

## "Preventative Care?"

The "birth control" pill – along with all its injectable and implantable counterparts – **IS** abortifacient.

Most American women don't know that the pill they swallow with their morning orange juice can cause early-term abortions. How?

While on the pill, they (1) may still ovulate, (2) may still conceive a child, and (3) then abort that child. This is one of the ways that the pill works.

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"The pill is not a warm little fuzzy harmless object, but causes significant harm to women. As a practicing physician, I see the fallout every day – young women with blood clots in their legs, strokes, early breast cancer, HPV, and cervical cancer. **But women are not [being] told.**

**"A child is not a disease.** Pregnancy and fertility are not disease states; they are normal physiological processes of the human body."

Dr. Rebecca Peck, Family Practice, Ormond Beach, FL

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We prosecute athletes for using steroids and we warn elderly ladies about the danger of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT).

Then we deceive young women into thinking that taking megadoses of powerful, steroid-based drugs to chemically disable their reproductive systems is completely harmless. How could it be?

Norplant was taken off the market some years ago, after thousands of women became ill after having the capsules implanted under their skin.

How many women know that there are currently a number of class action lawsuits going forward in the United States against various contraceptives because of the harm they have caused women?

Is fertility a disease? Is pregnancy a disease state? Birth control simply does not qualify as "preventative care."

Mosher, Steven; Population Research Institute; Mar 2012

## \$1.00 Abortion Payment

The Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a "final" rule regarding the establishment of the state health care exchanges required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

This "rule" provides for taxpayer funding of insurance coverage that includes elective abortion. All enrollees will pay \$1.00 per month in addition to the payment for the rest of the services covered.

Nothing in the PPACA prevents the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) from covering elective abortions. If abortion is included, even states that have prohibited such coverage in their state exchanges may be required to rescind that prohibition.

Thus far, no one has estimated what can be collected from enrollees when the \$12 per year is multiplied by the number of enrollees. Will that revert to funding for Planned Parenthood??

One final thought. What about the pro-life individual enrolled in that insurance?

## The "Latest" Statistic

The latest numbers released in 2011 by the Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research arm, show there were (at least!) 1.21 million abortions in the United States in 2008.

72,600 (6%) were performed on girls ages 15 to 17. In the "under 14" category, there were 0.4% abortions done. Seeming a low percentage, 0.4% represents **4,840 abortions** performed annually on any girl old enough to become pregnant – potentially **even 10-year-olds**.

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We regret that many of the news articles coming across our "desk" recently have not been upbeat, leaving this newsletter's reports quite negative. Your prayers are desperately needed for our nation and for the world.

## President's Corner – Thoughts on Voting #1

As we approach our state's primary election, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and our national, state, and local elections on November 6<sup>th</sup>, I would like to share some thoughts on cutting through the muddle that the media keeps throwing at us.

Let's start at the beginning.

Our Declaration of Independence says that all men have certain inalienable rights given by the Creator – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and it is the **duty** of government to protect these rights.

The first and **primary** of these rights is life, without which the other rights cannot be experienced!

The U.S. Constitution says that no **person** can be deprived of the right to life, liberty or property without due process of law. Again, the **primary** right is the right to life.

Who has the authority to determine who is a person? The Declaration states that the Creator gives these rights, **not** government. Government's role is to protect, not 'determine.'

We upheld this principle after World War II when we prosecuted German citizens for obeying German law and murdering millions of Jews, people with disabilities and others. The German government had determined that these groups were not fully human; they were *non-persons*.

Our response was that the government did not have the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons, and that the duty of these citizens was to disobey unlawful orders.

Our government usurped the Creator's authority in the same way when it declared that babies still in their mothers' wombs are not fully human; they are non-persons! Thus it is "legal" to murder them.

I suggest that when deciding which candidates to vote for we start here...

**To be qualified to hold office a candidate must understand these two principles –**

**...that the primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life and that no government has the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons!**

If we do not hold candidates to this standard, we are like Germans in the 1930's, voting for Hitler because he was good for the economy and the military. "So Hitler has a problem with the Jews and less-than-perfect Germans. That's not as important as the economy and defense."

Think about it. More thoughts next month.

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We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

If you itemize your donations on your income tax return, please make your check payable to PPCFL Education Fund.

If you don't need a specific tax deduction, please make your check payable to PPCFL.

### Election of Officers

The annual election of PPCFL officers will be held at our regular meeting on May 14.

Nominations will be final at our regular meeting on April 9.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the work of the PPCFL board (including "activist" positions), please call 630-1999 to place a name in nomination.

You are most welcome to join us for any, or all, of our monthly meetings – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month – 7 p.m.

Call us for directions to the office if you've not visited us before.

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***"Tolerance equals  
Indifference equals  
Apathy"***

G. K. Chesterton

## **The Slippery Slope – Abortion – Infanticide – Euthanasia**

In the 1970's after the *Roe* and *Doe* court decisions which legalized abortion, there were warnings about the "slippery slope." The predictions came frequently that very soon there would be the attack on the people with disabilities, including newborns, and the move to euthanasia regardless of a patient's wish to die. In 2012 we are almost at the bottom of that slippery slope.

The prestigious **Journal of Medical Ethics** has just given us a "peek" into what ObamaCare will surely be mandating in the not-too-distant future.

In their article, **"After-Birth Abortion,"** bioethicists, Alberto Guibilini and Francesca Minerva, contend that killing a newborn...

...should be a purely elective decision by parents who believe the baby would be a burden or would negatively impact their family's well-being.

Under this standard, even perfectly healthy newborns can be "aborted."

Responding to negative reactions regarding their article, the authors confirm their position.

"We...call this practice, 'after-birth abortion,' rather than infanticide, to emphasize that the moral status of the individual killed is comparable with that of a fetus... rather than that of a child.

"...After-birth abortion" (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all cases [in which] abortion is [legal] – including cases where the newborn is **not** disabled." [emp. added]

**"Merely being human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life."**

Boundaries are further stretched by their saying the social, psychological and economic cost [to] the parents has priority over the lives of their children.

They also suggest that adoption isn't always in the best interest of "**actual**" people.

At this point in time our Administration insists that the "contraceptive" mandate is correct, [because] conception doesn't really happen until that (conceived) embryo implants in the uterus **two weeks after fertilization.**

The FDA recently approved and pushed this same "contraception," a drug called Ella, which can destroy a human embryo after implantation just like RU-486 destroys it a few weeks later.

Within international and American bioethics is frequently found the attitude that the preborn and infants (at least through the first few weeks)...

...and adults who have lost relevant capacities because of late-stage Alzheimer's or severe brain damage - are not "persons" because they have either not yet attained, or have lost, the capacities of "personhood."

This means you can be a "person" today, but not tomorrow - or not be a "person" today and be killed before you become one tomorrow!

In the 1960s, the propriety of abortion was promoted in professional journals, leading directly to the 1973 *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision.

In the 1970s, bioethics argued that it should be acceptable to withdraw feeding tubes from people with severe brain damage - once unthinkable.

Now people who are unconscious and minimally conscious are dehydrated to death in all 50 states as a matter of medical routine.

ObamaCare, if not rescinded, has hundreds of "blank checks" empowering the Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) to mandate countless health "standards."

Excerpts from: Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute  
Stephen Adams, Medical Correspondent  
Matt Bowman, Alliance Defense Fund

Wesley J. Smith, D.I.'s Center on Human Exceptionalism

### ***...And in the Netherlands***

The euthanasia rate continues to climb in the Netherlands. Last year, 3136 euthanasia deaths were reported (a 19% increase)...

...with another 20% likely being unreported, including the estimated 550 annual euthanasia deaths of newborns with disabilities.

On March 1, **six mobile euthanasia teams** were launched along with a special clinic to provide an estimated 1000 deaths to people who were either turned down by their doctor or who are disabled and/or frail elderly and lacking mobility.

According the UK Guardian, "The teams would be limited to one house visit a week to minimize the psychological burden on them."

**So there is a human cost to killing!**

Schadenberg, Alex; Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

## ***April 25, 1012 – 45 years of “Legal” Killing!***

On April 25, 1967, Governor John Love (R) signed into Colorado law the first legalization of abortion in the United States.

Richard Lamm, who later became the Governor of Colorado, carried the bill.

Many of us did not live in Colorado at that time. However, as we became citizens of this beautiful state, we have watched the number of babies' deaths spiral.

No longer are statistics reported from the State on those figures, but we know that, at least, a full generation of Coloradans is no longer with us today.

A year ago, a former Colorado Representative, Mark Cloer, called on all proliferators to spend the day in prayers of reparation for the sins of our state.

It is of vital importance that all Christians again consider the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14, and follow the directions for the “healing of our land.”

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.” (KJV)*

The generation(s) since 1967 have heard the subtle whisper that life is not precious; particularly, the lives of the unborn.

Too many do not know the terribly tragic repercussions of the legalization of abortion; the mothers who mourn the loss of their flesh and blood through their “choice” of abortion;

Those fathers who weren't allowed a “choice” and those men who “forced” their baby's mother to “choose” death instead of life for their baby.

May all who hear this call spend some time in prayer on Wednesday, April 25, in their homes; in their churches; with other concerned Christians...

May God “hear from heaven” and heal our land!