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The Language of Assisted Suicide: Deception Instead of Dignity

The battle over ideas is the battle over definitions. Whoever controls the language controls the debate.

A report in The New York Times by Erik Eckholm shines a light on this evolution (or corruption) in language. Eckholm writes, "Helping the terminally ill end their lives, condemned for decades as immoral, is gaining traction. "Banned everywhere but Oregon until 2008, it is now legal in five states. Its advocates, who have learned to shun the term 'assisted suicide,' believe that as baby boomers watch frail parents suffer, support for what they call the 'aid in dying' movement will grow further."

A pro-"assisted death" group, which cutely calls itself "Compassion and Choices," is trying to further twist the language by insisting that killing oneself is only suicide if the person has "severe depression or other mental problems." The rest are simply seeking to "die with dignity,"
LifeNews.com 2/28/14

Video Gambling Coming to Your Local Pizza Shop??



The Corbett Administration is pushing to add Keno (video gambling) to the state Lottery, potentially placing the machines in diners, taverns and pizzerias around the state. Keno is a very addictive form of gambling. A national expert was forced to admit under questioning from the Senate Finance Committee that Keno is blamed for causing more gambling problems in other states than the traditional lottery.

Contact Gov. Corbett at 717-787-2500 to voice your opinion about the plan to expand gambling in PA.
PA Family Council 2/4/14

Disney Ends Boy Scout Donations Due to Homosexuality Policy

Less than a year after the Boy Scouts lifted its ban on openly homosexual members, the Walt Disney Co. has cut the scouting organization from an employee donation program because the Boy Scouts does not allow openly homosexual scout leaders.

On Feb. 28, the company said employees may no longer donate to the scouts through the company's VoluntEARS program. In response to the policy change, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting affirmed respect for those with same-sex attraction but also warned that "individuals who are open and avowed homosexuals, promoting and engaging in homosexual conduct, are not living lives consistent with Catholic teaching."
National Catholic Register 3/7/14

Ricki Lake Will Produce Documentary Exposing the Pill



Ricki Lake is teaming up with director Abby Epstein to produce an exposé on the dangers of the pill and other forms of contraception. This comes as quite a surprise, since Lake has been a very outspoken promoter of contraception for many years,

The pill Rita Diller of American Life League said, "As the stories of lives cut short by dangerous drugs that were touted as the key to a long, healthy, successful life emerge, more people like Ricki Lake will be forced to acknowledge the lies they have promulgated, When women know the truth about contraception, they will reject it."

To learn more about the dangers of contraceptives, visit the website <http://thepillkills.org/>.
STOPP International 2/9/14



USCCB and Catholic Charities USA Urge Support of Second Chance Act

Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Chairman of the US Conference of Catholic Bishop's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Fr. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA, recently called on Congress to pass the Second Chance Act to assist those leaving incarceration with important support programs to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victim support and other needed services. Every year, more than 650,000 men, women and juveniles reenter society from federal and state prisons, local jails and detention centers and they face significant challenges. Second Chance helps them reenter society in healthy and productive ways that keeps communities safe while promoting healing and restoration. Read their letter to Congress at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/upload/letter-to-senate-and-house-judiciary-from-usccb-ccusa-on-second-chance-act-2014-03-04.pdf>

Archbishop of New Orleans Sends Clear Message

Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in America, performing over 330,000 abortions every year. This represents 1/3 of all the abortions in the United States. Until now, Planned Parenthood had no abortion centers in Louisiana, but that will soon change. New Orleans has approved a construction permit for Planned Parenthood to build a 7,000 square foot abortion facility in the heart of the city. It is scheduled to open in 2014 and will have the capacity to perform at least 30 abortions every day.

The Most Reverend Gregory Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, has responded by reminding Catholics that **anyone who cooperates and enables the construction of this facility is directly cooperating with a grave evil.** He goes on to say, "For this reason, the archdiocese, including its churches, schools, apartments for the elderly and nursing homes, will strive in its privately funded work not to enter into business relationships with any person or organization that participates in actions that are essential to making this abortion facility a reality." He sends a clear message to those involved with building the Planned Parenthood facility that they are complicit with the abortions that will occur there and risk their spiritual well-being with their involvement. LifeNews.com 2/28/14

New Study Destroys Pro-Abortion Arguments Against Parental Notification

For decades, pro-choice lobbyists have fought any legislation that puts parents between minors and the so-called reproductive healthcare services sold by chains like Planned Parenthood. One argument was that parental notification laws would cause adolescents to avoid or delay "necessary" reproductive and sexual healthcare resulting in increased teen pregnancies and, in turn, abortions.

However, a major new study dramatically undercuts that argument. Researchers at the University of Nottingham—an institution ranked in the top one percent of schools worldwide—found no evidence that mandatory parental consent laws for the dispensing of contraceptives to minors drive up teen pregnancy.

In January 2003, Texas started enforcing a mandate passed in 1999 for parental consent for the provision of state-funded prescription contraception to teenagers below the age of 18. The study found that the projections, based on the "conjectural response of minors," did not actually translate into additional pregnancies and costs. In fact, they found, "For the youngest age group (those aged under-16), there is some evidence that, at the state level, pregnancy rates went down after the parental consent mandate relative to older teenagers who continued to be able to obtain state-funded contraception without parental consent."

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Ask him to stop
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Cobra Electronics is new to *The Boycott List* as of the most recently published edition. Other changes include the removal of Stanbio, whom we wrote to in April 2010. Keep on writing those letters. They do make a difference!

Hospitals Offer Safe Haven for Abandoned Infants

This past summer, a newborn baby was found dead in a restaurant bathroom in eastern Pennsylvania. This fall, police found a dead baby in a teenager's shopping bag after catching her shoplifting in Manhattan. The teen said she had given birth a few days before and didn't know what to do with the baby. Women need to know that there is a place they can take their newborn baby if they can't take care of him/her.

Pennsylvania's Safe Haven Law allows a mother to drop off her newborn at any hospital, no questions asked. Some hospitals even have a crib in their lobby for the baby. The baby will be examined by a doctor. Then the county children and youth agency will find a family to take care of the baby. *Learn more by visiting www.secretsafe.org or calling 866-921-SAFE.*

Bioethicists" Push Medical Experimentation on Patients Without Their Consent

The *New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)*, has an article by prominent bioethicists urging that some less dangerous (comparative effectiveness research) medical experimentation *be conducted on patients without our consent.* The call arises in the context of Obamacare seeking to transform our hospitals, clinics, and medical offices into "learning health care systems," in which doctors not only treat us but are part of a burgeoning nation-wide information-gathering quality control project. The NEJM bioethicist-authors assert that we all have a "moral obligation" to participate in this revamped system of massive information gathering.

From, "[Informed Consent, Comparative Effectiveness, and Learning Health Care](#)" (NEJM 370:8, February 20, 2014)