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BORN ALIVE FOLLOWING SALINE ABORTION

by Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor's testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on September 23, 2016, on the Hyde Amendment and Born Alive Infants Protection Act

I wish to appeal not only to those present within this chamber today, but to my nation.

We are here to discuss infanticide. I am greatly troubled that this hearing is even necessary, and that such a law to prevent infanticide must be constructed in the United States of America at all.

Many Americans have no idea that babies can even live through abortions and are often left to die. But this does happen. I know this because I was born alive in an abortion clinic after being burned in my mother's womb for 18 hours.

My medical records clearly state the following: Born during saline abortion on April 6, 1977, 6 a.m., 2 1/2 pounds.

Apart from Jesus Himself, the only reason I am alive is the fact that the abortionist had not yet arrived at work that morning. Had he been there, he would have ended my life by strangulation, suffocation or simply leaving me there to die.

Instead, I lived and have the gift of cerebral palsy as a direct result of lack of oxygen to my brain while surviving an abortion.

By the grace of God, in my case, a nurse called an ambulance and had me transferred to a hospital. That nurse saved my life and I am profoundly grateful to her for this.

Those who wish to justify such unspeakable evil, such as leaving a baby without proper medical care to die, have become masters of the

manipulation of language, intimidation and defaming their opponents to achieve their wicked aims.

ously exchanging the truth for a lie. We have neglected our soul.

What will it take for us to awaken from our numbness and indifference regarding this? Will we ever wake? I am confounded as well by the passivity so often demonstrated by otherwise good and just men; by the fact that we must plead with those in power to give the most vulnerable infants among us, even one moment of their attention.

This is a bipartisan issue, and I think it's important for the American people to weigh at this hour, whether or not they wish to elect someone to the highest office in the land that favors infanticide. Because that is what we are speaking of here, a child, exactly as I was, that had the audacity to live through her mother's abortion and needed immediate and proper care.

So I would like to ask Mr. Trump to tell me, and you, where he specifically stands on this issue, and I ask the same of Mrs. Clinton. I would also like to ask Senator Mitch McConnell to force a vote on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act before the end of this September. [President Trump has proven his pro-life position by reinstating the Hyde Amendment.]

As a nation, we are continuing

Gianna Jessen Asks Congress: "If Abortion Is About Women's Rights, Then What Were Mine?"



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I have faced the consequences of our choices as a nation (as evidenced by my cerebral palsy).

So if you choose to do nothing, I believe I at least deserve to know why you find this abhorrent practice tolerable, and I would respectfully ask that you tell me directly.

It seems in some ways, we have lost our way in this beautiful nation. But it needn't be so. We have only to remember that we are lent each breath,

that we are all engraved upon the hands of God, and therefore, cannot for a single moment, be forgotten by Him.

We need only to remember Jesus, who took me from my mother's womb, to be his own.

Editor's Note: The Eagle Forum Report is grateful that Gianna Jessen gave us permission to reprint her incredible testimony with one request: she is scheduled exclusively through her

website for speaking engagements. Please go to www.giannajessen.com for more information.

President George W. Bush signed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act in 2002, but that law lacks enforcement protections, which is the purpose of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This second bill passed the House with all opposing votes coming from Democrats, but the Senate has yet to pass it. 

TAXPAYERS ARE STILL FUNDING ABORTION

by Tabitha Walter, Eagle Forum's Executive Director in Washington, D.C.

Feminism has brainwashed young women to think that life is a simple "choice." Young girls are bombarded with Hollywood's glamorization of abortion, but Eagle Forum is committed to changing their hearts and minds for their own sake — and for life eternal.

President Donald Trump is actively pursuing his pro-life agenda with executive orders. Now, it is Congress's turn to codify these policies and save the unborn.

On his first day in office, President Trump signed an Executive Order reinstating the Mexico City Policy that was first implemented by President Ronald Reagan, but was redacted by the Democrat presidents who followed him. This policy prevents international organizations that perform or promote abortions overseas from receiving federal money.

A Marist poll published on the same day showed a whopping 83 percent of Americans oppose federal funding of abortions abroad. The poll also showed that 61 percent of Americans also oppose taxpayer funded abortions within the United

States.

Nonetheless, our tax dollars are surreptitiously paying for abortions. Tax-exempt municipal, county, and state bonds are being used to circumvent the people's will. These "abortion bonds" subsidize abortion facilities to upgrade their infrastructures. In 2012, for example, the New York City Industrial Development Agency issued a tax-free municipal bond for \$15 million to renovate Planned Parenthood's national headquarters.

Just three years later, Planned Parenthood sold the facility for \$69.6 million, which was

nearly double its purchase price in 2011.

Rep. Robert Pittenger (R-NC) introduced legislation this year to end this practice of federal tax-exempt abortion bonds. The *No Abortion Bonds Act* (H.R. 4131) is a critical piece of legislation that will close these loopholes in the tax code. So far, the bill has 87 co-sponsors, including one Democrat.

The greatest pro-life victory of 2017 was the re-implementation of the Hyde Amendment. Since 1976, it has protected taxpayers with deeply held pro-life beliefs by prohibiting taxpayer money from funding abortions, a provision upheld by the Supreme Court on the basis that abortion is not consistent with other medical procedures since the main purpose is to terminate a life. Even so, pro-life groups must engage in a seemingly never-ending fight for this language in multiple pieces of legislation dealing with our taxpayer money.

Eagle Forum is already preparing for a number of pro-life battles in 2018. With a Republican majority in the House, Senate, and White House, pro-life legislation should be easier, but Congress needs to be motivated and held accountable more than ever.

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The House triumphantly passed the *Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* (H.R. 36/S. 1922) last October. This bill bans abortion after 20 weeks of gestation when a baby can feel pain. Medical professionals have shown evidence that a 20-week-old baby has a fully functional nervous system and will recoil when he/she feels pain. Senator Lindsay Graham (R-SC) is the sponsor of the Senate version, but it has yet to reach the floor for a vote.

Another bill, the *Conscience Protection Act* (H.R. 644/S. 301) would allow medical professionals and institutions to refuse to perform abortions, and give them a legal course of action if discriminated against based on their decision — thus codifying the Hyde Amendment. Institutions in California, New York, Washington, Alaska, Illinois, and Oregon have been mandated to cover elective abortions, and medical professionals were forced to perform them.

The Conscience Protection language also helps fight the Washington, D.C. *Reproductive Non-Discrimination Act*. Passed in 2014, the D.C. RHNDAs penalizes businesses and organizations for refusing to employ individuals who support abortion, including religious institutions and pro-life organizations. Rep. Gary Palmer, (R-AL), offered an amendment to the 2018 budget to counter RHNDAs.

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Since Congress controls Washington, D.C.'s budget, Rep. Palmer's amendment was adopted to stop taxpayer money from funding abortion.

President Trump tackled conscience protections by announcing broad exemptions to the Health and Human Services (HHS) contraceptive mandate. The mandate was an example of an egregious overreach of the federal government implemented by ObamaCare. This policy change allows for institutions with deeply held religious or moral beliefs to refuse coverage of contraception. His policy only remedies part of the problem, though, as those who choose not to participate in abortion procedures or activities are not protected.

Planned Parenthood is the evil force behind the majority of these fights, spurring on a culture of death through the federal government. They have finessed their founder Margaret Sanger's genocidal intents

by warping her racism into feminist empowerment. Yet, Congress has still not defunded the organization. Attempts have been made to shift that money to community health centers which outnumber abortion facilities 20 to 1. Another attempt was made in the Graham-Cassidy ObamaCare repeal and replace package. All of these efforts have failed solely because of squishy Republicans.

Your Eagle Forum is working hard to protect life, and you can count on us to faithfully continue to work to save every life — from conception until God calls us home. The pro-life movement is strong with women and men of all ages. The annual March for Life draws thousands of people from across the nation to march in the streets of Washington, D.C. for this most worthy cause of life. We passionately remember the missing generations and the women who are making these life and death decisions. 

REAL MEN ARE PRO-LIFE

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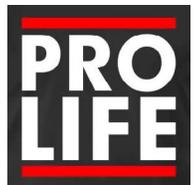
Last week we were treated to a pathetic spectacle when pro-abortion fanatics started the “Men For Choice” campaign. It gave a bunch of men the chance to publicly declare their affinity for abortion.

Of course, I use the word “men” loosely here. The truth is, men who sit on the sidelines and cheer as millions of babies are murdered in the womb are not men. Being a man means fighting injustice and protecting the innocent. Being a man means defending the vulnerable, especially children. Especially your own children. Being a man means not abandoning women to the lifetime of guilt and regret that abortion will bring them. Being a man means stepping up and standing

firm in the face of evil. Men who call themselves “pro-choice” have not fulfilled any of these obligations, and so I can not call them men.

Dante said the darkest places in Hell are reserved for those who remain neutral during times of moral crisis. Well I submit that the darkest parts of the darkest places are reserved for men who turn to “stay out of it” while 50 million babies are executed in the womb every year throughout the world.

People say that being a man means we should be disinterested in abortion. I say the truth is exactly the opposite. 



FIGHTING THE WAR AGAINST LIFE

by Lauren Hearne, leader of Missouri Teen Eagles

Life is a precious thing to have and to hold; it is the foundation for any understanding of the world around us. God Himself is life and death is his antithesis. John 1:3-5 offers a clear understanding of this relationship: “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” The world is alive, vibrant, and full of knowledge; from mankind, to animals, to plants, there is life. As humans, we have been created in the *imago Dei* — the Image of God — and have been appointed as supreme beings over the rest of creation: to tend to it and to learn more about God from it. God values life and because we were made in His likeness, we should protect and praise it too. The godly valuing of life has been lost in today’s culture. This loss has manifested itself in the discussion of women’s rights, which is dominated by the phrase “my body, my choice”.

From radical feminism rose the justification for abortion. Pro-abortion advocates argue that abortion is the woman’s right to exercise total dominion over her body; they argue that the fetus is part of the woman’s body, and therefore solely the woman’s choice. Supporters argue for the necessity of abortion, saying that women need the chance to compete equally in the economic and social spheres of life as men, and the unwanted responsibility or economic struggle of a child prevents them. In *Gonzales vs. Carhart* (2007), Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg argued that undue restrictions on abortion infringe upon “a woman’s autonomy to determine her life’s course, and thus to enjoy equal citizenship stature.” Their other anti-life arguments are: the fetus is not

a life, it cannot feel pain, and abortion is humane for it is the termination of unwanted or deformed life.

Abortion is murder and the murder of innocent beings is wrong, both in Biblical law and civil law. Motherhood begins at fertilization because that is the instant in which the child’s DNA is formed. This unique genetic identity remains unchanged throughout the fetus’s life and adulthood, and is then scientific validation of the unborn’s right to life. Jerome Lejeune, the French geneticist who discovered the chromosome abnormality that causes Down syndrome, stated that “To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion . . . The human nature of the human being from conception to old age is not a metaphysical contention, it is plain experimental evidence.”

The Scriptures clearly condemn abortion, for Exodus 20:17 states, “You shall not murder.” The U.S. Constitution exhorts citizens to protect life, and the federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act identifies the killing of a pregnant woman as the murder of two, stating that an unborn child is a “member of the species *homo sapiens*.” Likewise, the Hippocratic Oath promises to use the practice of medicine for the preservation of life alone, and emphasizes the “sanctity of life;” only in modern bioethics has the viewing of life become utilitarian, placing greater emphasis on the quality of life rather than the life itself.

Because a pregnant mother carries a second life inside her, her body is no longer hers alone. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not



your own. For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” The popular pro-choice slogan, “my body, my choice,” has no place in light of this truth, for God is the giver and taker of life, not man. The mother has a duty to care for her body as the temporary home of her child’s life and spirit.

When one begins to deny others life, they deny God. Psalm 139 says, “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . . My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.” Throughout every generation there has always been a great war against life, which has manifested itself in one form or another; from the slaughtering of Christians during the first few centuries A.D., to the Jewish holocaust during World War II, and now to the murdering of the unborn; this human self-destruction needs to be called what it is and ended. Genesis 1:27 tells us that “God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Why then does our nation rage against its own life? As Christians we have been called by God and set apart by Him to worship His holy name and be good stewards of the life and world He created. Abortion flies in the face of this calling and our purpose as God’s children — we must work to end this evil. 