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Planned Parenthood - Latest Figures

In February, Planned Parenthood released its latest annual report. It reported 354,871 abortions last year, roughly 9,200 more babies than the organization aborted the previous year.

At the same time, Planned Parenthood's adoption referrals plummeted by over 37% to just 2,667. This means that for every one adoption referral, Planned Parenthood commits 133 abortions.

In other Planned Parenthood news, PA Family Institute reports (Feb 2021) that this abortion provider has expanded into supplying cross-sex hormones for those seeking to "change" their sex, including teens. Planned Parenthood has become the second largest purveyor of these hormones.

Quick facts as compiled by National Right to Life Committee:

- Planned Parenthood's 354,871 abortions in 2018 represents 40% of the 862,320 abortions performed in the United States in 2017.
- An unborn baby dies every 97 seconds inside a Planned Parenthood clinic.
- Planned Parenthood's revenue for the fiscal year ending June 2018 was \$1.6 billion.
- 43% of Planned Parenthood's income came in the form of "Government Health Services Grants and Reimbursements."

Contacting Your Legislators

In contacting state and federal legislators, you may be wondering what is the most effective means of communicating with these elected officials. The following suggestions come from a recent webinar from the National Right to Life organization.

1. **TWITTER:** Most elected officials, especially US Congressmen and Senators, check their Twitter accounts regularly. This is probably the fastest way to be sure that your message is seen directly by the person you wish to address.
2. **PHONE CALL:** Elected officials usually do not answer their phones directly, but do see a summary of all calls almost daily. When you call, ask to speak to the person who handles Pro-Life affairs for that legislator, as this person will understand the issues you are presenting.
3. **EMAILS:** Elected officials may or may not see your emails, but will see a summary of all emails on a particular topic. Emails have the advantage over phone calls in that you know your words will be seen as written and will not be subject to misinterpretation.
4. **US MAIL:** This has been the traditional way of contacting legislators, but has become the slowest means of communicating in recent years. Government mail must travel through inspections of various kinds and may take a month or more to reach the legislator. Although the advantage of this method is that the legislator may actually see your letter eventually, it is only a good method to use if the issue is not time sensitive.

If you wish to send a letter, it is best to send it to the legislator's local office, rather than their Harrisburg or Wash., D.C. office.

Contact information for all the Butler County legislators can be found under the **YOUR LEGISLATORS** tab of the PHL Butler website.



Donations

In Memory of:

Carol Foster by Dianne Lasky, sister
All the Aborted Babies by Thomas & Donna Stover
Herbert (Bud) Wellman by Madeline Wellman
Michael Schnur by Harold & Gloria Schnur

Other:

- Daniel Jonczak
- William Adams
- Peter & Margo Perotti
- Paul & Patricia Herbert
- John & Joyce McCaslin

Special thanks also to those of you who contribute but desire anonymity. We are grateful for your support!

Farm Show Booth Returns

PHL is planning on having a booth at the 2021 Butler Farm Show, which is scheduled to run from Aug 9th to the 14th.

Take the quiz and say hi to those volunteers staffing the booth. Watch the amazing 3-D ultrasound showing a baby's development within the womb. Pick up literature and pro-life giveaways. See you there!



Abortion Numbers in Pennsylvania

The number of reported abortions in Pennsylvania increased in 2019 by slightly more than two percent.

The 25-29 year-old age group contained the largest number of women having abortions. Abortion among white women dropped slightly, while abortion among black and Latino women increased. Chemical abortion increased by 4.6%.

Supreme Court Ruling on Abortion-by-Mail

In January, 2021 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an FDA requirement that banned the mailing of abortion drugs. This means that women who wish to obtain “abortion pills” must pick up the pills in person from a hospital or medical office rather than receiving them by mail. In response, Planned Parenthood in PA removed from its website a page describing abortions by mail. The RU486 drug (chemical or medication abortions) have been on the rise in PA; from 2018 to 2019 the number of these abortions increased from 12, 466 to 13,845.

Unfortunately, as we go to press, President Biden has just removed these safety regulations, opening up abortion-by-mail. Another reminder of how elections have consequences.

Donald Trump’s Final Pro-Life Actions

Two of the last Pro-Life actions of Donald Trump, before he left office, were:

1. President Trump proclaimed January 22, 2021 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day.
2. President Trump issued an Executive Order to honor Nellie Gray in the new National Garden of American Heroes. Nellie Grey founded the March for Life in 1974, one year after the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the U.S.

THANK YOU DONALD TRUMP!!

Former Football Pro Produces Documentary on Abortion

Former Professional football player Ben Watson has produced a documentary, “Divided Hearts of America”, in which he poses questions such as:

- When is a person a person?
- Who determines a child’s quality of life?

The 80-minute documentary addresses the history and current state of the American abortion debate.

For more information, go to <https://thewatsonseven.com/theirs/divided-hearts-of-america>

When They Say, You Say . . .

Do you ever feel like you don’t know how to answer people who talk to you about abortion, or people who ridicule your Respect Life beliefs? A recent program from National Right to Life Organization (NRLC.org) made these suggestions:

When They Say

Pro Choice

Fetus

It

Woman wanting abortion

Doctors who do abortions

I Think or I Feel

Abortion is Safe

Woman’s body

Woman’s Rights

I am personally opposed, but...

You Say

Pro Life

Unborn Baby

He or She

Mother wanting abortion

Abortionists

I Know

Abortion is 100% fatal to the baby
Abortion can cause risks to mother

Woman AND Baby’s bodies

Woman AND Baby’s Rights

Are you opposed to slavery?
Are you opposed to racial injustice?
Are you opposed to prejudice?
Do you work for these causes?????

When you have a conversation with someone on this issue, remember:

- 60% of your message is in your body language - eye contact, smile.
- 30% of your message is in the sound of your voice, your emotions.
- 10% of your message is in the words you use.

DON’T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT – OUR MESSAGE IS TOO IMPORTANT!

Biden Admin / Congress Busy Advancing Abortion Agenda

President Biden, with assistance from a slim majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and a tied Senate (with VP Harris as the tie-breaking vote), has been quickly advancing his party's abortion agenda.

In addition to his pro-abortion cabinet and other nominations, Joe Biden reversed the "Mexico City" policy, opening the door for U.S. funding of international organizations that promote abortion. Domestically, he reversed Trump's policy regarding Title X that ensured no taxpayer dollars went to organizations that listed abortion as a part of their "family planning" services.

President Biden's proposed budget would increase Title X funding by \$340 million, much of which would go to Planned Parenthood and other organizations promoting abortion both in the United States and abroad. This, despite the fact that a recent Marist poll found 77% of Americans oppose using tax dollars to advance abortion internationally, while 58% oppose using tax dollars to fund abortions in our country.

Pro-life Mike Pompeo, former Secretary of State under President Trump, sums up the stark contrast in policy between President Trump and his successor:

It should come as no surprise that the Biden Administration is reversing the Trump Administration's Title X policies. Our actions ensured that no American taxpayer dollars were put toward the practice of abortion. None. Not ever. This is but one of the many steps the Biden Administration has taken to open the floodgates of abortion in the United States and around the globe with the reversal of the Mexico City Policy that President Trump and I strengthened over the last four years . . ."

With President Biden's encouragement, Congress has rammed through a massive so-called covid-19 stimulus package that contains funds to promote abortion. The legislation, which made it through the Senate as part of a budget reconciliation measure and thus avoided the filibuster, did not contain the Hyde Amendment language, a long-standing agreement that American taxpayers would not be forced to pay for abortions.

Further, President Biden has called for the formation of a presidential commission to research and debate the merits of increasing the number of Supreme Court justices, in an effort to dilute the pro-life majority President Trump was able to ensure. Though it may be difficult to persuade even some within his own party to go along with eventually packing the court, and even though a majority of Americans disagree with the idea, the fact that a commission has been ordered to investigate its feasibility is worthy of concern.

Biden Advancing Abortion (cont'd)

But there is hope . . .

While it may be an understatement to say that the pro-life movement faces some headwinds at the national level in the form of the Biden administration and current makeup of congress, much good is occurring at the state level. According to Americans United for Life (AUL), activity at the state legislature level in 2020 looked like this:

- 17 pro-life measures enacted.
- 2 pro-life resolutions adopted.
- 2 anti-life measures defeated.
- 2 pro-life measures vetoed.
- 2 anti-life measures enacted.

The flood of pro-life legislation at the state level, which has continued into 2021 with recent work in Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, South Carolina and Tennessee, has created a multitude of challenges to Roe v. Wade. Most of these laws have been blocked by injunctions while they make their way through the courts. What we need is for the U.S. Supreme Court, complete with President Trump's three judicial appointments, to hear one or more of these cases and chip away or outright reverse Roe v. Wade. The pro-life movement may be at a temporary disadvantage nationally in the executive and legislative branches, but the judicial branch is finally in a position to act in defense of the unborn.

What about Pennsylvania?

Here in Pennsylvania our legislature is pro-life. Among the bills advancing within our state:

- House Bill 118 The Unborn Child Dignity Act, would ensure the burial or cremation of babies lost before birth.
- House Bill 289 would require abortion centers to post the results of state health inspections on their websites.
- Senate Bill 21 would ban the abortion of a baby solely for the reason of a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome.
- House Bill 184 has been reported out of the PA House Judiciary Committee. The bill would strengthen the penalties for assisting in the suicide of a minor or person with intellectual disabilities.

Unfortunately, all of this legislation is likely to be vetoed by Governor Wolf, highlighting just how important it is to elect both pro-life legislators and executives.