



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Everything At Once!

This month has been so active with regards to the abortion issue and other life issues. This issue doesn't even fit in all the things we could talk about. Even on the final day of May, a judge in Missouri made it so Planned Parenthood wouldn't have to worry about the expiration of their annual license in that state. That detail didn't make it into the article that discussed everything up to that point.

Likewise, the Illinois legislature passed a bill that makes Illinois into a greater concern than New York with regards to abortion. Times are turbulent. We need your help. But we would also like to help you advance the pro-life cause.

Would you be interested in a position on our board? We have a few members who are moving this summer, and we will have some openings. Contact us if you have questions or if you are interested.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

# Upcoming Events



**Second Tuesdays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Fourth Tuesdays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**CFLI Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)  
& CFLI Working Meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)**

Get involved in our organization!

**Where:** St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop  
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

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**Sun, Jun 16**  
All Day

**Father's Day**



## Local Abortion Pill Reversal

Those of us who attended this year's Bridgehaven Gala learned that they have taken the steps to begin the abortion pill reversal protocol. They will make this available starting June 1<sup>st</sup>!

The abortion industry has used Iowa as a pivotal player in advancing abortion methods. Iowa performed some of the clinical trials of the RU-486 abortion pill. So our state has a longer history of the abortion pills than most other states.

This was further applied to modern technologies when Planned Parenthood made the pills available from remote locations. Iowa brought webcam abortions into existence. When there were dozens of Planned Parenthood sites in Iowa, Planned Parenthood rapidly spread their

use of webcam abortions. Such abortions brought large profits with minimal time commitments on their part. They didn't have to have their abortionists travel around the state.

Approaching abortions using a pill has had a rather mixed result. Yes, it's more profitable for the abortion industry. But it also allows women to see the reality of abortion. This was made more clear in the Unplanned film. We saw the increased amount of pain and blood involved.

It allows the abortionists to merely dispense the drugs, while making women into their own abortionists. But it also takes more than a few minutes to complete; it takes at least a few days. This gives women time to reverse the drugs' effects.

Pro-lifers sought to find a way to reverse the effects of the abortion pill. Several years ago, a protocol was developed that overrides most of the effects of the abortion pill. Abortion advocates try to claim it's not successful, but the way it works is very straightforward, and it's had good results so far.

So this is important for everyone to know:

**If someone has taken an abortion pill and they have changed their mind, you should point them to Bridgehaven.**

They can determine if there is still time to administer the abortion pill reversal protocol. Time is a critical factor, so have them call ASAP.

### It may not be too late.

Have you taken your first dose of the ABORTION PILL (RU-486)? Do you regret your decision and wish you could reverse it?

It might not be too late for an effective process called **ABORTION PILL REVERSAL**, and our nurses are waiting to help you.

"I took the abortion pill,  
and now I regret it.

**WHAT CAN I DO?"**

 Call the 24-hour Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline  
(877)558-0333



## Government Update

There is great contrast in state laws this year. When the U.S. Supreme Court aimed to minimize differences between the laws of different states, such an approach was flawed.

Look at the issue of slavery. Some states allowed it, while other states did not. Yes, it divided the nation. But the nation saw how things worked each way. The nation wasn't forced to either have slavery everywhere or have it nowhere until after a period of time when the states tried it their own ways.

With abortion, states were relatively powerless to regulate abortion for a few decades, until *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey* replaced *Roe vs. Wade* as the predominant ruling regarding abortion. The *Casey* ruling is why states are allowed to regulate many abortions, but still not all abortions.

We now see states like New York taking abortion out of their criminal code entirely. The

consequences for pregnant women were either overlooked or ignored. Some people think they could use this law to defend the types of actions carried out by Kermit Gosnell, while others dispute it.

It is likely the abortion industry may depend upon laws like these in order to allow actions more horrifying than that of Gosnell.

We see states like Illinois trying to take very drastic actions to make abortion commonplace. Terrible things are at play in Illinois.

Sadly, pro-life laws tend to get held up in the courts, just like the David Daleiden's cases and videos. Judges tend to preserve the law as it was before a law was passed. Unfortunately, they aren't choosing to defend even the possibility of lives in danger of death. Imagine how different things would be if life was defended more than consistency of law.

Planned Parenthood's lawyers get frequent practice, since they are almost constantly suing someone. They are also funded by a very wealthy organization. Their opponents often use lawyers who work pro-bono. So they depend more heavily on donors or receiving a fraction of cases they win that involve money. Therefore, they often delay cases for a decade if they can. This strains the resources of lawyers and clients who have fewer financial resources.

States like Alabama, Georgia, and now Missouri are following Iowa's lead by passing pro-life laws. Alabama is now seen as having the most pro-life law in the country. But their governor said she wouldn't enforce it, despite signing it into law. Alabama only has an exception for severe health of the mother or fetal anomaly.

States are dividing, setting up Supreme Court challenges.



## Issues Are Heating Up

It's hard for anyone to mention abortion today without the conversation exploding. With states drawing their lines, and people resorting to ineffective and discourteous methods of dialogue, we need more people to be a voice of reason and peace.

The temperament itself reeks of evil. People keep assuming the worst of anyone with views that differ from their own.

A great example came out of Philadelphia from a lawmaker who recorded himself harassing pro-life women and minors outside a Planned Parenthood site that's within a mile from Independence Hall. He acted very rudely. He asked some questions. In one case, we hear him ask a question, and then admit that he doesn't even care what the answer is, as he walks away. He offered a bounty for information about the minors so harassment could continue at their homes. He's lucky there

isn't a restraining order against him. He's lucky to still have his job.

The pro-lifers handled it remarkably well. Some tried to answer a few questions. But after a short time, they realized he wasn't open to meaningful dialogue. As we like to point out, you never have to answer people's questions. You can always say you are just there to pray.

The lawmaker shut down his social media and stopped allowing people to visit his office. We aren't calling out the name of the lawmaker, since we aren't here to focus on the political side of this.

We've also seen people get into a panic about Alabama's law, and then Georgia's law. A small number of people in Hollywood are boycotting the state of Georgia.

One thing that's standing out is how abortion advocates boycott

entire states where abortion laws protect unborn children's right to life. We also see states like New York, where lawmakers have said pro-lifers aren't welcome in their state. There doesn't appear to be any tolerance of pro-lifers or pro-life laws.

Again, division keeps people from hearing opposing views and from recognizing the humanity of people with other views. People who oppose us don't want to hear us, they don't want us in their state, they don't want to be in our state. But we need to reach them.

Not everyone needs to be an expert at conveying the pro-life stance effectively. But it helps when we learn to convey it better. We are considering opportunities to help our members learn some simple methods. We need more pro-life advocates.

# Last-Minute News

As the month nears an end, things keep happening every day! This article aims to summarize several of those newsworthy items.

## **Iowa Sex Ed**

As reported last month, Iowa eliminated the conflict of interest that arose when abortion providers like Planned Parenthood taught sex ed. They got paid to teach. Their curriculum has been proven to provide no net benefit, and if anything it's harmful. And if they don't have a positive effect, they profit from their failures when students who trust them go to them for "help".

As usual, Planned Parenthood sued to block the removal of this conflict of interest. Imagine if the tobacco industry taught anti-smoking curriculum to students. Imagine if someone was smart enough to remove them from such a role. Of course they will sue, but it doesn't mean it's right.

## **Abortion-Free State?**

Missouri has a situation that we will know more about in June. The only abortion site left in the

state filed their annual license renewal later than usual. With some issues arising from inspections, the state sought to interview the doctors. Five of the doctors don't work for Planned Parenthood, and refused to be interviewed. This was unprecedented. Such interviews are common, and can be useful considering that site sends about two women to the hospital every three months on average. And that average holds whether looking back for three years or even a decade.

The state does not want to renew the license. As usual, Planned Parenthood is going to court to see if a judge can take over the role of licensing by effectively extending the expiration of their current license. It's the role one would expect the licensing board to deal with, but Planned Parenthood's lawyers can usually accomplish the most in court.

Their license expires at midnight following May 31<sup>st</sup>. They have had their time to present their case. The judge needs to make a ruling. It's possible for Missouri to go abortion-free for a few days, but

Planned Parenthood will try to prevent any days from being abortion-free. If they aren't allowed to perform abortions, Missouri will be the first state to exist without an abortion provider since 1974, the year after the Roe vs. Wade ruling.

## **New England States**

New Hampshire attempted to abolish their death penalty last year, but their governor vetoed the bill. With a new legislature following the mid-term elections, they tried again this year. It passed both their house and senate. The same governor vetoed the bill. But this time there were enough votes to override the veto.

New Hampshire requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s vote in both legislative chambers to override a veto. Both chambers had just enough votes. One lawmaker voting the other way in either chamber would have prevented the override.

The bill takes effect immediately. New Hampshire was the 21<sup>st</sup> state to eliminate their death penalty. It was the final state of the New England states to do so.

## Pro-Life Challenge

# VOLUNTEER



### Help us out!

The pro-life movement is experiencing greater success than we've seen in the past several decades. But with success brings an even greater need for help. Please help us build a culture of life!  
Volunteer!



### Invite Friends!

Invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. There are many needs. The harvest is plenty; harvesters are few. Many hands make for light work!



## Sex Strike

Actress Alyssa Milano has weighed in the abortion bill that has been signed into law in Georgia. She called for a sex strike. Women are called upon to withhold sex until the law is changed back. This led to interesting responses on both sides of the abortion issue.

Many pro-lifers were quick to point out that abstaining from sex to avoid pregnancy is the approach pro-lifers have recommended for ages. If people who seek to keep abortion legal follow her advice, there should be fewer abortions as well.

Alyssa's concerns that women can't risk getting pregnant also admits that contraception fails much more than one could depend upon to have a high assurance of avoiding pregnancy. We've known most women who get abortions were on contraception at the time.

Alyssa used sex in a way that is concerning in a few ways. Some people rightly pointed out that she is turning sex into a commodity. In

essence, if someone is willing to change the law, then sex will be exchanged in return for that. It's a form of prostitution. She objectifies women in her efforts.

Also, we should reserve sex for marriage. Marriage is a total giving of each spouse to the other. Withholding from one another for political reasons allows something from outside the marriage to interfere with one's marriage. This does not mean that there aren't good or necessary reasons to abstain, such as health reasons. But abusing sex to become a political weapon is not healthy to a marriage.

Some people pointed out that history repeats itself. Indeed, this tactic is a very old tactic. But as we see, it disrespects women, marriage, and sex.

The right approach to change involves having arguments based on truth and attitudes that are concerned about all people, including opponents to one's views.

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