



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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our meetings and events**

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Ups and Downs

Planned Parenthood has been thriving, raking in money. Many pro-life activities have been on hold. We've used technology to help train our interested members to help them convert minds on the issue of abortion. That's been going well, and we can't wait to see how it transforms our ability to make a difference.

A bill that we hoped would bring a better balance to pro-life laws failed to pass, and there are concerns about a pro-life law going through the U.S. Supreme Court.

Unrest throughout the nation is drawing attention to the evil and violent actions of people who aren't taking the actions that are needed to bring about true justice.

We are always open to help in various areas. Jean Biermann is now assisting in writing for our newsletter! We're happy to see people stepping up to help us. If you have any skills or talents you think could be applied to the pro-life movement, we'd love to hear from you!

- 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 (2nd Tuesdays)
& CFLI Working Meetings (4th Tuesdays)

Get involved in our organization!

Where: Contact us.

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Thursdays in

June & July

Starting at 7 p.m.

Pro-Life Apologetics Class Discussion!

We plan to offer a pro-life apologetics class where we will step through the Equal Rights Institute's Equipped for Life course! It's an amazing course that many of our members already have access to online. We recognize the added benefit of discussing what we learned.

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What Lives Matter?

In recent weeks, there has been lots of rioting, destruction, and people seeking justice where they see injustice. I would like to compare and contrast what's happening with the pro-life movement.

First off, it's a good thing to seek justice and oppose injustice. Each and every human life matters, and thus any subset matters. That's something that we do when we see innocent lives being taken without any consequence to the abortionists. When pro-lifers say, "All Lives Matter", it comes across as dismissive. It's kind of like when we seek to draw attention to injustices in the womb and people change the subject to funding programs for the children or the poor. Each of those matter, but we were trying to draw attention to a particular injustice and people change the subject. Thus, I would recommend avoiding countering the "Black Lives Matter" slogan with "All Lives Matter".

The tactics to seek justice can make a critical difference. When I see destructive riots, I see people creating new injustices while trying to address their injustices. It also makes me want law and order to return to those areas.

When I look at the pro-life movement from a few decades ago, I remember hearing news of abortion clinic bombings. The pro-life movement was much smaller back then, and such criminal actions didn't do the movement any favors. One of the best things that happened to the movement was when 40 Days for Life came along and required people to be law-abiding and peaceful. This has grown the movement to numbers that are several times larger than it used to be. It has also had positive effects as people feel safe and know they aren't involved in any criminal activities.

When violence is utilized in the pro-life movement, abortion providers came out looking better.

Their clients felt they couldn't trust the violent people, and would go running to the abortionists who would often have secure areas within their facilities, which allowed them to continue to perform abortions all day. If anyone didn't follow through with an abortion that day, they could wait for another day.

When such violence would occur, it would lead to laws and ordinances like the bubble-zone ordinances. There are laws to specifically protect abortion providers because of violence against them.

Similarly, when riots destroy property, I want the same kind of protections put in place.

Trading injustices is unacceptable. In the same way that a truly pro-life movement cannot take lives to accomplish the goal of saving other lives, there's a reason I personally refuse to use the phrase "Black

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Government Update

Iowa

The Iowa House failed to bring to a vote the Protect Life Amendment that the Iowa Senate passed much earlier this year. The bill had 50 supporters, but one more was needed in order to pass it. They were the same three who voted against the Heartbeat Bill.

The process to amend the state constitution is difficult. Identical bills have to pass in two consecutive legislative sessions with an election between the two. If these conditions are met, then it goes to the ballot and it would only take effect by a vote of the people.

If the amendment bill had passed this year, it could have been voted on again next year and then make it onto a ballot. Failure to pass it this year delays this process by at least two years. The Republicans who joined the Democrats in voting against the bill are Representatives: Maxwell, Hein, and Louis Zumbach (not to be confused with Senator Dan Zumbach who voted for the bill).

This failure delays the ability to ensure judges don't override just about any pro-life bill by claiming they find some "right" to abortion in the state constitution. With that failure, it seemed unlikely any pro-life bills would come up for a vote, since a judge could prevent just about any bill from going into effect.

Another bill was amended to include a 24-hour waiting period before women could get an abortion. That bill passed and just requires the signature of our governor.

Judges previously struck down the 72-hour waiting period. There is a hope that a 24-hour waiting period might survive a challenge.

Planned Parenthood already filed their lawsuit against the State of Iowa. Waiting periods have saved lives in other states, since women sometimes change their mind during the waiting period. But without the other bill, anything could happen with this one.

Federal

The U.S. Supreme Court just ruled on a significant Louisiana case. The June Medical Services case is similar to a Texas case from four years ago that was decided when the court was short one member and before two other justices were added to the bench.

Pro-lifers were very hopeful that the ruling would favor the pro-life position. Someone who has been consistently correct about outcomes of cases they've leaked the results of suggested that this case would result in a ruling against the protective Louisiana law. This case initially makes it look like states cannot pass protective laws when it comes to abortion, although they can regulate healthcare all they want. However, the ruling contains statements that suggest that other pro-life laws might fare better.

Evil is thriving this year, so please pray for the people in government.



The Price Is Wrong!

By: Jean Biermann

This last month *The Price Is Right* went wrong, very wrong. On May 11th, the evening version of the game show, *The Price Is Right at Night*, aired a drag queen playing to raise money for Planned Parenthood, which CBS referred to as a charity. According to Fox News, the total sum raised was \$97,266.

So many things are wrong with this. Calvin Freiburger of LifeSiteNews.com used the words, “notorious abortion chain” which rings much more clearly than simply calling Planned Parenthood a charity. He explained that “the organization killed 345,672 pre-born children last year while receiving more than \$616 million from the federal government, \$430 million in private revenue, and \$591 million in charitable contributions.” Planned Parenthood is not your average “charity.”

Then, there’s the issue of the drag queen. Why is the longest-running game show in the history of television giving the spotlight to a drag queen? Is CBS trying to normalize drag? Is CBS trying to normalize killing pre-born children? This is yet another example to consider of how what-should-be-harmless-programming is adversely affecting, quietly attacking the culture of life. The drag queen also actively promotes children getting involved in the world of drag.

But take heart, pro-lifers! Many viewers took to social media voicing their disgust with the game show:

- “With such an amazing opportunity to support a charitable organization, they chose to fund an abortion mill. So very sad. Hey Drew – if ratings=sacrificing the most vulnerable then *The Price is Wrong*.” Posted by Ed Lankeit

- “I will NEVER watch @PriceIsRight or #DrewCarey ever again, nor will any of my family member and friends.#AbortionIsNotBirthControl#AbortionIsNOTheHealthcare#AbortionIsMurder#ProLifeIsProWomen” Posted by DEFEND & PRAY for LEOs
- “What a disgrace #priceisrightatnight Long time fan but u lost me with support of PP. They don’t even let clients see the ultrasound while restrained during abortions. Shame.” Posted by Vrl
- “Never thought would see the day *The Price Is Right* would support the murder of babies.” Posted by Beau
~ Twitter

Clearly, the game show lost some former viewers. Rightly so.

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Lives Matter (continued)

Lives Matter”, even though I firmly believe they do matter.

The Black Lives Matter Foundation (BLMF) once declared, “We deserve and thus we demand reproductive justice [aka abortion] that gives us autonomy over our bodies and our identities while ensuring that our children and families are supported, safe, and able to thrive.” While expressing outrage at the taking of some lives, they simultaneously publicly defend the idea that some lives can be taken. There are lots of other stances they tie into the movement that makes it appear anti-Christian and anti-many-other-important-things-that-matter-to-me.

There are also many attempts to destroy statues. Even if this was done using legal channels, this is an area where conflicting views are worth considering. Some people point to the loss of life in the Holocaust and how survivors wanted the concentration camps to remain so people will never forget

what atrocities happened so they might not happen again.

Yet, some people want to remove statues that seem to promote injustice. I could liken this to statue of Margaret Sanger in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. Pro-lifers hate memorializing the founder of the nation’s largest abortion provider. If the BLMF wasn’t pro-abortion, they might also want it taken down based on her close ties to the KKK and the number of black children and women who have lost their lives at Planned Parenthood.

There are many people who don’t resort to illegal activities to promote racial equality, and they rarely make the news. Some of them have even planned public protests that started out peaceful, but after the events were supposed to end, people lingered and new people showed up and the combination led to trouble.

When we organize events, we know it’s important to very consistently promote law-abiding and peaceful

behaviors. We have been able to host events in the evenings when it is dark at times, knowing our members are well-behaved. Thank you all. It also helps that our events aren’t usually riled up with heated emotions. When emotions are intense, it’s unwise and almost negligent to host a protest rally near or after sunset. There are just too many chances for things to get out of hand.

I suspect that all of us see the value in every life, regardless of race. I wasn’t sure how much I was going to say in my comparison. We do our best to ensure the safety of our members. We consider the risks of our actions. We try to make sure we don’t harm the entire pro-life movement the way some people do when they engage in illegal behavior.

We want to see all lives protected by law, especially the lives most at risk of unjust death. We urge people to not trade one injustice for another.

Pro-Life Challenge



Prayers

Please pray for God to work in the lives people.

In particular:
 Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);
 Çantana (pro-lifer);
 St. Louis, MO PP;
 State of Iowa

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Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



Sioux City PP Reopens

We try to keep our eyes open for changes at Planned Parenthood, whether locally or around the region. It was about two years ago that we shared the great news that the Sioux City Planned Parenthood closed. Sadly, they are open for business again.

The address is the same as before. This tells us that they never sold the property. Non-profit organizations usually avoid paying tax, so that kept their costs low while they had no reason to do much of anything with the property for a few years.

After seeing it was open again, we searched for news of the reopening. Their local news reiterated the claim that they had to close it a few years ago when they stopped receiving lots of taxpayer funds from the Iowa government. Unlike our organization or the local pregnancy resource center, Planned Parenthood somehow can't survive without government subsidies.

The timing of their reopening adds to the suspicion. Last month, we reported on the way Planned Parenthoods across the nation

acquired federal funds that had terms that should prevent ANY Planned Parenthood from receiving any of the \$80 million dollars they ended up with. So they claimed they had to shut the place down when government funds dried up for them, and then opened up shortly after word got out that they may have government funds they aren't supposed to have.

The pandemic has accelerated their use of technology. They have pointed out that things that would have been a struggle to do a short time ago is now much more easily accomplished. They are able to ride the tide of the reputable medical field having to adapt in ways to continue to bring healing to people with minimal contact. But Planned Parenthood manages to make a killing in business while others heal.

With concerns from their expansion and disappointments with the Iowa House, we reiterate the need to keep life issues a priority! When pro-lifers take it easy, lives and progress are lost.

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