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Washington D.C. Passes Bill to Legalize Assisted Suicide, Targeting Elderly Black People

The Washington, D.C. City Council passed a bill to legalize assisted suicide on Tuesday despite opposition from black residents in the city, disability rights advocates, medical professionals and others.

Council members voted 11-2 to approve B-21-28, and sent it to Mayor Muriel Bowser's desk, according to the Washington Examiner. The bill would legalize doctor-prescribed suicide in the nation's capital, allowing anyone 18 years old or older who has a prognosis of six months or fewer to live to request lethal drugs from their doctor to commit suicide.

Bowser previously said she will not veto the legislation. Congress also must approve it before it becomes law. Many D.C. residents expressed concerns about the doctor-prescribed suicide legislation, arguing that it would threaten the lives of the elderly, those with disabilities, the chronically ill and the poor.

Black residents in D.C. also are fighting against the doctor-prescribed suicide bill. The Washington Post reported many are worried that the bill would threaten the lives of poor and elderly residents, especially minorities.

"Because of Jim Crow laws . . . we didn't have the opportunity to have the same jobs, to have the same insurance, the same retirement benefits," community activist Leona Redmond told the news outlet. "It's really aimed at old black people. It really is."

The Heartbreaking Rise of Suicide Among Young People

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released statistics revealing that children ages 10 to 14 are now more likely to die from suicide than from traffic accidents. The New York Times called it an "unprecedented rise in suicide among children at such young ages." In 2014, the CDC reports that 425 children in that age group committed suicide. And while more boys took their own lives than girls, the rate of increase for girls was sharply higher, tripling since its last report.

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/segelstein/the-heartbreaking-rise-of->

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh Wants City to Be an Abortion Mecca Where Women Abort Their Babies



Discussion surrounding the U.S. Supreme Court and its infamous abortion case is at a height after Republican Donald Trump won the presidential election. Trump promised to nominate "pro-life" justices to the high court, and there is a possibility that he could nominate several justices during his term.

This week, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, who is pro-abortion, responded with his plan to make the city an abortion mecca if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.

"I think a lot of the [abortion] clinics would probably look to cities like Boston to come to, safe cities, cities that are open and progressive and understand the importance of having access," Walsh told Herald Radio on Wednesday. "That is something I am sure we will be focusing on as we move forward in the next weeks and months."

If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe*, abortions would not become illegal immediately. Instead, the power to regulate abortions would return to the states .

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. (7/17/13)

—Pope Francis



Ohio Legislature Approves Bill to Ban All Abortions After an Unborn Baby's Heartbeat Begins

On November 29, the Ohio state legislature gave final approve to legislation that would ban all abortions after an unborn baby's heart begins to beat. An unborn child's heart begins to beat at 22 days after conception or earlier.

H.B. 493 with the heartbeat protection amendment now goes to pro-life Governor John Kasich for his potential signature.

But Ohio Right to Life President Mike Gonidakis said pro-life people need to "be realistic" that the Heartbeat bill will undoubtedly not survive an expected court challenge if signed into law.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/12/07/ohio-legislature-approves-bill-to-ban-all->



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Starwood has been on *The Boycott List* since 2009 and we last wrote to them in August 2010.

Good news! On December 7, 2016, Macy's announced that they will no longer donate or match donations to PP, and have ended their relationship with the abortion provider.



Closed: Nuns win battle to shut down sex club beside their convent

After a two year legal battle waged by the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, an unsavory neighbor's strip and sex club near their convent outside Chicago was ordered to close its doors.

But Club Allure lawyer Robert Itzkow told the Chicago Sun-Times that the owners will appeal to the state Liquor Control Commission and, if necessary, to the courts. In the meantime, Itzkow said the club plans to continue to operate, pending the result. But until an appeal is filed and a stay granted, the club is closed.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/nuns-win-lengthy-battle->



January is Poverty Awareness Month

During January, join the U.S. bishops in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!

Download and print a free daily calendar to learn facts about poverty at <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/povertyusa/upload/poverty-awareness-month->

TV Station Won't Air Video of Kids With Down Syndrome Smiling: It Would "Disturb" Women Who Aborted

French television officials rejected a touching video about the abilities of children with Down syndrome last week because the children's smiles might "disturb" women who had abortions.



The award-winning video from World Down Syndrome Day features several people with Down syndrome responding to a letter from a frightened woman whose unborn baby had just been diagnosed with the genetic disorder.

"I'm scared: what kind of life will my child have?" the woman wrote.

In response, the people living with Down syndrome explained what they can do: talk, read, write, go to school, get jobs, fix bicycles, live independently, and much more.

But on Nov. 10, the French State Counsel rejected the 2-minute ad as "inappropriate" for French television, according to the report. Their decision upheld a previous ruling by the French Broadcasting Counsel.

Renate Lindeman, a disability rights advocate with Downpride and Saving Down Syndrome wrote for the news outlet: The State Counsel said that allowing people with Down syndrome to smile was "inappropriate" because people's expression of happiness was "likely to disturb the conscience of women who had lawfully made different

Shocking Report Shows 2.5 Million Human Beings Created for IVF Have Been Killed



In the past decade, couples experiencing infertility or waiting until later in life to get pregnant have increasingly turned to IVF to conceive. The procedure involves harvesting sperm and eggs and using them to create living human embryos outside the womb; the embryos then are frozen or implanted in the woman's womb. While Catholics and others oppose the method itself because it creates human life outside of its natural setting, the key concern among most pro-lifers is the destruction of human embryos that are left over from IVF. New estimates from the United Kingdom indicate the number of embryos discarded after IVF are huge. Since 1991, approximately 2.5 million human embryos were destroyed in the UK after IVF procedures. <https://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/staggering-discarded-embryo-figures-released-in-uk/12107>

Planned Parenthood Facilities Closing Across Pennsylvania

Planned Parenthood facilities in Chambersburg, Gettysburg, and Scranton have announced they will be closing by the end of the year. These closings mean that fewer women will be referred for abortions so this is a victory for pre-born babies and their mothers. [12/5/16](https://www.abc27.com/2016/12/02/planned-parenthood-keystone-decides-to-close-area-centers/)

Read PP's press release here: <http://abc27.com/2016/12/02/planned-parenthood-keystone-decides-to-close-area-centers/>