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Delaware Becomes First US State to Fully Ban Child Marriage

Delaware has made history as the first state in the nation to ban child marriage under all circumstances. Before this, minors in Delaware could get married at any age with parental consent and a judge's approval, officials said.

"Most US states set the minimum age at 18," Human Rights Watch said in a statement. "But except for Delaware, all still allow exceptions, most of which are very broad -- for example with parental permission, or for pregnancy."

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/12/us/delaware-child-marriage-ban/index.html>

Iowa Governor Signs Strictest Abortion Regulation in US



Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds on Friday signed a law banning most abortions if a fetal heartbeat can be detected, or at around six weeks of pregnancy, marking the strictest abortion regulation in the nation — but setting the state up for a lengthy court fight.

The ban, set to take effect on July 1, has propelled Iowa to the front of a push among conservative statehouses jockeying to enact restrictive regulations on the medical procedure. Mississippi passed a law earlier this year banning abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, but it's on hold after a court challenge.

The Iowa law provides for some exemptions that allow abortions during a later pregnancy stage to save a pregnant woman's life or in some cases of rape and incest.

<https://apnews.com/5/4/18>



Amazon Kicks Pro-Life Organization Out of AmazonSmile Program

Amazon kicked out a leading American pro-life organization from its charitable fundraising site this week based on the recommendation of a radical liberal group.

The colossal online retailer told Alliance Defending Freedom that it can no longer participate in its AmazonSmile program, which raises money for non-profit organizations, according to ADF. What's more, Amazon told ADF that it relied on the recommendation of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a radical pro-abortion group, in making its decision.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2018/05/04/amazon-kicks-pro-life-organization-out-of-amazon-smile-program/>

Raul Castro's Daughter to Push for Gay Marriage in Cuba

Mariela Castro, a Cuban lawmaker and daughter of Communist Party chief Raul Castro, says she will push for same-sex marriage to be included in a constitutional reform process expected to begin in July.



Cuba's constitutional reform is expected to encompass a wide range of modernizing changes to the country's 1976 constitution, which was designed for a Soviet-style command economy. The communist government has been slowly introducing market reforms and trying to encourage more interaction with the global economy.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/5/7/18>

The White House has Announced Changes to Title X Intended to Remove Funding for Abortion Services.



The new Protect Life Rule issued by the Department of Health and Human Services follows in the wake of other substantial changes to the Title X grant-making process, designed to invite pro-life alternatives as the federal government's new partners in family planning and replace Planned Parenthood. The forthcoming rule revives a Reagan-era regulation, with the difference that Title X recipients will continue to be allowed to counsel patients about abortion but would be prohibited from referring or providing abortions.

The new regulation drew praise from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which welcomed the administration's decision to separate abortion providers from the Title X family-planning program, which primarily serves low-income persons. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the head of the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat, said in a May 18 statement that the changes were "greatly needed."

The new Title X changes have yet to be published in the federal register. Once that happens, HHS will have a comment period — generally 60 days — where it will receive feedback on the rule change before finalizing it. The USCCB is calling upon Catholics and pro-life organizations to submit comments in support of the change.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/trump-moves-to-ax-planned-parenthood-from-title-x-promote-pro-life-alternat>



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Canadian Doctors' Group Says Patients Who Don't Qualify for Assisted Suicide Should Starve Themselves to Death

Once a society embraces euthanasia consciousness, the ways one can qualify to be killed legally by a doctor continually expands.

Case in point: An ethics opinion by College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia decided that a patient — not otherwise eligible under current law for euthanasia — can become so by *starving themselves* into an irremediable medical condition. (Assisted-suicide ideologues push self-starvation — particularly targeting the elderly who want to die — under the acronym VSED, “voluntary stop eating and drinking.”)

Moreover, to assure that a patient will stick with VSED long enough to qualify for a lethal jab, a doctor may palliate the symptoms of starvation and dehydration to assist the patient in destroying their own vitality. Once accomplished, death becomes “foreseeable,” opening the door to what is euphemistically known as MAID in Canada, “medical assistance in dying.”

Lest you think such an enabling will *never happen here*, an Oregon death bureaucrat opined recently that patients with treatable diabetes can qualify for assisted suicide simply by ceasing their insulin injections. They become terminally ill and eligible for a lethal prescription!

<http://www.lifenews.com/2018/03/26/canadian-doctors-group-says-patients-who-dont-qualify-for-assisted-suicide-should-starve-themselves-to-death/>

How Much is an Unborn Baby's Life Worth? Ireland Weighs Prices for Abortions After They're Legal



An unborn baby's life soon could be destroyed for a mere \$350 in Ireland now that the Eighth Amendment has been repealed.

News outlets already are speculating about the cost of an abortion after the vote Friday to repeal the pro-life amendment and strip away all rights for unborn babies. Buzz Ireland and Irish Central estimated the cost of an abortion will be about €300 (\$350), though many could be paid for through the taxpayer-funded health system.

While the killing of unborn babies is not allowed yet under the law, lawmakers already are talking about extending the summer session to push through abortion legislation. A proposal by government leaders would legalize abortion for any reason up to 12 weeks and for a number of reasons up to six months.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2018/05/29/how-much-is-an-unborn-babys-life-worth-ireland-sets-prices-for-abortions-after-theyre-legal/>

In PA, Planned Parenthood has failed 14 inspections since 2017

In 2011, Pennsylvania lawmakers passed a law to make all surgical abortion clinics follow the same safety rules as every other surgical facility in the state, including mandatory safety inspections. Planned Parenthood claimed these new rules were “dangerous” and “cruel” as they fought hard against its passage.

It's these inspections that led to the closing of the Hillcrest abortion facility in Harrisburg after a slew of violations were found, including not having an registered nurse on staff, failing to complete Child Protective Services background checks, failing to throw out expired material, and failing to secure drugs appropriately.

What's also alarming is this - out of the ten surgical abortion sites for Planned Parenthood, they have **failed 14 of their last 30 health inspections**, according to the PA Department of Health. Failures include no registered nurse in the recovery room, expired surgical materials and not submitting reports to the Department when a botched abortion occurred.

Failed inspections are nothing new to Planned Parenthood in Pennsylvania. For instance, their Philadelphia location on Locust Street has failed eleven of its last twenty health inspections, which included **lack of reporting child sex abuse**, improper storage of aborted babies, lack of anesthesia services procedures and **no background checks on employees**.

These failures are just more reasons why Pennsylvania elected officials should be protecting citizens from Planned Parenthood and not subsidizing the largest abortion provider in the state with millions of our tax dollars every year.

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