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**SATURDAY
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at
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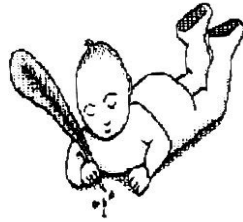


**L.L.G. FRINGE MEETING
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Wednesday 29th September
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Dear Friends,

Even after the General Election, it is still taking time to assess the pro-life attitudes and where they exist amongst the members of parliament. With such a host of new M.P.s it will take time to assess when we can put certain questions to our Labour Members. I would like to ask how it is, that parliament can vote to get rid of the last vestiges of capital punishment off the Statute Book, when the Human Rights Bill was going through parliament, and yet later make laws to make it legal to kill unborn babies? To me, it just isn't logical!



Also, along the same idea, it is quite incredible that M.P.s can vote to stop hanging, yet entertain the idea that it could be acceptable to kill people by withdrawing food and fluids from those who are ill and elderly. What does it say about any government or segments of society who have this urge to kill? Sadly, neither David Cameron nor Nick Clegg is pro-life, because they support the anti-life approach to sex education in schools. Some of their M.P.s have backed schemes to make abortion and birth control drugs and devices accessible to those under 16 at schools. What is so incredible, is the fact that birth control implants and morning-after pills would be given to these children without their parents consent or knowledge, yet ---- no one is allowed to administer an aspirin or paracetamol!

Richard Howitt, the MEP for the Eastern Region, wrote to me as Secretary for our parliamentary Constituency, to give a few facts. We now have 64 newly elected Labour M.P.s and made many advances in the local elections in Suffolk. In the week following the results of the General election, HQ saw 4,800 new people join the Labour Party. What we have to do, is find out how many are pro-life and invite them to work with L.L.G. Sadly, some of the standing Labour M.P.s, who were with us on pro-life affairs, did not get re-elected, but some have been contacted with a view to becoming individual members of the group.

The 'Right to Die' OR the 'Right to Choose' has a hollow ring when one discovers who has been making the choice. After reading "And Still They Weep" – a book telling the personal stories of abortion from twenty women, it becomes obvious that any woman making the choice of having an abortion, has not made the choice freely.

To help women in future, as a group we must continue to discuss and debate, and interact with our elected Members of Parliament. We must try to bring a fresh understanding as to how society can support and help all those vulnerable -- before birth, and those who have got towards the twilight years of their lives.

It is strange how it has become known that the president of NARAL (pro-abortion group in the U.S.A.) has written to all members of that group, telling them that it is very noticeable how few men they have got on their side! In fact, the woman bemoans the fact it just 'isn't fair' that the pro-life groups are all supported by so many males. If the pro-

THE LABOUR LIFE GROUP PROTECT THE UNBORN CHILD

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A PRO-LIFE GROUP IN THE LABOUR PARTY



Labour Life Group's aim is to protect the unborn child. A just society protects its weakest and smallest members. It cherishes the disabled, born and unborn. It treats all human beings as equal, regardless of sex, race, creed, wealth, size or age.

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Ann was welcome to both. Poor as we were, I never heard anybody say, or even intimate, that Aunt Nance Ann had a “duty to die.”

I only began to hear that kind of talk decades later, from highly educated people in an affluent age, when even most families living below the official poverty level owned a car or truck and had air-conditioning! It is today, in an age when homes have flat-panelled TV and most families eat in restaurants regularly or have pizzas and other meals delivered to their homes, that the elite’s – rather than the masses – have begun talking about a “duty to die”.

Back in the days of Aunt Nance Ann, nobody in our family had ever gone to college. Indeed, none had gone to elementary school. Apparently you need a lot of expensive education, sometimes including courses in ethics, before you can start talking about a “duty to die”.

Many years later, while going through a divorce, I told a friend that I was considering contesting child custody. She immediately urged me not to do so. Why? Because raising a child would interfere with my career. But my son didn’t have a career. He was just a child who needed someone who understood him. I ended up with custody of my son and, although he was not a demanding child, raising him could not help impeding my career a little. But do you just abandon a child when it is inconvenient to raise him? The lady who gave me the advice had a degree from the Harvard Law School. She had more years of education than my whole family had, back in the days of Aunt Nance Ann.

Much of what is taught in our schools and colleges today seeks to break down traditional values, and replace them with more fancy and fashionable notions, of which “a duty to die” is just one. These efforts at changing values used to be called “value clarification”, though the name has had to be changed repeatedly over the years, as more and more parents caught on to what was going on and objected. The values that supposedly needed “clarification” had been clear enough to last for generations and nobody asked the schools and colleges for this “clarification”.

Nor are we better people because of it!



abortion lobby insists that it is the woman’s right to choose, and it is her body so she can do what she thinks fit, obviously in their thinking, men are superfluous? Is there a pointer here, to say that the pro-choice groups are getting rattled?

Things do not happen by chance! Scientists have tried their hardest to prove the ‘Big Bang’ theory of how the universe started, but although the experiments did not prove anything, I would be interested to know what they expected to happen? You cannot put pieces which make up a clock into a box, shake it furiously, and expect it to suddenly appear as a timepiece, can you? It is quite obvious to me, that it needs a clockmaker to fit all the components together in the correct order, before a clock can be produced. Even if the clockmaker did put together the items essential for a clock, as the name suggests, he is only the clockmaker – he did not create it! Because to create something means to produce something new from absolutely nothing!

Over the years, it has been noticeable that the U.N. has been committed to bringing abortion to every conceivable country they can. Sadly, it was seen in every disaster, right up to the earthquakes in Haiti and beyond, how the U.N. put at the forefront of their efforts to ‘help’ the poor people in these disaster areas, facilities for abortions! Where other Agencies are concerned with putting medical staff in to save life and treat the outcomes of the tragedies in a positive way, the U.N. merely wished to kill off unborn babies.

But now, a new message is being put to the U.N. at their Conference on the “Status of Women”. Women who were conceived in rape are speaking out, and taking a pro-life message to Universities, prisons and the U.N. Juda Myers, Rebecca Kiessling and other women have come together and are now speaking with one voice that every child conceived in rape is worthy of protection.

Women are now taking much more interest after seeing some 2,000 adverts in the New York subway, stating “Abortion Changes You.” The website (www.abortionchangesyou.com) has had thousands of hits where women are sharing their stories of reproductive grief after abortion.

You may be heartened to read a quote from Congressman Chris Smith in America, who gave a speech at the U.S.A.’s “March for Life” on January 22nd. 2010. It took place in Washington D.C.

“For all of us, all human life is precious and sacred and in urgent need of protection. We welcome and deeply respect everyone including the weak, the vulnerable and the disenfranchised,” he said. The top pro-life advocate on Capitol Hill went on: “We especially admire and honour the extraordinarily courageous post-abortive women who are silent no more. Their voice and witness show us the path to reconciliation, for all women who have been first deceived, then victimised by abortion.”

Editor

AN INSIGHT INTO ABORTIONS IN THE BRITISH HISTORY OF MEDICINE

By Dr. Elizabeth Parisi

There are three Museums in London, dedicated to the History of Medicine, and how sickness and illness were treated and sometimes how pregnancy was seen as a disease.

The Florence Nightingale Museum reflects the history of nursing, the Old Operating Theatre and herb Garrett showcases a wide range of instruments and technical apparatus used in the 19th Century of London. The last one reviewed is the Wellcome Trust with a wide collection of medical instruments set up by Sir Henry Wellcome.

Many of them have some aspects in the history of midwifery, and some mention is made to abortions in the sense of therapeutic abortions.

It could be a step forward into engaging young generations into the issues of avoiding unnecessary abortions at an early stage through the noble programmes now available for young school children at major museums across London.



ABORTION HAS CONSIDERABLE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ECONOMY

By Mychal Massie

(Mychal Massie is the chairman of the black leadership network project 21.)

There is a real economic toll related to abortion, but it's not something Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton or the Congressional Black Caucus complains about. In fact, they all support abortion.

To hear abortion proponents talk about it, infanticide is an economic boon. In 1998, a U.S. News and World Report article called a child "a high-priced consumer item with no warranty."

Less children supposedly means less welfare spending, less unemployment and generally more money to spread around. Actually, the opposite is more likely to be true.

In a telephone interview, Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics Inc. said, "The cost of abortion to society, if calculable, would be astronomical to the point of the average person being incapable of comprehending it."

IS "DUTY TO DIE" AN EXTENSION OF A THROWAWAY SOCIETY?

By Thomas Sowell

(Thomas Sowell is noted for his conservative views on social and economic issues. An African American author and economist, Sowell opposes such programmes as affirmative action, racial quotas, minimum wage, and welfare.)

One of the many fashionable notions that have caught on among some of the intelligentsia, is that old people have a "duty to die", rather than become a burden to others.

This is more than just an idea discussed around a seminar table. Already the government-run medical system in Britain is restricting what medications or treatments it will authorize for the elderly. Moreover, it seems almost certain that similar attempts to contain runaway costs will lead to similar policies when American medical care is taken over by the government.

Make no mistake about it, letting old people die is a lot cheaper than spending the kind of money required to keep them alive and well. If a government-run medical system is going to save any serious amount of money, it is almost certain to do so by sacrificing the elderly.

There was a time --- fortunately, now long past --- when some desperately poor societies had to abandon old people to their fate, because there was just not enough margins for everyone to survive. Sometimes the elderly themselves would simply go off from their family and community to face their fate alone.

But is that where we are today?

Talk about a "duty to die" made me think back to my early childhood in the South, during the great Depression of the 1930s. One day, I was told that an older lady -- a relative of ours -- was going to come and stay with us for a while, and I was told how to be polite and considerate towards her. She was called 'Aunt Nance Ann', but I don't know what her official name was or what her actual biological relationship to us was. Aunt Nance Ann had no home of her own. But she moved around from relative to relative, not spending enough time in any one home to be a real burden.

At that time, we didn't have things like electricity or central heating or hot running water. But we had a roof over our heads and food on the table and Aunt Nance

In a Phase 1 clinical trial, six patients with MS were treated with their own bone marrow adult stem cells and their progress followed for one year. The treatment appeared to be able to stabilise the patients' condition and showed some benefits. As one measure of the success of the procedure, damaged nerve pathways were able to carry electrical impulses more effectively after the treatment.

Multiple Sclerosis is an incurable disease, with the patients' own immune system attacking the central nervous system and eventually leaving many patients in a wheelchair. One of the most encouraging aspects of the trial was the elegantly simple procedure. Patients reported to the hospital and had bone marrow adult stem cells removed, the cells were filtered, and then given back to the patients intravenously. The patients went home before the end of the day.

Professor Neil Scolding, at the University of Bristol NHS Trust leads the Research Team doing the clinical trials. Professor Scolding said, "We are encouraged by the results of this early study. The safety data are reassuring and the suggestion of benefits tantalising. Research into the underlying mechanisms is ongoing and vital, in order to build on these results. We believe that stem cells mobilized from the marrow to the blood are responsible, and that they help improve disease in several ways, including neur-oprotection and immune modulation."

The team is now planning a Phase 11 /111 study. The report for this trial is published in the Nature Journal Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

Previous studies have also had good success at stopping MS progression, and in some cases putting patients into remission. Dr. Richard Burt at North-western University has published several studies showing good success using adult stem cells to "reboot" the immune system of MS patients. Scientists in Australia have also used the procedure with success, and recently Dr. Mark Freedman of Ottawa, Canada has produced "long-lasting remission" in MS patients.

In these cases, patients had their bone marrow adult stem cells collected, then received chemotherapy to knock the rogue immune cells that were attacking their nervous system. Then their adult stem cells were re-injected. While recent successful treatments have used milder chemotherapy, this is still not a gentle or risk-free procedure for a patient. The new approach by the Bristol team is all the more interesting in this respect, because there is no pre-conditioning with chemotherapy.

An international group of multiple sclerosis researchers have looked at these uses of adult stem cells for treatment of MS, and propose moving forward with additional clinical trials to help patients.

While Crutcher correctly notes one cannot accurately put a price on the opportunity costs of abortion, its effects are apparent. In fact, abortion may play a key factor in fixing our nation's current economic crisis. Consumer spending is the dominant facet of our economy. With the economy needing a boost and job creation jolted, a baby is a true stimulus plan.

Forget TARP and the Keynesian spending schemes promoted by the Obama Administration. A baby necessitates diapers, toys, food, books, clothing and more. Meeting those needs creates jobs in the manufacturing and service sectors. Children also create jobs in the medical and educational sectors. When they grow up, babies supplement the labour force – promoting the "circle of life". At a time when our nation relies on an influx of legal and illegal immigrants, it's illogical to promote population control.

As the late economist, Julian Simon noted: "In the long run, the most important economic effect of population size and growth is the contribution of additional people to our stock of useful knowledge."

Around 45 million potential members of the American labour force have already been obliterated by legalized abortion. How many could have kept our auto industry solvent? How many might have developed the cure to cancer or cold-fusion energy production?

And then, there's the Social Security and Medicare crisis to consider.

These two programmes, once considered safety nets, are now lifelines for many elderly and impoverished Americans. The programmes' solvency relies upon large numbers of people in the workforce providing for much smaller numbers of recipients. The Baby Boom and expansions of coverage turned these calculations on their heads. More money will soon be paid out than is being paid into the programmes. That means fewer benefits and/or more taxes.

For blacks in particular, Crutcher noted, "Abortion has cost blacks tremendous political power. You cannot reduce the black American population by – in some estimates – as much as 40% in the last 35 years and not have a debilitating political impact that equates further to verifiable economic loss, even if the loss is astronomical to the point of being incalculable."

Crutcher refers to the relatively unchanged size of the black community relative to other races. While black populations stagnate, Hispanics are now the dominant minority group. Could this have anything to do with abortion?

Yes. Susan Cohen, writing for the Guttmacher Policy Review in 2008, noted, "The abortion rate for black women is almost five times that for white women."

Black Americans were brought to America in chains. After emancipation, we were subject to unfair laws restricting promised freedoms. Discrimination further robbed us of opportunity. Now, even with a level playing field, abortion is still pushing blacks into a corner. While the United States economy remains on the brink, blacks – who, as a community, are making their way up the socio-economic ladder – stand to lose the most.

In promoting abortion, there is much more to lose than just our morality. Our very futures may lie in the balance.

LANGUAGE HELPS DECEIVE PEOPLE ABOUT ABORTION.

By Haven Bradford Gow

In his new book 'Words That Hurt, Words That Heal' (William Morrow & Co.), Rabbi Joseph Telushkin tells us, "We choose our clothes more carefully than we choose our words, though what we say about and to others can define them indelibly. That is why ethical speech – speaking fairly of others, honestly about ourselves, and carefully to everyone – is so important.

If we keep the power of words in the foreground of our consciousness, we will handle them as carefully as we would a loaded gun."

Acknowledging the power of words and the way words can be used to deceive others and promote evil, William Lutz makes this observation. In his book 'Doublespeak' (Harper & Gow) that "doublespeak is not a slip of the tongue, or language used out of ignorance, but is instead a very conscious use of language as a weapon or tool by those in power to achieve their ends at our expense As George Orwell saw so clearly, the great weapon of power, exploitation, manipulation, and oppression is language."

In the Old Testament, the author of the Book of Psalms warns us against those who would use words to deceive others and promote evil deeds. "Guard your tongue from speaking evil, and your lips from deceitful speech."

Certainly we can find numerous examples of the abuse and misuse of language and words to deceive people in the explosive contemporary debate over abortion. The abortion issue clearly has become the most hotly debated moral and social dilemma of our times. In his book, "The World Turned Right Side Up" (Houghton Mifflin), journalist Godfrey Hodgson explains how the U.S. Supreme Court's January 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling transformed abortion into such a heated public controversy: "For some, especially for many women, the (Roe v. Wade) decision was a cause for rejoicing. But it is hard to exaggerate how grievous a blow the Court's decision was for religious conservatives. They believed that fetuses were living human beings and that terminating their existence was nothing less than hideous murder, and murder that was being practised, for remuneration, on an almost genocidal scale."

In the new book, "The Silent Subject" (Praeger Publishers), Brad Stetson, director of the David Institute, Tustin, California, tells us that the pro-abortion mentality and lifestyle has become so pervasive in American society that we now have to use euphemisms when discussing abortion. This is just in case we alienate or offend the many people who either support or have undergone

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Final Guidelines

Here are the final guidelines given by the D.P.P. On Feb. 25th

They no longer suggest that a more lenient view will be taken of assisting the suicide of sick or disabled people.

They no longer give special protection to spouses and family members who assist at a suicide.

They make clear that assistance given by a doctor or nurse to a patient under their care would be regarded as an aggravating factor.

In fact, *the law has not changed!*

Assisted suicide remains illegal in the U.K.

All members of medical staff are being advised against being involved in assisting at a suicide.

Many thanks to all those members who did take time to write to the D.P.P. when requested.



HELPING PATIENTS WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

By Dr. David Prentice

Source: LifeNews.com May 2010 Dr. Prentice is Senior Fellow for Life Sciences at Family Research Council, Indiana University, and Adjunct Professor of Medical & Molecular Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine.

A groundbreaking new study published in the last week provides more good news for treatment of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) using adult stem cells. Researchers at the University of Bristol used patients' own adult stem cells to treat their MS.

LLG FRINGE MEETING
@
THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

This will take place on

Wednesday 29th September 2010

VENUE:

**THE CHESHIRE SUITE
BRITANNIA HOTEL
PORTLAND STREET
MANCHESTER**

COMMENCING 6.00pm

SUBJECT:

Labour Life Group - carrying on the fight in opposition!

Refreshments will be available before meeting begins.

**Please do come and bring friends to join in the debate
and be informed.**

abortions. He writes, "Civilized and thoughtful people are expected to step around the violent death of the unborn accomplished by every abortion. To mention it in dialogue or debate is to solicit angry glares, impatient sighs and apparently learned expression of scepticism about knowing when 'human life begins'."

Dr. William Brennan, professor of Social Sciences at St. Louis University, tells us in his new book "Dehumanizing The Vulnerable" (Loyola Press), that pro-abortionists abuse and misuse language to deceive others into thinking that the unborn child is not a human being. They say that the lives of unborn babies are not sacred and therefore not worthy of legal protection. He points out, "The semantic transformation of undesired human beings into inanimate objects – mere things with no semblance of personality, humanity, consciousness, life, or vitality – constitutes one of the most radical and pervasive forms of denigration. In this process of objectification people are reduced to the level of insignificant matter that can be used, moved, manipulated, and disposed of with impunity." He adds, "Portrayals of abortion as merely the removal of insignificant 'matter' abound in the rhetoric of abortion proponents."

The abuse and misuse of words and language, reminds me of George Orwell. The British novelist and social critic warned us five decades ago about the abuse and decline of the English language, and the degenerative effects such a decline would have on public discussion of important moral/social issues and on the moral and political climate of a nation.

In Orwell's novel 'Keep the Aspidistra Flying', the hero, Gordon Comstock, impregnates his lover, and after learning that she is carrying his baby, engages her in a conversation. Comstock's lover proposes the "termination of pregnancy" as the "solution"; but after she begins talking about money for the abortion, Comstock suddenly begins to understand that what they have been talking about is the killing of their innocent, unborn child..."For the first time he gasped, with the only kind of knowledge that matters, what they were really talking about. The words 'a baby' took on a new significance. They...meant a body of flesh...It was the squalid detail of money that brought it home."

People who are for or against have abused and manipulated language to gain support for their views; but certainly pro-abortionists have been especially guilty of brutalising language to cover up the horrendous, terrifying fact that abortion is the killing of innocent, unborn babies.



DID YOU KNOW?

A group of abortion practitioners in South Korea have stopped doing abortions and they have banded together to form a new pro-life group for Physicians. According to the New York Times, Dr. Choi Anna and Dr. Shim Sang-duk did 30 abortions per month at the Ion Women's Clinic.

"We sold our souls for money," Dr. Choi said. "Abortion was an easy way to make money."

In a country where abortion is widespread, the two doctors are hoping to force South Korea's first serious public discussion of the ethics of abortion. In November 2009, they and dozens of other obstetricians held a news conference to ask "forgiveness" for having performed illegal abortions.

The group they formed, Gynob, has called on other doctors to declare whether they have done abortions. In December 2009, they set up another organization, 'Pro-Life Doctors' which tries to discourage women from having abortions and runs a hot line to report clinics that do them.

Gynob's morality-based campaign is unusual for South Korea, where abortions carries little of the emotions or religious significance that it does in many Western countries. But it is gaining attention here in no small part because it is coinciding with a very public reassessment of abortion by the government which is looking for ways to reverse a decline in South Korea's birth rate. Until now, abortion had never really become a hot issue here, said Hahn In-hee, a professor of family sociology at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul. "The society considers it a family, and there is a strong taboo against discussing a family matter in public," she said.



PROFILE: PATRICK CARROL

Patrick is the L.L.G. area Regional officer for Greater London. He is an actuary and statistician working as an independent researcher at PAPRI, registered as a charity, Pension & Population Research Institute. He is the author of the report 'Assessing the Damage on the impact of the 1967 Abortion Act over 40 years to 2007'.

THE NEXT LLG MEETING

To be held

SEPTEMBER 18th 2010

at the

'Trades & Labour Club' in Doncaster.

***Anyone wishing to attend this meeting
should write to the Secretary for
Directions to the venue.***

Please bring your own packed lunch.

Coffee & Tea will be provided.

***The Club will be available from
12.30pm
and is inside the station complex.***

ALL are welcome.

***The meeting will start at
1.00pm.
& finish at
4.30pm.***

Please do come along!

HEALTHIER BABIES AND MODERN MOTHERS?

By Dr. Elizabeth Parisi

The 1988 date is significant because, as pro-life blogger Jill Stanek notes, the 'Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute' (SCPI) indicates that's when the Advisory Committee on Immunisation Practices added a second dose of the MMR vaccine, containing foetal cells from aborted babies, to its recommendations.

The study found two other change point dates: 1991, two years after MMR 11 was approved in the United States with foetal cells, and 1995, when SCPI says the chicken pox vaccine using aborted cells was approved.

Jim Sedlak, President of American Life League said today that his group is joining SCPI in calling for a Fair Labelling and informed Consent Act to let people know of this link and the use of cells from babies victimised by abortion.

"For years the evidence has pointed towards the link between vaccines using DNA from aborted babies and the rise in Autism Disorder rates," he said. "Parents need and deserve to know the risks associated with vaccinations made from lines derived from the bodies of aborted children."

"While the pharmaceutical industry ignores the evidence and continues to put our children at risk, Sound Choice is conducting studies on the impact of residual human foetal DNA in vaccines on the brain development and autism in children," Sedlak continued.

Stanek also commented on the new developments.

"I've always read that it was mercury in vaccines that was implicated in autism, although many studies state this isn't true," she said, and noted that SCPI debunks the idea.

"The conspiracy theorist in me wonders if the same sort of ideological culprits we see covering up the abortion-breast cancer link, are also involved here. This would be a huge, huge blow to embryonic stem cell experimentation, for instance. That, and/or big pharmaceutical companies see huge class action lawsuits on the horizon if this is proven," Stanek added.

"That virus-laden DNA of aborted babies could be wreaking havoc on the DNA of healthy children is completely plausible," she said.

SCPI will present their studies at the International Society for Autism Research later in the year.



Every day new research is carried out for bringing healthier babies into the world. Day by day, the chances of unwanted abortions are fewer and fewer thanks to the advances in stem cell research and genetics.

Even the myths of past decades, like drinking alcohol or exercising while pregnant, are now no longer causes for abortions. New studies into the genetics and stem cells for normal intakes of alcohol and exercising give fresh approach to 21st. century pregnant women.

Research from the University of Oxford shows that a reasonable intake of alcohol during early pregnancy does not affect the unborn child. Also, researchers from other world leading Universities explained that regular walking, and even running, can prepare the unborn baby and mother for the birth.

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(LifeNews.com) - Feb. 10th 2010 - The Central American nation of Costa Rica elected its first female President in Laura Chinchilla and she is a pro-life advocate. Chinchilla received 47% of the votes from Sunday's election and a top pro-life Hispanic activist tells LifeNews.com that her election is good news. Costa Rica has long been one of the top pro-life countries by virtue of its prohibiting abortions and its pro-life advocacy at the United Nations.

Chinchilla defeated her two main rivals, Otton Solis and Otto Guevara, to win the Presidency. She previously served as vice-president under her predecessor Oscar Arias, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987. She campaigned as a pro-life candidate during the election and talked about advancing the interests of women in her victory speech. "It wasn't just a victory for the ruling party, but a victory for the unborn child," said Raimundo Rojas, a spokesman for the national Right to Life Committee.

LifeNews.com - by Mailee Smith

For decades now, women have been undergoing the process of in vitro fertilization (IVF) without truly knowing the risks it might hold for their health or the health of their children. This is due in significant part to lax informed consent requirements.

Notably, there is also very little data on the complications arising from having IVF, especially for unborn children. We know that the hormones women typically receive during IVF can cause them to develop cancer and other health issues in the future. But the percentage of women affected and its impact on their unborn children, as well as

other types of potential complications, are not fully understood.

However, last week Europe's leading reproductive health medical journal, 'Human Reproduction', published a study demonstrating that women who become pregnant with a single child (as opposed to multiples) following IVF or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) have an increased risk of stillbirth.

The study involved over 20,000 pregnancies between 1989 and 2006 – a massive study. After adjusting for all relative factors – such as age, smoking habits, alcohol and coffee intake, and others – it was revealed that women who conceived using IVF or ICSI had a significant four-fold increased risk of stillbirth.

Importantly, the researchers found that this increased risk is not likely due to the underlying infertility issues that drove women to IVF in the first place; rather it is likely due to other factors, such as the technology involved in IVF.

This stunning conclusion begs the question: Do women undergoing IVF know of such risks?

In general, the answer is no. Only one state – Pennsylvania – has meaningful regulation of the IVF industry. And no state requires that women give fully informed consent before undergoing the process.

For example, women (and their partners) need to know that there are major known risks involved with hormone treatment and egg retrieval. But currently, most states do not even require that women be told the likelihood (or unlikelihood, as the case may be) that their IVF procedures will even succeed in producing a viable embryo for transplantation.

What emerges is a state of "business" where those in the IVF industry are luring in already-vulnerable women – women desperate to have children – and failing to inform them of the risks to their own bodies as well as to the health of their potential children. This means that women who have already experienced devastation will potentially be left to deal with another devastating blow: stillbirth.

For the last several years, AUL has advocated that states protect women and their families by passing comprehensive assisted reproductive technology (ART) regulations, including stringent informed consent requirements.



According to pro-life physician /medical scholar, Dr. John Wilkie, author of 'Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia' (Hayes publishing, Cincinnati) ~ "the basic ethic of physicians down through the centuries has been consistent. Originated by a pagan physician, Hippocrates, 400 years before the time of Christ, that ethic was very clear. It was ... 'First do no harm'. That ethic passed into the Christian era and guided the medical profession until recent decades." However, the Hippocratic Oath has been "increasingly violated in these past years, as some physicians have returned to the pre-Hippocratic ethic which gave the physicians two roles – the one of caring but also the one of killing."

Pondering on the decline of medical ethics, which manifests itself whenever a physician kills an innocent unborn child through abortion, and weighing up everything already said, a certain Mrs. Lena Wong Yee observed: this:- "I would never go to a doctor who performs abortion; if he is willing to kill babies for money, then how can I trust him with my own life?" Dr. Peter Go, a family physician in Dumas, Ark. Says, "I am concerned about the state of ethics in my profession; we need to restore high ethical/professional standards and a respect for the sacredness of human life."

All human life has an equal dignity and worth – as is contained in the Human Rights list produced by the United Nations. 'Thou shalt not kill' – many countries have done away with the death penalty. When will society as a whole come to respect life?



AUTISM AND VACCINES

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A new study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency shows a correlation between the use of cells from babies in abortions in vaccines, to an increase in autism rates. The study provides another problem from pro-life advocates who are already concerned about the abortion-vaccine tie.

The study published in February in the publication 'Environmental Science & Technology', confirms that 1988 was a "change point" in the rise of Autism Disorder rate.

"Although the debate about the nature of increasing autism continues, the potential for this increase to be real and involve exogenous environmental stress factors exist", the study says.

As with Chile today, these studies in the developed world occurred at a time before access to abortion had been liberalized. Thus it appears that improving access to quality maternal health care, rather than permissive abortion laws, is what drives reductions in maternal death during a pregnancy and delivery. Maternal health experts such as noted obstetrician Donna Harrison, M.D. point out that introducing abortion in a developing world setting without first improving basic maternal health care increases the risk of maternal death, since health systems cannot adequately respond to complications from various invasive surgical procedures such as abortion.

Indeed, nations such as South Africa, which has one of the continent's most liberal abortion regimes, has seen an increase in maternal deaths attributable in part to complications arising from legal abortion. Dr. Koch presented his initial findings at the inaugural meeting of the International Working Group for Global Women's Health Research last month in Washington D.C.



SHOULD WE POSSESS A RIGHT TO DIE?

By Haven Bradford Gow

In a report which appeared in the media on March 10th, 2010, in the U.S.A. the media pointed out that: "A grand jury indicted four members of an assisted suicide group (in Georgia) on charges that they helped a 58 year old man with cancer kill himself. Thus clearing the way for a trial that could not only decide their fate but also help validate – or repudiate—their work."

In Communist China, many parents and the enforcers of the government's one-child policies also engaged in euthanasia. Primarily because of the government's iron-fisted one child policies, many parents are allowing their new born baby girls to die early in infancy. In an article in the New York Times, dated August 23^d, 2009, was printed that "30,00 baby girls died annually in China because parents didn't give them the same medical care and attention that boys received – and that was just in the first year of life. The result is that as many infant girls die unnecessarily every week in China as protesters died at Tiananmen Square."

What happened in Georgia and what is currently occurring in china can properly be termed 'euthanasia'. The Catholic Almanac 2008 points out that 'euthanasia is the direct causing of death for the purpose of ending human suffering. Euthanasia is murder, and totally illicit, for the natural law forbids the taking of life of an innocent person.'

MEN ARE HARMED BY ABORTION.

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An important but often unacknowledged angle of the abortion debate involves the serious effects that legalized abortion has on men. A recent scandal surrounding John Edwards, former North Carolina Senator and U.S. presidential candidate, brought this issue into plain view. Mr. Edwards publicly acknowledged an extramarital affair with Rielle Hunter in the summer of 2008, a few months after pulling out of the presidential race. Even after admitting to the affair, however, he continued to deny having fathered Ms. Hunter's daughter, Quinn, until January 2010 when he finally admitted that he was, in fact, her father.

A former aide to Mr. Edwards has just published a tell-all book describing how Mr. Edwards tried to coerce Ms. Hunter to get an abortion. Commentator, Jill Stanek, analysed the situation this way: Fortunately, Hunter resisted this all too typical coercive attempt by a sexually exploitative and irresponsible man to abort his own baby. Of course, Edwards is a pro-abortion, which as we see is incredibly self-serving for men. Edwards was ready to sacrifice his own baby for political and personal expediency."

Mr. Edwards' extramarital activities remind us how legalized abortion has the clear and pronounced effect of supporting sexual infidelity, providing "cover" and encouraging men to become less responsible and accountable for their personal choices. It enable men to justify and get away with sexual license.

Abortion hurts men in other, more direct ways as well. The fact that upwards of 3,000 abortions occur each day in the U.S. implies the obvious corollary that about 3,000 men lose a son or a daughter each day to abortion. Some of these men may have encouraged or pressured their partners to abort; others may have strongly resisted; still others may not have known they were fathers until afterwards. What is not widely acknowledged is that men can and do suffer emotionally and spiritually from their loss. It seems fair to say that men are not often encouraged to acknowledge their emotions around this issue – whether relief, grief, anger, or resentment.

As post-abortion healing ministries like Rachel's Vineyard have expanded in recent years, many women along with their husbands or male partners have come to seek help in dealing with the negative

effects of their abortion. A growing number of men have found themselves regretting their involvement in an abortion, and various websites now include testimonies from men who have lost a child this way (rachelsvineyard.org). Many of the testimonies are poignant, raw and searingly honest. Phil McCombs, a Washington Post Staff writer shared his own post-abortive struggle in a 1995 article in the Post.

"I feel like a murderer, which isn't to say that I blame anyone else, or think anyone else is a murderer. It's just the way I feel and all the rationalisations in the world haven't changed this. I still grieve for little Thomas. It is an ocean of grief. From somewhere in the distant past I remember the phrase from Shakespeare, the multitudinous seas, 'incarnadine'. When I go up to the river on vacation this summer, he won't be going boating with me looking at the starry sky and saying, 'What's that one called, Dad?' Because there was no room on the Earth for Thomas."

Another anonymous father wrote a letter, excerpted here, to his deceased son as part of his own journey towards healing and peace:

"My Dear John Peter – This past weekend I did something I should have done a very long time ago. I confessed to your death by abortion. John, you would today be a young man of twenty, vibrant and alive....Tears come again John, as they did Saturday night... In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too, should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life. My Little One, John Peter, I can only now ask you to forgive me as Jesus and God have done. May you rest in the arms of God. – Dad."

The deep emotional scarring of both men and women that follows in the wake of legalized abortion should be a growing concern for all of us, and should challenge us to craft a more just society where every man, woman and child is unconditionally protected, respected, welcomed and loved.

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Preliminary findings by a prominent biomedical researcher examining the dramatic decrease in maternal mortality, over the past fifty years in the Latin American nation of Chile, appear to undercut claims by global abortion lobbyists that liberal abortion laws are necessary to reduce maternal mortality rates.

According to Dr. Elard Koch, an epidemiologist on the faculty of medicine at the University of Chile, Chile's promotion of "safe pregnancy" measures such as "prenatal detection" and accessibility to professional birth attendants in a hospital setting are primarily responsible for the decrease in maternal mortality. The maternal mortality rate declined from 275 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in 1960 to 18.7 deaths in 2000, the largest reduction in any Latin country.

Because Chile is a nation that protects unborn life in its penal laws and constitution, the decline is therefore not attributable to access to legal abortion. In fact, the preliminary study shows, maternal mortality in Chile declined over the last century regardless of whether abortion was legal or illegal. Chile tightened its restrictions on abortion in the late 1980s.

According to Dr. Koch, "From 1960 onwards, there has been a breakthrough in the public health system and primary care" in Chile, with resources devoted to the development of "highly trained personnel, the construction of many primary health centres and the increase of schooling of the population."

Education appeared to be a primary factor in the country's improved maternal health. Chile today touts a maternal health record comparable to those of developed nations. Statistics released by the World Health organization (WHO) support such conclusions. In South America, according to WHO, Chile boasts of the lowest rate of maternal mortality, whereas Guyana, which significantly liberalized its laws in the mid-1990s citing concern over maternal deaths, has the highest.

Indeed, perhaps the most comprehensive analysis of the decline of maternal death rates in the developed world was in a peer-reviewed article by Irvine Loudon, appearing in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition in 2000. It confirmed that the "sudden and dramatic decline in maternal mortality rates, which occurred after 1937, took place in all developed countries and eliminated the previously wide country-level differences in national mortality rates. The main factors that led to this decline seem to have been successive improvements in maternal care."