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Saving Unborn Babies a Heartbeat Away

By Bradley Mattes, MBS

The state of Ohio is on the cusp of once again leading the way with unprecedented pro-life legislation. The first was when the Ohio legislature introduced the first Partial-Birth Abortion (PBA) ban (at the time called the D & X Abortion). As a result, this and later legislation in other states and in Washington, DC changed the landscape of abortion discourse.

The dispute surrounding PBA focused the nation's attention on the primary victim of abortion, the unborn child. The pro-abortion argument of a "woman's right to choose" took backseat to the humanity of the unborn child late in pregnancy. Before ultimately prevailing on the federal level, this decade-long debate turned the tide of public opinion on abortion, adding a solid ten-percent to the number of those who oppose abortion.

Now comes another groundbreaking piece of legislation—again in Ohio—that has the potential of greatly impacting the abortion debate. This time it will focus America's attention on the humanity of the unborn child *early* in pregnancy, and possibly deal a fatal or debilitating blow to *Roe vs. Wade*. It's called HB 125 or better known as the Heartbeat Bill.

The proposed bill is simple in its concept. It would prohibit abortion when the unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable. The heart of an unborn child begins to beat at just 18-28 days after conception;

however, it cannot be heard in average clinical settings until after the mother has missed her second period. This is approximately six to eight weeks after fertilization. If the Heartbeat Bill is passed, Ohio will then protect the lives of about three-fourths or more of the developing babies who are now being killed by abortion.

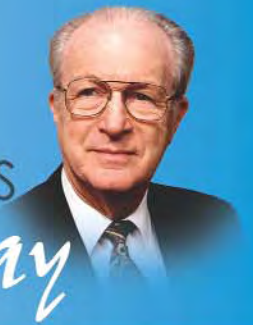
This extraordinary concept is the brainchild of Janet Folger Porter, the former legislative director of Ohio Right to Life. "We don't bury people with beating hearts because the heartbeat is a sign of life," Janet said. "We are just applying that same measurement to this end of life."

The Heartbeat Bill passed the House by a vote of 54-43. It now moves on to the Senate where its fate is uncertain. Dr. Willke has been credited with being a major force propelling the bill forward. Without his prestige and influence, the bill advocates say, they may not have gotten this far. Dr. Willke—often referred to as the Father of the Pro-Life Movement—is an enthusiastic supporter of the Heartbeat Bill. He said, "This bill is a simple and very positive approach to ending most abortions. I believe that now is the time to take a bold stand in a way that will both educate Americans to the truth about abortion while challenging the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision. What's more, I think we can win."

Even though the idea was conceived in Ohio, it may not get to be the first to enact this protective legislation. Inspired by the Buckeye State's approach to ending abortion, Kansas is now pursuing this legislation and their pro-life governor, Sam Brownback, may sign it into law before Ohio—to Ohio's delight. In addition, six other states are said to be involved at varying degrees promoting a similar Heartbeat Bill of their own.

Legal pundits and experts on both sides of the abortion issue agree that HB 125 is in direct conflict with *Roe*. Some pro-lifers have also argued it wouldn't survive a US Supreme Court challenge. Further, they say, an adverse ruling would make an ultimate reversal of *Roe* even more unlikely, and could undermine previous gains made in the courts to protect unborn babies.

However, that argument contradicts recent US Supreme Court history. As late as 2000, in *Stenberg vs. Carhart*, the Court held that Nebraska's Partial-Birth Abortion Ban was unconstitutional. But only seven years later—after replacing retiring pro-abortion Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with pro-life Justice Samuel Alito—the Court upheld a federal PBA ban in *Gonzales vs. Carhart*. The previous adverse ruling obviously did not create an impenetrable barrier to an ultimate and soon-to-follow victory. In



Planned Parenthood *And I Quote...*

By: J.C. Willke, MD

Where does Planned Parenthood stand on the abortion issue? They're the largest baby-killing conglomerate in America, having directly killed over 330,000 unborn babies last year, and that number keeps rising every year. It is interesting to look back to the '90s when it already had that dubious distinction back then.

Let's first look at how they view teen sexual activities. Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood said, "There are only two basic kinds of sex—sex with victims and sex without. Sex with victims is always wrong. Sex without victims is always right." Let's go to Planned Parenthood in Canada in the summer of 1996. "The solution to negative early sexual experience is to teach young people how to experience sexual pleasure instead of teaching them not to have sex." Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1993 said, "The only question is, what's right for you."

On abstinence education, Planned Parenthood's former president, Fay Waddleton, said, "We are not going to be an organization promoting celibacy or chastity. Our concern is not to convey 'should's' and 'should not's,' but to help young people make responsible decisions about their sexual relationships."

Their *National Bulletin* took a shot at Dr. James Dobson saying that his "insidious message of sexual safety, exclusively through abstinence, is not only annoying, it's dangerous."

Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood in 1997 stated, "Teaching abstinence alone is a great disservice to young people."

Planned Parenthood took this position in 1994: "Exclusively urging abstinence, while condemning all non-marital sex, is unrealistic and irresponsible." I guess, in that case, the Ten Commandments are wrong?

Their 1992 annual report offered a kit that provided information for any person who "wants to implement comprehensive programs, or prevent the implementation of abstinence-only programs."

What does Planned Parenthood think of parental rights, as contrasted with teenage rights? Well, here's their mission statement from the early '90s: "Planned Parenthood opposes any limitation or restriction on the access of adolescents to confidential reproductive health services, including contraception and abortion." Their president, Gloria Feldt, said, "We have taken unequivocal stands on many hard issues." She has "worked for minors' access to abortion and contraception and has led the way for abortion."

What about unborn babies? They put out a pamphlet in 1995, called *How to Talk to Your Teen*. In it they say, "The fetus becomes a baby at birth." Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood stated, "Babies are NOT sweet little things. They wet and dirty themselves. They get sick. They're very expensive to take care of." And from the *Minnesota/South Dakota* newsletter of Planned Parenthood, "Babies are loud, smelly and expensive, unless you want one."

In a published statement in October of 1990: "We see abortion as a necessary, desirable service and as an integral part of comprehensive reproductive health care service." Alexander Sanger, grandson of Margaret Sanger, was quoted saying this: "It's a breach of the public trust when you've graduated from medical school and are licensed in Obstetrics and Gynecology and do not do abortions."

Once again, here's Gloria Feldt, this time on abortion: "Reproductive choices, including abortion, are not just legal rights but are recognized as moral

necessities without which there can be no liberty."

How about the link between abortion and breast cancer? Well, here's one of their pamphlets: "Does abortion cause breast cancer?" Their single word answer was "No."

And here's one from Pamela Miraldo, also a president of Planned Parenthood. This was on Dateline NBC in 1994: "Even if it's solid, good science, to warn women about a breast cancer link, to upset them is clearly irresponsible."

And finally, do they have an opinion on assisted suicide? Pamela Miraldo does, and here's what she said in *US News & World Report* in 1997: "What do you think of assisted suicide?" She answered: "Choice is choice."

Since the '90s Planned Parenthood's agenda has gotten worse, so we must renew our efforts to stop tax funding of Planned Parenthood, a kingpin of the abortion industry 🌀



addition, concerns about a negative Court ruling affecting previous pro-life gains never materialized.

Heartbeat Bill skeptics assume that we remain one vote shy on the US Supreme Court of overturning *Roe*. The Court has 9 members; 4 have voted solidly pro-life, 4 appear to be solidly pro-abortion. Justice Kennedy is the swing vote and he voted with the majority to reaffirm *Roe* in the 1992 *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey* decision.

But there's evidence to indicate a perceived pro-life deficit could actually be a pro-life majority. More and more Court watchers are beginning to suspect that Justice Kennedy has shown signs of a change of heart. Particularly, they point to Kennedy's strongly written opinion in *Stenberg vs. Carhart*.

Media accounts suggest that Justice Kennedy at first agreed to overturn *Roe* in the *Casey* decision—changing his mind at the eleventh hour—with the understanding by the majority that states would have reasonable leeway to pass some restrictions on abortion. Subsequent writings of Justice Kennedy show that in the wake of *Casey* he was clearly unhappy with the majority's opposition to Nebraska's PBA ban, and minced no words that it should have been ruled constitutional.

In his fiery dissent, Kennedy wrote, "The Court's refusal to recognize Nebraska's right to [draw a line between PBA and D&E abortion] is a dispiriting disclosure of the illogic and illegitimacy of the Court's approach to the entire case." Justice Kennedy accused the Court of "Casting aside the views of distinguished physicians and the statements of leading medical organizations." He added, "For it is now Dr. Leroy Carhart who sets abortion policy for the State of Nebraska, not the legislature or the people."

He also understood that the Court's "health of the mother" exception made a PBA ban "meaningless," saying a ban with

the health exception "is no ban at all."

Finally, in the closing remarks of his dissent, Kennedy wrote, "Ignoring substantial medical and ethical opinion, the Court substitutes its own judgment for the judgment of Nebraska and some 30 other States, and sweeps the law away." That is exactly what *Roe* did in 1973.

Writing for the Court in *Gonzales* when a federal PBA ban was finally upheld, Kennedy wrote, "Respect for human life finds an ultimate expression in the bond of love the mother has for her child...it seems unexceptional to conclude some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained."

While these comments don't in themselves indicate Justice Kennedy's desire to reverse *Roe*. They're part of a bigger picture that DC insiders believe may create a perfect storm leading to the

reversal or substantial curtail of *Roe vs. Wade*. With that potential available to us, it would be unconscionable not to give it our very best effort to get a case before the Court.

Recent experience shows us there is little to lose.

Pro-abortion activists are terrified of the Heartbeat Bill not only because it would end a majority of abortions. It eliminates their most effective arguments against many past pro-life efforts—arguments that have distracted the general public's focus to other issues. Pro-abortion activist Robin Mary wrote for AlterNet that the Heartbeat Bill "would have no effect on in-vitro fertilization, since embryos would have no protected status. It wouldn't inherently ban contraceptive drugs or intrauterine birth control devices, as those who campaigned against 'Personhood' pointed out. **It would take away many of the major arguments that pro-choice activists were able to use to fight the 'Personhood' movement without basing their argument solely on the right to an abortion.**" (emphasis added)

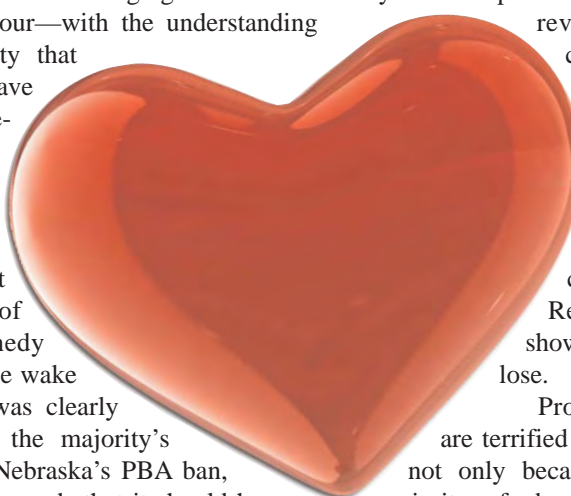
It's true the Heartbeat Bill won't protect innocent human life at its earliest stage, which is our ultimate goal. However, if enacted, it will save countless babies while we continue to work to protect them all.

The Heartbeat Bill also gives pro-life advocates an effective tool to further our cause. It empowers them with a positive, uplifting message that has already been communicated to legislators and the public in creative and fun ways. Advocates of HB 125 kicked off the introduction of the bill by sending helium-filled red heart-shaped balloons to members of the Ohio House with a message asking them to support the Heartbeat Bill. During a committee hearing, two unborn babies—one just nine weeks after fertilization—testified on behalf of the bill. Their mothers consented to having a technician perform ultrasounds on their babies to show committee members the babies' beating hearts in color.

Pro-abortion activists went apoplectic! It's extremely difficult at best for them to effectively counter such positive and irrefutable evidence.

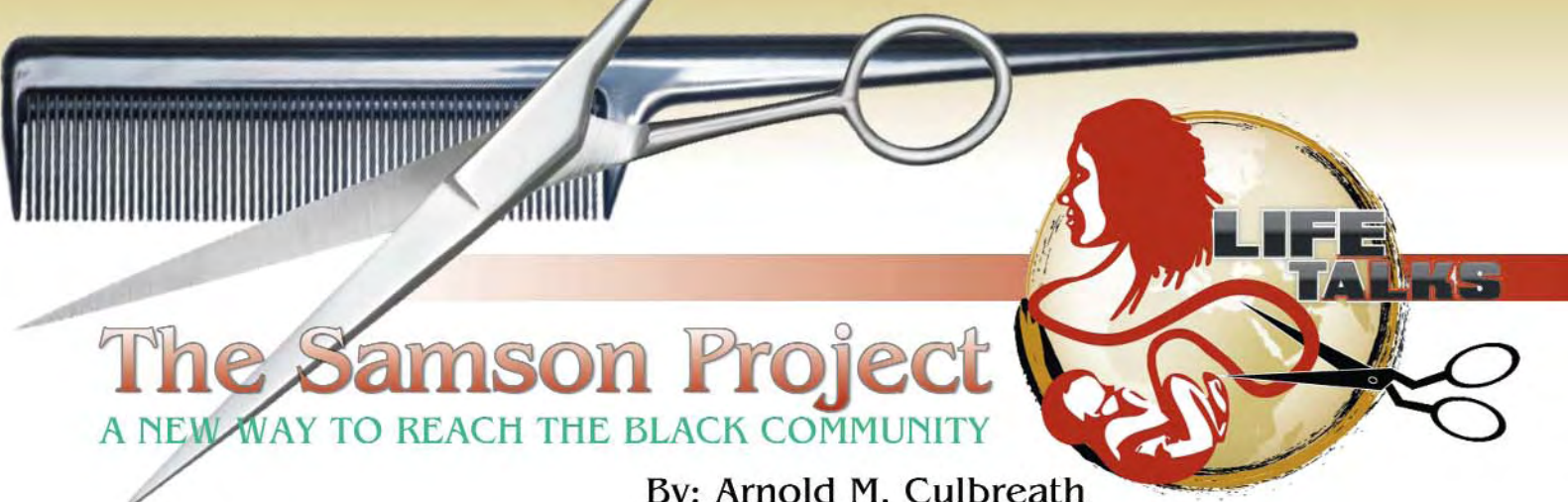
Momentum is with the bill's advocates. The average American understands that if there's a heartbeat, there is life—simple as that. This is an intellectual conclusion, but it's also an emotional one. Remember that we have a whole generation of young people who are growing up with their first baby picture taken inside the womb. Ultrasound has clearly demonstrated the humanity of the unborn child to a majority of Americans. So it's a natural progression to understand that the beating heart of an unborn baby is a convincing

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The Samson Project

A NEW WAY TO REACH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

By: Arnold M. Culbreath

Black barber shops and hair salons across the country are legendary for being centers of conversation on everyday life, from religion to politics, from fashion to weather. A desire to effectively utilize this grassroots network for the cause of life gave birth to a fresh, novel idea.

I recently attended The Bronner Brothers International Hair Show at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA, arguably the largest hair show in the world. Several black pro-life leaders and I were there to implement the *Samson Project*.

This initiative derives its name from the Bible account of Samson in the book of Judges. Samson was born to a woman who was originally sterile and childless. She was instructed that no razor was to touch Samson's head because the boy was to be a Nazarite, set apart to God from birth, and would begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines. Samson had extraordinary strength given to him by God and was not to cut his hair or his strength would be depleted.

I and many others are convinced that the strength of the African American community continues to be cut and depleted as long as abortion remains the leading cause of death among blacks. The purpose of the *Samson Project* is to reach barbers and hair stylists across the country with the message of life. Its goals are to inform them about abortion's disproportionate impact on the black community, and persuade them to have *Life Talks* in their shops. What an incredible sphere to influence with the message of life.

The visionary behind the *Samson Project* was Catherine Davis. She was joined in Atlanta by Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pastoral Associate with Priests for Life; Dean Nelson, VP of Underserved Outreach with CareNet; Shealeta Murden-Reed, Executive Director

of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Atlanta and Christina Martin, International House of Prayer—Atlanta. This dedicated group and I were there hosting a booth, engaging attendees in *Life Talks* and encouraging them to do likewise in their shops across the country.

The exhibit area had well over 75 different songs continuously blasting from each vendor's booth, various smells from hair care products and raised voices of vendors trying to persuade attendees to sample and purchase their wares. This, along with the scantily clad women and men, made the hair show a very challenging venue in which to exhibit. However, we are grateful for having been there. We were successful in reaching more than a thousand barbers, hair stylists, nail technicians and makeup artists with the message of life. Men and women from 34 states and Canada and England accepted packages from us at the hair show. Each made a commitment to watch the DVD *Maafa 21*, to share its message with their clients and friends, and to post a window decal in their shop stating "I participate in *Life Talks*. Ask me why..."

Many who visited our booth shared their personal stories. One man confided that his sister had eleven abortions. We spoke with pastors and bishops encouraging them to use their influence to share the message of life with their church members. One woman shared with me that she learned two days before the hair show that her daughter, a freshman in college, is pregnant. She encouraged her daughter to abort the child, only to have her respond by saying "God has a purpose for this child and I will not end the life of my baby." We were able to encourage this new grandmother and pray with her so she could move past the condemnation she felt

for not having been a life-affirming voice of reason in her daughter's life. She lamented that at this time of family crisis, it was her daughter who had to be the voice of life and calm. She left saying that she believed the main reason she was at the hair show was to have met us.

This event was very impactful for me on two different levels. My father was a barber for 23 years while simultaneously pastoring a church, and my daughter is currently attending hair school.

We're convinced that we have reached an untapped sector of life in the black community and plan to continue promoting the *Samson Project*. If you're interested in seeing the *Samson Project* and *Life Talks* occurring in barber shops and hair salons in your city, contact me and I'll give you more information: 513.729.3600 or www.ProtectingBlackLife.org

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BLACK PRO-LIFE VIDEOS GO VIRAL

THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE.

In this day and age, effective communication is absolutely essential. Attention spans are short and the message must be engaging and thought-provoking. That's why Life Issues Institute, through the work of our Urban Outreach department, is proud to be part of the National Black Pro-Life Coalition (NBPC). Together we're reaching the black community with an amazingly effective message of life and hope.

NBPC is a network of pro-life and pro-family organizations committed to restoring a culture that celebrates life and family in the black community, cultivating hope. NBPC has launched a social media video campaign entitled: *Numbers Don't Lie*. We have been privileged to help underwrite this crucial and exciting project.

Two videos in this 3-part campaign have now been released and are going viral, creating a dramatic buzz across the country. The videos can be viewed at www.ProtectingBlackLife.org.

Arnold M. Culbreath, Life Issues Institute's Urban Outreach Director, said, "Although abortion remains the leading cause of death in the African American community, outpacing all other causes of death combined, still too few black Americans are aware of this tragic truth. I'm happy to say that these powerful, 1-minute, truth-filled videos are doing exactly what they were designed to do.

That is to capture the nation's attention, to trumpet the truth and to initiate dialog in the midst of the busy, sound-bite society in which we live."

The first video is called *Epidemic* and was released July 1, intentionally coinciding with the anniversary of the *Civil Rights Act* of 1964. This landmark federal legislation outlawed major forms of eugenics-based discrimination against blacks and women. The Coalition believes that the *Civil Rights Act* should also recognize babies in the womb as a class of unprotected human beings targeted by abortion.

The second video was released in late July and is called *The Number 1 Killer*. This video not only highlights the country's current shocking black abortion statistics, but also exposes black organizations and leaders the Coalition is convinced have betrayed the black community for personal or political gain by their support of abortion, or their intentional refusal to address it. The Coalition's *Number 1 Killer* video reached 25,000 hits on YouTube in just 3 days.

Ryan Bomberger, Chief Creative Officer of The Radiance Foundation and designer of the NBPC videos, had a vision and a plan of action. "The *Numbers Don't Lie* video series exposes Planned Parenthood's most vulnerable weakness—the facts. They can dress up the

epidemic of abortion with any euphemism-du-jour, but it won't change who they are to the core: America's largest killing machine. It's time for their corrupt enterprise of injustice and inhumanity to be shut down just as the abolitionists ended the vile institution of slavery."

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. MLK, Jr., is also an active member of NBPC and shared her passion for their mission at hand. "There is an abortion epidemic in America, and the numbers don't lie! The NBPC video trilogy is very riveting and the powerful delivery invokes such strong awareness in the viewers as to promote immediate non-violent action to end the scourge of abortion that plagues the African American community and the world at large."

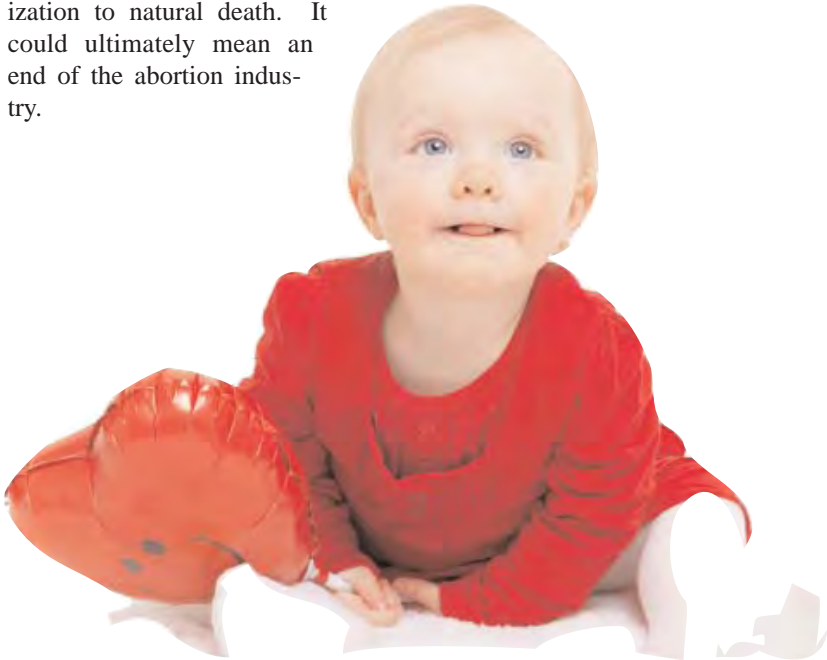
The third and final video is currently in production. The Coalition promises that it won't disappoint. Make sure you take a moment to watch these amazing encapsulated messages. Then join the viral movement and share them with others through Twitter, Facebook, email lists and websites. Together we can make a difference that will protect future generations of the black community 🌱



confirmation of the presence of a life that should be protected.

Just as the PBA Ban focused the nation's attention on the humanity of the unborn child late in pregnancy, the Heartbeat Bill has great potential to focus the nation's attention on the humanity of the unborn child early in pregnancy. This would facilitate a giant leap forward in our goal to protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death. It could ultimately mean an end of the abortion industry.

Even if the Heartbeat Bill gets to the Supreme Court and is struck down—like the Partial-Birth Abortion ban—it will inform and probably change the minds of millions more people. If so, it will bring the day of full reversal of the abortion decision closer 🌸



SAVING BABIES *Club*



This year marks the 20th anniversary for Life Issues Institute, founded in 1991. The generosity of friends has enabled us to save the lives of countless unborn babies these past two decades. As the founders, we'd like to share our thanks and invite you to become part of our Saving Babies Club. With your monthly gift to the babies, you'll be saving the lives of generations to come by helping us provide life-saving truths through pro-life educational materials, websites and programming.

As a special part of our 20th anniversary, we ask that you join us in saving babies with a monthly gift of \$20, or if you are able, \$40, \$120, or even \$200. Faithful support—monthly support in particular—is crucial to sustaining our efforts throughout the year. It's our privilege to work on your behalf protecting the most innocent among us—unborn babies.

Please visit www.lifeissues.org/sbc to learn more or to begin your monthly tax deductible gift today!

Call Andrew W. Mellish at our office for assistance: 513.729.3600.

A Special Delivery!

November is National Adoption Awareness Month, a time to consider the blessings of this life-affirming alternative to abortion. Life Issues Institute is celebrating a recent adoption in its extended family. Board Member Ray Clark and his wife Marylyn are the proud grandparents of Ray's namesake, Robert Ray. The ecstatic parents are Megan and Brock Johnson. This recent happy event has been a reminder to us that adoption is not only a great choice for the mother, her baby and the adop-

tive parents. It's a real blessing to the grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members and friends. Adoption has had a ripple effect that even impacts total strangers who are made aware of little Robert's beginnings. Please consider the option of adoption with every unexpected pregnancy 🌸

Baby Robert Ray Johnson





SILENCING THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

If you've ever attended a debate on abortion, the back-and-forth usually goes something like this. The pro-lifer will talk about the medical and scientific facts of life beginning at fertilization, show beautiful imagery of life within the womb, and then describe or show images of abortion's reality. He or she will also talk about the profound psychological or physical damage that's often inflicted upon the mother.

The pro-abortion activist usually responds that it's simply a matter of "choice" for the woman. He or she will often try to deflect the discussion onto other issues like capital punishment or contraception.

When the pro-lifer brings the debate back to the issue at hand, the pro-abortion activist may realize he or she has no sound arguments and goes on the attack—attempting to discredit the messenger. What the audience will often hear are bogus accusations of pro-life violence and right-wing radicalism espousing a knuckle-dragging Neanderthal view of women. Sound familiar?

But we've witnessed another tool pro-abortion activists have in their arsenal while trying to win the abortion debate. They're simply attempting to silence the pro-life message they're incapable of countering. Across America and beyond we've seen many examples of this pro-abortion thugery.

Abby Johnson was the director of a Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Texas. After 9 years on the job, she resigned upon seeing a suction abortion via ultrasound. The staff of the abortion mill were terrified their repulsive secrets of the abortion industry would be revealed, so they leveled charges that Abby would violate patient confidentiality. They secured a temporary injunction, censoring Abby's right to talk about her job so she couldn't expose what

went on in that mill. Days later the injunction was lifted and her right to free speech restored.

A pro-life Latino group put up billboards in Los Angeles, CA that read, "The most dangerous place for a Latino is in the womb." The billboards reflected US census data that shows abortion mills target minorities by placing them in predominately Latino and Black communities. Pro-abortion activists forced removal of the billboards, calling them racists and attacks against the Latino community—even though they were trying to protect Latino babies. A similar example of censorship in the Black community occurred with a billboard in New York City.

It's not just adults and billboards that give pro-abortion activists the heebie-jeebies. They're also afraid of 10-year-old fifth graders. Calise Jontz wrote a speech on abortion for a contest in her school. Since it contained no graphic information and was appropriate for the age group, the principal cleared it after a review. However, everything changed at the regional competition. Calise faced a nearly empty gymnasium that's usually filled with students, fellow competitors and their parents. Her speech was singled out ahead of time and boycotted by other schools. Calise's mother called it "intimidated censorship."

You're probably aware of Lila Rose's undercover videos catching Planned Parenthood facilities red-handed as they aided and abetted would-be sex traffickers and pimps. The videos went viral with hundreds of thousands of viewers. Instead of trying to defend the content of the videos, Planned Parenthood pressured YouTube to remove them on phony privacy concerns. Planned Parenthood twice attempted to censor Live Action's videos but was ultimately rebuffed both times.

A brief search of Google shows that universities and colleges—touted as environments of free speech and exchange of ideas—are often locations of censorship when it comes to abortion dialogue. In this case, stopping cemeteries of the innocents, poignant displays of thousands of small white crosses. The crosses, representing the many lives taken by abortion, are

routinely vandalized. My brief search of the Internet revealed violent acts against these cemeteries in 10 states. In Kentucky, a long-time professor led the illegal destruction on campus. Her only repercussion was a few weeks of paid vacation (suspension) before an already planned-on retirement. Her lesson to the students was silence any message you can't intelligently counter.

Many high schools have also jumped aboard the censorship bandwagon by refusing to allow students to wear t-shirts with pro-life messaging. Threats of lawsuits usually restore reasoning and constitutionally guaranteed rights.

A public library in Wausau, WI, funded by taxpayers, decided to refuse public meeting space to pro-life taxpayers who wanted to show a documentary. The library's executive director cancelled the showing because the topic was abortion; in spite of their own policy that meeting rooms are to be allocated without regard to the beliefs of those using them.

The most recent action of silencing the pro-life messenger was committed by President Obama himself. His administration has charged a 79-year-old sidewalk counselor with violation of federal law. Dick Retta's "crime" was to unobstructively provide pregnant women with life-affirming alternatives to abortion as they went into the mills.

Time and time again we're seeing evidence of censorship and the silencing of a pro-life message. One could justifiably say it's a pro-abortion, knuckle-dragging response to a solid pro-life viewpoint 🌀





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A Night to Remember

If you need a feel-good story to brighten your day, or if you want to show others the value of people with Down syndrome, we've got the perfect thing for you!

Over 90% of unborn babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted. This chronic tragedy shows that the medical profession and society in general doesn't understand the joy and blessings of having a child with Down syndrome. A new TV episode of *Facing Life Head-On* is helping to change that.

The half-hour program is called *A Crowning Achievement* and viewers soon realize why. Drew Anderson and Toni Alten-Crowe were students at Loveland High School in Cincinnati, OH. Both have Down syndrome. And both were part of a new mentoring internship for high school seniors. The goal was to integrate students with Down syndrome into the student population. Not only was the pilot class a huge success (there's a waiting list of seniors to get in), Drew and

Toni became two of the most beloved students in the school.

This spring the students of Loveland High School created a prom to remember. It was also a night that Drew and Toni would never forget. Drew and Toni were crowned prom king and queen!

"What unfolded on screen between these students was heartwarming and very emotional," said Brad Mattes, host and executive producer of *Facing Life Head-On*. "Not many episodes make me cry. This one did."

A Crowning Achievement is an excellent tool to use in your efforts to change hearts and minds on abortion when it comes to loving and giving individuals with Down syndrome. Visit <http://bit.ly/nkseEq> to watch the entire episode online, or to order a DVD to share with others

