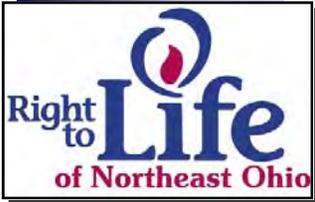


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Fall 2016



Early death in Ohio?

Assisted suicide is currently legal in five states, and Charleta Tavares, a state senator in Ohio's district 15 wants Ohio to be the next state to make physician assisted suicide legal. She says she supports the idea of people being able to choose, with a physician, their own fate when dealing with a terminal illness. She plans to introduce a physician assisted suicide bill entitled "Death With Dignity" to the Ohio legislature.

Those who support physician assisted suicide refer to it as "aid in dying", or "death with dignity", but to do so is fundamentally incompatible with a physician's role as a healer. All too often, those near the end of their lives or those in chronic pain are depressed and made to feel like they are a burden and have outlived their usefulness. The depression becomes a symptom that is ignored, and the caregivers succumb to believing that hastening death is the compassionate thing to do.

Yes, death is an inevitability, but we should be obligated to help someone live until they die, and not to be the cause of their death. The cause for assisted suicide is ripe with stories about people who suffer greatly and how we need to alleviate their suffering by helping them to die. They neglect to broadcast the fact that for anyone who may be in discomfort, it is currently legal in every state to receive palliative sedation so that discomfort is relieved during the dying process. They also neglect to tell you that what they refer to as safeguards in the law in states where physician assisted suicide is legal are actually dangerous holes big enough to drive a truck through that can never be fixed. While proponents of assisted suicide color the rhetoric with compassion, assisted suicide laws discriminate against the sick, the elderly, and the disabled, and completely limit the choice and autonomy of the individual:

- It is the doctor, not the patient, who



decides eligibility for assisted suicide;

- Psychological exams are not mandatory, so an individual's depression does not have to be considered;
- A patient's heir can witness the written request for the lethal dose, creating the potential for coercion;
- There is a deadly interaction between assisted suicide and our profit-driven health care system. The cost of physician assisted suicide is much less than treatment, or than waiting for a patient to die naturally.
- The physician does not have to be present at the suicide. The lethal dose can be administered by anyone, even without the patient's knowledge. In fact, there is no way to determine if and when the lethal dose is ever administered!

- It is not always possible to determine that a terminally ill patient has only six months to live, which is the only time that physician assisted suicide is legal. Most medical prognoses are based on statistical averages which can be useless in trying to determine what will happen to an individual patient. This can be extremely risky for anyone with progressive disabilities or illnesses that can be misdiagnosed. There is also documented research showing many people diagnosed with life threatening illnesses that become depressed and despondent and contemplate assisted suicide, but later adapt and live the remainder of their lives with satisfaction.

Assisted suicide has been legal in Oregon since 1997 and is rife with problems. Reports show that the primary reason those who want to die choose to do so not because of the pain, but for reasons associated with the disability or illness that include loss of autonomy, loss of dignity, or

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Hey There, Little Red Riding Hood

Denise Leipold *Executive Director*



There are countless fairy tales that tell the story of how someone or something bad tries to attract something good for their personal gain. They usually do it with promises of instant comfort, pleasure, food or supposed necessities. Little Red Riding Hood was lured by thinking she was going into the safe arms of her grandmother. Sleeping Beauty almost died for a bite of a juicy red apple, and the Little Mermaid gave up her voice for the promise of love with a handsome prince.

In real life, all you have to do is turn on the television or open a magazine to see your own "fairy tale". Everything seems to revolve around making you sexier, more attractive or wealthier without having to do much work to actually achieve those things. Superb marketing and advertising makes it seem like all you have to do is buy something, or take a "magic" pill and your life will instantly become better. The wolf has hidden in sheep's clothing as we've become a fast food, instant results society, and we let it happen to us, slowly, but very surely.



We wonder sometimes how anyone could ever consider that killing an unborn child could be so accepted in our society. What many pro-life advocates fail to realize is that being pro-life is about much more than being anti-abortion! twenty or thirty years ago, you would have never seen pre-marital sex even *implied* on prime time television, much less seen it actually shown to the extent that it is now. Twenty or thirty years ago it was NOT the norm to have children first, and then maybe get married later. The level of violence shown on television and in movies is so extreme that our children seem to be desensitized to violence. If you remember the original "Psycho" movie, the horror was mostly implied and theatrical. Now, it is nothing to see blood and gore all over the screen.

Someone once accused me of wanting to make our country go back to being like it was in the 1950's. That's not true! I don't think I could live without my microwave, my computer or my cell phone! However, I DO want to return to the morals and value of those days that seem to have been lost as we gained new and better technologies and faster results for everything.

A few years ago, I was invited to speak at a meeting of a local Black Panthers group. One of their members had read an article I had written that emphasized the statistics of abortion among black women. The article mentioned that in the Akron area, black people accounted for about 12% of the population, but that black women had about 42% of the abortions. At the time, statistics showed that for every two black women that were pregnant, 1.2 black women had an abortion. Theoretically, the blacks could be aborting themselves out of existence. I was asked to speak at their meeting because after reading my article, the group thought that maybe they should become more actively pro-life and wanted to know how to do that. Their assumption was that all they had to do was to fight abortion. They didn't want to have to consider changing behaviors that led to the pregnancies in the first place.

It seems to be that way with a lot of people, and we hear it masqueraded as "women's reproductive health." Planned Parenthood and their supporters teach our youth to be proud of their "sexuality", but don't speak about respect or responsibility. They emphasize the sex, and not marriage, or the love that is supposed to be the focus of a relationship. If a pregnancy develops, it is a "problem" that has to be dealt with. They've turned the killing of an innocent human being into "health care."

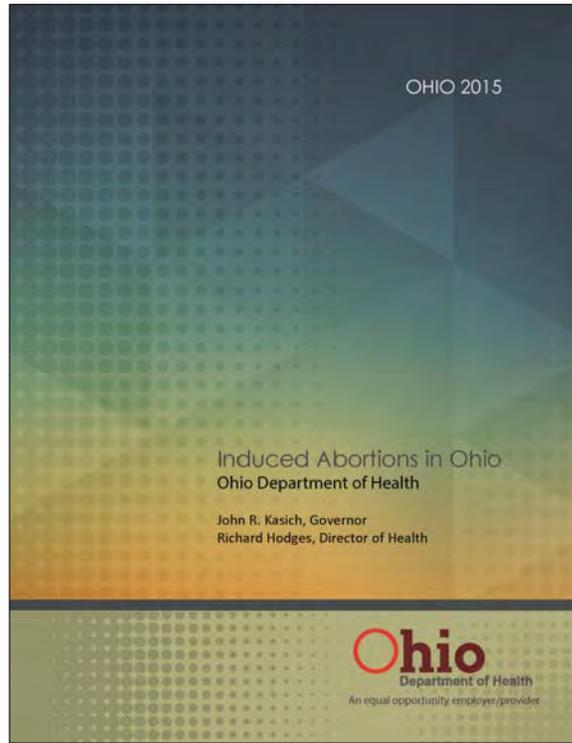
How did this happen? Slowly, but surely, as we have accepted all the instant fixes and promises in advertising, and as we've turned our heads to what we've allowed our children to watch on television and in the movies, it has crept into our culture and into our way of life. Does that mean it has to stay? Definitely not! Our future is our children, and we can teach our children well. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "*start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*" It's never too late to start. One of my favorite songs by Crosby, Stills and Nash is "*Teach Your Children Well*". The song is timeless, and so is the message. It doesn't have to be a fairy tale to work.

For Life,

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Executive Director



The Ohio Department of Health released its annual report, *Induced Abortions in Ohio, 2015*, in September. Statewide, **total** reported abortions decreased 1% from 2014, totaling 20,976 in 2015, an average of 57.5 abortions per day. Abortions for **residents** of Ohio (19,765) decreased by 1.3% from 2014. Results were even better in our local area. Abortions for residents of Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne counties, those most likely to use Akron's two abortuaries, were down by 13.6%. While there are probably other reasons for these decreases, including over-the-counter abortifacients such as Plan B, our media campaign in concert with area pregnancy help centers, and the educational and witnessing efforts of area pro-life groups and individuals certainly deserve some of the credit.



human being they have conceived.

Second, as is true nationally, Blacks in Ohio are overrepresented in the abortion count. Although they make up only 12.7% of Ohio's population, they account for 40.1% of its abortions, some 3.2 times more than their population numbers would lead one to expect. Ironically, those who believe "Black Lives Matter" and work to reduce Black abortions are accused of racism.

Third, given the facts that 73.8% of Ohio women aborted in 2015 were not using contraceptives at the time they conceived, and that almost 1 out of 6 had two or more children, it

appears that many use abortion as birth control.

Fourth, these and other data from Ohio, as well as national data, indicate that the contraceptive approach to curbing unplanned pregnancies and abortion is not working. In 1940, before the pill and other modern contraceptives, and before "comprehensive" sex education in the schools, when the accepted norm was "wait until marriage," only 3.5% of births in the U.S. occurred out of wedlock. In 2014, it was 40.2%. Moreover, several studies have shown that abortion rates increase with the increased distribution and use of contraceptives in a society.

Hence, the solution to unplanned pregnancy and abortion is the same as that which worked so much better in the past—abstinence before marriage complemented by fertility awareness programs after marriage. Most of us have spent time assembling furniture, toys, etc., and learned that if you don't follow the manufacturer's instructions, you run into trouble. Our lives are like that too. If we don't follow the manufacturer's (God's) instructions (the Ten Commandments and the commandment to love one another—i.e. be concerned about the other's welfare), we as individuals, the family, and our society inevitably run into trouble.

(To view the entire Ohio Department of Health report, visit our website, click on "Issues", then "Abortion", then scroll down to "Induced Abortions in Ohio 2015.") ■

Client Characteristics: Following is a summary of the characteristics of women obtaining abortions whose information was known.

- **Age:** Under 20, 10.4%; 20-24, 32.5%; 25 & over, 57.1%
- **Race:** White, 51.5%; Black, 42.0%; Other 6.5%.
- **Education:** High School or less, 51.4%; Some college, 34.4%; College or higher, 14.2%
- **Marital Status:** Never Married, 78.7%; Married 11.7%; Separated, Divorced, Widowed 9.6%
- **Number of Living Children:** None, 36.9%; One, 26.6%; Two or more, 36.5%
- **Number of Prior Abortions:** None, 58.2%; One, 26.2%; Two or more 15.6%
- **Using Contraception at Time of Conception?** Yes, 26.2%; No, 73.8%

Observations: Four observations may be made about these data. First, it is evident that many women and men are not exercising their legitimate right to control their own bodies. Although they do not wish to have a child at this point in their lives, they engage in an activity that can have that result, whether or not they are contracepting. Having failed to control their own bodies, they then resort to destroying the body of the

NOTE: This article is a continuation from our last issue concerning the release of videos filmed by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) and the alleged illegal altering of abortion procedures by Planned Parenthood (PP) to obtain aborted body parts, and the harvesting of those parts for profit. The videos can be viewed on our website. Click on the "news" tab, then "defund Planned Parenthood", and scroll down to the videos.

House Panel Investigating PP Videos Reports Findings.

On the first of the release of the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) videos, the House Select Panel on Infant Lives gave an interim report of its findings. Among the main findings were the following:

- PP, other abortion providers, and fetal tissue procurement companies such as StemExpress violated federal laws and regulations regarding patient privacy and research on human subjects.
- In some cases abortion patients' consent for tissue donation was not obtained, and tissue procurement technicians had an incentive to obtain consent from patients since they were awarded a bonus of some \$55 for each tissue sample. StemExpress became the "Amazon.com of baby body parts," which it sold to researchers. Expanding from working with four abortion clinics to nearly 300, its annual revenue went from \$156,312 in 2010 to \$4.5 million in 2014.
- Some abortion providers altered abortion procedures in a way that substituted what was best for the patient to a way which best served their bottom line.

On September 21, 2016, the House Select Panel voted to hold StemExpress, PP's most conspicuous partner, in contempt of Congress for stonewalling its investigation. After multiple attempts to end or delay the panel's vote, its six Democrats walked out, and its eight Republicans voted for the contempt measure.

See No Evil.

As we have reported in previous issues, pro-choice

advocates maintain they were doing nothing wrong, and that all investigations should cease. They also maintain that the CMP videos were highly edited. However, LifeSiteNews reported (9/29/15) every second of CMP video footage was submitted to Coalfire, a forensics firm. In its report, Coalfire said, "The [total] video recordings are authentic and show no evidence of manipulation or editing." PP's own hired firm, Fusion GPS, also concluded that, "This analysis did not reveal widespread evidence of substantive video manipulation," nor did they find any evidence of audio manipulation. What they did report were, "cuts, skips, missing tape, and changes in camera angle," which CMP notes were due to the fact that both their personnel had a hidden camera that could be switched on and off, bathroom breaks, or breaks when conversations were not taking place.



Not wanting to see evil, the California legislature is considering a bill to stop whistleblowers and journalists from conducting undercover investigations of any "health care providers." The law includes stiff fines and jail time. In response, David Daleiden, CMP head, wrote: "... it is clear that PP does not want to be held accountable to the public whose taxpayer money it gladly takes by the hundreds of millions, and will even attack freedom of speech and freedom of the press in order to maintain its own arbitrary levels of secrecy."

During debate on the bill, State Senator John Moorlach (R) stated, "When *60 Minutes* uses a hidden camera and discovers a unique story, it's called outstanding journalism. But when a private citizen does it and unmasks a very, very unpleasant truth, it's a call for legislation." ■

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loss of control of bodily function. But as noted in the publication "Why Assisted Suicide Must Not Be Legalized" published by the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, "many thousands of people with disabilities who rely on personal assistance have learned, needing help is not undignified, and death is not better than reliance on assistance. Have we gotten to the point that we will abet suicides because people need help using the toilet?"

We have so easily accepted killing unborn children through abortion, and now are being told that it is compassionate to prematurely end life at the opposite spectrum. This is utter madness. The late Senator Ted Kennedy's wife, Victoria, said it best: "My late husband Sen. Edward Kennedy called quality, affordable health care for all the cause of his life. Physician assisted suicide turns his vision of health care for all on its head by asking us to endorse patient suicide—not health care—as our public policy for dealing with pain and the financial burdens of care at the end of life. We're better than that. We should expand palliative care, pain management, nursing care and hospice, not trade the dignity and life of a human being for the bottom line." The ironic part about her statement, however, is that Mrs. Kennedy is pro-choice when it comes to abortion.

For more information about physician assisted suicide, visit our website and click on "Issues", then "Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide". More in depth information is also available from the Patients Rights Council at www.patientsrightscouncil.org, and the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition at www.epcc. ■

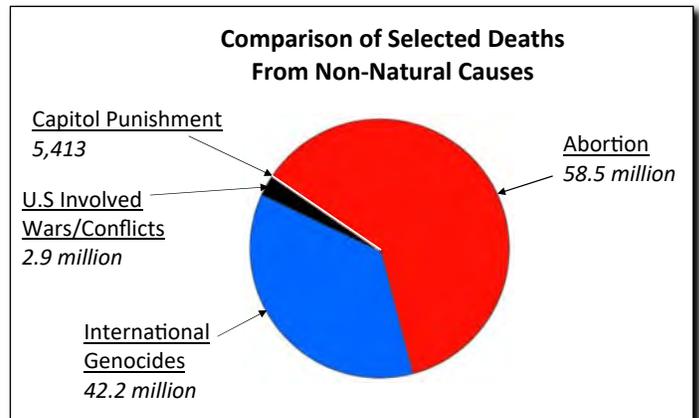
Legal Abortion: In the 43 years since the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton abortion decisions of January 22, 1973, data from the Guttmacher Institute and the Centers for Disease Control indicate we have aborted **58.5 million** human beings in our country.

Capital Punishment: The U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics indicate that from 1930-2014, executions in the U.S. totaled 5,413. Guttmacher reported we aborted 1,058,500 in 2011 (latest complete figures available). It took us just **44.9 hours** in 2011 to kill as many human beings by abortion as we had executed in the 85 years from 1930-2014.

U.S. War Casualties: Wikipedia reports that the total number of Americans killed, wounded and missing in all our wars and conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the present (240 years), including the war on terror is **2.9 million**. The **58.5 million** aborted in America since 1973 (43 years) is **more than 20 times the number of war casualties**.

History’s Most Notorious Dictators: Wikipedia reports that these four dictators were responsible for killing the following numbers of human beings by execution, beatings and intentional starvation: Hitler, 15 million, Stalin, 15 million, Mao Zedong, 10 million, Pol Pot, 2.2 million. (Scholars’ estimates varied, so we report a middle figure). Their combined total is **42.2 million**, or less than three fourths (72.1%) of our legal abortion total to date.

Haven’t we had enough abortions in this country yet? Isn’t it time that we elect public officials who will work directly and through their appointments to secure the right to life for our brothers and sisters in the womb? ■



LEFT:

On October 5, *Right to Life of Northeast Ohio* hosted the Akron area premiere of the pro-life movie “Voiceless” to a packed house at the Regal Independence 10 Theatre in Akron. Movie goers brought diapers and formula which were distributed to local pregnancy resource centers.

RIGHT:

On October 15, *Right to Life of Northeast Ohio* held the **Wild, Wild West Reverse Raffle** fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall in South Akron where the top finishers in the raffle decided to split and share the \$2,000 grand prize. In addition to the food, fun and fellowship, we raised much needed funds to help us in our education and advocacy efforts as we work to build a culture of life!



10 Reasons NOT To Have Unrestricted Access to Plan B

Many people today think that contraceptive birth control is safe and should be available to our youth at an early age to prevent unwanted pregnancies—they say you can't expect abstinence to work. Here are the facts which should change your mind:



1. The word “contraceptive” means *preventing conception*, or stopping the male sperm from fertilizing the female egg to create a new life. However, it is possible that the hormonal contraceptive will NOT prevent the conception. If that happens, then the 2nd action is to prevent the new life from implanting in the uterus. In this case, it is “aborted” and expelled to die, which is why we call hormonal contraceptives chemical *abortifacients*.
2. Emergency contraception, like Plan B, is made up of synthetic hormones at a much higher dose than those in birth control pills *which you need a prescription for!* Does it make sense for a much stronger dose to be sold on demand over the counter, especially to young girls?
3. High doses of synthetic hormones like in Plan B can have severe side effects, including nausea, abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, menstrual changes, dizziness, breast tenderness, vomiting, diarrhea, unexpected bleeding, and more. Should young girls have access to this without parental consent?!
4. The Plan B packaging clearly states that it is not like RU-486, and does not cause an abortion. However, if fertilization has already occurred and the new life has still not implanted in the uterus, then the hormonal effects of the pill will stop the life from normal implantation and the life will be “aborted” by expelling it to die.
5. It's one thing for an adult with a prescription to understand side effects and risks. It's quite another for underage girls to acknowledge that the National Cancer Institute advises that using oral contraceptives increases the risk of breast, cervical and liver cancer, or that the World Health Organization

states that “artificial contraceptives are carcinogenic on a par with cigarettes and asbestos.”

6. Pro-abortion advocates say that “contraception reduces unintended pregnancies.” But Centers for Disease Control data shows clear links between the use of contraceptives and increased sexual activity, and increased sexually transmitted disease (STD). It also shows that more sex equals more pregnancies because contraception can fail.
7. The Guttmacher Institute, a Planned Parenthood (PP) affiliate, conducted research in the United States, Cuba, Denmark, the Netherlands, Singapore and South Korea which shows *simultaneous increases in both abortion rates and contraceptive use*. Do you get it now why PP pushes contraception?: it fuels their lucrative abortion business!
8. Results of a pilot program in the United Kingdom to distribute emergency contraception to teenagers under 16 shows that it has NOT cut the rate of pregnancy, and it has actually spurred a rise in STDs. The UK has the highest teen pregnancy rate in Western Europe, and the rate of contracting STDs in teenagers under 16 had risen 58% in the last 5 years of the study period!
9. Human trafficking is a serious problem in the United States. Having Plan B available over the counter on demand now gives human traffickers a way to end pregnancies in young girls being trafficked, with no medical care or

follow-up. Sex traffickers can simply send a girl into a pharmacy to buy Plan B without a prescription. They won't have to visit a doctor or anyone who can question her about her health, circumstances or safety. They are enslaved further into the life of human trafficking without ever having to see a medical professional.

10. Last but not least, what about morality? Why is our society keen on letting our youth think that pre-marital sex is OK? Abstinence and chastity education does work, and it was the recognized way of life until late 1960s. Consider the following from the National Abstinence Education Association: *“There are now twenty-three studies either published in peer-reviewed academic journals or reported to the government that show statistically significant effects on various measures of success for sex education programs, such as delayed sexual debut, decreased number of sexual partners, and even increased use of condoms and contraceptives, typical measures that indicate the approach works. Strong SRA (sexual risk avoidance) programs go well beyond the straw-man ‘just say no’ approach. They also aim to inspire young men and women to set positive goals for their futures. Choosing to wait for sex is an important decision in that process, though not the only one. SRA programs help teens understand that their value is not dependent on whether they have sex with their date; they aim to help teens develop aspirations that transcend the pressure to be sexually active at a young age.”*

If you believe that children are our future, then you want to do everything you can for them to grow up healthy and morally strong. We need to take back the control of raising our own children, and keep them safe. Enough said.

(To read the full article, including documentation, visit our website, click on “Issues”, then “Contraception”, and scroll down to the article.) ■



Top: On September 10, *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 the *University of Akron Students for Life*, *Judge Todd McKenney*, *Summit County Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers*, *Deacon William Yaho*, *Pregnancy Solutions Executive Director Brett Faris*, *Silent No More Regional Representative Christy Ballor*, the *Knights of Columbus Color and Honor Guard*, and music from *Jeff and Kira Andrea*.

Bottom: September 19 was a picture perfect day at *Silver Lake Country Club* for the annual **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Golf For Life** tournament! Golfers enjoyed lunch, beverages on the course, 18 holes of golf with cart under turquoise blue skies, a steak dinner and lots of door prizes. Congratulations to the winning team of *Tom Brennan*, *Ryan Brennan*, *Jerry Cowley* and *Brandon Wells* who won with a score of 55!!!



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