

# Prolife Voice

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### **Adoption Under Assault**

In recent months, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of assaults against adoption by the abortion lobby and their media stooges.

This campaign is clearly aimed at those members of the public who may not yet identify themselves as pro-life, but are increasingly uncomfortable with abortion. This is a large and growing segment of the American population and it probably represents the "swing vote" in this battle. The pro-choice mob recognizes this and their attacks on adoption are part of an effort to trick the public into believing that there are no legitimate alternatives to abortion.

To support this argument, these people often claim that there are more abortions done than there are people on waiting lists to adopt and that, without abortion, the country would be swamped with unwanted babies. They are, of course, lying.

First off, this is based on the assumption that when abortion is unavailable, every woman with an unplanned pregnancy places her baby for adoption. This has never been true and the people encouraging this assumption know it's not true.

They also know that if the number of adoptable babies increased, the cost of adoption would plummet and make it possible for people to adopt more than one child. A lower cost would also mean that the millions of low-income people who are currently excluded from the adoption process would be able to adopt.

The abortion lobby will also argue that even newborns are hard to place unless they are white and healthy. Once more, they are lying. They are fully aware that there are waiting lists of people trying to adopt minority and mixed-race babies, and even babies with severe physical challenges.

Another way these people attack adoption is by pointing out that there are thousands of children in foster care who aren't getting adopted right now, and there is no denying that the American foster care system is severely broken. But its problems are being driven by older children who are sometimes not even legally adoptable. And since these children are already born, their plight has nothing to do with abortion.

When the pro-choice mob is confronted with this reality, their inevitable response is that people would be more likely to adopt these older children if babies were not available. In other words, the pro-choice strategy for getting hard-to-place children adopted is to kill off the children who are easy to place.

Now, if the abortion lobby is honestly convinced that, without abortion, America would be overrun with babies nobody wants, I have a suggestion.

Congress should pass federal legislation that creates a national registry of people who want to adopt a baby. It would be open to any adult who can meet reasonable standards and they could adopt one baby or as many as they can care for. Then, any pregnant woman could go to this registry and, if no one was willing to adopt her baby, she would be given a certificate that allows her to have an abortion. But if someone was available to adopt her baby, she would not be allowed to have an abortion.

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Of course, the pro-choice mob would never support this idea and the reason why is simple. It would expose the fact that every single baby they're paid to butcher is wanted by someone. Every single baby.

The bottom line is, the abortion lobby's perverted sales pitch has always been that any social problem can be solved if we will simply kill enough babies. Our job is to make sure that the American people aren't fooled by this self-serving nonsense.

#### **Follow The Money Trail**

The abortion industry is just that – an industry – and it is important for the pro-life movement to understand all the financial dynamics that drive it.

One of those dynamics relates to the cost of abortion. In the 1970s, the price of a first-trimester procedure was generally between \$350 and \$400. Since then, inflation within the medical community has been far higher than in the rest of the economy, but the cost of a first-trimester abortion hasn't changed much despite the fact that the abortion industry's operating costs have risen dramatically.

One consequence of this is that an increasing number of abortionists have started doing later procedures that produce much higher profit margins. These abortions can be \$5,000 to \$10,000 or more, and they are insulated against having to compete with chemical abortions since those procedures can't be done late in pregnancy.

The question is, with no competition and a seemingly reliable demand, why has the abortion industry not been able to raise prices in almost 50 years on its most popular product – the first-trimester abortion? It's also interesting to note that these prices don't rise even when the number of abortion clinics in an area decreases dramatically.

So what is causing this "price stagnation" in the abortion industry?

When analyzing any marketing environment,

buying decisions must be characterized as either "marginal" or "non-marginal." One factor in making this determination is the degree to which consumers might reject the product based on price. The more marginal a buying decision is, the more price sensitive it is. For example, the decision to buy an ice cream cone is marginal since it is motivated by want. On the other hand, if a business owner has to replace a worn-out forklift, that decision is based on need and is, therefore, non-marginal. Since his options are to either buy a new forklift or shut down his business, price might determine which forklift he buys but it won't be a factor in whether or not he buys one.

This marginality scale applies to all purchasing decisions, including the decision to buy an abortion.

The abortion lobby's claim has always been, and remains to this day, that when a woman does not want to be pregnant she will crawl through hell on broken glass to get an abortion. In other words, abortion decisions are not marginal. But if that's true, then the cost of abortions would not have a significant impact on the rate at which women purchase them.

This was disproven years ago. In April of 1988, the financial publication, Economic Inquiry, Vol. XXVI, featured a study about the relationship between the cost of abortion and the rate of abortion. One of its findings was that, "The significant inverse relationship between the price of abortions and the abortion rate confirms that the fundamental law of demand is applicable to abortions."

Then in May of 1997, Colorado abortionist Warren Hern addressed this issue at an annual convention of the National Abortion Federation. During a workshop at that event, Hern said that paying for ultrasound machines would increase the cost of abortions by \$25 and that this would cause patient loads at abortion clinics to "plummet." In short, he was not merely confirming that price affects the abortion rate, he was saying that even small increases have a profound impact.

Recently, Texas has provided more evidence that abortion decisions are marginal. While it is true that statutes passed by its legislature has caused some women to go to other states to have their babies killed, in the vast majority of cases that has not happened. As a result, data shows that the abortion rate in Texas has dropped almost 60 percent.

The point is, contrary to the abortion lobby's rhetoric, the abortion decision is not only marginal, it's highly marginal. Otherwise, having to travel to dodge abortion restrictions, and increases in price, would have little impact on abortion rates.

The abortion lobby has known about this marginality factor for years and rightly concluded their only long-term hope for survival is a socialized medicine system that converts every \$350 patient-paid abortion into a \$3,000 (or more) taxpayer-paid abortion. Equally important, since customers would be getting these abortions at no charge, the abortion rate would skyrocket.

In effect, government-run healthcare can become a stimulus package for the abortion industry and this was made clear after ObamaCare was passed. The Obama administration began paying "navigators" to guide people through the enrollment process and one of the groups they chose was Planned Parenthood. As time went on and registrations were lagging far behind the level needed to sustain the program, it was discovered that Planned Parenthood was actually paying employees to go door-to-door registering those who had not yet signed up. Clearly, they understood what was at stake.

Today, the abortion industry lives in a house built on shifting sand. They sell a product that they claim their customers will "crawl through hell on broken glass" to buy, yet their long-term survival is dependent on massive government programs in which the public is mandated to participate. And they live every day with the fear that, when *Roe* is overturned, the whole country will see that support for legal abortion might be a mile wide, but it's only an inch deep.

What the pro-life movement needs to take away from this is that, while our enemy's primary goal is to keep abortion legal, the need for all abortions to be government funded is a close second.

#### The Beat Goes On

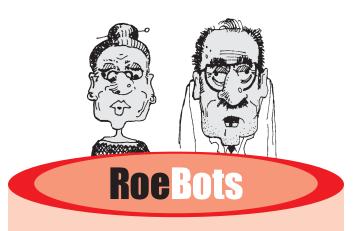
As our side continues to rack up political victories, one of the abortion lobby's responses has been to ratchet up its lies and distortions. In one example, the ACLU recently released a slick new ad campaign which its creators openly admit is designed to "change the narrative" and make the public perceive that being *against* abortion is the same as being *for* "forced pregnancy."

This campaign proves, once again, that the prochoice mob is a collection of pathological liars. These people cannot produce one single instance in the history of this battle where the pro-life movement called for women to be forced into pregnancy. In reality, to claim that preventing abortion forces women to be pregnant, is like saying that telling men they can't murder their wives is the same as forcing them to be married. Only in the rotted pro-choice mind would this make any sense.

### **Unavoidable Thoughts**

One of the things that truly bothers me about being so involved in the pro-life issue is the way it affects my attitude on other issues. I first recognized this in 1987 when an 18-month old girl fell into a well in Midland, Texas. There was around the clock news coverage of the rescue attempt, hundreds of volunteers came to help, large corporations rushed digging machines to the scene, and hundreds-of-thousands of dollars were spent. From the start the outlook was bleak, but two days later our nation cried and rejoiced when tiny Jessica McClure was brought out alive on national television.

But the full joy of that moment would be denied to me because I was also thinking about the thousands of nameless babies who were aborted during the 58



RoeBots – those who blindly defend *Roe vs. Wade* – often attack the pro-life movement for opposing fetal tissue research and embryonic stem cell research when so much good could come from it. But the truth is, we have never opposed any kind of responsible medical research. In this case, if the material needed for this research comes from umbilical cords, or placenta, or from babies who are miscarried, or stillborn, or die in an accident, few people would have a moral objection. But researchers cross a bright line when they start using parts from babies intentionally killed in abortions. At that moment, they stop being scientists and become savages.

Some will argue that these babies are dead before the researchers get them and that it makes no sense to throw this "material" away. Of course, that's the same argument the Nazis used to justify stealing the gold fillings from the teeth of the Jews they killed.

The truth is, it is morally indefensible that we slaughter these babies in the first place, but we disgrace ourselves even further when we rob their graves to make our lives better. So if the question is whether we should discard these dead babies instead of using them in medical experiments designed to benefit us, the answer is an unqualified yes. We have absolutely no right to profit from our own evil. In the end, this issue is a cold reminder that the most dangerous and most evil force on earth is science without morality.

hours Jessica was trapped. For them, there were no lights, no cameras and no reporters. There was only pain and anonymous death. I imagined these babies watching the heroic efforts being made to save this one child and asking, "What about us?"

It is a depressing comparison that I've made many times over many years about many issues, and I bet that the same thing could be said by a lot of you. But while we can acknowledge this phenomenon, we should not dwell on it. It's simply the nature of what we do, and no one makes us do it or promised us that it would be easy. So do yourself a favor and remember that every baby saved is its own reward.

#### The Way Out is Back Through

With all that's happening in the Supreme Court and in the states, it is clear that 2022 is going to be a year of major significance in the abortion battle. The question is: are we prepared to take advantage of it?

In recent years, the pro-life movement – including some of its leaders – has drifted away from its core principles. If we hope to achieve our full potential in this coming environment, this must be reversed. The fact is, it's time to return to our roots and, right now, Life Dynamics is working on an exciting new project to do just that. And it's going to be an effort in which each and every one of you has an important part to play. Stay tuned.

#### 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. If 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**

## Time to get Serious

January is a time where we typically reflect and decide what we want from our lives and fight with ourselves over how healthy we REALLY want to be. Of course, by the time February rolls around, reality has usually set in and noble weight loss plans are often in the rearview mirror.

The good news is that the last couple of years has forced so many of us to pause and rediscover what is truly important. This gives us an advantage as we look to our futures and set goals for ourselves. Now we go forward with our feet firmly grounded in reality, and if you are like me, a no-nonsense attitude. As we recalibrate for the coming year, here should be our resolutions:

First and foremost, it's time we stop apologizing for our pro-life views. The pro-choice side never apologizes for being pro-choice, so why should we? Often, I think some of our fellow pro-lifers do this in a misguided attempt to appear reasonable, but the moment we apologize for it, we are communicating that the concept that the unborn are living human beings – entitled to have their lives protected – is something shameful that we should apologize for. In that moment, we are saying that the pro-choice position is superior – and nothing could be farther from the truth.

In that spirit, it's time for our movement to commit to always being pro-life without exception or compromise. Anytime we water down our pro-life position, we send mixed signals to everyone else. How can we argue that the unborn are living human beings entitled to the same rights as others – but then turn around and concede that it is acceptable to kill some of them? The moment we do that, we not only betray our own position, but we provide credibility to the pro-choice position.

Additionally, after almost 50 years of legalized abortion, it is past time that abortion be our litmus test for every single elected office – even those that seem unrelated to abortion. This goes for both political parties.

Democrats who claim to be pro-life need to accept that, as Mark wrote in his book *Siege*, "candidates who are wrong on the slaughter of helpless children cannot be right enough on every other issue to make up for it." And we should never assume that all Republican candidates are pro-life. If a politician's position is unclear, we must demand an answer to whether or not they believe unborn children are living human beings entitled to having their lives protected by law. Their response to that question will tell us everything we need to know. And it's no longer enough for politicians to claim to be pro-life, they must follow through with pro-life actions. It's our job to hold their feet to the fire and oust those who fail to follow through.

At the heart of all these resolutions is that pro-lifers need to stop caring about being liked by the prochoice side. It is unrealistic to believe that a prochoicer will change their position if they like us or become friends with us, just as our position on abortion wouldn't be swayed if we liked someone who is pro-choice. And the fact is, this is a war. That means those who believe in the unmitigated slaughter of the unborn will resent us and dislike us more and more the closer we get to winning. For the unborn, the time and energy we spend focusing on finding common ground or trying to be liked and appearing reasonable to pro-choicers — is the difference between life and death.

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# According To **SHEILA**

## **No Adoption Option**

For years, my dad has said that people who support legal abortion should not be allowed to adopt children. Of course, pro-choicers go ballistic over this and even some pro-lifers raise an eyebrow. As his adopted daughter, and as someone who grew up in the pro-life movement, I agree with him.

I was brought home from the hospital at 6 days old. From day one, my parents were open with me about my adoption. Also, my parents were open with me about abortion and the abortion lobby. This meant I would see and hear things that even the average American adult has never seen or heard.

Because of my perspective, I have always understood how adoption is an act of selflessness and love; whereas abortion is an act of selfishness and fear/hate. One side celebrates life and helps to create new families, while the other side promotes death and wallows in hate.

The abortion lobby likes to talk about adoption as if it were a negative thing. They use words like "unwanted" and "abandoned" and point to unfavorable futures for those who are placed for adoption. This is no surprise because they realize that every adoption is lost revenue for them.

While adoption isn't the "solution" to ending abortion, it does go hand-in-hand with the pro-life movement. The abortion lobby hides behind claims of "concern" for "unwanted" children and those who are in the foster care system. But in truth, the pro-choice side believes that a child is only worthy

of life if the mother says so. (Listen to Episode 79 of the "Pro-Life America Podcast" to learn more about the link between adoption and abortion.)

Let's be clear, there is no such thing as an "unwanted" child, despite what abortion advocates try to make people believe. While the birth mother may not want the child or may not be able to provide for the child, that doesn't mean that no one else wants the him or her. Also, just because a child's future may be uncertain, that doesn't mean he or she should be killed.

So, if adoption is such a wonderful thing, why shouldn't abortion advocates be able to adopt? It's because it is such a wonderful thing! It recognizes the preciousness of life, which abortion advocates don't seem capable of fully understanding. These people believe that life is disposable; that not every person has a fundamental right-to-life. They have no problem with babies being torn apart in the womb and put into dumpsters or garbage disposals.

Abortion advocates can't possibly appreciate the gift of life because they don't believe that gift should be upheld for EVERY child. They are not morally qualified to bring up a child, and they certainly don't have any right to tell a child that their life is worth something only because they were "wanted."

As an adopted person, it is insulting to think that a pro-abort wants to adopt and is able to. These are the same people who would say that it would have been perfectly fine if I wasn't here today because my birth mother chose to kill me. Believe me, when you have personally escaped the abortion lobby's grasp, it is hard to see it any other way.

So instead of abortion advocates and organizations like Planned Parenthood pretending to care about babies and children, they should step aside and leave the adopting to those who actually care.

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## **The Back Page**

In contemporary America, we have devolved to the point that leftist dogma is supposed to be swallowed whole and at face value. In just one of many examples, it is now "conventional wisdom" that climate change is unprecedented in world history, will render the planet a barren wasteland within the

next few years, and is the fault of human beings. This is now the officially approved belief system in the media, academia, and popular culture, and those who dare question it are labeled "science deniers."

This cult-like attitude ignores the fact that, by its nature, legitimate science is always questioning itself. Any area

of thought that must be isolated from scrutiny has less to do with science than it does with superstition or murky political agendas.

The interesting thing is, this "pro-science" cult is dominated by people who throw science out the window the moment it comes to abortion and the unborn child. All of a sudden, "choice" is all that matters and science is irrelevant. In this alternative universe, two people can see an unborn child on a sonogram screen, and one can argue that it is indeed a human being while the other can claim that it's nothing more than an a clump of cells — and somehow both of them can be right! Obviously, nothing could be less scientific than that.

Consider this. It is increasingly common for babies to be treated for diseases, and even operated on, while still in their mothers' wombs. This raises two questions. First, who is the patient? After all, in most of these cases, the medical procedure is being done to treat a condition the mother doesn't have. That means she is not the patient, so who is?

Second, the pro-choice argument is that the unborn are not persons because they are in their mother's wombs. So when a baby is taken out and placed on the mother's stomach to be operated on, do they consider that child to be a person at that point? And when this baby is returned to the womb after the surgery, does it lose it's personhood? And if so, what is the scientific basis for that argument?

These are just two of the hundreds of issues these people will never be able to reconcile with their promotion of legalized abortion. In the final

analysis, they have to either sell the idea that the unborn are not living human beings, or they have to convince the public that – even if they are living human beings – it's still okay to butcher them by the millions. Of course, the first position is scientifically unsustainable and the second one is morally indefensible.

The point is, the same people who are constantly lecturing everyone to "follow the science" when it comes to climate change, or Covid vaccinations, or mask mandates, demand that we ignore the science when it suits their political and financial purposes.

Don't forget, there is far more scientific proof that unborn children are living human beings than there is scientific proof that climate change is caused by human activity. In fact, the claim that abortion takes a human life is no longer even debatable. Modern science and technology have proven it. So any way you cut it, the worst science deniers on earth are the people who continue to defend legal abortion.



In closing, I ask you to please remember to support Life Dynamics. As I've always said, we can't do anything without you. We've got some innovative plans for 2022 and if you would like to help make them a reality you can donate online at LifeDynamics.com, by phone at (940) 380-8800, or by mail using the envelope included with this newsletter. We are so thankful for whatever help you can give.

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