **we are not to commit violent acts against anyone or allow others to do so if we can prevent it.** Just as we should prevent the violent acts spurred by white supremacy and racism, we MUST stop the violence of abortion.

For Life,
Denise Leipold, *Executive Director*



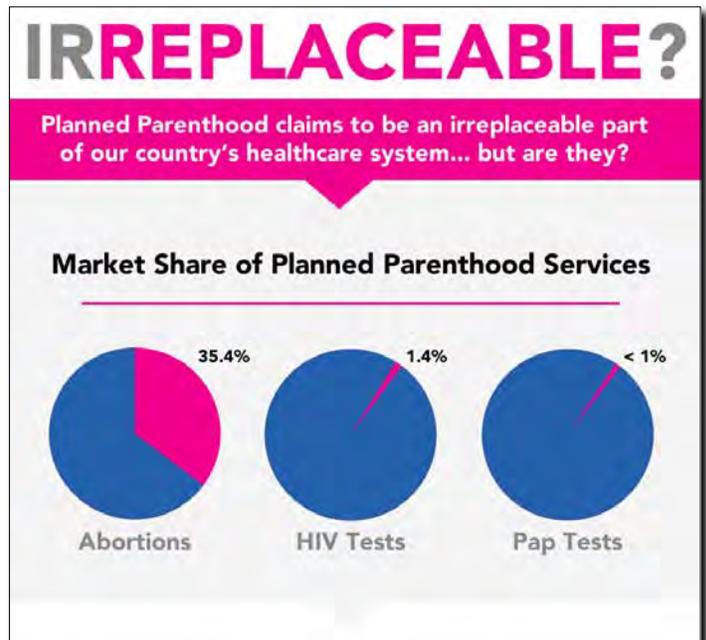
This past September, U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham (R, S.C.) and Bill Cassidy (R, La.) proposed an Obamacare replacement bill that would have defunded Planned Parenthood, allowed states to opt out of the HHS contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization insurance mandate, and prohibit Obamacare's funding of abortion.

Just a month earlier, James Studnicki, Sc.D., MPH, MBA and Charles A. Donovan of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, a pro-life research organization, released a report giving several reasons why Planned Parenthood should not receive tax dollars. Their report: Planned Parenthood: "Irreplaceable" and "Lifesaving"? analyzes the data in Planned Parenthood's (PP) most recent annual report (fiscal year 2015-2016). The Lozier report notes that PP makes two claims relevant to continued government funding. "These claims are: *First* that Planned Parenthood health centers are 'an irreplaceable component of our country's healthcare system' and, *second*, that Planned Parenthood provides 'lifesaving care.'"

The Lozier report states: "These claims would suggest that [PP's] services are unique and not easily available from other providers, and that the level and intensity of services have a direct and measurable impact on the likelihood of" [deaths occurring if PP is not funded]. Quoting freely from Lozier's analysis, we shall give a brief synopsis of its findings.

PP's Service Profile. The Lozier analysis continues, "In 2015 [PP] health centers saw 2.4 million patients [and reported a total of] 9.5 million services. ... The largest volume of services (44.9% of total services) is for Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing and treatment." The PP report itself indicates "nearly 99% of [its] STI services involve testing—not treatment. ... STI testing and treatment are prerequisites for surgical abortions and IUD insertions. ... The second largest ... category of PP's services (30% of total) is for contraception. ... Third largest volume ... (13% of total) is for 'other women's health services.' ... 81.9% [of the latter] are pregnancy tests, likewise a prerequisite for abortion. There are miniscule numbers of prenatal services [9,419 or 1/10 of 1% of total services], and miscarriage care"[2,073]. The reader should appreciate that the raw numbers refer to services as defined by PP, not clients. Hence, a woman seeking pregnancy care might be told PP does not offer it (one service) and be referred to another agency (a second service).

"Cancer screenings and prevention services (7% of total services) include breast cancer exams and pap



tests." However, the Lozier analysis notes, "There is little or no demonstrable capability for definitive diagnosis or a range of treatments for any disease or condition at PP centers. ... [Breast exams] are insufficient for a confirmatory diagnosis of breast cancer. Additional diagnostic testing or technology (e.g. mammogram, biopsy) is required. PP centers can only refer to other providers to make this determination. ... The role of PP in diagnostic and treatment activity, which is known as 'medical care' or 'medical services' is neither wide ... nor deep. ... With the exception of abortion, PP does not provide any service that is not easily available from alternative providers."

Abortion services [328,348 procedures, a daily average of 900 for 2015-2016 are] 3.4% of services. However, abortions are estimated to comprise as much as **one third** of clinic **income**. (PP does not report its abortion income).

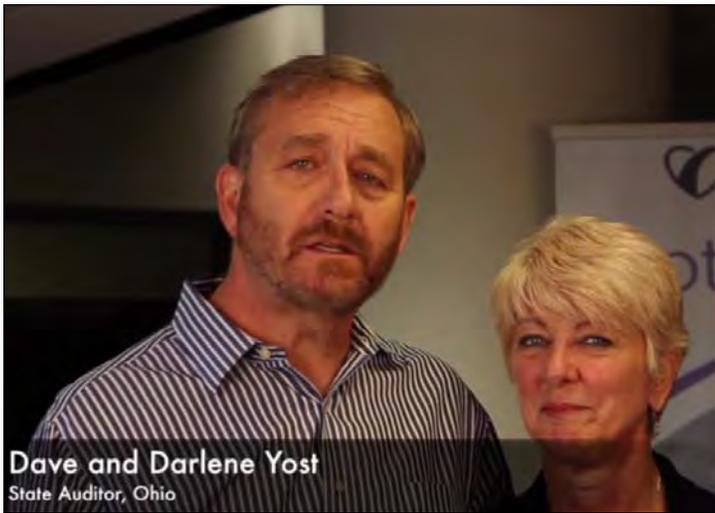
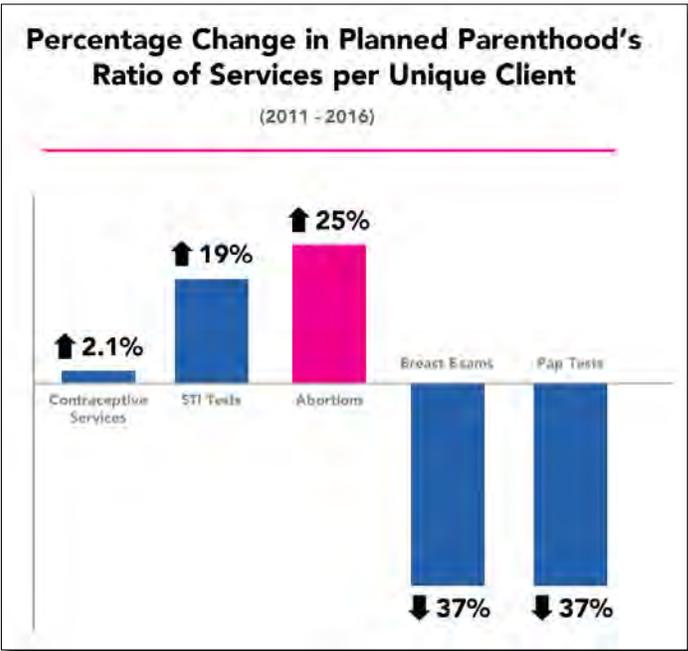
Market Share. The Lozier Report continues, "For most of the services offered at their centers, [PP] provides a very tiny fraction of the national annual incidence of those services." Thus, it provides less than 1.4% of HIV tests nationally, and less than 1% of pap tests nationally. ... "There are only two service categories in which [PP] can be said to provide a meaningful share of the national market. The first is for abortion. ... In 2015, [PP] performed ... 35.4% of all the induced abortions in the U.S. ... The second is the provision of reversible contraceptive services. ... Among the subset of women who are contraceptive clients served at publicly funded clinics, [PP] claims a 31.9% ...

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market share.” Noting that 55.7% of PP’s contraceptive clients come from only five states (CA, NY, TX, WA, PA), and that it “is most heavily invested in high-population areas which are rich in alternative providers,” Lozier suggests that “the [PP] image as the provider of last resort in many communities may be deceptive.”

Summary. The Lozier Report concludes, “Between 2011 and 2016, [PP] has increased its service-to-unique-client ratios for contraceptive services (+2.1%), STI testing (+19%) and abortions (+25%),” while the ratios for breast exams decreased (-37%) as did pap tests (-37%). “As their total client volume has decreased, [PP] has maintained contraception and STI testing as important support services for their major objective – abortion. No service [PP] provides is irreplaceable. Ironically, the elimination of abortion services is the only action [PP] could take that could be legitimately considered as “lifesaving.”

Although the Senate deferred the vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill, the Trump administration has cut PP’s funding in other ways. It cut some \$15.25 million from PP affiliates in five states which had been awarded “Navigator” funds by President Obama to help people sign up for Obamacare. It also cut funds to some 38 sex education programs favored by PP, only 10.5% of which were found to be effective. Visit our website to learn “Eleven Reasons Why Tax Money Should Not Go to Planned Parenthood.”



April 7, 2018

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Annual “Celebrate Life” Dinner

with keynote speakers Ohio State Auditor Dave Yost and his wife, Darlene

“Being philosophically committed to life doesn’t mean anything if we don’t have compassion and action on the ground for the women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy,” *Dave Yost*

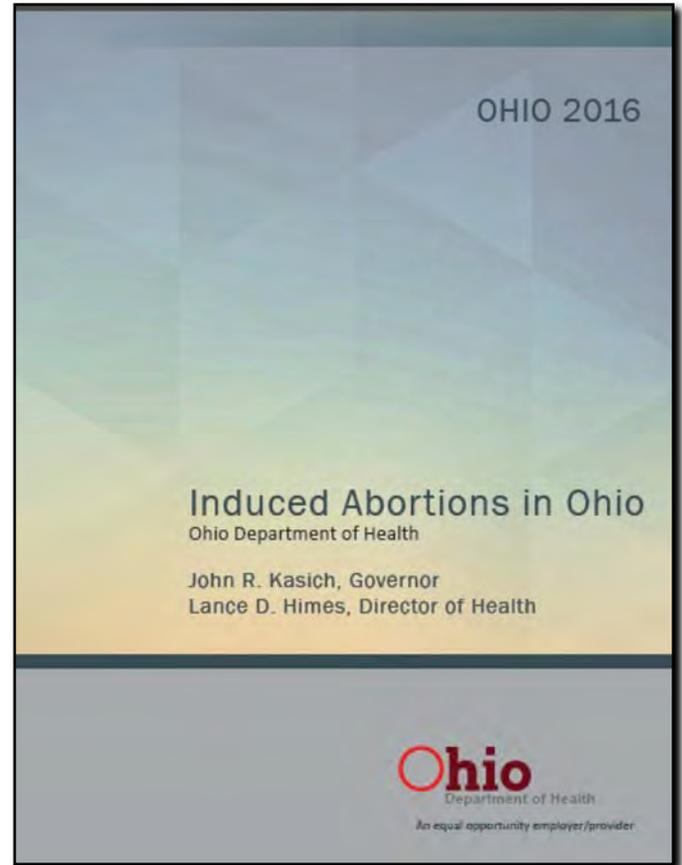
“I’m a child of adoption. The choice that my biological mother made didn’t take away my other choices. I like being alive, and I’d like to have every conceived child have that same opportunity I’ve had.” *Darlene Yost*

- Cuyahoga County: **+343.84%**
- Franklin County **+271.83%**
- Hamilton County **+324.47%**
- Lucas County **+418.75%**
- Montgomery County **+1,875%**
- Summit County **+23.54%**

94.5% of the non-surgical abortions were done using the drugs mifepristone and/or misoprostol. The dangerous RU486 protocol is a combination of these two drugs. Despite public claims of its ease and safety, the RU486 abortion method comes with a long list of contraindications, i.e., conditions that doctors believe should disqualify a woman from using the method or should at least call for heightened caution and monitoring among those selecting patients and administering the drugs because of the increased medical risks faced by such women. *About 5.21% of the non-surgical abortions were done using the drug methotrexate, which is NOT approved for use in abortions.* Methotrexate is a powerful drug for use in the treatment of cancer with a side effect that causes abortion. Methotrexate is also significantly less expensive than the RU486 drug regimen.

Ohio has strict laws regulating the operation of all ambulatory surgical facilities, and surgical abortion facilities must follow these laws. However, abortion facilities often skirt these laws with the support of the courts. Not reflected in the 2016 ODH abortion report:

- The *Women’s Med Center* abortion facility in Dayton (Montgomery County) had been ordered closed due to lack of a valid transfer agreement, but in December of 2016, Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge Mary Wiseman issued an emergency order to stay and suspend the Ohio Department of Health order against Women’s Med Center of Dayton while the center appeals.
- The *Toledo Women’s Center/Capitol Care Network* had also been ordered to close due to the lack of a valid transfer agreement. This decision was struck down by the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and was appealed all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court which heard the case on September 12, 2017. Prior to publication of this article, no decision has been issued.
- In July 2017, abortionist David Burkons (*owner/operator of Northeast Ohio Women’s Center abortion facility in Cuyahoga Falls, medical director of Preterm abortion facility in Cleveland, abortionist at Toledo Women’s Center/Capitol Care, and founder of Founder’s Women’s Health Center abortion clinic in Columbus*) had his licensed suspended for only 6 months for drug violations going back many years. He had been allowed



to practice all during this time, and concurrently had 45 reports of botched medication abortions!

- ***5 of the 8 surgical abortion facilities in Ohio have expired ambulatory surgical facility licenses, yet are still allowed to operate and are listed as active.***

We have made great gains in our efforts to bring an end to abortion in Ohio, but our work is far from over. We know that should abortion be made illegal today, this wouldn’t stop the problem. Our work in education and advocacy must be at the forefront of our mission so that we build a culture of life where the taking of unborn, innocent human lives is considered by everyone to be as abhorrent as the murder of someone who has already been born. We continue in our cause to protect innocent human life from conception through natural death. ■

**The Cleveland Women’s Medical Group (CWMG) in Cuyahoga County and the Akron Women’s Medical Group (AWMG) in Summit County closed in 2017. CWMG was not licensed as an ambulatory surgical facility. AWMG was a surgical facility. These closings did not affect the 2016 statistics.*

Source for statistics in this article were both the 2015 and 2016 “Induced Abortions in Ohio” reports from the Ohio Department of Health, tables 1, 3, 6 and 14. Graphic on page 1 is from page 6 of the 2016 report. Ohio female population information is from the U.S. Census Bureau. To read the ODH “Induced Abortions in Ohio 2016” report, visit our website, click on the “Issues” tab, then “Abortions”, and scroll down to the report. To read more detailed analyses of this report, click on “Comparison of 2015 to 2016 Local Statistics” and “Summary of Ohio Abortion Stats 2016”.

News Briefs

“Orthodox” Catholics Need Not Apply for Federal Judgeships?

President Donald Trump nominated University of Notre Dame law professor Amy Coney Barrett for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. At Barrett’s September 6 confirmation hearing, Senator Diane Feinstein (D, CA) said, “I think whatever religion is, it has its own dogma, and when you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you. And that’s of concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for for years in this country.” (Feinstein’s office later indicated she is very concerned about abortion rights, so she was probably referring to the *Roe v. Wade* decision). Senator Dick Durbin (D, IL) who self-identifies as a Catholic, but votes pro-abortion, asked Prof. Barrett, “Do you consider yourself an orthodox Catholic?” Apparently, neither Senators Feinstein nor Durbin are very familiar with Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, which, referring to executive, legislative, and judicial offices of the state and the federal governments, says, “... no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.”

Pro-Choice?

When the “abortion reform” movement began to make serious headway in the early 1970’s, the assertion that advocates were not pro-abortion, but only pro-choice appealed to many Americans, given our emphasis on individual rights. Currently one does not hear the “pro-choice” assertion as often, and is more likely to hear “abortion on demand without an apology.”

Further, legal abortion advocates have increasingly demonstrated that they are not really for choice. They don’t want citizens to have a choice whether or not to pay for abortions with tax or insurance dollars; they don’t want nurses, doctors, or pharmacists to have a choice about whether they participate in abortions; they don’t want medical schools (even if religious) to have a choice

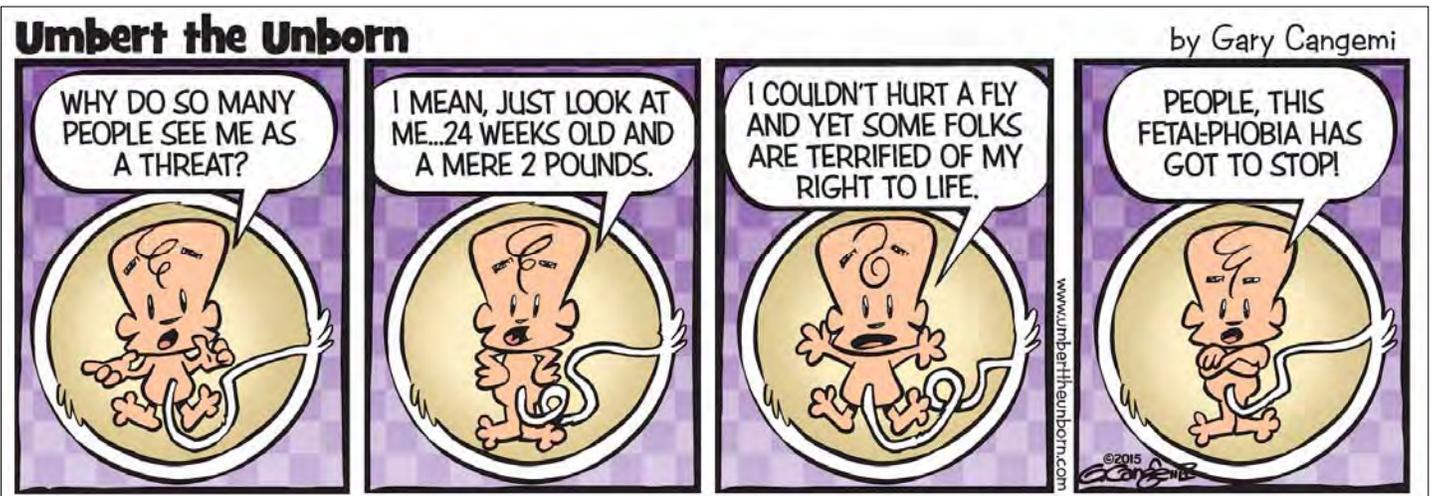
whether or not to teach abortion procedures.

The most recent manifestation of what is truly anti-choice policy comes from California, where after political pressure, the state’s Board of Registered Nursing sent a September 5 letter to Heartbeat International demanding that the pro-life pregnancy-help network “cease and desist” offering nurses continuing education units for Abortion Pill Reversal classes. Over 300 mothers have successfully rescued their unborn children after taking the first of two pills in the RU486 protocol, by receiving shots of progesterone within 72 hours of the first RU486 shot. Drs. Matthew Harrison and George Delgado pioneered this process in 2006.

Heartbeat International president Jor-El Godsey said: “To oppose Abortion Pill Reversal is not only to deny the science and reality that there are children living today because of it, but it’s to ... keep a woman from even so much as knowing she has the option to potentially stop a chemical abortion. ... This is the abortion lobby taking choices away from women.”

Texas Demonstrates PP is Neither Irreplaceable Or Lifesaving.

According to a report by Michael New, Ph.D. in the September 1 issue of LifeNews.com, Texas defunded Planned Parenthood in 2011. However, it initiated two programs (Texas Women’s Health Program and Health Texas Women) to replace its Medicaid program. After recently allocating additional funds to advertise these programs, enrollment achieved an all-time high. Professor New found that “Since 2011, the number of minors giving birth has decreased by 20%, abortions performed on minors have fallen by over 40%, [and] there is no evidence of an increase in the unintended pregnancy rate. [Hence] *Texas has clearly shown that positive public health outcomes are possible without taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood.*” ■





Top Left: On September 9, *Right to Life of Northeast Ohio* held a service at *Holy Cross Cemetery* in Akron for the **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**. Service participants included (L to R): Ohio Christian Alliance President *Chris Long*, Ohio Lieutenant Governor *Mary Taylor*, University of Akron Students for Life President *Helena Carlson*, vocalist *Kira Andrea*, RTLNEO Executive Director *Denise Leipold*, musician *Jeff Andrea*, media personality *Robin Swoboda*, Bible Baptist Church Pastor *Al Davis*, Ohio State Senator *Frank Larose*.

Top Right: The *Knights of Columbus* color and honor guards participated in the ceremony.

Bottom Left: September 18 was a beautiful day at *Firestone Country Club* for the annual **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Golf For Life**. Golfers enjoyed breakfast, beverages on the course, 18 holes of golf with cart under turquoise blue skies, a delicious luncheon and lots of door prizes.

Bottom Right: Congratulations to the winning team of *Michael Romano, Tyler Gastin, Jason Barnett and Jim Demchak* who came in first place.



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