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Congress Subpoenas StemExpress, Which Buys Fully Intact Aborted Babies From Planned Parenthood

Today, the chairman of the **Congressional** panel charged with investigating the sales of aborted baby parts announced the issuance of 12 new subpoenas to organizations who have failed to fully cooperate with both requests for information and previous subpoenas from the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives.

The subpoenas were issued to StemExpress and related persons; individuals with relationships to the University of New Mexico; BioMed IRB – an online Institutional Review Board service that purports to provide IRB clearance for research on human subjects and for the transfer of fetal tissue; and Ganogen – a company that is involved in the use of aborted fetuses for research involving transplantation of human organs into animals.

The Select Investigative Panel is working in a thoughtful and thorough manner to find the facts about what exactly is going on at these abortion businesses and procurement organizations,” Blackburn said in a statement. “Unfortunately, some of these organizations have so redacted documents — even after being subpoenaed — that it is impossible for us to get the complete picture of what is actually going on. Others have refused to produce documents required under previous subpoenas, and have threatened to withhold additional subpoenaed information.

“There should be no resistance to letting all the facts come out — but some abortion supporters seem to be clearly rattled with basic facts coming to light. Therefore, in the interest of completing our investigation pursuant to H. Res. 461, we will continue to issue subpoenas when necessary to ensure information can be gathered in a timely fashion.”
3/30/16 LifeNews.com

New Legislation in Missouri Would Define Unborn Baby as a Person and Ban Abortions

State Rep. Mike Moon, R-Ash Grove, proposed the joint resolution that would give unborn babies the right to life in Missouri and protect them from abortion through an amendment to the state constitution. If passed, the resolution would go on the ballot for a vote in November. Missouri News Leader via Associated Press 3/30/16



Editor's Note: A number of other states, including Alabama and Oklahoma are considering similar measures to ban abortion altogether. However, these measures are highly unlikely to become law. Because of the current political climate and the precedents set in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*, courts would almost certainly strike down the measures. The Supreme Court has ruled on personhood amendments previously and indicated they amount to a statement of position on behalf of the state and are not able to ban abortions in and of themselves. The key to ending legalized abortion is overturning *Roe v. Wade*, and the current Supreme Court justices are highly unlikely to do so, especially after the unexpected death of pro-life Justice Antonin Scalia. Please pray that a pro-life Justice is appointed to the Supreme Court.

Kids Being Exposed to Porn is Abuse, Australian Bishops Say



Exposure to pornography harms children to such an extent it should be considered child abuse,

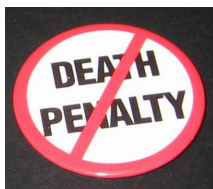
Australia's Catholic bishops said in a recent call for action.

“Children have a right to be children, away from the pressures applied by advertising and other images on television and the internet for them to dress and act as mini-adults. Bombarding children with sexualized images can hurt their normal development,” a commission of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference said in a statement to the Australian Senate committee last month.

They cited a link between children's exposure to pornography and their likelihood of becoming victims of sexual violence. Many children are first exposed to pornography before the age of 13, according to the studies the bishops cited.

Children exposed to pornography are more likely to agree with sexual relations before marriage, more likely to have sexual relations before their peers, and more likely to adopt risky sexual behavior. They are more likely to regard women as sex objects and to molest other children.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/kids-being-exposed-to-porn-is-abuse-australian-bishops-say-61684/> 4/7/16



Pope Calls for Jubilee Moratorium on Death Penalty

Pope Francis called for a moratorium on executions during the Year of Mercy and said the fifth commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” applies not only to the innocent

but to the guilty as well. “Even a criminal has the inviolable right to life, a gift of God,” he said Feb. 21 after reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square. Increasing opposition worldwide to the death penalty as “an instrument of legitimate social defense is a sign of hope,” he said. The pope appealed to world leaders to reach an international consensus on the abolition of the death penalty, and to “make a courageous and exemplary gesture by seeking a moratorium on executions during this Holy Year of Mercy.”
Catholic News Service 2/22/16



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British Government Encouraging Women to Give Birth to Disabled Babies to Harvest Their Organs

British government officials are considering a new program to encourage women to consider giving birth to babies diagnosed with fatal illnesses, rather than have an abortion, so that the babies' organs can be harvested after they die. Under the proposals, pregnant women discovered to be carrying such babies would be supported through the remainder of their pregnancy, allowing the child's organs to develop fully. They would give birth as normal and key organs would be removed from the baby once it had been certified dead.

Dr. Trevor Stammers, director of bioethics at St. Mary's University, called the proposal "a ghoulish suggestion" in a statement to the news media. (*Sunday Times*.)

First, it treats human life as a commodity; and, second, it does not account for what would happen if the baby does not die soon after birth. While conditions such as **anencephaly** and **Trisomy 18** often are fatal within a few hours after birth, some babies live for months or years with medical treatment. Under the new proposal, will these babies targeted for organ donations be given the same medical treatment as any other human being, or will they be left to die so that their organs can be harvested? By: Micaiah Bilger LifeNews.com 3/9/16

Canadian Doctors Withholding Treatment From Suicide Victims Who Didn't Die

On December 10, 2015; the province of Québec officially sanctioned euthanasia. The Québec government passed Bill 52 in June 2014 and over the next 17 months prepared their nation for doctors having the right to kill their patients.

Now we learn that some Québec physicians have been withholding life-saving treatments that could save lives with possibly no after-effects from suicide victims. In response, the Québec's College of Physicians has issued an ethics bulletin telling all physicians that there is an ethical and legal guideline to provide care even to patients seeking to end their lives. By: Alex Schadenberg Quebec National Post 3/17/16 <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canquebec-doctors-let-suicide-die-through-treatment-was-available-college>

Headline Briefs from American Family Association

The **Library of Congress** will no longer use the words "illegal" and "alien" to describe undocumented immigrants after Dartmouth College students petitioned for the change. Instead, it will use the terms "non-citizen" and "unauthorized immigrants" in subject headings to refer to undocumented immigrants. 4/1/16



Cardinal Dolan Calls New FDA Abortion Drug Guidelines 'Irresponsible,' Offers Assistance to Pregnant Women

Cardinal Dolan, archbishop of New York and chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities responded to new guidelines issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the **abortion drug, RU-486**.

"The FDA has irresponsibly loosened its guidelines for the dangerous abortion drug RU-486 expanding its use an additional three weeks into pregnancy, and allowing provision by non-physicians," he said. "The unofficial, off-label use of RU-486 is now the new normal, paving the way for the destruction of even more innocent lives, and putting women and girls at risk for all the life-changing effects of abortion."

"Far from wanting abortion to be 'rare', abortion advocates are celebrating this expanded use as opening an ever-widening door to abortion. They are equally celebrating the FDA's neglect of women's health. Women have died from this drug, and many who used it after 8 weeks of pregnancy ended up returning for surgical abortions. This anguish, too, will now be visited on more women," Cardinal Dolan said.

He concluded with an offer of assistance to women: "Any woman who finds herself pregnant may come to Catholic agencies for non-judgmental, caring assistance. Catholic Charities, pregnancy help centers, and many parishes stand at the ready to assist those in need."

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-039.cfm> 4/1/16