

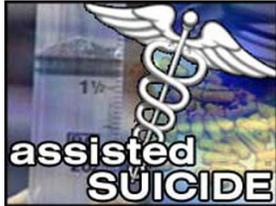


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American Medical Association Considering Abandoning Decades-Long Opposition to Assisted Suicide

There is an effort currently underway within the American Medical Association (AMA) to abandon its decades-long position opposing assisted suicide and take a neutral stance.

At its July 2017 annual meeting, the AMA will consider taking a "neutral" position which essentially sends a green light to the states that legalizing is acceptable. However, we have recently been made aware that the AMA will hold an interim meeting on *November 13 and 14* in Orlando where a special breakout session will be held on assisted suicide.

Both the national and state medical societies' opposition to doctor-prescribed suicide have been instrumental in stopping the spread of these dangerous laws. In fact, when the Vermont and California medical societies took neutral positions, it was devastating to the efforts in the legislature to block legalization. Assisting suicide is now legal in Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and California, and the practice may have some legal protection in the state of Montana.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/09/15/american-medical-association-considering-abandoning-decades-long-opposition-to-assisted-suicide/>

Please contact the following and urge the American Medical Association to retain its position against assisted suicide: Dr. Andrew W. Gurman, MD, AMA President, andrew.gurman@ama-assn.org

Study: Abortion Poses Mental Health Problems to Young Women Down the Road



Abortion during the late teen and early adult years raises a woman's risk of mental health problems and may be linked to almost one in ten cases of these women's mental disorders, a new study says.

The study, conducted by sociology professor Donald Paul Sullins of The Catholic University of America, was published July 22, 2016 in the peer-reviewed Sage Open Medicine journal.

After adjusting for demographic differences and other factors, the study found that abortion during these years elevated a woman's risk of mental health disorder by 45%.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/study-abortion-poses-mental-health-problems-to-young-women-down-the-road/>

Powerful UN Agencies Pressure Catholic Church on Contraception, Homosexuality, Masturbation

Three powerful UN agencies are sponsored the release of a document on Sept. 20th that called for the Catholic Church to change her teachings on contraception, but also mentioned that teachings on homosexuality, masturbation and in vitro fertilization should be changed as well.

The document is being released in preparation for the 2018 50th anniversary of the Papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which restated the ancient teaching of the Church that contraception is morally wrong and can never be allowed between married Catholics.

Advocates of UN-style family planning, including in some cases the establishment of coercive programs of population control, have long viewed the Catholic Church as their primary opponent. They believe the Church stands in the way of universal acceptance of "modern means of contraception."

[Center for Family and Human Rights](#)

Worldwide Day of Prayer for Sexual Abuse Survivors

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, welcomed Pope Francis' call for a World Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse and highlighted the efforts in dioceses across the country guided by the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Read more here: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-121.cfm>

Pro-Life News Headlines

- According to the state Dept. of Human Services' 2015 Annual Child Protective Services Report, 4,203 children in PA were abused, representing a 25% increase over 2014. Forty-seven percent of the substantiated cases involved child sexual abuse and 34 child's deaths occurred.
- The Hawaii Board of Education now mandates sexuality education in kindergarten! Planned Parenthood lobbied for the change and Comprehensive Sexuality Education complete with the new components of "Gender Ideology" was adopted.
- A new HUD regulation will allow men who think they are women access to women's homeless shelters.

[American Family Association of PA 9/9/16 and 9/28/16](#)



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Alphabet was added to the most recent issue of *The Boycott List* (2016, vol. XXV, no. 1). According to that issue, the following companies are no longer targets: Kimpton, Lauren Merkin, M&T Bank, UBS, and Urban Decay. Your letters **do** make a difference!

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Study: Graphic Abortion Victim Images Swayed Pro-Abortion Views



Will seeing the dismembered body of an aborted child cause people to oppose abortion? According to a new study in Canada, showing people graphic images of abortion victims convinced some to be more pro-life. And while many claim that the use of what is called "abortion victim photography" makes people react against the pro-life movement, **the study found that it had the opposite effect.**

The study, commissioned by the group Created Equal and

analyzed by Jacqueline Harvey, Ph.D., an associate scholar at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, was sponsored by the Canadian Center for Bioethical Reform. Both the institute and the center are openly pro-life. Harvey also teaches political science at Tarleton State University in Texas.

Graphic images have been effectively used in other human rights campaigns, such as when fighting to end slavery in the United States. However, some pro-life advocates say showing images to children is inappropriate, and that post-abortive women could face PTSD and other issues when seeing the images.

Though the debate within the pro-life movement over the wisdom of using such images will continue, the study establishes that they do move people to become more pro-life and less supportive of abortion.

<https://stream.org/study-graphic-abortion-victim-images-swayed-pro-abortion-views/>

Judges recently fined a Catholic nursing home in Belgium after it refused to euthanize a patient



This case occurred in Diest, Belgium when 74-year-old patient Mariette Buntjens agreed with her doctor that she should be euthanized by a lethal injection because she was suffering from lung cancer. The St. Augustine rest home, where Buntjens was staying, refused to euthanize her because of its Catholic mission, according to the report. Because of this decision, Buntjens was moved to a private address, where she soon died.

The Herald reported that her family sued the Catholic rest home for causing "unnecessary mental and physical suffering" to Buntjens. The report continued with a prediction of how this case will affect other Catholic medical facilities:

A civil court in Louvain upheld the complaint and fined the home 3,000 (euros) and ordered it to pay compensation of 1,000 (euros) to each of Mrs. Buntjens' three adult children.

The judgment could spell the closure of scores of Catholic-run nursing and care homes across Belgium because the church has stated explicitly that it will not permit euthanasia "under any circumstances."

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/07/25/catholic-nursing-home-fined-for-refusing-to-kill-a-patient/>

Free Speech Fairness Act of 2016 (H.R. 6195)

This act would restore the First Amendment free speech rights of pastors and tax-exempt organizations leaders. It would allow tax-exempt organizations to engage in political activity so long as it is essentially cost-free, and is made in the ordinary course of the tax-exempt organization's regular activities. Basically, it would allow churches to discuss political issues without allowing them to buy political campaign ads, and without losing their tax-exempt status. Please contact your Congressman, and urge him/her to co-sponsor the Free Speech Fairness Act.



Why Are Suicide Rates Climbing After Years of Decline?

After years of declines, the US suicide rate rose 24% over 15 years according to a report from the National Centers for Disease on suicide rates in the U.S. from 1999-2014. The suicide rate rose for everyone between the ages of 10-74 .

National media like the *Wall Street Journal* and CNN speculated that the economic downturn, drugs and lack of mental health resources could be factors in the 24% increase.

However, one huge factor was totally ignored: the legalization and promotion of physician-assisted suicide. <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/10/07/why-are-suicide-rates-climbing-after-years-of-decline/>