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Arizona Governor Signs Pro-Life Bill for Surprise Inspections of Abortion Clinics

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer has signed a pro-life bill that the state's pro-life groups were pressing for her to sign after approval by the state legislature. HB 2284 would make sure that abortion clinics are treated the same as other medical facilities by allowing for unannounced inspections.

Arizona Right to Life supported the bill, stating, "Surely, Planned Parenthood and pro-choice elected representatives look hypocritical by opposing such common sense legislation. Paradoxically, the real war on women is being waged by the pro-choice community, not those who are honestly and lovingly wanting what is truly best for both woman and child. If clean, safe and well-regulated abortion clinics are the goal of Planned Parenthood, then they would not oppose this bill, no matter who sponsors it."

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Swiss Suicide Clinics Kill Four People Every Week, 1700 People Dead Since 1998

Switzerland permits suicide clinics to which people travel from all over the world. This has come to be known by the term "suicide tourism."

Dignitas is the best known—but certainly not the only—suicide clinic in Switzerland. It has now published its suicide statistics for the year, showing 205 died there last year—that's about 4 per week! It reports that 1701 people met their end at Dignitas suicide houses since opening. Dignitas was instrumental in obtaining a Swiss Supreme Court ruling that the mentally ill have a constitutional right to assisted suicide.

Ironically, the Swiss Constitution recognizes the "dignity" of plants and outlaws flushing a living goldfish down the toilet.

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New Lancet study shows patients incorrectly diagnosed as in a PVS

A study published in the medical journal "The Lancet" finds that "significant number of people labeled vegetative had received an incorrect diagnosis and actually had some degree of consciousness and the potential to improve," according to Denise Grady of the New York Times.

The results of the study, lead by Dr. Steven Laureys, is consistent with the conclusions of previous research that employed electroencephalogram machines and M.R.I. scanners which "have also found signs of consciousness in supposedly vegetative patients." Laureys said, "sometimes there's more going on in the brain than we thought".

NY Times 4/15/14

Doctors Groups Promote Denying Medical Treatment to Elderly, Disabled Patients

In "Treatment Cost Could Influence Doctors' Advice," the New York Times reports that several major physician groups are poised to begin openly considering cost when seeking to deny life-saving treatment—and that some of them are explicitly calling for factoring in patients' "quality of life" in judging cost-effectiveness.



In April, the **American College of Cardiology** and the **American Heart Association** released a report calling for the use of "Quality Adjusted Life Years" or QALYs in assessing whether the added life associated with a treatment is worth the cost.

"In practical terms, new guidelines being developed by the medical groups could result in doctors choosing one drug over another for cost reasons or even deciding that a particular treatment — at the end of life, for example — is too expensive. In the extreme, some critics have said that making treatment decisions based on cost is a form of rationing." LifeNews.com 4/25/14

Child Abuse Legislation Updated

More Pennsylvania adults will be accountable for stopping and preventing child abuse with the recent passage of legislation that broadens the definition of who is a mandated reporter.

State Sen. Kim Ward of Westmoreland County sponsored Senate Bill 21, which broadens the definition of mandated reporters to include "all health care professionals and health care facilities, school employees, coaches and independent contractors in schools, and any individual paid or unpaid who accepts direct responsibility for a child." State Representative Todd Stephens of Montgomery County sponsored House Bill 436 which clarifies a mandated reporter's basis to report child abuse and enhances the penalty scheme for those who fail in this obligation. Governor Tom Corbett recently signed these bills into law on April 15, 2014. PA Catholic Conference 4/15/14

Google Bans Ads From Pregnancy Centers After Lobbying From “Pro-Choice” NARAL

Google has banned ads from pro-life pregnancy centers that offer women and their unborn children abortion alternatives. The decision came after extensive lobbying from a national “pro-choice” group, NARAL, that appears to favor just one choice, abortion.

According to NARAL, people using Google to search for “abortion clinics” got ads advertising the crisis pregnancy centers about 79 percent of the time — which cuts into the profit margins of abortion clinics. NARAL will begin appealing to other search engines to examine ads for crisis pregnancy centers.

Washington Post 4/28/14

Praying to End Persecution



A concerted effort is under way in Rome and in dioceses around the world to have Pope Francis introduce a prayer at the end of every Sunday Mass.

The initiative is being taken not only because of the increasing persecution of Christians, but also in view of the many victims of abortion, human trafficking, poverty and oppression around the world.

The issue was raised by cardinals at the extraordinary consistory in February ahead of the October synod on the family. The prayer would be reminiscent of the Leonine prayer, established by Pope Leo XIII, and removed in 1965. The new petition would also include the Prayer to St. Michael, said to be one of Pope Francis’ favorite prayers.

National Catholic Register 5/17/2014

U.K. Rules Exclude Pro-Life Medical Professionals From Specialist Diploma

In February, the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists re-published the guidelines for its specialist diplomas in sexual and reproductive health and for the standards of full membership in the faculty, the U.K. *Telegraph* reported.

The faculty said the completion of the program’s full syllabus is necessary for the qualification, and this includes “a willingness to prescribe all forms of hormonal contraception, including emergency contraception, regardless of personal beliefs.” “It bars pro-life doctors from specializing in sexual and reproductive health and also makes it much more difficult for non-specialists to get jobs in family planning or reproductive health,” he said, according to the *Telegraph*. EWTN News 5/4/14



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Evidence of Abortion-Breast Cancer link explodes on the Asian subcontinent

Hot on the heels of the new systematic review and meta-analysis of the abortion-breast cancer (ABC link) in China published by Dr. Yubei Huang, comes yet another blockbuster study from the Asian subcontinent.

A study by A.S. Bhadoria et al. of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences—“Reproductive factors and breast cancer: A case-control study in tertiary care hospital of North India”—appeared online in the “Indian Journal of Cancer.” These new Asian studies are changing the game in ABC link research. The Bhadoria study of 320 breast cancer patients and 320 age and socio-economic status-matched healthy control women reported a 403% increased risk of getting breast cancer among Indian women who have had any abortions. Not only is this increase much larger than what had been reported in the Huang meta-analysis (44%) , but it closely matches the 538% among Indian women reported earlier in 2013 by Dr. Ramchandra Kamath et al.

Also in 2013, Dr. S. Jabeen and colleagues reported a risk increase of almost 2,000% among women in Bangladesh! Taken collectively, the studies from Asia should completely abolish any lingering credibility of the US National Cancer Institute’s “politically correct” dictum that there is no ABC link.

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