



ProLife Voice

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Opportunities and Challenges

Let's be clear. Anyone who thinks Joe Biden is running the country is as crazy as a drug store rat. At his most lucid moment, this guy couldn't run a lemonade stand. The same thing can be said about the laughing lackey that was assigned to him as vice president. The fact is, the Biden administration is a *Punch and Judy Show* and we have no way of knowing who is actually controlling the action. For all we know, they may not even be Americans. But what we do know is that – whoever they are – they are totally controlled by the abortion lobby.

The good news is, these people will not determine the fate of our cause unless we let them. Despite the political dumpster fire that took place on the national level, the pro-life movement made impressive gains in the states and we are already seeing the results of those victories in state legislatures across America.

And our enemies know it. The Guttmacher Institute – the research division of Planned Parenthood – analyzed the situation and reports that over 500 new pro-life statutes have been introduced in 13 states since the beginning of 2021, and over 60 of them have already been signed into law. Sounding like they are nearing panic mode, Guttmacher describes our successes so far this year as “unprecedented.”

What the pro-life movement needs to realize is that our **ultimate political victory** will have to come from Washington, DC, but that victory will not be possible unless and until we win over the people in our local communities.

Understand this: there was a time in American

history when Congress and the White House was made up of statesmen who were sincerely concerned about doing the right thing. But those days are over. Today, with incredibly rare exceptions, our elected officials are self-serving, political opportunists whose sole mission is getting re-elected.

Given that reality, our main political strategy needs to be to create an environment in which even the most spineless politician feels safe supporting pro-life legislation. And again, to make that happen we have to educate and lead our local communities to embrace the pro-life position.

Today, Life Dynamics is rededicating itself to that goal and I'll have more about that later in this newsletter. But as our future political battles will focus more and more on state legislatures, I need to again ring a warning bell that I have rung in the past.

First, let me make it clear that the Life Dynamics position is pro-life **without compromise, without exception, and without apology**. That has always been our position and it will never change. Where things get messy is in the legislative process and the conflict that inevitably flares up between the “purists” who think anything less than a total ban of abortion is a sell-out, and the “incrementalists” who say, “*Let's take what we can get when we can get it.*” This turf war has been going on for decades with each side demonizing the other and, in the process, destroying many pro-life initiatives.

From my first days in the pro-life movement, I could understand why someone might buy into the incremental approach, even though I considered it to

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be counterproductive. In fact, I am still convinced that we would have won by now if we had stood our ground and forced the American people to choose between absolute unrestricted abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy, or no abortions at any time under any circumstances.

But that is not the path we chose. While the abortion lobby never even hinted at any sort of compromise, our incremental strategy confused the public by giving them too many options. It also sent a message that even we are not really sure that the right-to-life of the unborn is absolute and universal.

Now we must live with the consequences of our decisions, and one of them is that we will always have a difficult time accomplishing our objectives as long as our “purists” and our “incrementalists” are at each other’s throats.

Resolving this conflict starts with acknowledging that there is a fundamental distinction between *support* and *advocacy*. Make no mistake, if in the legislative process, the choice is between passing a pure bill that protects all babies or passing one that allows some babies to be killed, those who claim to be pro-life while advocating the latter are frauds. But the choice we have is seldom between a pure bill and one with exceptions. In almost every case, the choice is between passing a bill with exceptions or getting no bill at all. In that situation, *supporting* incremental legislation is far different than *advocating* it.

A good example of the “*support versus advocacy*” concept is seen in the legislative efforts to end America’s epidemic of drunk driving. When those who fought the battle lobby for legislation to reduce the legal blood alcohol level from .1 to .08, they were not saying that people should be allowed to drive with a blood alcohol level of .08. Their position was that people should not be allowed to drive with *any* amount of alcohol in their system. But they supported the .08 standard because they knew that it was the most they could get at the time, and as soon as it was signed into law they went back

to work trying to take the next step. That defines the distinction between *support* and *advocacy*.

Consider this: In 1994, a movie came out about a wealthy Catholic businessman who helped save Jews from being sent to Nazi death camps. His name was Oskar Schindler and the movie was called *Schindler’s List*. The title came from the fact that Mr. Schindler kept a list of people he thought he might be able to save. In the end, he was able to rescue over 1,100 people but, until his death in 1974, he was haunted by the fact that he had to choose between those he could put on his list and those he could not. The lesson in this for us is that when Schindler left someone’s name off his list, he was not saying that it was okay for them to be killed. He was simply saying that he couldn’t save them.

Interestingly, the pro-life movement already accepts the concept that the perfect should not be the enemy of the good. It’s no secret that those who work at pro-life crisis pregnancy centers or do sidewalk counseling in front of abortion clinics, are not able to save every baby. In fact, in those environments, their success rate will be low. But their inability to save all the babies does not prevent them from trying to save the ones they can. And no one in the pro-life movement criticizes them or questions their integrity over the babies they could not save.

Obviously, if “unpure” legislation is the only thing possible at a given moment, supporting it – *without advocating it* – is no different than what goes on in a crisis pregnancy center, or on the sidewalk in front of an abortion clinic, or Oskar Schindler having to leave someone’s name off his list.

The point is, even though I am firmly in the “purist” camp, and even though I have profound misgivings about the incremental approach, it is indefensible to suggest that supporting legislation to save the babies you can save until you can save them all, is selling-out the pro-life position.

However, when it comes to incremental legislation, two issues are crucial. First, we must neither

advocate nor support legislation containing language that could be construed by a future court as establishing a right to abortion in state law. Second, we must make it absolutely clear that the moment an incremental statute is in place, we will not lose one minute in returning to the battlefield to save the babies it does not save.

It is important to recognize that the only reason this “*all-or-nothing*” versus “*all-or-something*” conflict arose in the first place is because we all understand – and deeply care about – what’s at stake. We also understand that this is not some sterile ivory-tower debate between academics wearing plaid smoking jackets with elbow patches. To the contrary, it is a knife fight in a waterfront bar against morally degenerate thugs who butcher helpless children for money. And we should not let our own egos and personal agendas compromise our efforts to defeat those people. The fact is, the confrontations ahead of us are going to be more vicious and more protracted than they’ve ever been – and we will lose every one in which we treat each other as the enemy.

Be Careful What You Dream For

In December, pro-abortion forces succeeded in getting abortion legalized in Argentina. One of the leaders behind this effort was a 23-year-old woman named Maria de Valle Gonzalez Lopez who bragged that she would now be able to get her “dream abortion” and on April 11th, she did so. But as often happens, the abortionist left parts of her baby inside her womb causing her to develop a septic infection. In the end, both mother and child were dead.

Of course, the pro-choice mob and their media stooges know when to keep their mouths shut, so they were suddenly stone-cold silent. They realize that in their war against the unborn, the women they kill along the way are just collateral damage.

The Abortion Industry in Trouble

For several years, the abortion industry – including Planned Parenthood – has been steadily imploding

and it continues today. In short, their business model is unsustainable. This has opened the door for undercover operations that could prove really valuable. And because Life Dynamics is still the most successful organization in the movement for this sort of work, we are now developing a covert operation to capitalize on this opportunity. But as we do that, and as the abortion industry’s problems grow, another critical issue is resurfacing.

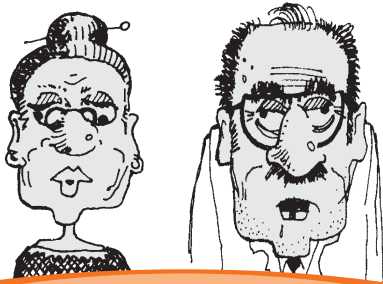
In 2015, I speculated that Planned Parenthood is laying the foundation for being brought into the federal government – most likely as an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. At the time, I found the evidence for this to be compelling and it is even more so today.

It was always clear to me that, if Hillary Clinton had been elected, this would be high on her “to do” list. But that plan was derailed by Donald Trump. Now we have Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and if you examine Harris’ record as Attorney General of California, the only rational conclusion is that this woman is owned by Planned Parenthood. But even more alarming is the fact that her hand-picked successor was another Planned Parenthood flunkey named Xavier Becerra who, in March of this year, was appointed by Biden to be the new Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Either this is a coincidence of cosmic proportions, or warning sirens should be going off all across the pro-life community. Understand this: if Planned Parenthood becomes an agency of the federal government, from that point on they will be politically untouchable; their funding will skyrocket with yearly increases guaranteed by Congress; and a large part of the progress our movement has made since 1973 will be wiped out overnight.

This is a threat to the pro-life cause on par with Supreme Court appointments, and our political operatives need to be alerting every pro-life member of the House and Senate ... **RIGHT NOW!**





RoeBots

RoeBots (those who blindly defend *Roe vs. Wade*) will often claim to be personally opposed to abortion but politically pro-choice. They say that they don't have the right to force their beliefs on others.

By any standard, this is the most gutless, the most morally indefensible, and the most intellectually dishonest position a person can take on abortion.

The only basis for being opposed to abortion is the recognition that it takes the life of a living human being. There is, literally, no other reason to be opposed to abortion. So when someone says that they are, "personally opposed" to abortion and in the next breath defend its legality, what they are really saying is, *"I understand that abortion is the killing of an innocent and defenseless child, but if someone wants to do it I'm not going to get in their way."*

Beyond the obvious cowardice of this position, it also raises the question: What other groups of innocent and defenseless human beings do they think it should be legal to kill? And are they just as tolerant on other issues? We can assume they are "personally opposed" to rape, armed robbery, racial discrimination, and wife-beating. Do they abstain from inflicting their personal beliefs on those issues as well? Or is it only abortion?

It is especially fraudulent for politicians to take this position. Inflicting their views on others is precisely what they are elected to do. In fact, every vote they cast does just that. Also, if a politician is not going to be guided by his personal views, then (a) why would he bother to tell us what his personal views are and (b) whose personal views is he going to be guided by?

Of course, when it comes to this "forcing beliefs" issue, let's not forget that the American abortion lobby has no problem forcing its personal beliefs on thousands of innocent and helpless babies every day.

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Some of you have called us saying that you haven't received a **ProLife Voice** for some time. That's because we stopped producing them when we found out they were not getting delivered. We actually had people calling us in March saying that they had just received the edition we mailed last November! When we complained to the Postal Service, we were told that mail sent at the Non-Profit rate was being held up because Covid-19 had put them so far behind during Christmas. One employee even told us that the backlog was so bad in some post offices they were still delivering Christmas cards and packages in February that had been sent First Class.

We decided that it was not good stewardship to use money that was donated by our supporters to put out a newsletter that may end up sitting in canvas tubs at the post office. The good news is, the Postal Service seems to be getting back on track and we again feel confident our mail will be delivered – assuming nothing new happens! We sincerely thank you for your patience and we hope that you find this newest edition informative and enjoyable.



The Official Life Dynamics Position

Under no circumstances should it be legal to intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Given the proven biological reality that a new and unique human being is created at the moment of fertilization, that new human being is entitled to the same right-to-life as every other human being. This right is to be protected by law with no exceptions, in all circumstances, and at every stage of development.

With modern medicine, the possibility that continuing a pregnancy to term might cause the woman's death is extraordinarily unlikely and, in fact, many physicians contend that there is no situation in which this possibility exists. However, if a situation arises in which it is medically determined that a woman's pregnancy poses an immediate and potentially fatal threat to her physical life, her physician should be allowed to perform any and all medical procedures that are necessary to save her. But in that process, the physician must also do everything possible to save the life of her unborn baby. If as an unintended consequence of a legitimate effort to save both lives, either or both fail to survive, that would be an unavoidable and thus legally permissible outcome.



So Says **SARAH**

Dispensing Death

For years, reproductive health organizations waged a war to make Plan B, (a.k.a. the Morning After Pill) available over the counter. If, during that time, proliferators had said that the abortion lobby would soon be selling them in vending machines on college campuses, the left would have dismissed this warning as some “crazy right wing conspiracy.”

But in 2010, soon after a federal judge ordered the FDA to make morning-after drugs available to women 17 and older without a prescription, Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania became the first in the nation to have them available in campus vending machines. Then in 2013, the FDA removed the age requirement and, since then, at least 14 other universities have jumped on board including, Stanford, Columbia, Brandeis, and Purdue – with more on the horizon.

Pro-choice and women’s rights activists are painting this as a revolution in women’s healthcare, rather than the careless dispensing of a drug with potential for abuse and complications. Accompanying all of this is the dishonesty of the “reproductive health movement” about how Plan B works. Google Plan B and the first result is from Planned Parenthood that reads “*How Plan B Works & Side Effects.*” But the page has absolutely zero information on how it works – and the Plan B website, isn’t much better.

So how does it work? Plan B uses Levonorgestrel to temporarily delay the release of an egg from the ovary, but its effectiveness depends on where the woman is in her cycle. The FDA states that while it

may prevent fertilization, in some cases it can “prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the womb.” In other words, in cases where Plan B doesn’t prevent pregnancy, it can end it. So despite the protestations of the abortion lobby, it CAN cause abortion and could be classified as an abortifacient – now sold like a bag of Doritos.

If you do some digging, you will find that the abortion lobby is pulling the strings on this Plan B vending machine idea. In an article by *Refinery29*, it was reported that NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland “*invited campus feminists to join their efforts to get 24-7 access for emergency contraception on campus at all of Maryland’s public universities.*” They also reported that NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland “*worked with student leaders at the University of Maryland on their vending machine efforts.*” At Brandeis, the student group Brandeis Pro-Choice received a \$5,000 grant from Planned Parenthood Generation Action to fund their vending machine project plus the cost of a year’s supply of Plan B.

But none of this compares to what happened when a Planned Parenthood student activist group looked to bring this campaign to the University of Southern Maine. They found that state law prevented the sale of over-the-counter medicine in vending machines. But with the help of sympathetic politicians, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, the Planned Parenthood Maine Action Fund, the ACLU of Maine and other members of the abortion lobby, the law was changed so that over the counter drugs could be sold in vending machines. Now Planned Parenthood of Northern New England says that they are working with their chapters and supporters at Bates and Maine College of Art to bring “wellness vending machines” to those campuses.

My point is, if this campaign hasn’t come to your university or alma matter yet, it is probably on the way – and it’s not too soon to start fighting back.

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According To **SHEILA**

What is the Value of a Human Life?

If you ask a variety of people that question, you would more than likely get a variety of answers. In fact, you might even get numerous definitions of what it means to be human. But if you ask a true pro-lifer, the response should be, “priceless.” No amount of money could ever replace the “worth” of an individual. While this is the absolute truth, the reality in this day and age is much different.

To society and the culture that we now live in, each individual definitely has a value. Some people are considered more valuable than others and there are even groups of people who are not only considered worthless, but also undesirable.

This idea of people being “worth” something, inundates society everywhere you turn. Instead of people having an inherent right-to-life, it becomes about what value a person brings to the table. Rather than looking at individuals and their own

importance, it becomes about the overall collective. This mindset has permeated cultures throughout the ages, from socialist countries to Communist and dictator regimes, and it has finally gotten its grasp on America.

There is no better example of this than abortion. The abortion lobby has successfully turned precious babies into the enemies of their mothers and society. A baby has to be “wanted” by his or her mother to be worth anything. The mother is the one that decides whether the baby is desirable. If it is, it goes from being a “fetus” to a “baby,” from having no right to life to having one, from being a blob of cells with no worth, to being a human being with worth.

Deep down, many people know that this logic and sentiment is backwards, yet they don’t stand up against them. Why? They feel like it doesn’t impact them. They have already been born – why should they put their noses in another person’s business? But the fact is, abortion is connected to everything and this type of sentiment affects everyone.

When we, as a society, start giving individuals different values of worth, it affects all of us. How can we expect to be a humane and “progressive” society, when we say that there are some lives that aren’t worth living and that there are some that should be exterminated? It’s impossible!

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Another Lie Bites the Dust

The abortion lobby says that there is a “Pro-Choice Majority” in America but, apparently, the people in Lubbock, Texas, didn’t get the memo. In April, they voted to outlaw abortion in their city, becoming the largest of more than two dozen cities to do so. And the vote wasn’t even close. The final tally was: Babies 62% – Baby Killers 38%. Prior to the vote, an analysis was done to determine where the money

to finance the two campaigns was coming from. The result was that pro-lifers had raised over \$120,000 with **93% coming from the citizens of Lubbock and small towns nearby.** At the same time, the pro-aborts had raised over \$121,000 with **less than 2% coming from the local community.** Instead, pro-abortion money was pouring into Lubbock from big cities – many outside of Texas – including \$50,000 from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in New York.

The Back Page

by Mark Crutcher

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I have been working full-time in the pro-life movement for more than 35 years and during that time, I have seen a lot of changes. Some good. Some not so good.

One change that bothers me is that so many of our people have lost sight of our “grass roots” origins and appear to believe that only people with a large organization and a national following can make a difference.

If we are going to have success in the coming years, self-defeating attitudes like that must be weeded out of the movement.

Earlier, I said that in today’s political environment the pro-life movement’s focus needs to be on making even the most spineless politician feel safe supporting pro-life legislation. I also pointed out that the way to do this is for us to win over our local communities to the pro-life position.

Life Dynamics has always been a strong believer in this concept, but it is more important today than it has ever been. The simple truth is that we will either win this battle community by community, or we won’t win it at all. That means we need all hands on deck and they need to be fully equipped for battle!

With that in mind, we’re ratcheting things up. I am now writing a script for a video to educate our people in six different areas of pro-life activity and show them how they can have a real impact right where they live. Every initiative will be legal, inexpensive, and proven effective in advancing the pure, uncompromised pro-life principle.

I am also making an important change in my own approach. There is an old joke about a guy who

loves the sound of his own voice so much that when someone asks him what time it is, he starts telling them how to build a clock. Now I’m not saying that this applies to me – even though others might say that – but I will reluctantly confess that I have often been long-winded when arguing the pro-life cause.

At one time this approach could work, but that is not the world we live in today. First, television, then the Internet, and now social media, have shortened people’s attention spans so much that if you can’t deliver your message simply and quickly, you can’t deliver it at all. That’s why you can now see TV ads for \$30,000 cars that last 15 seconds.

The abortion lobby realizes this and they have made a commitment to dominate the new electronic media. But Life Dynamics is not about to cede this ground to these people. So I am rewriting all of my pro-life apologetics and turning them into scripts for videos that deliver a simple yet hard-hitting pro-life message in a minute or less.

And we’re not just talking about simply defending the pro-life position. Many of these videos (and there will be a lot of them) will aggressively attack pro-abortion positions in a way that forces the abortion lobby to play defense for a change. I am also writing them so that the audio stands on its own and makes it possible for radio stations to use them as Public Service Announcements.

I am well underway with this effort. It’s a lot of work and very time consuming, but it is a really exciting project with unlimited potential. I promise you ... these new videos are going to rock!

Finally, please remember to support Life Dynamics. As I’ve always said, we cannot do anything without your sacrificial giving. If you are able to help us out, you can donate online at LifeDynamics.com, by phone at (940) 380-8800, or by mail using the envelope included with this newsletter. We thank you so very much!



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