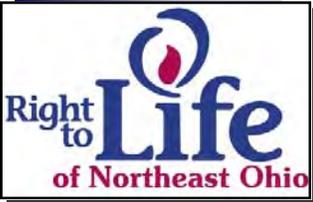


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Where do we go from here?

by Denise Leipold, Executive Director

This past January 22 marked the 45th anniversary of the infamous decision by the United States Supreme Court in 1973 to allow a woman to legally abort her child under a right to privacy. The court essentially said that the killing of an unborn child was “the most intimate and personal” choice a person may make in a lifetime, and that it was “central to personal dignity and autonomy.... central to the liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment.” Instead of interpreting the law and defining the liberties protected by the 14th amendment, the court basically re-wrote the law, and the result is that more than 60 million unborn children have been needlessly killed in the past 45 years.

Let’s put that in perspective. In the 242 years since our country began, approximately 1.4 million Americans lost their lives in all of the military conflicts we have been involved in, including the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and ALL the smaller conflicts in between, including the current war on terror. The bloodiest war in our history was the Civil War, when about 750,000 people died. While the loss of any life is devastating, the 1.4 million lives killed through conflict in 242 years pales in comparison to the 60 million lives deliberately killed through abortion in only 45 years. That is 60 million lives PLUS their descendants which are gone. That’s 60 million lives PLUS their descendants that could have been paying into our economy, contributing to social security, living as our fellow citizens....gone.

I was a teenager during the Vietnam War. I remember the huge protests against the war because of the tremendous loss of lives. There were 58,209 American lives lost in Vietnam. The protests were in the news daily. When the U.S. participated in the first Gulf War in 1990-91, there were 294 Americans killed. To date, the number of Americans killed in Afghanistan and Iraq total 6,853. There have been many protests against the U.S. involvement in these conflicts as well, with full news coverage of a nation in

outrage. But you rarely see coverage of pro-life advocates protesting the killing of unborn children. Millions attend the March for Life in Washington DC and other locations around the nation, but there is hardly a mention of it in mainstream media.



During the presidency of Barack Obama, pro-life advocates who protested at abortion facilities against the senseless killing of unborn children were given the name: “domestic terrorists.” The Obama administration fully supported abortion as a “woman’s choice”, and encouraged the rhetoric of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry to tell us to mind our own business, that an abortion is a medical decision between a woman and her doctor, and to keep our religious views to ourselves.

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Well NEWS FLASH: it is a scientific, not a religious fact, that a new human life begins at the moment of conception. To deliberately end that human life, no matter how small, is murder, plain and simple. We have laws on the books to prevent murder, abuse, and anything else that may harm a human being so there is a PRECEDENT for sticking our nose in other people’s business. If someone is going to kill an unborn human being, then we have an obligation to prevent it.

Many lawyers and commentators, whether personally pro-life or pro-choice, believe that from a legal standpoint, Roe v. Wade was poorly decided. (You can read this commentary by visiting our website, click on “issues”, then “abortion”, and then scroll down to the article “Roe vs. Wade: A

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Faulty Legal Decision”). Until we can overturn the law, or until a new law or order can be put in place to stop legal abortions, we continue with our programs of education, advocacy, legislative support and others to change hearts and minds so that abortion-minded or abortion-vulnerable individuals will understand that abortion kills a human being.

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, with your generous help, has been hard at work this past year in our efforts to improve the culture of life. Some of our activities and accomplishments included:

We participated and co-sponsored the *University of Akron Students for Life* to attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, DC. We continue to work with students from both the *University of Akron* and *Kent State University* in pro-life programming and activities on campus.



We were honored to once again teach the freshman theology classes at *St. Vincent St. Mary High School* during “Respect Life” month. Using apologetics and common sense arguments, students were given the tools to uphold the value of all life to their peers, friends and families.



We taught several sidewalk counseling classes during the year so that dedicated witnesses could be more informed with how to interact with clients and the public in order to save more lives at abortion facilities and Planned Parenthood locations.



We continued to partner with area pregnancy resource centers in our successful non-branded media program which puts abortion vulnerable people in touch with life saving resources through the use of targeted ads on social media and internet locations. Close to 85% of women who see the free ultrasound offered through these connections choose life for their unborn child. In addition, we started a video ad campaign aimed at 13-29 year old females to educate them on the services available at pregnancy resource centers as opposed to Planned Parenthood.

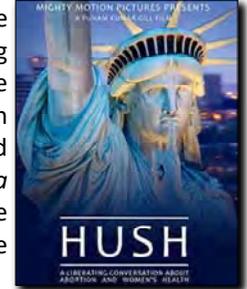


We set up educational booths and talked with thousands of people at many events, including Cleveland’s Bringing

America Back to Life convention, the Cleveland Men’s Fellowship Conference, the Kent Heritage Festival, and the Summit and Portage County Fairs. Our outreach during these events was highly successful at educating the public about the truth regarding life issues from birth to natural death.



We held many educational and informative events, including sponsoring and showing the movies “HUSH”—which outlined the probable connection between abortion and breast cancer, infant mortality and post traumatic stress, and “*The Euthanasia Deception*”—which focused on the horrible consequences that have occurred in the countries where euthanasia is legal.



We provided testimony before the Ohio legislature on appropriate legislation aimed at saving more lives, and protecting the life of not only the unborn child, but the mother as well. We continue to partner in coalition with pro-life groups across the state as we work to one day make the tragedy of abortion illegal.



We networked with churches, schools and many other organizations to provide speakers and resources. Our websites, social media presence, newsletters and e-mail notifications continue to keep everyone informed on relevant pro-life issues, and provide a wealth of information to educate anyone about the sanctity of life and related issues.



So where DO we go from here? The answer is that we keep on doing what we are doing, and pray that more of you will answer the call to spread the word to their family, friends and acquaintances and not shy away from speaking, acting and witnessing about the sanctity of life.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said that “if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?” Perhaps this is why there is so much violence in the world today.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that “silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” All too often we say nothing, even to our own children because we don’t want controversy, or we want them to “like” us. We often DO nothing because we say that “somebody else will do it” and then nobody does.

We know what to do.....now we must do it. ■

George Orwell's classic novel 1984, published in 1949, projected the reader 35 years into the future and described a totalitarian western society ruled by Big Brother. The citizens are controlled by The Inner Party, which persecutes individualism, independent thinking and free speech. In this society, the Ministry of Truth is responsible for propaganda and telling lies to manipulate the citizens so that they are not guilty of "thoughtcrimes." If found guilty, they are referred to the Ministry of Love, in charge of brainwashing and torture. The propaganda apparatus is highly automated, with the story's hero, Winston Smith, in charge of rewriting history so the historical record always supports the Party's agenda. Documents publishing the truth are sucked down "memory holes." Common slogans promulgated by the society are "War is Peace" and "Freedom is Slavery."

The Nature of Propaganda.

While I do not think we have gone all the way back to the future of 1984, much of the above seems rather familiar. Regarding propaganda, for example, pro-lifers have long known that the mainstream media are generally pro-choice. Recognizing that propaganda consists of both what one is told, and, equally important, what one is not told, it is evident that the American public has not been told the whole story about Roe v. Wade and the battle between pro-life and pro-choice forces. For example, the mainstream media and major poll questions often characterize Roe v. Wade as "permitting abortion, at least in the first trimester," when it and its companion case, Doe v. Bolton, actually permit abortion throughout a pregnancy, as long as the abortionist and the woman agree that it negatively impacts her health, which is very broadly defined in Doe.

Some Examples

Being near the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's January 22, 1973 decisions, we can illustrate the mainstream media's propagandistic approach (what it reports and what it fails to report) over the past few years. The pro-life March for Life in Washington D.C. is the largest, longest-continuing demonstration occurring in the nation's history. Yet, ABC, CBS, and NBC devoted just the following amounts of air time to the March in

- 2013: 100 seconds (by all three together)
- 2014: 46 seconds (by all three together)
- 2015: 15 seconds (by CBS) ABC and NBC not reporting at all
- 2016: 35 seconds (by ABC) CBS and NBC not reporting at all.

The 2017 March for Life prompted more coverage, however, because of President Donald Trump's upset election victory and what it might mean for the pro-life movement. Together, the three networks devoted 21 minutes, 52 seconds of coverage. While this was certainly an improvement over previous years, it constituted only 29% of the time devoted to the pro-abortion Women's March on Washington, held a week earlier.

Following a pattern familiar to pro-lifers, the type of coverage of the two events also differed. **Not once did the network news mention that pro-life women's groups were excluded from the Women's March, nor did they consult pro-life leaders for their reaction.** In contrast they did consult the pro-choice side for their comments on the March for Life. ABC's report showed a group of pro-choice demonstrators in front of the Supreme Court and interviewed one at the March for Life, but none of the three networks interviewed pro-lifers at the Women's March. On more than one occasion, the 20 to 40 pro-choicers on the Supreme Court steps and the hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers at the March for Life were simply described as "protestors on both sides of the abortion



Major media devoted 6 minutes 43 seconds to the 2018 pro-abortion Women's March that included hate speech and vulgar displays, as opposed to the 2 minutes 6 seconds for the bigger and peaceful 2018 March for Life. Source: Blaze TV

issue met in Washington today." Pictures taken at these events often paint pro-lifers in a negative light, but pro-choicers in a more positive light.

This type of biased media coverage of the life issues has been generally characteristic of the more conventional mainstream media for 45 years. In Part Two of our report, we will discuss the possibly greater threat to fairness posed by the social media, i.e., Facebook, Google, Twitter and YouTube, which are used as information sources by increasing numbers of people.

(For good pro-life information sources at the national level, see National Right to Life News and LifeNews.com).

In several previous issues of this newsletter, under the title, "See no Evil, Hear No Evil," we have reported on the undercover videos made by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) led by David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt who secretly recorded meetings of abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, that revealed alleged trafficking in aborted fetal body parts.

Congress Investigates

After the release of CMP's videos, both the U.S. House and Senate investigated the matter. The Final Report of the Select Investigative Panel of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, issued December 30, 2016, found that some abortion clinics, including two Planned Parenthood (PP) clinics in northern California and their business associate StemExpress (a tissue procurement agency), probably violated patients' privacy rights by sharing patient information in order to secure specific body parts. In addition, federal rules regarding human consent forms and research protocols appeared to be violated. Finally, fees charged StemExpress by PP apparently were in excess of those allowed by law. The report stated, "This evidence points toward conduct focused on profit and not on patient welfare."

After reviewing over 20,000 pages of documents related to PP's fetal tissue transfers, the Senate Judiciary Committee concluded that PP was turning a blind eye to any of their affiliates that engaged in unlawful activity in this matter. The Committee also discovered that the Department of Justice under the Obama Administration had not enforced the law banning the buying and selling of tissue.

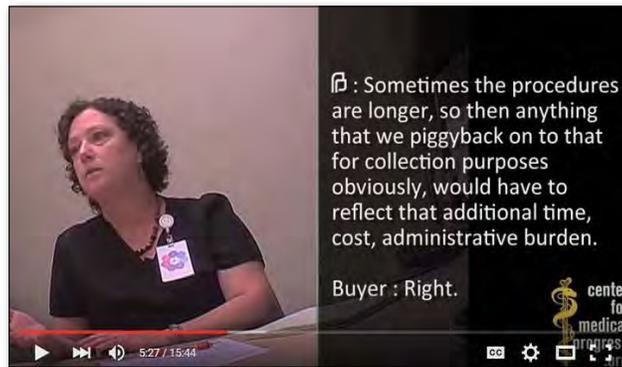
Planned Parenthood's Response

Dana Singiser, PP's Vice President of Government Affairs said, "These

accusations are baseless.... Planned Parenthood has never, and would never, profit while facilitating its patients' choice to donate fetal tissue for use in important medical research."

Fallout to Date

In the summer of 2016, the findings of one investigation resulting from the CMP videos was presented to the Attorney General of New Mexico, Hector Balderas. It involved a partnership between the University of New Mexico



(UNM), and Southwestern Women's Options (SWO), the nation's largest late-term abortion facility. The House Select Investigative Panel presented Banderas with evidence to back up some of its key findings, which included:

1. SWO was the sole provider of aborted fetal tissue to the UNM Health Service Center, where research was done.
2. UNM granted faculty status to SWO's abortionists, providing professional and financial benefits, in violation of state and federal law.
3. The primary goal of this partnership apparently was to increase the volume of second trimester abortions to provide an ample supply for UNM researchers. It was also noted that women were required to sign a research consent form before being granted an abortion, resulting in at least two women filing complaints or lawsuits.

When the case was presented to Banderas, it cited two New Mexico laws that were allegedly violated by university researchers, as well as the

improper informed consent procedures. However, to the chagrin of local pro-lifers, Banderas' findings concluded that "no state laws were broken by the transfer of fetal tissue between an Albuquerque abortion clinic and researchers at the University of New Mexico." (Since *Roe v. Wade*, pro-lifers have learned that there is often a big difference between passing pro-life legislation and its effective enforcement). However, having conducted its own investigation, the UNM Health Sciences Center discovered that one of its researchers, Dr. Robin Olds, was receiving fetal remains from SWO and then transferring them to a private lab in Michigan at a profit. In early January, 2018, Dr. Olds was suspended and barred from her lab.

Another case was prosecuted by Orange County, California District Attorney Tony Rackauckas after a complaint submitted by CMP. It involved two sister tissue-procurement companies, DaVinci Biosciences and DV Biologics, that did business with PP of Orange and San Bernardino Counties for some eight years. They admitted breaking state and federal laws by selling aborted fetal organs and tissue obtained from PP for a profit, charging up to \$1,100 for some specimens. They also signed a \$7.8 million settlement agreement in which they were banned from doing any future business in California. DaVinci is reported to have made multiple financial contributions to PP during their association. Finally, Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), who chaired the U.S. House Select Panel on Infant Lives, indicated that 15 criminal referrals in 11 states and 4 referrals to the Department of Justice were made as a result of its investigation prompted by the CMP videos. Note: To see the CMP videos on our website, click on the "news" tab, then "defund Planned Parenthood" and scroll down to the videos. ■

Planned Parenthood's Annual Report Quite Revealing

by Dr. Ray Adamek

In early January, Planned Parenthood (PP) released its 2016-2017 Annual Report covering fiscal year October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. It reported performing 321,384 abortion in that year, or an average of 880 per day. It also reported total net assets of \$1.68 billion. Furthermore, its last eleven annual reports, starting with its 2006-2007 report, indicate its annual excess of revenue over expenses (what we would call "profit" if it were a for-profit organization) averaged \$77.5 million per year. Its private contributions and bequests more than doubled in this time period, totaling \$532.7 million in fiscal year 2015-16.

Tax Dollars and Abortion

PP reported receiving \$543.7 tax dollars in its latest report. An analysis of the number of abortions it performs and the number of tax dollars it receives covering its past 13 annual reports shows a strong positive correlation ($r = .78$) between tax money received and abortions performed. That is, as tax dollars increase, abortions increase, and as tax dollars decrease, abortions decrease. The associated R^2 of this analysis is .61, indicating that tax money fluctuation accounts for 61% of the fluctuation in numbers of abortions. All other factors combined account for only 39% of abortion number variation. PP's assertion that tax dollars do not fund abortion because of the Hyde Amendment is a distinction without a difference. Money is fungible. For every tax dollar it receives, PP is free to allocate an unrestricted dollar to its abortion "service," or to support pro-choice candidates and legislation, while opposing pro-life candidates and legislation. In its current report, it shows \$40.1 million in "public policy" expenses.

Rebranding and Doing Less with More

In recent months, PP has eschewed the pro-choice and family planning labels and marketed itself as a woman's health care provider. However, its annual reports show it to be concentrating on expanding its abortion business and cutting back on other services. Thus, comparing its 2006-2007 annual report (earliest detailed data available) to its 2016-2017 report, we find that while its tax revenue increased by 78 percent over this period, the "reversible" contraceptives given to women decreased by 24%, the number of Pap tests dropped by 74%, the number of breast exams dropped by 62%, the number of colposcopy and LEEP procedures combined decreased by 64%. **After studying PP's current report in detail, the American Life League concluded, "... Planned Parenthood spent the last year reducing medical activity and increasing its community and political organizing."**

Those who support PP's policies are free to support it with their charity dollars, and apparently do so quite generously. Pro-life citizens should not be forced to support its practices and policies with their tax dollars, however. To see reasons other than abortion why PP does not deserve our tax dollars, go to our website, click "Issues," "Abortion" and see "11 Reasons Why Tax Money Should Not Go to PP." ■



Please help us **SOCK IT to Abortion!**



Following the lead of the very successful Students for Life campaign, we're collecting baby socks to use in an educational, visual display used at county fairs and other events this year to show the tragic loss of innocent human lives in Ohio. **We would like to collect 20,672 pairs of infant socks to highlight the number of aborted children in Ohio last year.** The Students for Life campaign has had dramatic results at changing hearts and minds where people have seen it, and we want to do the same here. Our plan is to donate the socks to area pregnancy resource centers once our display has run its course. Can you please help us by purchasing a few pairs of socks? We are also accepting gently used socks.

Socks can be mailed to or dropped off at:

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio
572 W. Market St., Suite 2
Akron, OH 44303

If you would like a collection basket for socks to use at your church, school, job or other organization to help us with this project, give us a call at 330-762-2785.



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Dave and Darlene Yost
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Be our guest for dinner!

April 7, 2018

**SYB Party Center, Stow OH
4157 Hudson Dr.**

Cocktail Hour: 4PM Dinner: 5PM

Seating is limited! Reserve your seat now at
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**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*

Please bring a package of diapers (any size or brand) or a can of formula (any size or brand) which will be donated to our area pregnancy resource centers.



Do you know someone who exemplifies the value of caring and whose unselfish contributions to the protection of life from conception through natural death deserves recognition?

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio is accepting nominations for our annual volunteer recognition to be presented on April 7, 2018 at our annual “Celebrate Life” dinner. Awards to be presented are the *Marie McNeill Life Education Award*, *Defender of Life Award*, and *Champion of Life Award*. Submission deadline for nominations is March 24, 2018. For a full description of awards and nomination form, visit our website at www.RTLofNEO.com/awards_nominations.



**Attention
High School
Juniors & Seniors!**

We are pleased to announce the
Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Pro-Life Oratory Contest!

March 24, 2018

- This contest is open to high school juniors and seniors from Summit and Portage Counties.
- 1st place wins \$100 and will represent RTLNEO in the state contest in Columbus in April.
- State winner will receive all expense paid trip to national contest in Kansas City in June.
- For registration and rules, visit our website and click on the “Events” tab.





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Our Mission

Protecting the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death...NO EXCEPTIONS

The Issues

*Abortion
Embryonic Stem Cell Research & Cloning
Euthanasia & End of Life Decisions*

Our Goal

Building the Culture of Life

Our Strategies

Educate with the facts concerning life issues
Legislate by promoting laws protecting innocent human lives
Advocate as a voice for the voiceless
Unify those seeking to defend life
Multiply our voices to increase in strength

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...to continue in our fight to protect innocent human life from conception through natural death...

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