



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting
June 10

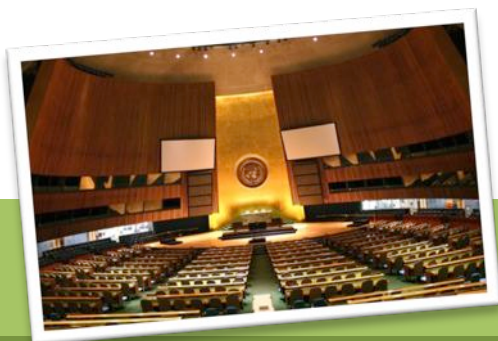
Friday, Father-Daughter Dance
June 13 KC 909 Council

Tuesday, CFLI Work Meeting
June 24

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting
July 8

Tuesday, CFLI Work Meeting
July 22

**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings**



Board Openings

In July, we will have our annual election of board members. We have a few openings, and we invite you to consider joining our board.

If you have an interest in pro-life activities, want to get more involved, or want to know more about the variety of things we do, then please contact us. We know many of you are very dedicated to the cause. Others are rapidly gaining interest in life matters.

Imagine playing a part in promoting life even more locally. Join us!

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board

UN Committee Against Torture Defends It?

The Latest Developments & Explanations

Roses for Moms

We had our best ever Roses for Moms fundraiser on Mother's Day weekend! The weather threatened to bring rain, but it held off at all the right moments.

We handed out a record number of roses.



We thank everyone who volunteered. We try to improve each year, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. Special thanks go out to Lisa Gignac, who led the effort.



Father-Daughter Dance

On Friday, June 13th from 6:30 – 8:30pm, we will sponsor a Father-Daughter dance at the new Knights of Columbus Council 909 building, located at 1620 E Ave NE.

This is our first father-daughter dance, and we would love to make it a



big one. Kick off Father's Day weekend with a dance! We will

have plenty of food, music, and fun, so come have a great time!

UN Committee Against Torture Defends It?

The United Nations (UN) Committee Against Torture seems to be confused. They are claiming that when the Church opposes abortion, their opposition equates to promoting torture. Keep in mind that the typical abortion rips a baby limb from limb, which, if it happened to anyone else, the UN would call it torture.

It's easy to think they are crazy and to oppose them without understanding their side. Amnesty International took a similar stance a few years ago; although different, it had a similar rationale. By no means do we agree with their stance.

War often includes the horrible tactic of rape. Not only is rape used to demonstrate some twisted sense of power over people, but also the repercussions add to the war crime. If the woman aborts the child, she finds herself thinking about it for years to come, and having the physical and mental consequences that accompany abortion on top of rape.



If the woman chooses life for the child, the intended effect is to have the child relate to the father and the side of the war he fought for, since that's family to the child.

Seeing the frequent use of rape in war, plus the pressures from pro-abortion activists that try to influence the few people that have great power in global organizations, Amnesty International made exceptions to allow rape in certain cases. The slippery slope leads to acceptance of more cases of abortion over time. Now, the UN Committee Against Torture fell for similar reasoning.

So often, people promote abortion as a solution they will defend at any cost. It's often treated as if it's the only way to address troubling circumstances. But there are always other options.

For one, there should be stricter enforcement of war crimes like rape. It should be easier to successfully bring the aggressors to justice.

Even with improved enforcement, it's obvious it will still happen, since people violate virtually all laws on the books. As usual, adoption is an option. The mother can raise her child, gaining some joy out of tragedy, as some rape victims have found.

But, there is no reason to justify abortion. It's even worse when abortion tortures children, ripping their bodies limb from limb while they're alive. But when a committee that opposes torture speaks out against those who oppose this form of torture, then calls THEM promoters of torture. By defending torture, the committee has lost their purpose and focus.

They have inverted truth and justice, temporarily. **Few people realize that the UN has dropped their torture allegations, but the link below reports the change.**

NARAL, Google, and the Truth

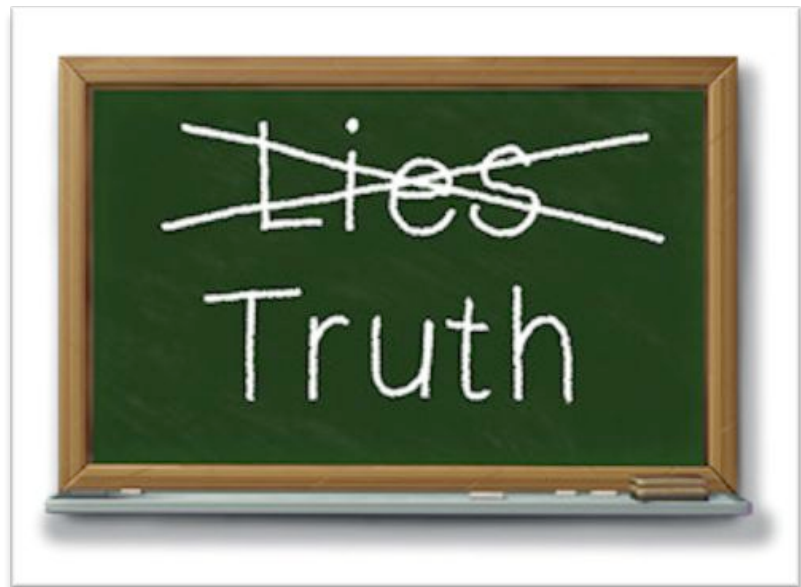
The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) recently announced their success in lobbying Google to prevent Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC) from being able to advertise on Google websites. What really happened?

As soon as I heard the news, I performed two searches. I searched for “abortion”, and I still saw an ad for a local PRC. Perhaps the news was wrong.

I also performed a search for “Cable TV.” Wait! Why did I search for that, you might ask? I anticipated what I would see for ads. People who want content for their TV might want cable and not satellite service. But Google’s top 2-3 ads and top 2-3 links were ALL satellite TV ads and links. If one argues that a PRC doesn’t offer abortions, even though they offer information and services relevant to women seeking abortions, and that is

reason enough to remove their ads, then cable TV companies should have an equally valid argument to remove satellite TV ads from results for cable TV.

Bernard Nathanson, who cofounded NARAL, lies to suggest success at a time when abortion supporters see so many setbacks to their cause make sense.



But doing so would rapidly eliminate most of Google’s ad revenue, and it would eliminate true competition in most businesses.

NARAL claimed that Google removed more than 79% of PRCs. But pro-life writer Dave Andursko suggests that few, if any ads have been removed.

Considering that NARAL lied to get abortion legalized, as told by Dr.

To legalize abortion, NARAL claimed there were least 10 times more illegal abortions and problems from them than really occurred. Their lies brought out emotional responses from people who would discard rational decisions. The legalization of abortion led to more abortions than the exaggeration/lies. It is not wise for Google to ever do what NARAL suggested they did.

Pro-Life Challenge

Primary Elections



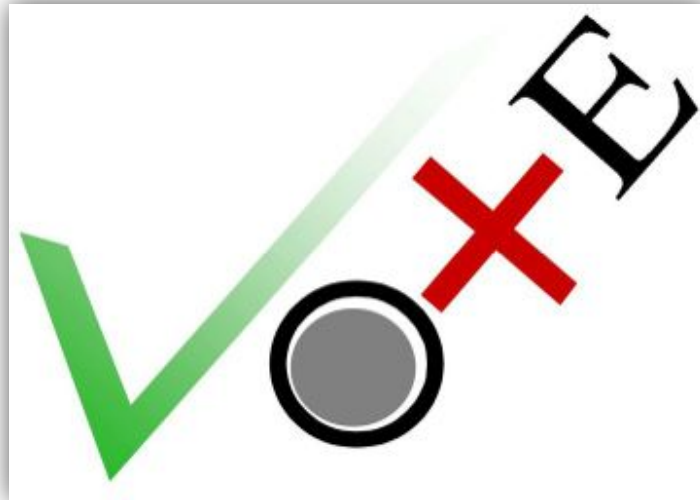
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Invite others to the Father-Daughter Dance

Tell your friends about the Father-Daughter Dance! Dances are best when they're full of energy from lots of dancers, and what's better than being there with friends and your beloved daughters?



pro-lifers exercising their civic duty to vote.

The primary election is Tuesday, June 3rd. We encourage you to inform yourself about

We do not endorse candidates, since we are a 501c3 organization, and there are plenty of things we accomplish without dealing with candidates and lawmakers. But we do recognize the importance of everyone, and especially

the candidates and details regarding this primary election.

The primaries determine who will appear on the general election ballot in November. Information about the primary is available at:

<http://www.linncounty.org/668/Primary-June-3-2014>



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