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## California Forces Churches to Fund Abortions, Churches Refuse to Comply and File Lawsuit

In a direct assault on people of faith in California, the **California Department of Managed Health Care reclassified abortion as a "basic health service" under the Affordable Care Act** and ordered all insurance plans in the state to begin covering surgical abortions immediately. Even churches are not exempt from funding abortions.

But churches in California are refusing to comply with the law. Instead, they're working with the pro-life legal group Alliance Defending Freedom to file suit against the state, who today filed a federal suit on behalf of Foothill Church in Glendora, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills in Chino, and The Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, against the California Department of Managed Health Care for forcing churches to pay for elective abortions in their health insurance plans.

Because Obamacare requires health insurance coverage, and the California mandate requires abortion coverage in any health plan, these churches are truly left with no way to opt out of paying for abortions," said ADF Litigation Staff Counsel Jeremiah Galus. "What's absurd, though, is that the same government that rightfully does not require California churches to pay for contraceptive coverage requires them to pay for elective abortion coverage. Californians should not be forced to choose between following their deepest convictions and submitting to unlawful and unnecessary government mandates." LifeNews.com 10/16/15

## UN Security Council Passes Resolution Abortion Activists Will Use to Target Pro-Life Laws



UN staff claim

that pregnancy is a war wound, needing abortion to heal and therefore comes under the Geneva Convention's requirement to provide non-discriminatory medical care to non-combatants regardless of national laws. They claim that laws protecting the unborn represent "cruel and inhuman" treatment to the child's mother and are a violation of human rights law.

The resolution was passed at the beginning of a marathon, two-day series of speeches at which the UN Security Council and UN member states commemorated the 15th anniversary of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. The purpose of the agenda, and its initial resolution, UNSCR 1325, is to identify ways in which war disproportionately affects women, and to engage more women in conflict prevention, peace building, and peace keeping. Abortion activists will likely use the new resolution to press their case against U.S. laws restricting funding of abortion overseas. Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute 10/18/15



## Since Abortion Was Legalized in the U.S., Women's Risk of Breast Cancer Has Quadrupled

Between 1970 and 2014, the probability of U.S. women contracting breast cancer more than quadrupled, with breast cancer accounting for more new cancers in 2014 than the second, third and fourth most-common cancers combined, according to a medically reviewed study by professors from St. Joseph's Hospital (Lexington, Ky.), University of Kentucky Medical Center and University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill).

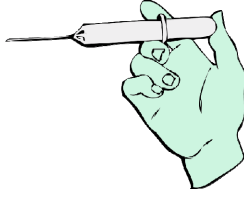
The authors of the study, citing Dr. Lanfranchi, also pointed out that, "a girl or young woman who undergoes an abortion, increases her risk of breast cancer in four ways: 'She creates in her breasts more places for cancers to start, which is an 'independent effect'; she loses the protective effect that a full-term pregnancy would have afforded her; she increases the risk of premature delivery of future pregnancies; and she lengthens her susceptibility window.'" PregnancyHelpNews 10/22/15

## Elder Abuse Rates Rising in Oregon After State Legalized Assisted Suicide

The Oregon Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations (OAAPI) had a 10% increase in allegations (38,000) for elder abuse in 2014. The OAAPI also reported that the number of elder abuse investigations increased by 10% to 18,185 in 2014. The State attributes much of the increase in allegations to the aging population and greater awareness of how to report it.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition recognizes that scourge of elder abuse is a sad reality in our culture that is hard to detect, even by professionals who are obligated to report the abuse. The fact is that legalizing assisted suicide, such as the Oregon assisted suicide act, creates new paths to abuse. The only difference is, in the case of assisted suicide is the victim always ends up dead and the doctor calls the death "personal autonomy." The Oregon Statesman Journal 10/22/15

## WHO DOWNPLAYS RISKS OF DEPO-PROVERA



A week before a huge global family planning conference in Indonesia, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a short statement reiterating its position that injectable contraceptives are safe – for any duration – even for adolescents—despite being linked to progressive bone density loss and other harmful side effects.

It came shortly after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), widely regarded as the “gold standard” on drug safety, rejected a petition to remove its strong “black box” warning label and reiterated its concerns about the contraceptives’ long-term effects on women’s health. The FDA expressed concern “about the fact that adolescent users were losing bone density at a time in life when they should be experiencing significant increases” and that recovery of bone density after discontinuing use of Depo-Provera was slow and may not fully occur at all.

Center for Family & Human Rights 10/30/15

## China’s New Two-child Policy Will Not End Forced Abortion or Gendercide

Xinhua News Agency reported that China will move to a two-child policy for all couples, “abandoning its decades-long one-child policy.” A two-child policy will not end any of the human rights abuses caused by the One Child Policy, including forced abortion, involuntary sterilization or the sex-selective abortion of baby girls.

The reason given for this adjustment is entirely demographic: “to balance population development and address the challenge of an ageing population.” The adjustment is a tacit admission that continuation of the one-child policy will lead to economic and demographic disaster.

Noticeably absent from the Chinese Communist party’s announcement is any mention of human rights. The Chinese Communist Party has not suddenly developed a conscience or grown a heart. Even though it will now allow all couples to have a second child, China has not promised to end forced abortion, forced sterilization, or forced contraception. National Right to Life News Today 10/30/15



## Planned Parenthood Wanted to Sell Intact Brains of Aborted Babies to University for Research

New documents obtained by the Washington Free Beacon reveal how the Planned Parenthood abortion business in Connecticut wanted to sell the intact brains of aborted babies to the University of Connecticut. The abortion company ultimately could not provide the fetal brains for research to the university because the method of late-term abortion used did not leave the brain intact enough to be useful for scientists.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/11/05/planned-parenthood-wanted-to-sell-intact-brains-of-aborted-babies-to-university-for-research/>

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Some good news - the most recently published info from Decisions International indicates that Garden Fresh (Souplantation, Sweet Tomatoes, etc.) is no longer a boycott target. Keep up your letter writing—it works!

## Woman Who Killed Her Baby Has Conviction Overturned, Court Says Six-Day-Old Baby Isn’t a Person

A New York court recently ruled that a Long Island woman who killed her baby in a car accident cannot be convicted because her baby was not a person yet.

*The Times Union* reports Jennifer Jorgensen previously was found guilty of second-degree manslaughter for causing the death of her baby daughter in a car crash. She also was indicted for driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and endangering the welfare of a child, according to the report.

Jorgensen was in her third trimester when the car accident occurred in May 2008. Her daughter was delivered by C-section after the head-on collision and died six days later, according to the report.

In October, the New York Court of Appeals reversed Jorgensen’s conviction, ruling that she was not guilty because she fatally injured her daughter before she was born. The court ruling compared Jorgensen’s actions to self-induced abortion and called it an offense that is “no greater than a misdemeanor.”

Not all of the judges agreed on the ruling. In a dissent, Judge Eugene Fahey wrote, “I cannot join in a result that analyzes our statutes to determine that a six-day-old child is not a person.” LifeNews.com 10/30/15

