In April of 2017, the University of California Davis campus installed a vending machine that now dispenses Plan B, more commonly known as “the morning after” birth control pill. The machine was the brainchild of UC college student Parteek Singh because a friend of his “needed” emergency contraception and couldn’t find it when the drugstores were closed. In a Sacramento Bee article, Singh stated that “most college students are sexually active...and these resources should be provided to them.” A story by CNN following up on this said that the machines “offer much-needed anonymity for young girls who may need to buy Plan B or any other form of contraception”.

Shortly after this story came out, links to several articles about the Plan B vending machine showed up on my Facebook page and the resulting comments took me completely by surprise. Many of the comments were from people who considered themselves pro-life, but believed the marketing hype about birth control, and especially the outright lies about Plan B. I got into several lively (and some angry!) conversations. Here are some screen shots of some of the comments:

I replied to it in several segments and included the information that science has proven that a new life begins immediately at conception, containing all the DNA identifying that new life as a human being. This is not a religious belief, it is a scientific fact. One of the responses to my reply stated:

This person was responding to several comments, but did refer to the fact that I said that Plan B may not prevent conception, and that when it didn’t, it DID prevent a new human being from implanting in the uterus, making it an abortifacient. Someone else had replied that because the developing human didn’t immediately have a heartbeat, that it wasn’t yet human. I again replied that we are human beings from the moment of conception regardless of whether or not our heart is beating yet. The new human being is very much alive! Until the heart develops, the job is handled by the mother’s heart. Apparently I hit some nerves, and the next response is a sad and heartbreaking rationalization:

Most people of this generation don’t realize that all birth control was once considered illegal mostly as a moral issue. Sadly, societal and legal standards relaxed as sex became acceptable outside of marriage. Hormonal birth control (the pill) was a different story. The first birth control pills were developed in the early 1960s, and contained high levels of carcinogenic hormones. Scientific testing revealed that these drugs didn’t always prevent conception, but by stimulating the uterus to shed its lining during a woman’s monthly period, they would prevent the implantation of any developing human. In 1965, the Supreme Court made hormonal birth control legal for married couples saying it was protected in the Constitution under the right to privacy. Hormonal birth control was on the edge of becoming a multi-million dollar business. That same year, the American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists changed the definition of pregnancy. Instead of saying a woman became pregnant the (Continued on page 2)
many pro-life advocates are on the fence when it comes to birth control. I’m pretty sure it is because they believe the false premise that birth control prevents unintended pregnancies, and therefore, prevents abortions. Because of this, birth control is not often discussed in pro-life conversations and has taken a back door to discussions about abortion and other direct threats to innocent human life. We DO need to bring birth control back into our conversations. I invite you to learn more about this on our website. Click on the “Issues” tab, then on “Contraception”. There are some great videos to watch, and then make sure you read the article “Why Are We Against Birth Control?”.

In the meantime, you need to know more about the danger of having uncontrolled access to Plan B which can be purchased by anyone without a prescription. We can cut to the chase and omit the rhetoric and the Christian views. As I said earlier, many people think that contraceptive birth control is safe and should be available to our youth at an early age to prevent unwanted pregnancies. They say that you can’t expect abstinence to work. Here is a list of 10 facts which should change their minds:

1. The word “contraceptive” literally means: preventing conception, or stopping the male sperm from fertilizing the female egg to create a new life. However, it is possible that the hormonal contraceptive will NOT prevent the conception. If that happens, then the 2nd action of the drug is to prevent the newly formed life from implanting in the uterus. In this case, the new life is “aborted” and expelled to die.....which is why we call hormonal contraceptives chemical abortifacients.

2. Emergency contraception, like Plan B, is made up of synthetic hormones at a much higher dose than those in birth control pills....which you need a prescription for! Does it make sense for a much stronger dose to be sold on demand over the counter, especially to young girls?

3. High doses of synthetic hormones like in Plan B can have severe side effects, including nausea, abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, menstrual changes, dizziness, breast tenderness, vomiting, diarrhea, unexpected bleeding, and more. Should young girls have access to this without parental consent?! Schools in New York give this drug freely, yet they cannot dispense an aspirin without a parent’s permission!

4. The Plan B packaging clearly states that it is not like RU-486, and does not cause an abortion. However, if fertilization has already occurred and the new life has still not implanted in the uterus, then the hormonal effects of the pill will stop the life from normal implantation and the life will be “aborted” by expelling it to die. YES....it DOES cause abortions, and this warning is NOT on the box!

5. It’s one thing for an adult with a prescription to understand the side effects and risks of hormonal birth control or emergency contraception. It’s quite another for underage girls to understand and acknowledge that the National Cancer Institute advises that the use of oral contraceptives increases the risk of breast, cervical and liver cancer, or that the International Agency for Research of the World Health Organization states that “artificial contraceptives are carcinogenic on a par with cigarettes and asbestos.” Planned Parenthood thinks that all girls should have access to hormonal contraception as well as emergency contraceptives....does that show how much they care about women’s health?

6. Pro-abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood and others say that “contraception reduces unintended pregnancies.” WRONG!!!! Using Centers for Disease Control data, the use of contraceptives shows clear links to increased sexual activity, and increased sexually transmitted disease (STD). It also shows that more sex equals more pregnancies because contraception is not 100% effective. The mass distribution of contraception is mirrored in an increase in sexual activity.

7. The Guttmacher Institute, which is a Planned Parenthood affiliate, conducted research in the United States, Cuba, Denmark, the Netherlands, Singapore and South Korea which shows simultaneous increases in both abortion rates and contraceptive use. Do you get it now why Planned Parenthood pushes contraception?.....it fuels their lucrative abortion business!
President Trump Continues Pro-Life Policies/Appointments  

In the Winter, 2017 Lifelines, we reported in detail that as of January 15, President Trump had taken six concrete pro-life actions and appointed 13 pro-life persons to his administration, 8 of whom were in life-sensitive positions. This pro-life thrust has continued. As of May 1, President Trump took another important pro-life action and appointed at least 5 more pro-life persons, 3 of whom are in positions likely to advance the pro-life cause.

In the waning days of his administration President Obama, by far the nation’s most pro-abortion President, had Sylvia Burwell, his Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) issue a rule which prevented states from revoking taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood (PP) and other agencies which provided abortions. On April 13, 2017, President Trump signed H.J. Res. 43, which overturned the Obama Administration’s ruling, thus permitting citizens of the various states to defund PP through their state legislatures.

On March 2, 2017, the Senate confirmed two more Trump cabinet nominees. They are former neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and former Texas Governor Rick Perry as Energy Secretary. Although not directly in life-sensitive positions, both are pro-life. Carson has called abortion “evil” and Perry has signed pro-life legislation as Governor of Texas.

On April 28, President Trump named Charmaine Yoest, Ph.D. Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs at HHS. As such, Yoest will be responsible for shaping communications for HHS, which oversees Medicare, Medicaid, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yoest was a policy analyst at the Family Research Council, and more recently appointed at least 5 more pro-life persons, 3 of whom are in positions likely to advance the pro-life cause.

Finally, on January 31, 2017, President Trump nominated Neil M. Gorsuch to serve on the Supreme Court. Gorsuch was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 7 by a 54-45 vote. He had been serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The American Bar Association (ABA) gave Gorsuch it highest rating (“well qualified”) for that position and he was confirmed in 2006 by the Senate’s unanimous voice vote. The ABA gave Gorsuch its highest rating again at his nomination for the Supreme Court.

Gorsuch’s legal philosophy is that of a strict constructionist. He has said that judges should strive “to apply the law as it is … looking to text, structure, and history to decide what a reasonable reader at the time … would have understood the law to be – not to decide cases based on their own moral convictions or the policy consequences they believe might serve society best.”

Gorsuch supports a broad definition of religious freedom. In the Hobby Lobby Stores v. Sebelius case he supported Hobby Lobby’s position objecting to the Affordable Care Act’s mandate which required business owners to pay for insurance coverage of employees’ sterilization and contraceptives (including abortifacient drugs and devices) which Hobby Lobby’s owners said violated their religious beliefs.

Although he has not made a definitive statement on the abortion issue, Gorsuch appears to be strongly pro-life. In his 2006 book, The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, he expressed his opposition to these practices and stated, “human life is fundamentally and inherently valuable, and … the intentional taking of human life by private persons is always wrong.”

Should the 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions again be challenged in the Supreme Court, it seems likely that Gorsuch would rule to overturn them. They are both based on falsehoods, fail to address basic issues, exhibit poor jurisprudence, and are characterized by self-contradiction and faulty medical, historical and social science. (For elaboration and documentation on the latter points, visit our website and click on Issues, Abortion and “Roe v. Wade: A Bad Decision Yields Terrible Consequences).
8. Results of a pilot program in the United Kingdom to distribute emergency contraception to teenagers under age 16 shows that it has not only NOT cut the rate of pregnancy, but has actually spurred a rise in STDs. Statistics show that the United Kingdom has the highest teen pregnancy rate in Western Europe, and that the rate of contracting STDs in teenagers under 16 has risen 58% in the last 5 years!

9. Human trafficking is a serious problem in the United States. The move to make Plan B available over the counter on demand now gives human traffickers a way to stop or end pregnancies in young girls being trafficked, with no medical care or follow-up. Sex traffickers can simply send a girl into a pharmacy to buy the emergency contraception without a prescription. They won’t have to go to a clinic, a doctor or anyone who can question her about her health, circumstances or safety. They are enslaved further into the life of human trafficking without ever having to see a medical professional.

10. Last but certainly not least, what about morality? All the items above are based on medical and ethical facts and reports. Why is our society keen on letting our youth think that pre-marital sex is OK? We are human beings with a mind and intellect...we are not animals. Abstinence and chastity education does work, and it was the recognized way of life until late 1960s. Consider the following from Valerie Huber and Greg Pfundstein of the National Abstinence Education Association:

“There are now twenty-three studies either published in peer-reviewed academic journals or reported to the government that show statistically significant effects on various measures of success for sex education programs, such as delayed sexual debut, decreased number of sexual partners, and even increased use of condoms and contraceptives, typical measures that indicate the approach works. Strong SRA (sexual risk avoidance) programs go well beyond the straw-man ‘just say no’ approach. They also aim to inspire young men and women to set positive goals for their futures. Choosing to wait for sex is an important decision in that process, though not the only one. SRA programs help teens understand that their value is not dependent on whether they have sex with their date; they aim to help teens develop aspirations that transcend the pressure to be sexually active at a young age.”

If you believe that children are our future, then you want to do everything you can for them to grow up strong, healthy and morally sound. We need to take back the control over raising children and keep them safe. Enough said.
Does Planned Parenthood Need Your Tax Dollars?

by Dr. Ray Adamek

Planned Parenthood’s latest available annual report (2014-2015) listed total net assets of $1.48 billion dollars. Furthermore, its last nine annual reports, starting with fiscal year 2006-2007 indicate its annual excess of revenue over expenses averaged over $70 million per year.

An analysis of the number of abortions Planned Parenthood (PP) performs and the number of tax dollars it receives from its last 11 annual reports shows a strong positive correlation (r = .78) between tax money received and abortions performed. That is, in general, as tax dollars increase, abortions increase.

PP’s assertion that tax dollars do not fund abortion because of the federal Hyde Amendment is a distinction without a difference. Money is fungible. For every tax dollar it receives, it’s free to allocate an unrestricted dollar to its abortion service, or to support pro-choice candidates and legislation, while opposing pro-life candidates and attacking pro-life legislation in the courts.

Moreover, the Alliance Defending Freedom’s 2015 report on Planned Parenthood Affiliates and State Family Planning Programs found that PP and others developed “unbundling” billing schemes to unlawfully charge the federal Medicaid program for pre-abortion exams, abortion counseling sessions, and other abortion-related services, as well as for the abortions themselves, while incorrectly claiming these were “family planning services.” As the report notes, “Three federal audits specifically identify Planned Parenthood --- and only Planned Parenthood – as the problem in state family planning program overbilling.”

Planned Parenthood claims that if it is defunded poor and rural women will suffer. But the defunding proposals typically shift these funds to Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) and other agencies which offer more comprehensive services to women and men, but not abortion. In Ohio, there are 280 FQHCs, compared to PP’s 27 clinics. These clinics serve all age groups for all their health needs, while PP focuses primarily on the “reproductive health” of those in the reproductive years.

PP claims it is greatly concerned about women’s health, but a recent summary analysis by the pro-life group Live Action indicates PP has been downsizing several women’s health services while increasing abortions. Tracking PP’s annual reports from 2005-2006 to 2014-2015, it finds that breast exams are down 60%, Pap tests are down 77%, and total cancer screenings are down 68%. Abortions, however, are up 27%, with PP providing 35% of the nation’s total.

Those who support PP’s policies are free to support it with their charity dollars. Others should not be forced to support it with their tax dollars. It is clear that PP does not need tax dollars. To see why it does not deserve them, go to our website, click on “Issues”, “Abortion”, and scroll to, “Eleven Reasons Why Tax Money Should Not Go to Planned Parenthood.” Visit Live Action’s website to see some of these reasons exposed in undercover videos.

NEWSFLASH: On May 4, the U.S. House voted to defund Planned Parenthood as part of the American Health Care Act. The bill now goes to the Senate.
At our annual "Celebrate Life" dinner April 22, we were pleased to have many Ohio elected officials attend and mingle with attendees to converse about the state of the pro-life movement. Among those attending were Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, State Auditor Dave Yost, Senate President Larry Obhof, Senator Frank LaRose, Rep. and Majority Floor Leader Dorothy Pelanda, Representative Christina Hagan, Representative Scott Wiggam, Akron Municipal Court Judge Ann Marie O’Brien, Barberton Municipal Court Judge Todd McKinney; Josh Weemhoff from U.S. Congressman David Joyce’s office, Hudson Councilwoman Beth Biggam, as well as our keynote speaker Attorney General Mike DeWine.

These legislators and elected officials, along with several clergy and representatives from many other Ohio pro-life organizations helped us to honor our 2017 award recipients. We were pleased to present the following awards:

### 2017 Defender of Life Award

An abortion facility should be the last line of defense when trying to stop an abortion because our primary job is to educate with the facts about life issues so that abortion will never be considered. Women going to an abortion clinic think this is their only choice, and pro-life witnesses are often seen as the enemy. It is a thankless job, and more often than not, those that pray and witness at abortion facilities have a greater influence on the community or those who may consider abortion in the future rather than on the women who are entering the facility. The Northeast Ohio Women’s Center abortion facility in Cuyahoga Falls is a very difficult place to witness. It has a long history of health department violations and more that would make your hair curl! Getting people to consistently pray and witness outside of an abortion facility is really difficult, especially here. The facility chooses to end the lives of unborn children on Sunday mornings while most of us are in church, and has foul-mouthed and obnoxious, pink-vested and pink hat wearing escorts who try and interfere with your rights to simply just stand and pray on public sidewalks. There is a group of people that has made it their primary objective to maintain a strong prayer and witness presence at the Northeast Ohio Women’s Center. You will often see them down on their knees on the hard sidewalk, facing the facility, gathered in prayer. Most of us have a hard time just looking at the building knowing what goes on inside! This group was nominated for this award by their pastor, Fr. Jared Orndorff. It was our pleasure to present the Right to Life of Northeast Ohio 2017 Defender of Life Award to the St. Joseph Parish Pro-Life Group.

### 2017 Marie McNeill Life Education Award

This award is named in honor of Marie McNeill, a beautiful and faithful pro-life advocate who passed away in 2014. Marie is remembered for her promotion of virtue and morality, marriage and motherhood. She left a legacy of speaking at many schools to encourage our youth and community to choose life. When Marie passed away, we established the Marie McNeill Life Education Award in her memory to present yearly to a recipient who embodies the spirit of her legacy dedicated to educating our youth and community about the sanctity of life. We first became involved with this year’s recipient several years ago and are impressed with their dedication to impacting their fellow students and community to bring about a culture of life. Many of their group have attended our sidewalk counseling classes to learn how to better prepare themselves to witness not just outside the abortion facilities, but to be able to do peer-to-peer counseling. They regularly conduct pro-life activities on their campus to try and educate fellow students, and assist Right to Life of Northeast Ohio in many of our functions. In the fall of 2016, they stepped up to help us by hosting the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. In February, they hosted the National Protest for Planned Parenthood at the Planned Parenthood facility in Akron. In March, they were the hosts for us at the University of Akron Student Union so that we could present the movie “HUSH” to educate the students and the outside community who were invited to learn about the proven correlation between abortion and breast cancer, infant mortality and post traumatic stress. This group was nominated for an award by Tony Musca, a supporter of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio who has been deeply impressed by their pro-life dedication. It was our pleasure to present the 2017 Marie McNeill Life Education Award to the University of Akron Students for Life.
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