

## Great News from Arizona

In September, Arizona's Department of Health Services reported that the number of abortions in the state had dropped by 7.3% this past year.

True statistics are now available, thanks to a law effective August, 2010, which required accurate reporting of annual abortion numbers.

This year "The Mother's Health and Safety Act" became law, banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy because of the safety risks to the mother and the pain endured by the preborn child.

Women are required to have an ultrasound at least 24 hours prior to an abortion and a website detailing facts about fetal development, risks of abortion, and services available was set up.

Additionally, abortionists performing surgical abortions must have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion facility.

The "Abortion Consent Act" signed into law in 2009 was upheld by the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2011.

This law contains an informed-consent section also requiring not only an ultrasound and but also that a woman receive in-person counseling from a physician 24 hours before the abortion.

The parental involvement portion also requires that a parent provide a notarized signature before a minor can obtain an abortion.

Michael New, National Review, writes that Arizona's example provides two important lessons for pro-lifers.

One is the power of persistence; the other is the importance of designing well-written laws.

Fortunately for pre-born babies – and their mothers – in Arizona, Governor Jan Brewer is pro-life!

Excerpts: New, Michael J.; "New Data..." National Review; 21 Sept 12  
Excerpts: Ertelt, Steven, "Abortions Drop..." LifeNews; 19 Sept 12

## The Dangers of IVF

A Danish man, who fathered 43 children at 14 different in-vitro fertilization (IVF) clinics in ten different countries by donating sperm, passed on a genetic disorder to at least five babies born from IVF procedures.

The man was allowed to continue donating, despite national rules in Denmark restricting donors to 25 times.

The clinic, Nordisk Cryobank, admitted that the incident was the result of inadequate testing.

They knew as early as 2009 that at least one of the children born from the man's sperm had been diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis type 1, a nerve disorder, but failed to act.

Despite the fact that there are between 30,000-60,000 children born annually through sperm donation in the United States, no national body is charged with the task of keeping track of who is related to whom.

A 2010 study by the Commission on Parenthood found connections between sperm donation and long-term problems for the offspring – depression, delinquency, and substance abuse.

The study was titled, "My Daddy's Name is Donor: A New Study of Young Adults Conceived Through Sperm Donation."

It found that young people conceived through artificial means are "more confused, and feel more isolated from their families" than children born through natural means.

Two-thirds of those surveyed agreed with that finding. Additionally, two-thirds said that donor offspring have a right to know about their origins, a right that, at this point, is not upheld by the law.

Nearly half said they have feared being attracted to or having sexual relations with someone to whom they are unknowingly related.

White, Hilary, "Sperm-donor father..." LifeSiteNews, 25 Sept 12

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**The President's Corner**

The meaning of the term "pro-life" typically gets quite twisted when election time comes around. The twisting usually takes the form of a candidate's professing that he or she is pro-life, but with "exceptions."

However, the sanctity of life, the foundation of the pro-life stance, necessarily excludes exceptions. Abortion in the case of rape or incest, commonly offered as two exceptions, intentionally takes the lives of innocent children, ignoring any sense of sanctity at all.

The crimes of rape and incest are not made better by committing another crime, i.e. murder. Protecting innocent children's lives is at the heart of being pro-life.

Abortion to save the life of a mother is another commonly offered exception. Medical experts have concluded, however, that "direct abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of a mother." (See: "Saving the Life of the Mother")

"There is a fundamental difference between abortion and necessary medical treatments that are carried out to save the life of the mother, even if such treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child."  
 Dublin Declaration on Maternal Healthcare

So there is never a need to intentionally kill an unborn child. As the election season comes to an end, please remember that a pro-life position does not allow for abortion exceptions, and vote accordingly.

Matt

**Known by the Company He Keeps**

Jeff Smisek, president of **United Airlines**, was listed as one of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's 2012 Annual Gala's highly influential co-chairs helping to fund the largest abortion mill in the Western hemisphere.

This abortion mill is located in the center of the most highly concentrated Black and Hispanic neighborhoods, positioned to prey on minority women in Houston, Texas.

Bradley Mattes, Life Issues Institute

**Saving the Life of the Mother**

In early September, 140 leading Irish medical experts at a major International Symposium on Excellence in Maternal Healthcare in Dublin released this conclusion:

**"As experienced practitioners and researchers in Obstetrics and Gynecology, we affirm that direct abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman."**  
 [emph. added]

Also: "We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect, in any way, the availability of optimal care to pregnant women."

Ireland consistently boasts one of the **lowest maternal mortality rates in the world.**

Excerpts: Saunders, Peter: "Leading Medical Experts..." LifeSiteNews; 18 Sept 12

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**For More Information...**

...on Jeff Smisek (United Airlines) and possible boycotting of United Airlines...

Go to: [news@lifeissues.org](mailto:news@lifeissues.org)

## **The Assisted-Suicide Ledge**

In Massachusetts "Question 2" is a 2012 ballot initiative to allow physicians to prescribe a lethal dose of a toxic drug to assist their patients in committing suicide.

Advocates of physician-assisted suicide say it's a good choice for someone who is dying or who wants to die. But our society has always recognized that decision to be a tragedy and a mistake.

What about those loved ones left behind? Years ago a woman send a letter to the editor of a small town newspaper, telling of her grandparents who committed suicide together by drinking a deadly substance.

It took her years to forgive her grandparents. She was angry at what they had done to her and her family. She felt betrayed and nauseated, hardly believing it had really happened.

Dismissing the idea that suicide could be a good thing, she wrote that it leaves behind deep scars and immeasurable pain on the part of family and friends.

She declared that we don't have the right to take our own lives because we didn't give ourselves life.

Excerpts: Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, "Please Step Back.." Nancy Valko, 9 Oct 12

## **The "Other" Type of Abortion**

Surgical abortions are those done physically by an abortionist. Medical (chemical) abortions are gotten through the use of pills [abortifacients].

Those "pills" [drugs] became an alternative method of abortion in the early 1970's with prostaglandin analogs and in the 1980s with antiprogesterone mifepristone.

Currently, Planned Parenthood makes available to their "clients" 200 mg of oral mifepristone, followed by 800 mcg of buccal misoprostol to be taken 24-48 hours later.

In 2008 Planned Parenthood reported that 32% of their first trimester abortions were medical abortions which occurred at home.

Since statistical reporting of abortions is not required in many States, it is extremely difficult to estimate the total number of abortions done annually in the U.S.

## **The U.N. & China's one-child policy**

China's one-child policy constitutes the longest-running and most far-reaching violation of human rights the world has ever seen.

Four hundred million Chinese children are dead because of this policy, which has left their mothers wounded in both body and spirit.

The one-child policy is coercive, not by accident, but by design. The abuses are not occasional missteps by overzealous officials as they are sometimes characterized by Chinese officials, but are the lifeblood of the program.

The one-child policy, like all political campaigns launched by the Chinese Communist party, is deliberately coercive.

The extraordinary pressure that the highest levels of the Chinese government put on lower-level officials to collect fines and meet quotas can have no other outcome than brutality.

The U.N. Population Fund has been complicit in China's one-child policy from its inception. It does not merely turn a blind eye to abuses, but facilitates them in various ways.

This is nowhere more clearly demonstrated than in the U.N. Population Fund's "model county program," where UNFPA-trained officials oversee the enforcement of the one-child policy, and where human rights abuses are nonetheless rampant.

Under the Administrations of President Reagan and both Bushes, the U.N. Population Fund was defunded. Under the Obama Administration, that funding has not only been restored but increased.

The U.N. Population Fund should once again be defunded, Mr. Chairman, and this time the cut should be permanent.

Population Research Institute (PRI), Steven Mosher's Testimony before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives. [Final three Points] July 9, 2012

## **No Doctor Needed??**

In September, California Governor, Jerry Brown, signed Senate Bill 623 into law. Extending a program run by the University of California, San Francisco, which trains nurse practitioners, midwives and physician assistants to perform abortions, SB 623 now allows those non-physicians to do first-trimester abortions.

## **Planned Parenthood's 96<sup>th</sup>**

On October 16, 2012, Planned Parenthood 'celebrated' its 96th anniversary. PP still follows the plan of their founder, Margaret Sanger: targeting minority populations as "undesirables."

Rev. Arnold Culbreath, Director of Protecting Black Life, says, "It's no wonder abortion remains the leading cause of death among African Americans, higher than all other causes combined.

"Getting this information to as many people as possible is not only critical, it's a matter of life and death for countless babies and oft times even their mothers."

Protecting Black Life, an outreach of Life Issues Institute, now has maps illustrated in full color on an interactive website, giving viewers an up close and personal look at just how close these facilities are to their neighborhoods.

The maps focus only on PP surgical abortion facilities within walking distance of minority neighborhoods. The findings show that **79% of PP's facilities** are inside that walking distance.

See the map at: [www.protectingblacklife.org](http://www.protectingblacklife.org)

## **Exercise Your Rights!** **Let Your Voice be Heard!**

November 6 is the last opportunity to vote in this very important election. If you have not already voted, please don't let this date pass without taking that action.

Don't be guilty of picking out a "turkey." Vote Pro-Life!!

