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2018 March for Life

The weather was great—sunny and in the high 40s, with a cool breeze. Hundreds of thousands of pro-life advocates from all over the country came together to tell Congress they will not rest until every preborn child is protected in law and heart. While it is impossible to describe how many people were at the March, Students-for-Life published an excellent one-minute time-lapse video that you can watch [here](#).

Wednesday STOPP Report, 1/24/18



Pro-Life is Winning

At the 45th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, it remains clear that the American people do not support the infamous decision that has allowed the abortion of approximately 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. [A new Marist poll](#), released this week, found that 76% of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion. The findings are consistent with past polls on the issue. More than three quarters of Americans would limit abortion to the first three months of pregnancy, at most, according to the poll. A majority of Americans also support a ban on abortions after 20 weeks (63%) and a ban on taxpayer funding of abortions (60%), according to the poll. Moreover, 56% said they consider abortion “morally wrong,” with 64% saying abortions targeting unborn babies with disabilities are wrong. “This survey shows clearly that the ‘pro-choice’ label can no longer be assumed to mean support for abortion on demand,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a statement. “Nor can abortion be thought of as a partisan issue since majorities of Democrats, Independents and Republicans all agree that it should be substantially restricted. It is high time that our political debates reflected this national consensus and used it as a starting point.”

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Each Abortion Increases Woman’s Risk of Premature Death

Legal abortion contributes to a 50% increased risk of premature death in women, according to a new systematic review that examined 989 studies of deaths associated with pregnancy outcomes. Within the first 180 days, the risk of death from any cause is over twice as high following abortion compared to that following delivery. The risk of early death remains elevated for at least ten years.

[Sage Open Medicine](#). Vol 5:1-17/20/17

Report on Emotional Impact of Abortion

The latest issue of the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* includes a qualitative study of how women perceived the positive and negative effects their abortion has had on their lives. Fifty-eight percent of respondents said they aborted to make others happy. Seventy-four percent felt some form of coercion to abort. The article claimed that commonly voiced positives included spiritual growth, involvement in pro-life efforts, and the ability to reach out to other women who were considering the procedure or who had obtained an abortion. Negatives included deep feelings of loss, existential concerns, and declines in quality of life. More specifically, common negatives included feelings about termination of a life, regret, shame, guilt, depression, anxiety, compromised self-appraisals, and self-destructive behaviors.

[jpands.org](#), Vol. 22, No. 4

New Medicare/Medicaid Guidance

The Director of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has rescinded earlier guidance on standards for Medicaid provider qualification that prevented states from de-funding Planned Parenthood in the wake of the 2015 release of undercover videos showing its involvement in selling baby body parts. Charmaine Yoest, assistant Health and Human Services Secretary for Public Affairs, said, “Reinstating the pre-2016 standards frees-up states to once again decide for themselves what reasonable standards they use to protect Medicaid programs and their beneficiaries.”

WSR, 1/24/18

Upcoming Film Details True Story Behind Roe V. Wade

Stephen Baldwin, known for his role in “Usual Suspects” and numerous other films, joins Academy Award-winning actor Jon Voight and actor/producer Nick Loeb in the making of “[Roe v. Wade: The Movie](#)”. Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and other pro-life leaders also are involved. The film will follow key figures in the 1970s abortion fight, including Betty Friedan, former abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson, and Dr. Mildred Jefferson, the first African American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School. The film will examine the lies and manipulative tactics of abortion activists, address the racism underlying the abortion industry through Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger, and Jefferson’s fight for unborn babies as well as people of color. Loeb [told World News Daily](#) that he believes Facebook is censoring them because of the film’s pro-life message and its exposure of Planned Parenthood’s eugenic history. To learn more or to get involved, visit [RoevWadeMovie.com](#). LifeNews.com, 1/19/18

The Oregon Deception

In his report, [Oregon Health Authority Reveals Hidden Problems with the Oregon Assisted Suicide Model](#), Mr. Fabian Stahle challenges the assumption that the Oregon system is a “robust, well-proven and well-researched system that does not show any vulnerability to the development of a slippery slope.” The Death With Dignity Act (DWDA) is best seen as a permissive law, and states only that patients must have a terminal illness with six months or less to live. It does not compel patients to have exhausted all treatment options first, or to continue current treatment. Moreover, according to Mr. Craig New, Research Analyst, Oregon Health Authority, Center for Public Health Practice, Public Health Division, “Patients suffering from any disease (not just those that typically qualify one for the DWDA) may not be able to afford some treatments or medication, and may choose not to pursue some treatments or take some medication for personal reasons. This is the patient’s decision and the law does not compel them to do otherwise. If the patient does not receive treatment or medication (for whatever reason) and is left with a terminal illness, then s/he would qualify for the DWDA. *I think you could also argue that even if the treatment/medication could actually cure the disease, and the patient cannot pay for the treatment, then the disease remains incurable.*” In Nevada, cases have already emerged of insurers refusing to fund life-saving treatment, but [offering to pay for euthanasia](#). As a result, a far larger group of patients qualifies for medically assisted death than just the extreme cases for which the law was originally said to apply. *LifeNews Note: Courtesy of SPUC. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is a leading pro-life organization in the United Kingdom.*

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Creating a Baby from Skin Cells?

Within the next 10-20 years, a new and controversial fertility technology called in vitro gametogenesis could make it possible to manipulate skin cells into creating a human baby. However, this groundbreaking research has caused pushback from some critics, like Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, who says IVG would turn procreation into a transaction. “IVG extends the faulty logic of IVF by introducing additional steps to the process of manipulating the origins of the human person, in order to satisfy the desires of customers and consumers,” Fr. Pacholczyk told CNA in an email interview.

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Pro-Life Contests

Interested in winning a cash prize? Write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem-cell research (grades 7 – 12), or record and submit a speech (grades 9 – 12) on any of those subjects. Submit essay entries by March 12 and video/oratories by April 16, 2018. For rules and details, visit <https://www.paprolife.org/for-students/>, or contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at 717-541-0034 or lifelines@paprolife.org.

