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## KOCH-CERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

While the Kochs try to promote an image of themselves as libertarians who stay out of controversial social issues, more than \$11.5 million of Koch-connected money has gone to the extremist group Concerned Women for America. CWA's self-declared mission is to "protect and promote Biblical values" and to "restore the family to its traditional purpose."

CWA garners most of their media attention through the outlandish statements made by the group's leaders. Recently, a male CWA staffer wrote, "I wish that I was Bruce Jenner's father," and suggested that if Caitlin Jenner had validation from a father-figure, she wouldn't be going through this "Caitlyn fantasy." CWA staff has also criticized the Disney movie *Frozen* for empowering women while villainizing masculinity and "tearing men down," and previously accused *Harry Potter* of "indoctrinating" students in "paganism and the occult."

Although these absurd comments about pop culture may seem harmless, CWA advocates for policies that are extremely harmful to women. They supported the infamous Blunt Amendment that would have allowed employers to deny contraceptive health coverage to female employees based on their own moral objections. CWA opposed making abortion accessible to military servicewomen who were the victims of rape, equated homosexuality with pedophilia, and promoted harmful gay conversion therapy. The Southern Poverty Law Center considers CWA to be one of the most influential anti-gay groups helping "to drive the religious right's anti-gay crusade." The organization also opposed the Violence Against Women Act and equal pay legislation.

You have to wonder what the Kochs' libertarian and objectivist heroes (like pro-choice Ayn Rand) would think of CWA president and CEO Penny Nance, who equated access to abortion to the Holocaust, or of former president Wendy Wright, who called the morning after pill "a pedophile's best friend." It's clear that certain Koch values are on the negotiating table: If promoting extremist anti-women's groups like CWA helps to elect candidates who are sympathetic to the Kochs' economic agenda, the Koch brothers are willing to abandon their libertarian principles.

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## CWA Leadership

### CWA CEO AND PRESIDENT PENNY YOUNG NANCE

**Penny Nance Is CEO And President Of CWA And President Of Concerned Women For America Legislative Action Committee And Concerned Women For America Political Action Committee.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “CEO and President of the nation’s largest public policy women’s organization, Nance oversees more than 500,000 participating CWA members across the country, over 450 Prayer/Action Chapters and Home teams, 23 Young Women for America (YWA) Chapters, and 600 trained leaders, and is also the president of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) and Concerned Women for America Political Action Committee (CWPAC) and serves as the principal spokesperson for all three entities.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/14/15](#)]

**Nance Served As President Of Nance And Associates And As Special Advisor For The Federal Communications Commission, Where She Advised The Chairman And The Commissioners “On Media And Social Issues.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “Nance most recently served as President of Nance and Associates and as Special Advisor for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), where she advised the Chairman and the Commissioners on media and social issues.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/14/15](#)]

**Nance Worked As CWA’s Legislative Director For Five Years.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “Prior to founding Kids First Coalition, Mrs. Nance worked for five years as Legislative Director for Concerned Women for America. [CWFA.org, accessed [5/14/15](#)]

### Controversial Statements

**Nance Criticized Movies Like Disney’s *Frozen* For Empowering Women “At The Cost Of Tearing Down Men,” Villainizing Masculinity, And For Not Having Male Heroes.** According to an interview CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance gave on Fox News’ *Fox & Friends*, “STEVE DUCEY: The new Frozen movie that’s coming out in a little while, from what we’ve seen, it looks like they depict men as evil and cold and bumbler. That’s what it looks like. What kind of message does that send? PENNY YOUNG NANCE: Well, and it’s not just Disney. I mean, it’s Hollywood in general has often sent the message that men are superfluous, that they’re stupid, that they’re in the way, and if they contribute anything to a family, it’s a paycheck. [...] We want to empower women. And that’s good. We absolutely want to do that. But we don’t have to empower women at the cost of tearing down men. [...] We want to raise real men. We want to encourage masculinity and not villainize masculinity. We’re Concerned Women for America and we’re the women’s group that love men. So, real men. DOOCY: Real men who need to be, you know, it would be nice for Hollywood to have more male figures in those kind of movies. NANCE: Strong male figures. DOOCY: As heroes. NANCE: Absolutely. We can both be heroes.” [Fox News via Media Matters, [2/4/15](#)]

**Nance: Asexual Means That You Can Change Genders “Depending On The Day, How You Feel.”** According to an interview CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance gave on Fox News, “ELIZABETH HASSELBECK: If the child is recognized by the family and school community as a girl and lives culturally as a girl, then the Girl Scouts is an organization that can serve her in a setting that is both emotionally and physically safe. Does that satisfy you if it’s gone through the wrangs of church and school and family that they are now considering this boy to be a girl, should the Girl Scouts then do the same? NANCE: How does this work? I mean, I really don’t understand. Honestly. You have—this is really not about the children, right? This is about adults who don’t really want there to be genders in society. They don’t believe there’s two genders. In fact, when I was prepping for this, I realized I counted, and they count about 20 genders. One of them is asexual, so that means, depending on the day, how you feel.” [Fox News via CWFA, [5/11/15](#)]

### CWA CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER BEVERLY LAHAYE

**Beverly LaHaye Founded CWA In 1979 And Is The Chair Of The Organization.** According to the National Women’s History Museum, “Beverly LaHaye is a Christian, conservative activist and the founder of Concerned Women for American. She founded the organization in 1979 in San Diego and currently serves as its Chair.” [NWHM.org, accessed [5/27/15](#)]

**LaHaye Founded Concerned Women For America In 1978 After Listening To An Interview With Feminist Betty Friedan.** According to Concerned Women for America's website, "Beverly LaHaye watched a television interview of Betty Friedan, founder of the National Organization for Women. Realizing that Friedan claimed to speak for the women of America, Beverly LaHaye was stirred to action. She knew the feminists' anti-God, anti-family rhetoric did not represent her beliefs, nor those of the vast majority of women." [CWFA.org, accessed [5/27/15](#)]

- **LaHaye Founded CWA Because "The Feminists' Anti-God, Anti-Family Rhetoric Did Not Represent Her Beliefs."** According to Concerned Women for America's website, "Realizing that Friedan claimed to speak for the women of America, Beverly LaHaye was stirred to action. She knew the feminists' anti-God, anti-family rhetoric did not represent her beliefs, nor those of the vast majority of women. The first meeting to educate and alert Christian women on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), led by Beverly LaHaye, occurred in San Diego, California. More than 1,200 attended. This was the springboard to beginning Concerned Women for America as a national organization." [CWFA.org, accessed [5/27/15](#)]

**LaHaye Has Been Married To Pastor Tim LaHaye For Over 60 Years.** According to the Tim LaHaye Ministries website, "LaHaye and his wife Beverly, who is chairman of the board and founder of Concerned Women for America, have been married for over 60 years and live in southern California. They have four grown children, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren." [Tim LaHaye Ministries, accessed [5/27/15](#)]

- **The LaHayes Met While Attending Bob Jones University.** According to Rolling Stone, "More than half a century ago, as a student at Bob Jones University, Timothy LaHaye began his public ministry as a pastor at a small church in a tiny town in South Carolina, not far from the campus. He'd grown up dirt-poor in Detroit, peddling newspapers during the Depression. His father had died when he was ten. In 1944, after finishing night school and attending a Bible institute in Chicago, he enlisted in the Air Force at seventeen and served in Europe as a machine gunner aboard a bomber. At Bob Jones, the Christian-fundamentalist college famous for being anti-Catholic, LaHaye met and fell in love with a fellow Detroit, Beverly Jean Ratcliffe. The two followed the school's strict 'no touching' dating rule, which required lovers to stay six inches apart; a year later, they were married." [Rolling Stone, [1/28/04](#)]
- **Tim LaHaye Was A Speaker For The John Birch Society.** According to Rolling Stone, "In 1958, they moved to San Diego. At that time, Southern California was a hotbed of former McCarthyites, neo-Nazis and the John Birch Society, a right-wing group so paranoid and extremist that it denounced President Eisenhower as a communist. They all muttered darkly about secret societies, the evil United Nations and one-world-government conspiracies, views that LaHaye would soon make his own. For years, LaHaye spoke at Birch Society training sessions, getting to know many of its leaders and building his ministry in the part of California that, twenty years later, would be the launching pad for Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential bid." [Rolling Stone, [1/28/04](#)]
- **Fred Koch Was A Leader And Founding Member Of The John Birch Society And Charles Koch Had A Lifetime Membership, Until He Resigned In 1968.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Many commentators have noted that the father of the controversial Koch Brothers, Fred Koch, was a leader of the John Birch Society from its founding in 1958 until his death in 1967. But, in fact, Charles Koch followed his father's footsteps into the John Birch Society for years in Wichita, Kansas, a hub city for the organization in that decade of tremendous societal unrest as civil rights activists challenged racial segregation. Charles Koch was not simply a rank and file member of the John Birch Society in name only who paid nominal dues. He purchased and held a "lifetime membership" until he resigned in 1968. He also lent his name and his wealth to the operations of the John Birch Society in Wichita, aiding its "American Opinion" bookstore -- which was stocked with attacks on the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King, and Earl Warren as elements of the communist conspiracy. He funded the John Birch Society's promotional campaigns, bought advertising in its magazine, and supported its distribution of right-wing radio shows." [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/8/14](#)]

## Controversial Statements

**LaHaye Told The Crowd At A Southern Baptists Of Texas Convention To "Stand Up Against The Wiles Of The Devil" Through Activism.** According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, "[Beverly] LaHaye, the wife of the accomplished

Christian leader the Rev. Tim LaHaye and the author of nine books about the importance of being an effective Christian wife and mother, urged the crowd attending the Southern Baptists of Texas annual convention to become more active in politics to defend those values. [...] She repeatedly encouraged the audience to ‘stand up against the wiles of the devil’ and join their Christian faith and with activism. ‘It’s time for Christian men and women to stand up for righteousness,’ LaHaye said.” [Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, [10/27/19](#)]

- **LaHaye Called For The “Reintroduction Of God Into The Day-To-Day Functions Of American Politics.”** According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, “She [Beverly LaHaye] called for the reintroduction of God into the day-to-day functions of American politics, where she said the framers originally intended him to be as they created the country more than 200 years ago. The United States began tilting into moral decline in the 1970s, and faced further ‘crumbling’ of families and social structures in the future without conservative Christian outcry, she said.” [Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, [10/27/19](#)]

**LaHaye Wrote In Her 1976 Book That “Submission Is God’s Design For Women.”** According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, “‘Submission is God’s design for women,’ she [Beverly LaHaye] wrote in her 1976 book, *The Spirit-Controlled Woman*. She recounted her anger at having to pick up her husband’s dirty socks, then her revelation that ‘I wasn’t just picking up dirty socks for my husband; I was serving the Lord Jesus by doing this, so I had to do it heartily as unto Him.’ When Tim changed his slovenly ways, she found she ‘missed those socks.’” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/6/88](#)]

**LaHaye: The Equal Rights Amendment Would “Totally Destroy The Traditional American Family.”** According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, “It was the ERA that provided the first burst of steam for [Beverly] LaHaye’s political machine. During the ratification campaign, believing that the ERA would ‘totally destroy the traditional American family,’ she rallied the women of her congregation.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/6/88](#)]

**LaHaye: Homosexuality “Destroys The Family.”** According to the Chicago Tribune, “[Beverly LaHaye] becomes practically vitriolic when the conversation turns to homosexuality. ‘It destroys the family,’ she says flatly. ‘A lot of women have written me whose husbands turned out to be homosexuals, who totally devastated the family.’” [Chicago Tribune, 5/26/92]

- **LaHaye: Gay Teachers And Boy Scout Leaders Are “Aggressively Trying To Go After Boys.”** According to the Chicago Tribune, “One thing that especially distresses [Beverly LaHaye], she says, is ‘homosexuals teaching in school, being Boy Scout leaders. . . . ‘I’m not saying they all are, but the movement itself is aggressively trying to go after boys.’” [Chicago Tribune, 5/26/92]

**In 1995 LaHaye Claimed That “Radical Feminists And Lesbians Have Hijacked” The United Nations Conference In Beijing.** According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, “Following is an op-ed written by Dr. Beverly LaHaye, founder and president of Concerned Women for America (CWA). Dr. LaHaye’s op-ed offers a first hand *[sic]* account of the U.N. women’s conference from an expert in women’s issues: ‘Hijacked. That’s the best word to describe what’s happened here in Beijing where women from around the world are meeting to discuss common problems. Sadly, radical feminists and lesbians have hijacked the non-government organization conference for their own selfish agenda. And they’re doing the same at the U.N. conference underway this week.’” [CWA Press Release, 9/7/95]

- **Lahaye: The UN Conference “Deteriorated Into A Cesspool Of Advocacy For Lesbianism; Legalized Prostitution; Male-Bashing, And Anti-Religious Bigotry.”** According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, “Following is an op-ed written by Dr. Beverly LaHaye, founder and president of Concerned Women for America (CWA). Dr. LaHaye’s op-ed offers a first hand *[sic]* account of the U.N. women’s conference from an expert in women’s issues: [...] ‘Instead of discussing real life problems like forced abortion in China; forced female circumcision (genital mutilations) in parts of Africa and in some Muslim countries, physical violence against women and girls; or lack of equal employment and education opportunities for women the world over, this conference has deteriorated into a cesspool of advocacy for lesbianism; legalized prostitution; male-bashing, and anti-religious bigotry.’” [CWA Press Release, 9/7/95]

**CWA PRESIDENT WENDY WRIGHT**

**Wendy Wright Was Named President Of CWA In 2006.** According to the Baptist Press, “The Christian conservative group Concerned Women for America announced Wendy Wright as its new president Jan. 30. Wright, who had been serving as executive vice president and joined the organization in 1999, is a frequent spokeswoman in the media for conservative causes. She specializes in pro-life and international issues and serves as CWA's representative at the United Nations. Concerned Women for America's board of trustees selected Wright Jan. 26.” [Baptist Press, [2/1/06](#)]

**Wright Left Her Position At CWA In 2011.** According to Wendy Wright's LinkedIn profile, she left her position as president of CWA in July 2011. [Wendy Wright – LinkedIn, accessed [6/2/15](#)]

**An Arrest Order Was Issued For Wright After She Scaled A Fence To Rush An Abortion Clinic In Wichita, Kansas With Operation Rescue.** According to the New York Times, “More than 100 anti-abortion demonstrators rushed toward an abortion clinic today in defiance of a court order, and a Federal judge sent United States marshals to arrest leaders of the monthlong protest here. Protesters knocked down two barricades, scaled a wrought-iron fence and blocked the driveway of Women's Health Care Services in what one police officer described as the most aggressive action yet in the demonstrations, which began July 15. [...] Others named in the arrest order were the group's founder, Randall Terry of Binghamton, N.Y., and four members, Jim Evans and Wendy Wright, both of Binghamton, Keith Tucci of Charleston, S.C., and Joe Slovenec, of Cleveland.” [New York Times, [8/21/91](#)]

- **Operation Rescue Is A “Militant Anti-Abortion Group.”** According to the New York Times, “About 2,400 arrests have been made since members of Operation Rescue, a militant anti-abortion group, began demonstrating outside three abortion clinics. Two of the clinics applied for court protection, and an order was issued barring the protesters from blocking entrances to the clinics.” [New York Times, [8/21/91](#)]
- **The Storming Of The Abortion Clinic Was The “Most Aggressive Action Yet” Of The Month-Long Protest.** According to the New York Times, “A Federal judge sent United States marshals to arrest leaders of the monthlong protest here. Protesters knocked down two barricades, scaled a wrought-iron fence and blocked the driveway of Women's Health Care Services in what one police officer described as the most aggressive action yet in the demonstrations, which began July 15. The police and Federal marshals began making arrests after protesters ran toward the clinic and others knelt in front of a car carrying a clinic patient.” [New York Times, [8/21/91](#)]

**Wright Was Arrested And Jailed In Houston For “Violating A Restraining Order Prohibiting Them From Demonstrating In Front Of Abortion Clinics” As A Member Of Operation Rescue.** According to the New York Times, “A state judge sent four opponents of abortion rights to jail for up to six months on Thursday for violating a restraining order prohibiting them from demonstrating in front of abortion clinics here. [...] After a daylong hearing, Judge O'Neill ordered the four to report to the Harris County Jail and fined each \$500. A fifth person was acquitted. In addition to Mr. [Flip] Benham, they are the Rev. Patrick Mahoney, Wendy Wright and Bob Jewitt.” [New York Times, [8/16/92](#)]

### Controversial Statements

**Wright: The Black Community Has Been “Hit Hardest By The Abortion Holocaust.”** According to LifeNews, “They have their work cut out for them in gaining trust from all the stakeholders since the primary people in charge come from the most hard-core abortion groups in the U.S. and the stated goals come straight from those abortion groups' handbooks,” she said after the call. “To be diverse it's imperative that they include pro-life leaders in the black community, a group that has been hardest hit by the abortion holocaust,” Wright concludes.” [LifeNews, [4/3/09](#)]

**Wright: “Women Need Male Relationships.”** According to a speech by Wendy Wright at the United Nations, “From our mothers we absorb what it means to be a woman. From our fathers, we learn how women ought to be treated by men. These kinds of lessons cannot come from classroom lectures, but through the intimacy of daily living. When Gloria Steinem and other feminists belittle men, marriage and family, they are denying a basic truth: women need male relationships.” [Wendy Wright speech – United Nations, [4/8/11](#)]

**Wright Submitted Testimony To The Ohio House Of Representatives That Abortion Providers “Routinely Committed Abortions On Women Who Were Not Pregnant.”** According to testimony given by Wendy Wright before the Ohio House of Representatives, “Would abortionists do abortions on women who are not pregnant? Numerous reports from



investigative journalists, state inspectors, and abortion providers have revealed abortionists who routinely committed abortions on women who were not pregnant.” [Wendy Wright testimony – Ohio House of Representatives, [3/23/11](#)]

## Koch Connections

### CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA HAS RECEIVED OVER \$11.5 MILLION FROM KOCH GROUPS

#### CWA Received \$8.4 Million From Freedom Partners

**Concerned Women For America Received \$8.2 Million From Freedom Partners In 2012.** According to Freedom Partners’ 990 for the 2012 tax year, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce contributed \$8,150,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee. [Freedom Partners Form 990, [2012](#)]

**Concerned Women For America Received \$260,000 From Freedom Partners In 2013.** According to Freedom Partners’ 990 for the 2013 tax year, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce contributed \$260,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee. [Freedom Partners Form 990, [2013](#)]

**Politico: “Freedom Partners And Its President, Marc Short, Serve As An Outlet For The Ideas And Funds Of The Mysterious Koch Brothers.”** According to Politico, “An Arlington, Va.-based conservative group, whose existence until now was unknown to almost everyone in politics, raised and spent \$250 million in 2012 to shape political and policy debate nationwide. The group, Freedom Partners, and its president, Marc Short, serve as an outlet for the ideas and funds of the mysterious Koch brothers, cutting checks as large as \$63 million to groups promoting conservative causes, according to an IRS document to be filed shortly.” [Politico, [9/11/13](#)]

**Headline: “Exclusive: The Koch Brothers' Secret Bank”** [Politico, [9/11/13](#)]

#### CWA Received \$1.6 Million From The Center To Protect Patient Rights

**Concerned Women For America Received \$4,500 From The Center To Protect Patient Rights In 2010.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights’ 990 for the 2010 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$4,500 to Concerned Women for America. [Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, [2010](#)]

**Concerned Women For America Received \$1.5 Million From The Center To Protect Patient Rights In 2011.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights’ 990 for the 2011 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$1,453,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee. [Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, [2011](#)]

**Concerned Women For America Received \$173,573 From The Center To Protect Patient Rights In 2012.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights’ 990 for the 2012 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$173,573 to Concerned Women for America. [Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, [2012](#)]

**The Center To Protect Patient Rights Was “One Of The Largest Political Nonprofits In The Country, Serving As A Conduit For Tens Of Millions Of Dollars In Political Spending.”** According to the New York Times, “The group, the Arizona-based Center to Protect Patient Rights, is one of the largest political nonprofits in the country, serving as a conduit for tens of millions of dollars in political spending, much of it raised by the Kochs and their political operation and spent by other nonprofits active in the 2010 and 2012 elections.” [New York Times, [10/24/13](#)]

**CPPR Had A History Of Giving Funds To Koch Groups.** According to Open Secrets, “Almost half of that -- \$115 million -- went to the Center to Protect Patient Rights, a group that has no activities of its own other than giving grants to other politically active tax-exempt organizations. That's more than CPPR's budget in all years combined since it was established in 2009. It's run by Sean Noble, a political consultant and Koch operative. CPPR has given grants to some of the same groups that, according to Politico, Freedom Partners gave funds to last year, such as the conservative seniors' group 60 Plus Association, which also has Koch connections.” [OpenSecrets.org, [9/12/13](#)]



**Sean Noble, President Of CPPR Had The Job Of Overseeing Spending By The Kochs' Donor Network.** According to Politico, “Short, who attends the same church as Gentry, is by far the newest member of the inner circle, having been hired only last year to oversee the spending of Koch donor network cash by other groups. Previously, the Kochs had tasked a contractor named Sean Noble with the responsibility. Short — who most recently had worked with Koch-favorite Rep. Mike Pence, leading an unsuccessful effort to lure him into the presidential race — has been representing Koch World at the Karl Rove-conceived Weaver Terrace Group meetings where conservative groups coordinate ad spending.” [Politico, [6/15/12](#)]

### **CWA Received \$1.3 Million From Tc4 Trust**

**Concerned Women For America Received \$1.3 Million From TC4 Trust In 2011.** According to TC4 Trust's 990 for the 2011 tax year, TC4 Trust contributed \$1,335,000 to Concerned Women for America. [TC4 Trust Form 990, [2011](#)]

**TC4 Trust, Along With Freedom Partners, Was One Of The Main Donors To The Koch Network's Web Of Organizations.** According to the Washington Post, “The Washington Post and the Center for Responsive Politics identified a coalition of allied conservative groups active in the 2012 elections that together raised at least \$407 million, backed by a donor network organized by the industrialists Charles and David Koch. Most of the funds originated with two groups, the Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce and TC4 Trust, both of which routed some of the money through a Phoenix-based nonprofit group called the Center to Protect Patient Rights (CPPR).” [Washington Post, [1/5/14](#)]

### **CWA Received \$80,000 From DonorsTrust**

**Concerned Women For America Received A Combined \$80,000 From DonorsTrust In 2010.** According to DonorsTrust's 990 for the 2010 tax year, DonorsTrust made 5 separate contributions to Concerned Women for America, including one \$10,000 donation, three \$15,000 donations and one \$25,000 donation. [DonorsTrust Form 990, [2010](#)]

**DonorsTrust Is A Conduit Through Which Anonymous Money Is Distributed To Conservative Causes.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, “Donors Trust is a ‘donor advised’ fund: donors deposit money in accounts they set up and recommend where they'd like it to go. But Donors Trust controls the money and actually makes the contributions to other organizations; it cannot guarantee it will give to the original donors' preferred recipients. The arrangement provides donors with the same tax-deductibility that they would be entitled to if they gave money directly to the groups they want to assist, according to tax lawyers. But it also provides a further layer of anonymity: not even the IRS knows where a particular donor's money goes after it gets to Donors Trust. [...] Donors Trust was established in 1999, according to its website, to ‘ensure the intent of donors who are dedicated to the ideals of limited government, personal responsibility, and free enterprise.’” [OpenSecrets.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**The Kochs “Made Significant Contributions To Donors Trust Through Their Foundation,” The Knowledge And Progress Fund, Including \$1.25 Million In 2007, \$1.25 Million In 2008, And \$2 Million In 2010.** According to an interview with sociologist Robert Brulle for PBS Frontline, “We do know that the Koch brothers have made significant contributions to Donors Trust through their foundation called the Knowledge and Progress Fund. They gave \$1.25 million in 2007, \$1.25 million in 2008, and then \$2 million in 2010 to Donors. We don't know where it went after it goes to Donors, because it's not necessarily a one-for-one giving.” [PBS Frontline, [10/23/12](#)]

**DonorsTrust Has Received More Than \$4 Million From The Knowledge And Progress Fund Between 2005 And 2012.** According to the Knowledge and Progress Fund's 990s from 2005-2012, the Knowledge and Progress Fund gave DonorsTrust a total of \$4,240,000. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [10/6/14](#)]

### **CWA Received \$30,000 From Free Enterprise America**

**Concerned Women For America Received \$30,000 From Free Enterprise America In 2011.** According to Free Enterprise America's 990 for the 2011 tax year, Free Enterprise America contributed \$30,000 to Concerned Women for America. [Free Enterprise America Form 990, [2012](#)]

**Free Enterprise America Was A Koch Network Group Headed By Sean Noble.** According to the Center for Public Integrity, “The Center to Protect Patient Rights — headed by Koch-connected political consultant Sean Noble — contributed

about \$4.8 million to American Commitment in 2012. And another Koch network group headed by Noble, Free Enterprise America, contributed \$103,000 to American Commitment in 2011 — nearly half of the \$216,500 American Commitment reported raising that year.” [Center for Public Integrity, [11/20/14](#)]

## CONNECTIONS TO TIM LAHAYE’S COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL POLICY

**Tim LaHaye Founded The Council For National Policy.** According to the New York Times, “The Council for National Policy was founded 25 years ago by the Rev. Tim LaHaye as a forum for conservative Christians to strategize about turning the country to the right. Its secrecy was intended to insulate the group from what its members considered the liberal bias of the news media. In recent years the group has brought together a cross-section of the right from Edwin J. Feulner to Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association.” [New York Times, [2/25/07](#)]

- **Nation: CNP Is “An Ultra-Secretive Cabal That Networks Wealthy Right-Wing Donors Together With Top Conservative Operatives To Plan Long-Term Movement Strategy.”** According to the Nation, “Last week, while the media focused almost obsessively on the DNC’s spectacle in Denver, the country’s most influential conservatives met quietly at a hotel in downtown Minneapolis to get to know Sarah Palin. The assembled were members of the Council for National Policy, an ultra-secretive cabal that networks wealthy right-wing donors together with top conservative operatives to plan long-term movement strategy.” [Nation, [9/1/08](#)]

**Charles Koch Was Given The “Free Enterprise Award” From CNP In 1999.** According to Charles Koch’s biography on KochInd.com, “As a reflection of Mr. Koch’s business leadership and community involvement, he has received a number of honors and awards, including: [...] Free Enterprise Award, The Council for National Policy (1999).” [Charles Koch Biography, [February 2015](#)]

**Charles Koch In A Speech To CNP: “The Council, I Believe, Is Recognized By Supporters And Detractors Alike As A Key Leader In The Heart And Mind Of This Country.”** According to the text of a speech delivered by Charles Koch in front of the Council for National Policy in 1999, “Let me begin by saying how honored I am by this award. The Council, I believe, is recognized by supporters and detractors alike as a key leader in the heart and mind of this country. Under Jim Miller’s leadership, I see this effectiveness only increasing. He’s certainly been a great contributor to freedom over the years, and he’s certainly been a great friend of ours over the years. We appreciate it, Jim.” [The Machine: A Field Guide to the Resurgent Right, accessed [6/2/15](#)]

### CNP Received \$100,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation From 2010-2012.

**The Council For National Policy Received \$25,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation In 2010.** According to Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation’s 990 for 2010, the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation contributed \$25,000 to the Council for National Policy. [Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation 990, [2010](#)]

**The Council For National Policy Received \$25,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation In 2011.** According to Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation’s 990 for 2011, the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation contributed \$25,000 to the Council for National Policy. [Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation 990, [2011](#)]

**The Council For National Policy Received \$50,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation In 2012.** According to Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation’s 990 for 2012, the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation contributed \$50,000 to the Council for National Policy. [Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation 990, [2012](#)]

**After The Death Of “Dedicated Philanthropist And Conservative” Claude R. Lambe, Charles Koch Took Over His Foundation.** According to the book *Creating a Private Foundation: The Essential Guide for Donors and Their Advisers*, “Claude R. Lambe, a dedicated philanthropist and conservative from Kansas who died in 1981 leaving no children did have a trustworthy friend who was and is a prominent philanthropist in his own right. The friend, industrialist Charles G. Koch, Chairman of Koch Industries, the second largest privately held company in the United States according to Forbes magazine, shared his libertarian beliefs and was a generation younger. Some twenty years after Lambe’s death, Koch, along with his wife and some business associates, continues to run Lambe’s foundation.” [*Creating a Private Foundation*, [2003](#)]

### **The Claude R. Lambe Foundation Shares Almost All The Same Staff With The Charles G. Koch Foundation.**

According to the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation's 2011 990 and the Charles G. Koch's 2012 990, the president of the Charles G. Koch Foundation is listed as Richard Fink who is also listed as President/Director of the Claude R. Lambe Foundation. Charles and Elizabeth Koch are also listed as directors of both foundations. [Claude R. Lambe Foundation, 2011 990; Charles G. Koch's 2012 990]

## **CWA AND OTHER KOCH GROUPS**

**CWA CEO Penny Nance Was Featured At A Rally Hosted By AFP, With AFP President Tim Phillips, 60 Plus President Jim Martin, And Rep. Paul Ryan.** According to an event notice posted by Americans for Prosperity, AFP hosted a "Rally to Repeal" to oppose Obamacare on August 3, 2012 "With Tim Phillips, Americans for Prosperity Congressman Paul Ryan Penny Nance, Concerned Women for America Jim Martin, 60 Plus Association." [Eventbrite.com, accessed [6/1/15](#)]

**CWA, AFP And The 60 Plus Association "Joined Forces" To Create The Website, [www.spendingrevolt.com](http://www.spendingrevolt.com) "And Go On A Multi-State Bus Tour To Educate And Activate Taxpayers."** According to Citizens Against Government Waste's publication Wastewatcher, "Fed up with excessive government spending, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), Americans for Prosperity, the 60 Plus Association, Concerned Women for America, and AmericaSpeakOn.org have joined forces to create a new website, [www.spendingrevolt.com](http://www.spendingrevolt.com) and go on a multi-state bus tour to educate and activate taxpayers. The wake-up tour is intended to arm Americans with facts and figures about government spending so they can change their spending habits in Washington. The bus measures 70 feet long and has space for people to write 'personal messages' to their elected officials." [Wastewatcher, [August 2010](#)]

**In 2013 CWA Hosted A Discussion Of Obamacare And "The Religious Freedom Issues That Surround It" With Special Guests From The LIBRE Initiative And LIBRE Institute.** According to an event announcement on the Concerned Women for America website, CWA hosted an event on October 27th, 2013 and called it "a non-partisan discussion of The Affordable Care Act or 'ObamaCare' and the religious freedom issues that surround it including its effect on Christians and the church today and in the future." With "special guests," including "Penny Nance Concerned Women for America CEO and President Mario Diaz, Esq. Concerned Women for America Legal Counsel Judy Pino The Libre Initiative National Communications Director Jeff Mateer, Esq. Liberty Institute General Counsel." [CWFA.org, accessed [6/4/15](#)]

## **Opposition To LGBT Rights**

### **CWA HAS A HISTORY OF WORKING WITH "PROMINENT ANTI-GAY PROPAGANDISTS"**

**Southern Poverty Law Center: CWA Founder And Former President Beverly LaHaye Has "Occasionally Equated Homosexuality With Pedophilia."** According to a web post from the Southern Poverty Law Center, "[CWA Founder and former President Beverly] LaHaye has blamed gay people for a 'radical leftist crusade' in America and, over the years, has occasionally equated homosexuality with pedophilia." [SPLCenter.org, [2010](#)]

**LaHaye Hired "Prominent Anti-Gay Propagandists" Robert Knight And Peter LaBarbera In 2001.** According to a web post from the Southern Poverty Law Center, "In 2001, she hired prominent anti-gay propagandists Robert Knight (now with Coral Ridge Ministries; see below) and Peter LaBarbera (now with Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, above) to launch CWA's Culture and Family Institute." [SPLCenter.org, [2010](#)]

**CWA "Long Relied On And Displayed" Knight's Work Including Claims That "Homosexuality Carries Enormous Physical And Mental Health Risks" And "Gay Marriage Entices Children To Experiment With Homosexuality."** According to a web post from the Southern Poverty Law Center, "CWA long relied on and displayed Knight's articles and talking points, including claims that 'homosexuality carries enormous physical and mental health risks' and 'gay marriage entices children to experiment with homosexuality.' Most remarkably, Knight cited the utterly discredited work of Paul Cameron (see Family Research Institute, below) to bolster claims that homosexuality is harmful." [SPLCenter.org, [2010](#)]

## **CWA SPONSORED THE ANTI-LGBT AND ANTI-ABORTION WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES**

**CWA Was A Co-Sponsor Of The World Congress Of Families, An “International Alliance Of Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Family Organizations.”** According to a press release from CWA, “Since 1999, CWA has been a co-sponsor of the WCF [World Congress of Families], an international alliance of pro-life, pro-marriage, pro-family organizations that celebrate, uphold, and promote the preservation of the natural family.” [CWA Press Release, [10/26/11](#)]

**BuzzFeed: WCF Has “Helped Connect Opponents Of Abortion And LGBT Rights In Biannual Conferences” For About 20 Years.** According to BuzzFeed, “For 20 years, the World Congress of Families has helped connect opponents of abortion and LGBT rights in biannual conferences.” [BuzzFeed.com, [2/5/14](#)]

### **WCF Took Credit For The Rise Of Anti-LGBT laws In Russia**

**CWA Senior Fellow Janice Shaw Crouse Discussed At WCF Meeting How “Legislative Victories In Places Like Russia” Should “Give Heart To U.S. Conservative Activists Who Feel Increasingly Embattled.”** According to BuzzFeed, “Legislative victories in places like Russia and the growth of grassroots ‘pro-family’ movements even in progressive Western European countries should give heart to U.S. conservative activists who feel increasingly embattled, said speakers at a controversial event held Friday in a House of Representatives meeting room. ‘There’s ‘no question that public opinions in all nations are shifting to quote ‘LGBT rights,’ so we’re looking at ... fierce opposition, but that’s not the whole story,’ said Janice Shaw Crouse of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly Le Haye Institute, in remarks framing a discussion hosted by the World Congress of Families on ‘What Should America Learn’ from family policy abroad.” [BuzzFeed, [11/15/13](#)]

**Crouse Participated In A Press Conference Organized By WCF To Discuss Its 8th Conference, Held In Moscow.** According to a press release from the World Conference of Families, WCF held a press conference with “Larry Jacobs -- World Congress of Families Managing Director Austin Ruse -- President, Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute, Alexey Komov -- WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS, Executive Director of WCF VIII Local Organizing Committee, Janice Shaw Crouse, Ph.D. -- Senior Fellow, The Beverly LaHaye Institute of Concerned Women for America.” On its “World Congress of Families VIII with the theme ‘Every Child A Gift: Large Families, the Future of Humanity’ will be held in Moscow, September 10-12, 2014 to gather all people of goodwill who affirm the natural family as the fundamental institution for a prosperous society.” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [2/4/14](#)]

**Crouse: “I Hope That The United States Will Learn Some Lessons, Quite Frankly, From Russia.”** According to BuzzFeed, “I hope that the United States will learn some lessons, quite frankly, from Russia,’ said Crouch [sic]. An even more important competition than the Olympics, she said, is ‘Who’s going to prevail in terms of culture? Who’s going to prevail in terms of life, in terms of marriage, in terms of the family?’” [BuzzFeed.com, [2/5/14](#)]

**CWA Eventually Withdrew From WCF Moscow Conference After The Russian Invasion of Ukraine.** According to BuzzFeed, “Concerned Women for America has decided not to participate in a World Congress of Families meeting scheduled to be held in Moscow in September in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the organization’s President and CEO Penny Nance told BuzzFeed on Tuesday.” [BuzzFeed, [3/11/14](#)]

## **CWA PROMOTED “MINISTRIES” FOR “THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE” THE “HOMOSEXUAL COMMUNITY”**

**CWA Promoted Gay Conversion Ministries Including Exodus International.** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “Love In Action is one of several ministries that help those struggling with homosexuality and other sexual sin. Contact them to learn more. Love In Action [...] <http://www.loveinaction.org/> Exodus International North America [...] <http://www.exodusnorthamerica.org/> Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays (PFOX) [...] <http://www.pfox.org/index.html> [...] HOW YOU CAN HELP PRAY that God will keep Roger and Sue a strong example for other couples. PRAISE God for His restorative power! ACT Support with your time or money a ministry that helps people struggling with sexual sin to find freedom in Christ.” [Family Voice, [January/February 2001](#)]



- **Exodus International Participated In A Conference In Uganda Which Led To The Introduction Of A Bill “To Impose A Death Sentence For Homosexual Behavior.”** According to the New York Times, “Last March, three American evangelical Christians, whose teachings about “curing” homosexuals have been widely discredited in the United States, arrived here in Uganda’s capital to give a series of talks. [...] Now the three Americans are finding themselves on the defensive, saying they had no intention of helping stoke the kind of anger that could lead to what came next: a bill to impose a death sentence for homosexual behavior. [...] The three Americans who spoke at the conference — Scott Lively, a missionary who has written several books against homosexuality, including ‘7 Steps to Recruit-Proof Your Child’; Caleb Lee Brundidge, a self-described former gay man who leads “healing seminars”; and Don Schmierer, a board member of Exodus International, whose mission is ‘mobilizing the body of Christ to minister grace and truth to a world impacted by homosexuality’ — are now trying to distance themselves from the bill.” [New York Times, [1/3/10](#)]

**CWA Promoted Ministries That Help Individuals Who Want To “Come Out Of Homosexuality” Because It “Can Be Terribly Difficult To Overcome.”** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “Little can surpass the joy of seeing individuals come to faith. ‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come,’ Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Jesus’ new beginning also applies to men and women caught in the sin of homosexuality. Homosexuality can be terribly difficult to overcome. So, since 1974, ministries that help those who want to leave it have greatly increased. According to a ministry spokesman, they now comprise 121 groups in the United States and abroad, and 20,000 individuals who have come out of homosexuality. Many more men and women have changed with help from local churches.” [Family Voice, [March/April 2001](#)]

**CWA: “Nothing Angers The Homosexual Community More Than Experiences Of Deliverance, Which Refute The Notion That Homosexuality Is Unchangeable—An Essential Element Of The ‘Gay’ Agenda.”** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “Nothing angers the homosexual community more than experiences of deliverance, which refute the notion that homosexuality is unchangeable—an essential element of the ‘gay’ agenda. If they truly are ‘born that way,’ homosexuals can demand special civil rights. But God’s transforming power in the lives of former homosexuals will not be silenced, as the following testimonies demonstrate.” [Family Voice, [March/April 2001](#)]

**CWA Cited The Story Of A Woman Named Kim Who Became “Free Of The Lesbian Lifestyle,” After Overcoming “Demonic Influences And Generational Sin.”** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “‘I’ve been out of the lesbian lifestyle—totally free—for six years,’ Kim says, with apparent peace and happiness. She says she will be speaking to a seminary class later that day about demonic influences and generational sin, which she has personally experienced: alcoholism, divorce, molestation by a neighbor, incest by a male relative. ‘I did not know it was wrong when he approached me. It ... was an affirmation, of sorts,’ she says. ‘So that was the beginning of the demonic stronghold, of the twisted perception of men and certainly of God. I had a built-in survival mechanism to protect myself against men.’ These traumas ushered Kim into sexual activity by age 15, then work as a stripper and teen prostitute.” [Family Voice, [March/April 2001](#)]

## **CWA WAS AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROTECT LGBT FROM HATE CRIMES**

**CWA Founder And President Beverly LaHaye Claimed That “Laws Against Hate Crimes Might Prevent Churches From Speaking Out Against Homosexuality.”** According to the Associated Press, “Beverly LaHaye, founder and president of Concerned Women for America, warns that laws against hate crimes might prevent churches from speaking out against homosexuality. ‘I can see the road signs that ... hate-crime laws will one day affect freedom of speech that we have in churches to teach what the Bible says about homosexuality,’ she told a Southern Baptist seminar.” [Associated Press, 3/27/92]

**CWA’s Policy Director For Cultural Studies Matt Barber Attributed Lawmakers’ Interest In The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act To “Political Pressure From The Powerful Homosexual Lobby.”** According to an opinion by Matt Barber, CWA’s policy director for cultural studies, for Townhall.com, “Negligible ‘hate crimes’ numbers notwithstanding, liberal lawmakers remain poised to push the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (H.R. 1592) through Congress due to intense political pressure from the powerful homosexual lobby.” [Matt Barber – Townhall.com, [4/5/07](#)]

**Barber Claimed That “Hate Crimes’ Allegedly Motivated By Sexual Preference May Have Been Fabricated By Homosexual Activists” To Help Pass Federal Hate Crimes Legislation.** According to an opinion by Matt Barber,

CWA's policy director for cultural studies, for Townhall.com, "But evidence continues to mount indicating that an alarming percentage of the already small number of 'hate crimes' allegedly motivated by sexual preference may have been fabricated by homosexual activists in an attempt to create a political atmosphere ripe for passage of federal 'hate crimes' legislation." [Matt Barber – Townhall.com, [4/5/07](#)]

**CWA "Sounded The Alarm" On The 2005 House Passed Hate Crime Bill And Took Credit For Successfully Stalling The Legislation.** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, "On September 15, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a 'hate crime' bill as part of another, unrelated bill about sex offenders. Concerned Women for America (CWA) sounded the alarm, notifying thousands of people who have been calling, faxing and e-mailing the Senate, which is currently considering the bill. Capitol Hill staff members have told CWA that the response has stalled the bill, but that more calls are needed, since Sen. Kennedy has threatened to attach 'hate crime' language to other bills that could come to the Senate floor for a vote. Take Action: Contact your U.S. senators and ask them not to approve any 'hate crime' legislation. Capitol Hill switchboard: 202-224-3121. CWA is on the front line of this battle to preserve our freedoms, thanks to God, and your prayers and donations." [Family Voice, [January/February 2006](#)]

## **CWA IS AGAINST SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**

**CWA's Goals Included Defining Marriage As "The Legal Union Of One Man And One Woman."** According to the Concerned Women for America website, "We are working to see...The family esteemed as the bedrock institution of society consisting of individuals related by blood, marriage (the legal union of one man and one woman), birth, or adoption. The respect for the distinctiveness of men and women." [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA Legal Counsel Mario Diaz: If The Supreme Court Justices "Insist On Imposing Same-Sex 'Marriage' On The Nation... They Will Be Effectively Opening The Door To The Criminalization Of Christianity."** According to an opinion by CWA Legal Counsel Mario Diaz for Breitbart.com, "All the evidence to the contrary, if the [Supreme Court] Justices still insist on imposing same-sex 'marriage' on the nation by judicial fiat, they should also consider the ramifications of such a reckless decision. They will be effectively opening the door to the criminalization of Christianity. At the very least, they will be kicking the door wide open to the persecution of Christians (and other religious groups) who believe marriage to be an institution created by God, which they cannot re-define of their own accord." [Mario Díaz – Breitbart.com, [4/27/15](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance: "I Oppose Gay Marriage For The Same Reason That I Oppose Counterfeit Money," As It "Takes Something That's The Real Deal And It Diminishes It."** According to an interview with CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance on *The Mike Huckabee Show*, "I oppose gay marriage for the same reason that I oppose counterfeit money, it, it, it takes something that's the real deal and it diminishes it." [Penny Young Nance - *The Mike Huckabee Show*, [6/26/13](#)]

**Nance: "When The Government Broadens The Definition Of Marriage Beyond Its Traditional Parameters, Children, Communities, And Governments Suffer."** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for the Christian Post, "When the government broadens the definition of marriage beyond its traditional parameters, children, communities, and governments suffer." [Penny Young Nance – Christian Post, [6/10/13](#)]

## **CWA Defended Indiana's Religious Freedom Law**

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance On Indiana's Religious Freedom Law: "This Law It Is Not About LGBT Rights; It's About Religious Freedom."** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance in *The Blaze*, "Let's be clear, this is not about whether or not a baker will serve a cupcake to a 'gay' couple (about which no one is arguing). It's about forcing people of faith to participate in same-sex wedding ceremonies, a religious sacrament in the eyes of many people of faith. This law it is not about LGBT rights; it's about religious freedom." [Penny Young Nance – *The Blaze*, [4/3/15](#)]

**Nance: "The Far Left And It's Cronies Of Silicon Valley... See The Need To Force People Of Faith To Not Just Tolerate But To Participate In The Rituals Of 'Gay Marriage.'"** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for *The Blaze*, "The far left and it's cronies of Silicon Valley, most of whom don't even know people

who are religious, see the need to force people of faith to not just tolerate but to participate in the rituals of ‘gay marriage.’” [Penny Young Nance – The Blaze, [4/3/15](#)]

## **CWA WAS AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT BANNED WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST “MILLIONS” OF LGBT EMPLOYEES**

**In 2014, President Obama Signed An Executive Order That Banned Workplace Discrimination Against “Millions Of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual And Transgender Employees Of Federal Contractors And The Federal Government.”**

According to the Huffington Post, “President Barack Obama on Monday signed an executive order banning workplace discrimination against millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees of federal contractors and the federal government.” [Huffington Post, [7/21/14](#)]

**CWA Legal Counsel Mario Diaz On LGBT Executive Order: President Obama Did “Not Help The ‘LGBT’ Movement With His Dictator-Like Actions, But Only Continue[d] To Divide And Demonize People Of Faith.”**

According to a CWA press release, “White House officials, President Barack Obama is expected to sign an executive order to deny federal contracts to companies and non-profits that treat homosexuality differently from heterosexuality. Concerned Women for America Legal Counsel, Mario Diaz, responds below: ‘This is yet another example of what little regard President Obama has for the American people and our form of government. Democracy, once again, gets in the way of his personal preferences, and so he disregards it with little concern for the long-term implications of his actions. He does not help the ‘LGBT’ movement with his dictator-like actions, but only continues to divide and demonize people of faith who continue to believe as he claims he did not too long ago.’” [CWA Press Release, [6/16/14](#)]

## **CRITICISM OF CAITLYN JENNER**

**CWA Legal Counsel Mario Diaz: “I Wish I Was Bruce Jenner’s Father.”** According to a web post by Concerned Women for America Legal Counsel Mario Diaz on the CWA website, “I wish I was Bruce [Caitlyn] Jenner’s father. Looking at the most recent Vanity Fair cover, it just breaks my heart to see a man in such pain. Jenner seems to be looking for acceptance and validation among those who seek to exploit him most for their personal gain, when the reality is that he is and always has been of immeasurable value.” [Mario Diaz – CWFA.org, [6/2/15](#)]

**Diaz: Caitlyn Jenner’s Vanity Fair Cover “Breaks My Heart To See A Man In Such Pain.”** According to a web post by Concerned Women for America Legal Counsel Mario Diaz on the CWA website, “Looking at the most recent Vanity Fair cover, it just breaks my heart to see a man in such pain. Jenner seems to be looking for acceptance and validation among those who seek to exploit him most for their personal gain, when the reality is that he is and always has been of immeasurable value.” [Mario Diaz – CWFA.org, [6/2/15](#)]

**Diaz: Caitlyn Jenner “Will Not Find What He Is Looking For In Living Out His Caitlyn Fantasy.”** According to a web post by Concerned Women for America Legal Counsel Mario Diaz on the CWA website, “The saddest part of all is that we will continue to see much more of Bruce Jenner. How do I know that? Because he will not find what he is looking for in living out his Caitlyn fantasy. Therefore, he will need something else very soon to fill the void he will still have in his heart. He is searching for something that is not found in a fantasy, but in reality.” [Mario Diaz – CWFA.org, [6/2/15](#)]

## **Opposition To Contraception**

### **CWA OPPOSED MAKING CONTRACEPTION MORE ACCESSIBLE**

**CWA Opposed The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Recommendation That Birth Control Be Available Without A Prescription.** According to the Washington Times, “The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) said in a policy statement released Tuesday evening that making birth control available for women without a doctor’s prescription would help decrease the rate of unplanned pregnancies in the United States, which has remained stubbornly high in recent decades. Even so, Janice Shaw Crouse of Concerned Women for America called the ACOG recommendation ‘reckless,’ saying the use of birth control by girls without a doctor’s supervision could prove dangerous.” [Washington Times, [11/20/12](#)]

**CWA's Janice Shaw Crouse: "Any Guy Who Is Older And Taking Advantage Of A Younger Girl Could Put Her On A Pill."** According to the Washington Times, "Even so, Janice Shaw Crouse of Concerned Women for America called the ACOG recommendation 'reckless,' saying the use of birth control by girls without a doctor's supervision could prove dangerous. 'Any guy who is older and taking advantage of a younger girl could put her on a pill,' Ms. Crouse said. Because birth control doesn't prevent sexually transmitted diseases, she added, a girl not under a doctor's care might contract a disease without knowing it. 'We are in an era where people are supposed to care about women, yet we're being very cavalier about women's health,' she said." [Washington Times, [11/20/12](#)]

**Concerned Women For America President Wendy Wright Called A New Emergency Contraceptive Called Ella, "An Unsafe Abortion Pill That Men Might Slip To Unsuspecting Women."** According to the New York Times, "A federal advisory panel voted unanimously Thursday that federal drug regulators should approve a medicine that could help prevent pregnancy if taken as late as five days after unprotected sex. The pill, called ella, sprang from government labs and appears to be more effective than Plan B, a morning-after pill now available over the counter to women 18 and older that gradually loses efficacy after intercourse and can be taken at latest three days after sex. Ella, by contrast, works just as well on the fifth day as the first after sex. Ella is manufactured by HRA Pharma, a tiny French drug maker. If approved, the medicine would be available by prescription only. Born in the United States, ella was approved for sale in Europe last fall. During the meeting, anti-abortion and abortion rights advocates traded salvos. Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, a conservative group, called ella an unsafe abortion pill that men might slip to unsuspecting women." [New York Times, [6/17/10](#)]

**Wright Claimed That Ella Was An "Abortion Drug" Even Though It Was Marketed And Tested Only As A Contraceptive.** According to the Washington Post, "Ella, known generically as ulipristal acetate, works as a contraceptive by blocking progesterone's activity, delaying the ovaries from producing an egg. But progesterone is also needed to prepare the womb to accept a fertilized egg and to nurture a developing embryo. That's how RU-486 prevents a fertilized egg from implanting and dislodges growing embryos. Ella's chemical similarity to RU-486 raises the possibility that it might do the same thing, perhaps if taken at elevated doses. But no one knows for sure whether the drug would induce an abortion, because the drug has never been tested that way. [...] The Family Research Council and several other groups announced plans Friday to launch a campaign publicizing ella's possible abortion potential. 'Ella is an abortion drug,' said Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America. 'It operates the same way as RU-486, the abortion drug. Many women may be comfortable taking a contraceptive but would object to taking an abortion drug.'" [Washington Post, [8/14/10](#)]

## **CWA CLAIMED MORNING AFTER DRUGS CAUSED ABORTION**

**Wendy Wright As Spokeswoman For CWA In 2001: Emergency Contraception Is An Abortifacient Because It "Causes The Death" Of A "New Life."** According to Salon, "Two other leading pro-life organizations, American Life League and Concerned Women for America, are also strongly opposed to emergency contraception. Says Wendy Wright, spokeswoman for Concerned Women of America, 'One of the ways the so-called emergency contraception works is by not allowing a life that has been conceived to implant in the woman's womb. Implantation is simply the process by which the new life gets nutrition; so it causes the death of that new life. It is an abortifacient.'" [Salon, [6/20/01](#)]

**Wright: Abortion Advocates Support Emergency Contraception So "There'll Be More Clients For Abortions."** According to the transcript of an interview with Wendy Wright on NBC News, "Ms. [Wendy] WRIGHT: 'Yeah. In fact, in the areas England, Sweden, Scotland that has made this drug easily available, there's been no reduction in the number of pregnancies and no reduction in abortions. In fact, there's been an increase in abortions. So now you can see why abortion advocates are so in favor of having this drug easily available. They'll be more clients for abortions.'" [Sunday Today, NBC News, 3/5/06]

## **WENDY WRIGHT: "THE MORNING-AFTER PILL IS A PEDOPHILE'S BEST FRIEND."**

**Wright: "The Morning-After Pill Is A Pedophile's Best Friend."** According to USA Today, "Opponents of selling Plan B over the counter argue that emergency contraceptive pills cause abortions and that easier access will lead to increased promiscuity. 'The morning-after pill is a pedophile's best friend,' Wendy Wright, senior policy director for Concerned Women of America, a public policy organization, said in a statement after learning of Galson's decision. 'Morning-after pill proponents treat women like sex machines.'" [USA Today, [5/9/04](#)]



## CWA ATTACKED PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**CWA: Planned Parenthood Receives “More Than Half A Billion Dollars Of Government Funds To Promote Death, Crime, And Deviancy.”** According to a post on Concerned Women for America’s website, “Why would Planned Parenthood receive more than half a billion dollars of government funds to promote death, crime, and deviancy? The short answer is because it can, thanks to politicians who either ignore Planned Parenthood’s actions or, worse, support them. Please call your representative today and tell them to vote for H.R. 61 and H.R. 217 and take a stand to promote life and decency.” [CWFA.org, [1/10/13](http://1/10/13)]

**Penny Nance: “What Can You Get For \$10? In America, You Can Purchase Birth Control. In The Regions Controlled By ISIS, You Can Purchase A Woman.”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Nance for the Daily Caller, “What can you get for \$10? In America, you can purchase birth control. In the regions controlled by ISIS, you can purchase a woman. According to the United Nations, the Islamic State (ISIS) has imprisoned, abused, and sold at least 2,500 women and children for around \$10 per person to recruit new militants to the Islamic State. ISIS has even set up shop in Iraq’s second largest city, Mosul, to auction off abducted women.” [Penny Nance – Daily Caller, [10/22/14](http://10/22/14)]

**Nance: Planned Parenthood Claims To “Advocate For Sound U.S. Foreign Policies That Improve The Sexual And Reproductive Health” But Failed “To Even Mention” The Threat Of ISIS.** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Nance for the Daily Caller, “Planned Parenthood Global, which claims to ‘advocate for sound U.S. foreign policies that improve the sexual and reproductive health and well-being of individuals and families globally,’ fails to even mention the threat ISIS plays to those women once on their website. In fact, search ‘ISIS’ in the search query, and you’ll be redirected to ‘abortion and birth control.’ Sigh.” [Penny Nance – Daily Caller, [10/22/14](http://10/22/14)]

**Penny Nance: If You Search For The Word “ISIS” On The Planned Parenthood Website You’ll Just “Be Redirected To ‘Abortion And Birth Control.’”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Nance for the Daily Caller, “Planned Parenthood Global, which claims to ‘advocate for sound U.S. foreign policies that improve the sexual and reproductive health and well-being of individuals and families globally,’ fails to even mention the threat ISIS plays to those women once on their website. In fact, search ‘ISIS’ in the search query, and you’ll be redirected to ‘abortion and birth control.’ Sigh.” [Penny Nance – Daily Caller, [10/22/14](http://10/22/14)]

## CWA OPPOSED DC’S LAW BANNING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES “ON THE BASIS OF THEIR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CHOICES”

**CWA Opposed DC’s Law Banning Organizations “From Discriminating Against Employees On The Basis Of Their Reproductive Health Choices.”** According to Salon, “A number of antiabortion groups have taken a defiant stand against a recent Washington, D.C. law that bans organizations from discriminating against employees on the basis of their reproductive health choices, and have reserved the right to fire women for using birth control or having abortions. In a joint statement released on Tuesday, members of half a dozen “pro-life” organizations declared their opposition to the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act, which went into effect in the capital over the weekend. [...] The statement, signed by representatives of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Americans United for Life, March for Life, Concerned Women for America and the Susan B. Anthony List, criticizes RHND as a violation of religious freedom, despite the fact that some of the groups are not religious organizations.” [Salon, [5/7/15](http://5/7/15)]

## CWA CEO PENNY NANCE: SANDRA FLUKE COULD HAVE AFFORDED BIRTH CONTROL IF SHE HAD “JUST HAD LESS BEER IN COLLEGE”

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: I’d Like To Say To Sandra Fluke “If You’d Just Had Less Beer In College, I Think You Probably Could Afford The Birth Control You Wanted.”** According to an interview with CWA CEO and president Penny Nance on the CWA website, “The question before us now is how is the Democrats going to handle that issue, how are they going to appeal to women? Is it going to be the Sandra Fluke sort of message that women are only interested in free birth control or free stuff at that. [...] The question is what message works and it is a message of victimhood, that you need free stuff from the government to be able to be productive in society? The Julia kind of image of women? Or is it one of opportunity and of, you know, owning your own businesses and getting ahead without a government handout, whether it’s less regulation, small government. And also, are you single issue? Is this just about the idea that really all it takes to

win a woman's vote is free birth control which, by the way, we know that WalMart [sic] offers it for \$9 a month. So it's not like - I often think I'd like to say to Sandra Fluke that if you'd just had less beer in college, I think you probably could afford the birth control you wanted." [CWFA.org, [9/5/12](#)]

## CWA URGED SUPPORT FOR THE HOBBY LOBBY LAWSUIT

**CWA Urged Support For Hobby Lobby In Its Lawsuit Against The Obama Administration Over The Affordable Care Act's Contraception Requirement.** According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, "Concerned Women for America (CWA) CEO and President Penny Nance issued the following statement in support of Christian crafts store Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., who will battle the Obama Administration in court Thursday over whether or not the Health and Human Service (HHS) Department can force it to comply with the mandate requiring employers to provide coverage for the morning-after pill and similar drugs that may cause abortions." [Concerned Women for America Press Release, [5/22/13](#)]

## CWA SUPPORTED THE BLUNT AMENDMENT

**Concerned Women for America Supported Passage of Blunt Amendment.** According to a letter to CWA members from CWA CEO Penny Nance on the Concerned Women of America website, "In August, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed an interim rule that required virtually all private health care plans, except those that met a very narrowly tailored religious exemption, to cover sterilization and all FDA-approved contraception, including abortifacients ella and Plan B. HHS reaffirmed the rule on January 20 but delayed implementation for one year for non-exempt religious organizations to change their moral or religious convictions. President Barack Obama tried unsuccessfully to alleviate the religious liberty issues raised by this rule. However, his compromise does not fix the underlying issues, because it still forces religious employers and employees, who have moral objections to sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception, to subsidize them." [CWFA.org, [2/15/12](#)]

**Concerned Women for America Rated Support for Blunt Amendment as Key Vote.** [Concerned Women for America Senate Scorecard, 112th Congress, accessed [5/28/15](#)]

- **The Blunt Amendment Would Have Allowed Employers to Deny Contraceptive Health Coverage Based on Religious or Moral Objections.** According to CBS News, "The Senate on Thursday struck down a controversial amendment that would allow any U.S. employer, not just those affiliated with a religious institution, to deny contraceptive health coverage to its employees based on religious or moral objections." [CBS News, [3/1/12](#)]

## Opposition To Abortion

### CWA WAS OPPOSED TO ABORTION, "FETAL TISSUE EXPERIMENTATION, AND EMBRYONIC RESEARCH."

**CWA Was Opposed To Abortion, "Fetal Tissue Experimentation, And Embryonic Research."** According to the Concerned Women for America website, "We are concerned about...The protection of innocent human life — including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering." [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: "It's Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable."** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, "[CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: [...] 'At the same time, Concerned Women members all over this nation volunteer in ministries that exist to help women in crisis. It's not enough for abortion to be illegal. We should make it unthinkable.'" [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

### CWA SUPPORTED THE 20 WEEK ABORTION BAN PASSED BY THE HOUSE

**CWA Celebrated The "Historic Passage" Of The "Pain-Capable Unborn Children Protection Act" In The House Of Representatives.** According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, "Today, as we mark two years since the

conviction of abortionist Kermit Gosnell for murder, we celebrate the House of Representatives' historic passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Children Protection Act by a vote of 242-184. Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee CEO and President, Penny Nance, made the following remarks about the bill's passage: 'It is absurd that what happened in Gosnell's House of Horrors – babies being born alive and then brutally having their spinal cords severed – is legally allowed to happen each and every day to babies of the same gestational age in the womb. These babies are pulled apart limb by limb. We need to make sure that as the leader of the free world our abortion policies are not aligning with countries like China and North Korea.'" [Concerned Women for America Press Release, [5/18/15](#)]

- **The Act Bans Doctors "From Performing Abortions After 20 Weeks Of Pregnancy, Except In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or When The Mother's Life Is In Danger."** According to the Huffington Post, "The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill on Wednesday that bans the procedure Williams chose to have. The so-called Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act aims to prohibit doctors from performing abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger. There is no exception for severe fetal anomalies, and the bill requires a neonatal doctor to try to save the fetus if there is any chance it could survive outside the womb." [Huffington Post, [5/14/15](#)]

**The Bill Was Scheduled For A Vote In January 2015 But Was Pulled After "A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers" Because Of Language Exempting Rape Victims Only If They Reported The Rape To Law Enforcement.** According to the Washington Post, "House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the 'Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act' that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement." [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

## **CWA HELPED PASS TEXAS'S RESTRICTIVE ABORTION BILL, CAUSING MANY CLINICS TO CLOSE**

**CWA Spokeswoman Janice Shaw Crouse Opinion Headline: "No Surprise Abortion Activists Are Nasty: They're Defending Unlimited Abortions."** [Janice Shaw Crouse – LifeNews.com, [7/9/13](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Thanked CWA-Texas For Its Help In Passing The Restrictive Abortion Bill Originally Blocked By Texas State Sen. Wendy Davis's Filibuster.** According to ABC News, "Texas Gov. Rick Perry today signed into law the restrictive abortion bill that initiated State Sen. Wendy Davis' 11-hour filibuster and ignited the protests of pro-abortion rights advocates across the country. [...] Anti-abortion groups responded to the day's events with statements of praise for the governor. 'This is a lifesaving victory for Texas women and unborn children,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. 'We thank Governor Perry, the pro-life legislators, and the entire statewide coalition including Texas Right to Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Concerned Women for America of Texas, 40 Days for Life, and so many others for making this happen.'" [ABC News, [7/18/13](#)]

- **The Bill "Dramatically Reduced" Abortion Access In Texas And Full Implementation Of The Law, Would "Leave No Abortion Clinics In The Rio Grande Valley Or In West Texas."** According to the Texas Observer, "Abortion access was dramatically reduced in October 2013 by Texas' omnibus abortion bill. Full implementation of the law, which is pending in the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, will leave no abortion clinics in the Rio Grande Valley or in West Texas. Since finding the clinic in McAllen, Nuñez has encouraged her friends to schedule their appointments the same day, so they can carpool to save money on gas." [Texas Observer, [4/15/15](#)]

## **CWA PRESIDENT PENNY NANCE COMPARED ACCESS TO ABORTION TO THE HOLOCAUST**

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance Compared Abortion To The Holocaust.** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Nance for the Christian Post, "Abortion is the seminal human rights issue of our time. For our grandparent's generation, the Holocaust was the most heart-breaking atrocity against mankind. As many as 1.5 million Jewish children were killed as a result of the Nazis' horrific genocide scheme. What's shameful is that America surpassed this number

of little lives lost to a cruel genocide long ago. Since 1973, the deaths of more than 54 million unborn children have been reported in the United States alone. Every year, approximately 1.21 million more unborn children will be aborted. And nearly 4,000 abortions are performed daily, as reported by National Right to Life. This is an injustice which must end.” [Penny Nance – Christian Post, [7/9/13](#)]

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## **CWA OPPOSED EXCEPTIONS FOR RAPE AND INCEST IN LAWS RESTRICTING ABORTION**

**CWA: “Abortion Supporters Abuse Tragic Circumstances” Such As Rape And Incest “To Gain Sympathy For Abortion-On-Demand.”** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “They’re called the ‘hard cases’: those situations that may cause even ‘pro-life’ people to waffle on their opposition to abortion. A 12-year-old is the victim of incest by her brother. A 16-year-old, the only child of a hard-working single parent, is brutally raped by a stranger. A man overpowers a recent high school graduate on their first date. Abortion supporters abuse tragic circumstances like these to gain sympathy for abortion-on-demand. When a woman or girl is the victim of sexual abuse, they say abortion is a way of escape. They claim that “forcing her” to give birth in these situations will cause more trauma than she can handle. What could be crueler, they ask, than insisting a girl or woman must bear the child of her rapist or abuser?” [Family Voice, [January/February 2001](#)]

**CWA: “Giving Birth Is A Critical Step” In A Rape Victim’s “Recovery And Healing.”** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, “Giving birth is a critical step in the victim’s recovery and healing. Sheryle Bowers didn’t take part in research for Victims and Victors, but her testimony tells the same story. She was just turning 12, and her family was in turmoil. Sheryle’s mother, Mary, was doing her best to care for her five children after her alcoholic husband left them. Then a suitor entered her life. She was attracted to him and appreciated the attention he gave her children. But unknown to Mary, the 29-year-old man, whom she would eventually marry, began a sexual relationship with Sheryle. [...] “I cried for two days in the hospital,” she recalls. ‘It’s not your ideal way to have a baby. But does that mean, for our convenience, we take his life?’ Overcoming the abuse took years, but Sheryle attributes her healing to God, and she credits Christopher’s birth as the beginning. ‘Finally God fulfilled a promise He had given me: ‘The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more’ (Zephaniah 3:15). My son was really a gift from God because he created a way of escape,’ Sheryle says. ‘The natural thing is to stay in the dark, to cover [the incest] up. Abortion is another way [for abuse] to stay hidden.’” [Family Voice, [January/February 2001](#)]

## **Opposition To The Violence Against Women Act**

### **CWA CEO AND PRESIDENT PENNY NANCE “WROTE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO OPPOSE” THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance “Wrote Members Of Congress To Oppose” The Violence Against Women Act.** According to The Wall Street Journal, “While Mr. Romney is looking for ways to reach out to women voters, some social conservatives say supporting the Violence Against Women Act is the wrong course. The president of Concerned Women for America, Penny Nance, wrote members of Congress to oppose the law.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/18/12](#)]

**Nance: “The Violence Against Women Act Is, In Large Part, A Rigid Series Of Ineffective Law Enforcement Programs That Continue To Waste Approximately \$400 Million Each Year.”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO



and President Penny Young Nance for The Washington Times, “The Violence Against Women Act is, in large part, a rigid series of ineffective law enforcement programs that continue to waste approximately \$400 million each year, which could be redirected to the states to reach real victims of domestic violence.” [Penny Young Nance – Washington Times, [3/5/13](#)]

## **CWA OBJECTED TO VAWA’S LGBT PROTECTIONS WHILE CLAIMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS “TWICE AS PREVALENT” AMONG SAME-SEX COUPLES**

**CWA’s Janice Shaw Crouse: “Domestic Violence Is A Common Problem — Twice As Prevalent Among Homosexual Couples As In Heterosexual Ones.”** According to an opinion by CWA’s Janice Shaw Crouse for Townhall.com, “Domestic violence is a common problem — twice as prevalent among homosexual couples as in heterosexual ones.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – Townhall.com, [3/9/10](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance: “A Major Problem With VAWA Is That It Lacks Appropriate Focus” As It “Has Language Seeking Grant Conditions For ‘Sexual Orientation’ And ‘Gender Identity.’”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for The Washington Times, “A major problem with VAWA is that it lacks appropriate focus on the real issues at hand. Currently, VAWA has language seeking grant conditions for ‘sexual orientation’ and ‘gender identity’ (Section 3-39). Adding such controversial language to a bill that seeks to protect women diverts focus from victims of violence and bogs it down with partisan political messaging.” [Penny Young Nance – Washington Times, [2/8/13](#)]

**CWA On VAWA: “In Order To Receive Federal Grants, Domestic Violence Organizations Have To Agree To Embrace The Homosexual Agenda.”** According to an email from CWA that was posted by Right Wing Watch, “It is astounding that the left’s ‘war on woman’ has some senators afraid to oppose a bad bill simply because it’s titled, ‘The Violence Against Women Act.’ This legislation, which is normally a boondoggle for feminists groups, has become even more political this Congress. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), S. 1925, creates new protections for homosexuals. In order to receive federal grants, domestic violence organizations have to agree to embrace the homosexual agenda. It also expands categories of who is eligible to receive services.” [CWA Email via RightWingWatch.org, [4/23/12](#)]

## **CWA’S JANICE SHAW CROUSE CLAIMED VAWA “PITS HUSBANDS AGAINST WIVES” AND “CONTRIBUTED TO THE BREAKDOWN OF FAMILIES”**

**CWA’s Janice Shaw Crouse Called The Violence Against Women Act “A Bad Piece Of Legislation” That “Poison[s]” Relations Between Women And Men.** According to a web post by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for CWA’s website, “A bad piece of legislation is about to be reauthorized, empowering bureaucrats and tort lawyers and poisoning relations between women and men. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) could be fixed, but Senate Democrats will not hear of it.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: “VAWA Offers Women Both A ‘Tactical Advantage’ And A ‘Powerful Weapon’ When They Want To ‘Get Back’ At A Man, Have Regrets The Next Morning, Or Want Out Of A Marriage For Any Reason At All.”** According to a web post by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for CWA’s website, “In short, VAWA offers women both a ‘tactical advantage’ and a ‘powerful weapon’ when they want to ‘get back’ at a man, have regrets the next morning, or want out of a marriage for any reason at all.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: “An Unintended (Or Perhaps Not) Consequence Of VAWA Is That The Legislation Created A Climate Of Suspicion Of Men And An Abusive System That Contributed To The Breakdown Of Families.”** According to a web post by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for CWA’s website, “An unintended (or perhaps not) consequence of VAWA is that the legislation created a climate of suspicion of men and an abusive system that contributed to the breakdown of families.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: VAWA “Pits Husbands Against Wives.”** According to The Wall Street Journal, “While Mr. Romney is looking for ways to reach out to women voters, some social conservatives say supporting the Violence Against Women Act is the wrong course. The president of Concerned Women for America, Penny Nance, wrote members of Congress to oppose the law. ‘It pits husbands against wives,’ said Janice Crouse, spokeswoman for the group. She said elements of the law were triggered by ‘very flimsy’ claims of abuse. ‘A woman can, with the barest evidence and no evidence at all, claim abuse and get him out of the house.’” [Wall Street Journal, [4/18/12](#)]

## **CWA’S JANICE SHAW CROUSE QUESTIONED THE IDEA THAT MILITARY FAMILIES EXPERIENCE AN INCREASED RISK OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Crouse: “A Favorite (Unsubstantiated) Argument Frequently Used By Feminists Is That ‘Controlling Communities’ Foster Violence Against Women; Those ‘Controlling Communities’ Are Military And Religious Families.”**

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**Crouse: “Families That Go To Church Are Happier And Healthier On Every Measure Of Women’s Well-Being.”**

According to an opinion by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for a CWA web post, “A favorite (unsubstantiated) argument frequently used by feminists is that ‘controlling communities’ foster violence against women; those ‘controlling communities’ are military and religious families. Not only are these families NOT on the CDC’s long list of risk factors for domestic violence, the social science data are clear: families that go to church are happier and healthier on every measure of women’s well-being. A married father-mother home is the safest and most nurturing place for the nation’s women and children.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: “By Now, Everyone Should Know That The Majority Of ‘Domestic Violence’ Incidences Are Committed By Boyfriends, Not Husbands.”** According to an opinion by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for a CWA web post, “By now, everyone should know that the majority of ‘domestic violence’ incidences are committed by boyfriends, not husbands.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: “Military Personnel, Too, Are Not Potential Abusers Of Women Because Of Their Profession.”** According to an opinion by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America’s Beverly LaHaye Institute, for a CWA web post, “Military personnel, too, are not potential abusers of women because of their profession; they are, by-and-large, honorable men who are in the military to protect their families and nation.” [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

## **Data Shows Higher Rates Of Domestic Violence In Military Families Than The Civilian Population**

**RTI International Deputy Program Director Deborah Gibbs: “The Best Data Around Show” That The Military Has “Higher Rates Of Spouse Abuse” Than Civilians.** According to Stars and Stripes, “Deborah Gibbs, deputy program director of the Women, Children and Families Program for Research at the research institute RTI International, who has done studies on Army families, said numerous studies have produced conflicting reports of abuse rates. She said the social science consensus, however, was that spouse abuse rates are higher in the military than in civilian life, but that, paradoxically, child maltreatment rates are lower. ‘The best data around show they have higher rates of spouse abuse, which may have negative repercussions for kids. But the best evidence is that rates of child maltreatment are probably lower in military populations than civilian populations,’ she said. ‘I think that surprises people.’” [Stars and Stripes, [7/10/11](#)]

**An Examination By The New York Times Found “More Than 150 Cases Of Fatal Domestic Violence Or Child Abuse In The United States Involving Service Members And New Veterans” From 2001 To 2008.** According to the New York Times, “National attention to the subject was short-lived. But an examination by The Times found more than 150 cases of fatal domestic violence or child abuse in the United States involving service members and new veterans during the wartime period that began in October 2001 with the invasion of Afghanistan.” [New York Times, [2/15/08](#)]

## **CWA'S JANICE SHAW CROUSE CALLED VAWA "A BOONDOGGLE FOR FEMINIST ORGANIZATIONS"**

**Crouse: VAWA Is A "Thinly Veiled Means Of Promoting Feminist Ideology, And Anyone Who Dares To Raise Questions Is Accused Of Waging A 'War Against Women.'"** According to an opinion by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America's Beverly LaHaye Institute, for a CWA web post, "The end result is that a bill that supposedly addresses domestic violence is, instead, a thinly veiled means of promoting feminist ideology, and anyone who dares to raise questions is accused of waging a 'war against women.'" [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

**Crouse: "The Vast VAWA Bureaucracy Is A Full-Employment Entity For Feminist Lawyers And Social Workers And A Boondoggle For Feminist Organizations."** According to an opinion by Janice Shaw Crouse, senior fellow of the Concerned Women for America's Beverly LaHaye Institute, for a CWA web post, "The vast VAWA bureaucracy is a full-employment entity for feminist lawyers and social workers and a boondoggle for feminist organizations who assume that all men are prone to violence and that any accusation a woman makes is fully truthful without question – any skeptic is labeled 'anti-women.'" [Janice Shaw Crouse – CWFA.org, [3/5/12](#)]

## **Opposition To Equal Pay**

### **CWA CALLED THE 77 CENT GENDER PAY GAP A "MYTH."**

**CWA: "While The 77 Cent Myth Makes A Good Talking Point, That Number Ignores The Variables That Are Unique To The Choices Women Make."** According to CWA's Paycheck Fairness Act Fact Sheet, "While the 77 cent myth makes a good talking point, that number ignores the variables that are unique to the choices women make, which differ from men, in their work/life balance. Those variables affect how women are compensated, including women's decision regarding education, industry, area of expertise, experience and how much time is taken off" [CWFA.org, [April 2014](#)]

**CWA: "When Variables Like Career Choices Or Time Spent Out Of The Workforce Are Addressed, The So-Called 'Wage Gap' Largely Disappears."** According to a CWA web post, "The reality is that discrimination is no longer a significant reason why women earn less, on average, than their male counterparts. It really comes down to choice – more women than men choose to take time off to raise a family or to care for their parents. In fact, when variables like career choices or time spent out of the workforce are addressed, the so-called 'wage gap' largely disappears." [CWFA.org, [2/23/15](#)]

**CWA: "In The Rare Instances Of Sex-Based Wage Discrimination, There Are Already Laws On The Books Which Address It."** According to a CWA web post, "In the rare instances of sex-based wage discrimination, there are already laws on the books which address it. That is something which all women should applaud." [CWFA.org, [2/23/15](#)]

### **CWA CEO AND PRESIDENT PENNY YOUNG NANCE ATTRIBUTED GENDER WAGE GAP TO FACTORS SUCH AS "EXPERIENCE," NOT DISCRIMINATION**

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance: "Numerous Studies Show That The Gap In Pay Arises Not Necessarily Because Of Discrimination, But Most Often Out Of The Individual Choices Made" By Women.** According to a press release from CWA, "Penny Young Nance, President and CEO of Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest public policy women's organization had this to say about the Paycheck Fairness Act: 'Congress is about to make a bad situation worse. In a poor attempt at helping women, the Paycheck Fairness Act will backfire on those it's intended to help: working women. 'Instead of allowing wages to be set on factors between the employer and the employee, the Paycheck Fairness Act rams a one-size-fits-all approach onto the back of corporate America. Numerous studies show that the gap in pay arises not necessarily because of discrimination, but most often out of the individual choices made by men and women.'" [CWA Press Release, [5/4/12](#)]

**Nance: "Factors That Skew The Wage Gap Between Men And Women" Include "Education, Experience, Or Tenure."** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for U.S. News & World Report, "Proponents of the Paycheck Fairness Act assert that the 1963 Equal Pay Act failed because women still earn approximately 70 cents for every dollar a man earns. However, the wage gap is not necessarily the result of discrimination. There are factors

that skew the wage gap between men and women that are based on a variety of aspects, including education, experience, or tenure.” [Penny Young Nance – U.S. News & World Report, [5/4/12](#)]

**Nance: “Women's Prerogative In The Workforce Goes Far Beyond Matching Men's Wages... I Know Women Who Rejected Promotions Because It Meant More Travel And Less Time At Home.”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for U.S. News & World Report, “Many mothers, including myself, have sacrificed several years of their careers to raise their children. Women's prerogative in the workforce goes far beyond matching men's wages. Gallup notes that 50 percent of women prefer homemaking to working. Yet, working women often seek jobs that offer non-monetary benefits, such as health insurance, flexible hours, and childcare provisions. I know women who rejected promotions because it meant more travel and less time at home.” [Penny Young Nance – U.S. News & World Report, [5/4/12](#)]

**Nance: “Women Have Been Protected Against Discrimination Since 1963 Under By The Equal Pay Act As Well As The Civil Rights Act.”** According to an opinion by CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance for U.S. News & World Report, “There are employers who discriminate in hiring and salary based on superficial traits, including race, gender, and religion. I understand that. But women have been protected against discrimination since 1963 under by the Equal Pay Act as well as the Civil Rights Act. In reality, the person who gets the job in today's corporate America is the one best qualified.” [Penny Young Nance – U.S. News & World Report, [5/4/12](#)]

## **CWA CEO AND PRESIDENT PENNY YOUNG NANCE SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT**

**Nance: “The Paycheck Fairness Act Is A Misguided Policy Proposal Which Will Hurt Businesses And The Economy And Is Likely To Backfire On Its Intended Beneficiaries: Working Women.”** According to a statement from CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance in a CWA press release, “Once again, the Paycheck Fairness Act is a misguided policy proposal which will hurt businesses and the economy and is likely to backfire on its intended beneficiaries: working women.” [CWA Press Release, [5/4/12](#)]

**Nance: “Instead Of Allowing Wages To Be Set On Factors Between The Employer And The Employee, The Paycheck Fairness Act Rams A One-Size-Fits-All Approach Onto The Back Of Corporate America.”** According to a statement from CWA CEO and President Penny Young Nance in a CWA press release, “Congress is about to make a bad situation worse. In a poor attempt at helping women, the Paycheck Fairness Act will backfire on those it's intended to help: working women. Instead of allowing wages to be set on factors between the employer and the employee, the Paycheck Fairness Act rams a one-size-fits-all approach onto the back of corporate America.” [CWA Press Release, [5/4/12](#)]

## **Radical Positions On The U.S. Military**

### **CWA: “HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH MILITARY SERVICE”**

**CWA: Don't Ask Don't Tell Is A “Reasonable Law,” Which “Says Homosexual Behavior Is Not Compatible With Military Service.”** According to a Family Voice Bulletin on the CWA website, “Bottom Line: The law says homosexual behavior is not compatible with military service. Executive Branch policy (led by the president, implemented by the Defense Department) is ‘Don't Ask, Don't Tell.’ President Obama promised to repeal the law that says homosexual behavior is not compatible with military service. - See more [...] The law which President Obama and liberals in Congress hope to repeal is a reasonable law which ensures that the U.S. military is ready and able to meet its primary objective. Despite Executive Branch policy that makes the law difficult to enforce, the law itself sets an objective standard that respects all Americans, no matter their sexual choices. The advocates of politicizing the military on the basis of individuals' sexual choices have yet to make their case.” [CWFA.org, [5/9/10](#)]

**CWA: “Liberals Have Spent Decades Targeting The United States Military With Their Demands For Radical Social Restructuring In Favor Of Homosexuality.”** According to a Family Voice Bulletin from the CWA, “Liberals have spent



decades targeting the United States military with their demands for radical social restructuring in favor of homosexuality.” [CWFA.org, [5/9/10](#)]

**CWA: “No Soldier Volunteers For Military Service In Order To Subject Themselves To Unwanted Sexual Attention.”** According to a Family Voice Bulletin from the CWA, “This sidetracked mission of social experimentation would also create an environment of hostility in the unique atmosphere of the military. Service members expect to face hardship in their profession, many of which are unique to the military: basic training, deployments, permanent change of station (PCS), and hazardous jobs – to say nothing of engaging in warfare itself. By contrast, no soldier volunteers for military service in order to subject themselves to unwanted sexual attention.” [CWFA.org, [5/9/10](#)]

**CWA: The Law Liberals Refer To As “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Was “Forthright In Its Exclusion Of Homosexual Practice In The Military.”** According to a Family Voice Bulletin from the CWA, “In his 2010 State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama pledged, ‘This year, I will work with Congress and our military to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love.’ Liberals refer to this law as ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ which confuses the issue and helps advance their agenda. In reality, the law is forthright in its exclusion of homosexual practice in the military.” [CWFA.org, [5/9/10](#)]

**CWA Defended Former General Peter Pace For “Noting That Homosexual Behavior Is Immoral.”** According to a Family Voice Bulletin from the CWA, “To win medals for bravery from the mainstream media, all a military commander needs to do is go along with the conventional, liberal agenda. Simply go along with the latest politically correct mandate, and avoid thinking independent thoughts or challenging the status quo, and – poof! – you’re brave! By contrast, Mullen’s predecessor, General Peter Pace, faced withering criticism from the establishment simply for noting that homosexual behavior is immoral. As Milbank describes it: ‘Just three years ago, Mullen’s predecessor as chairman, Gen. Peter Pace, gave a very different view on gays in the military, saying, ‘We should not condone immoral acts.’ Instead of gushing articles praising him for bravery, Gen. Pace lost his position when President George W. Bush refused to re-appoint him for fear of intense confirmation hearings over the war in Iraq and, ‘Some [congressional staffers] said Pace’s recent comments to reporters at the Chicago Tribune about the military’s ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ policy, in which he said homosexuality was immoral, would also be a distracting issue.’” [CWFA.org, [5/9/10](#)]

## CWA OPPOSED LIFTING THE BAN ON WOMEN IN COMBAT

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance Called Decision To Lift The Ban On Women Serving In Direct Combat “Disappointing.”** According to a CWA press release, “Penny Nance, CEO and President of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation’s largest public policy women’s organization, responds: ‘National security must not be jeopardized in order to meet an equal opportunity quota. The intent to lift the long-standing ban on women serving in direct combat is further proof that this administration simply does not care about the issues about which the majority of women care. [...] While this decision is not unexpected from this administration, it is still disappointing.’” [CWA Press Release, [6/18/13](#)]

**Nance On Allowing Women To Serve In Combat: “National Security Must Not Be Jeopardized In Order To Meet An Equal Opportunity Quota.”** According to a CWA press release, “The Pentagon today announced its schedule for integrating women into front-line combat by 2016. The Pentagon is developing gender-neutral tests that men and women must pass to qualify for combat roles. The timelines follow former-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta’s January decision to open 237,000 military jobs to women, including infantry, armor, and special operations. Penny Nance, CEO and President of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation’s largest public policy women’s organization, responds: ‘National security must not be jeopardized in order to meet an equal opportunity quota.’” [CWA Press Release, [6/18/13](#)]

- **Nance: “Our Military Cannot Continue To Choose Social Experimentation And Political Correctness Over Combat Readiness.”** According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, “Penny Nance, CEO and President of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation’s largest public policy women’s organization, responds: [...] ‘The point of the military is to protect our country. Anything that distracts from that is detrimental. Our military cannot continue to choose social experimentation and political correctness over combat readiness. While this decision is not unexpected from this administration, it is still disappointing. Concerned Women for America and its more than 500,000 members around the country will continue to do all we can to see that our men and women in uniform are

governed with the respect and resources needed to do the hard task of fighting for and protecting our freedoms.” [CWA Press Release, [6/18/13](#)]

## **CWA OPPOSED MAKING ABORTION ACCESSIBLE TO MILITARY SERVICEWOMEN WHO WERE RAPED**

### **CWA Urged Senators To Oppose Sen. Jeanne Shaheen’s Amendment To The 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, Claiming That It Would Provide Women In The Military Who Were Raped With Abortions As A “Cure All”**

According to a letter from CWA CEO and president, Penny Nance, to the United States Senate, “On behalf of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee's (CWALAC) 500,000 members nationwide, I am writing you to ask you to oppose Senator Jeanne Shaheen’s Amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization bill that forces taxpayers to foot the bill for abortions in the case of rape or incest. Instead of focusing on our national security at a time of war, this amendment simply serves as a political distraction.[...] But our priorities should be placed on preventing these crimes, punishing the perpetrators, and not covering up a crime by merely dealing with the physical consequences. Women deserve better than simply being given abortion as a ‘cure-all.” [Penny Nance - CWA Letter to Senate, [11/30/11](#)]

### **CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: Priority Should Be On Preventing Rape Not “Covering Up A Crime”**

**Through Abortion.** According to a letter from CWA CEO and president, Penny Nance, to the United States Senate, “Women already have access to abortions at a military facility in instances of rape or incest. However, American taxpayers have not been forced to pay for these abortions. Pregnancies under such difficult circumstances need an extra measure of compassion and support. We need to remember that these women are victims of a heinous crime. But our priorities should be placed on preventing these crimes, punishing the perpetrators, and not covering up a crime by merely dealing with the physical consequences. Women deserve better than simply being given abortion as a ‘cure-all.” [Penny Nance - CWA Letter to Senate, [11/30/11](#)]

- **Sen. Shaheen's Amendment Extended “Abortion Insurance Coverage To Victims Of Rape In The Military” So Servicewomen Who Became Pregnant From Rape Would Not Have To Pay Out Of Pocket.** According to the Huffington Post, “In a historic bipartisan vote on Tuesday, the Senate passed Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's (D-N.H.) amendment to the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act that would extend abortion insurance coverage to victims of rape in the military. If the House of Representatives decides to include the measure in its version of the defense bill, military servicewomen who have become pregnant from rape will no longer have to pay out of pocket for an abortion procedure for the first time since 1981.” [Huffington Post, [12/5/12](#)]

## **CWA OPPOSED MILITARY HOSPITALS BEING REQUIRED TO CARRY TWO KINDS OF MORNING AFTER DRUGS**

### **CWA Opposed Military Hospitals Being Required To Carry Two Morning After Pills, Plan B and Next Choice.**

According to LifeNews.com, “Late Thursday, the Obama administration issued a new order for the U.S. military requiring all military hospitals and health centers to stock the morning after pill. The Department of Defense will soon begin having military medical facilities stock the Plan B drug, which can sometimes cause an abortion. The Obama administration’s decision came after the Pentagon’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, an advisory panel, made the recommendation to stock the drug. The PPTC suggested stocking both Plan B and the Next Choice generic of the morning after pill. [...] Obama’s decision is not going over well with Wendy Wright, the president of Concerned Women for America.” [LifeNews.com, [2/5/10](#)]

- **CWA’s Wendy Wright On Military Hospitals Carrying Morning After Pills: “The Military Needs To Focus On Its Prime Mission, Yet Leftists View It As A Means To Promote Their Agenda.”** According to LifeNews.com, “Obama’s decision is not going over well with Wendy Wright, the president of Concerned Women for America. ‘The military needs to focus on its prime mission, yet leftists view it as a means to promote their agenda,’ she told LifeNews.com. ‘The morning-after pill is highly ineffective in preventing pregnancies and completely useless in preventing sexually-transmitted diseases. But it’s a political tool for abortion advocates.’” [LifeNews.com, [2/5/10](#)]

## Advocacy For Federal Spending Reductions That Hurt Women

### **CWA WAS AGAINST RAISING THE DEBT CEILING WITHOUT DRACONIAN REDUCTIONS AND HELD THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT DEFAULT**

**CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance: Washington Must Ensure “The Debt Ceiling Is Not Increased Without Significant Spending Reductions.”** According to an op-ed by Penny Young Nance for The Christian Post, “No matter how much politicians try to spin the narrative on our \$17 trillion national debt crisis, they cannot hide the real financial struggles under which our nation is crumbling. Washington must reduce our deficit by cutting spending, reforming entitlements and ensuring the debt ceiling is not increased without significant spending reductions that don't use budgetary gimmicks or raise taxes on American families.” [Penny Young Nance – Christian Post, [8/20/13](#)]

**CWALAC: “Raising The Debt Ceiling And Allowing More Borrowing Without Making Reforms That Will Reduce Future Deficits Is Simply Irresponsible.”** According to a post on Concerned Women for America's website, “Americans want our leaders to put our country on a path to balance by pairing any debt increase with at least equal spending cuts. Raising the debt ceiling and allowing more borrowing without making reforms that will reduce future deficits is simply irresponsible.” [CWFA.org, [9/25/13](#)]

### **Penny Nance Signed A Letter That Claimed “The United States Will Not Default On Its Debt And The Full Faith And Credit Of America Will Not Be Questioned”**

**Nance Signed A Letter That Weighed In On The Debt Ceiling Debate, Claiming, “The United States Will Not Default On Its Debt And The Full Faith And Credit Of America Will Not Be Questioned.”** According to a Conservative Action Project letter signed by Concerned Women of America President Penny Nance, “Congress must pass a 10-year pathway to balance to raise debt limit,” “The United States will not default on its debt and the full faith and credit of America will not be questioned. Not only does the federal government have the funds necessary to service our debt, the executive branch has a constitutional obligation to do so. After we service the debt we also have the ability to prioritize spending obligations to ensure critical programs are funded first with remaining revenue.” [Conservative Action Project Letter, [1/17/13](#)]

### **CWALAC Launched A \$1.15 Million TV Ad Buy “During The Height Of The Debt-Ceiling Debate” In 2011**

**CWALAC Launched A \$1.15 Million TV Ad Buy To Target “Washington's Spending Addiction During The Height Of The Debt-Ceiling Debate” In 2011.** According to a web post on Concerned Women for America's website, “Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) will launch an aggressive \$1.15 million television ad buy beginning Thursday, July 21. The ‘Spenditol’ buy targets Washington's spending addiction during the height of the debt-ceiling debate. The ad will air in four states-Florida, Ohio, Nebraska, and Montana-as well as nationally on cable television networks such as FOX News Channel and CNN.” [CWFA.org, [7/21/11](#)]

**Wall Street Journal Headline: “Failure to Raise the Debt Ceiling Would Be ‘Catastrophic.’”** [Wall Street Journal, [9/26/13](#)]

**International Monetary Fund: “Even A Temporary Failure Of The U.S. Government To Pay Its Bills Would Have A ‘Catastrophic’ Impact On The U.S. And Global Economy.”** According to The Wall Street Journal, “Even a temporary failure of the U.S. government to pay its bills would have a ‘catastrophic’ impact on the U.S. and global economy, according to the International Monetary Fund. U.S. officials warn that the government could run out of cash to pay its social security and military obligations by the middle of next month if lawmakers fail to reach a deal to raise the amount of money the country can borrow, called the debt ceiling. Even if it was temporary, the IMF estimates that such a shock could shave around a half-percentage point off growth around the world at a fragile stage in the global recovery. Europe is only just showing signs of coming out of two years of severe recession while growth in emerging markets is weakening.” [Wall Street Journal, [9/26/13](#)]

## **CWA LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE ADVOCATED FOR SEQUESTER CUTS THAT “DISPROPORTIONATELY HURT POOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN”**

### **CWALAC Took Partial Credit For Ensuring That Sequester Spending Levels Were Not Set Aside During Budget Negotiations In 2013**

**In 2013, CWALAC “Successfully Worked With Members Of Congress To Ensure That The Agreed Upon Sequester Spending Levels Were Not Set Aside During Budget Negotiations.”** According to the 2013 History section of the Concerned Women for America website, “The Budget Control Act of 2011 included automatic spending cuts and caps known as the ‘sequester.’ This was a bipartisan effort to reduce our spending and our nation’s deficit. CWALAC [Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee] successfully worked with Members of Congress to ensure that the agreed upon sequester spending levels were not set aside during budget negotiations (as these cuts are the only the government has at reigning in our out-of-control national debt).” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/14/15](#)]

### **The Sequester Cuts CWALAC Advocated Hurt Poor Women And Children**

**International Business Times Headline: “Sequester Cuts Disproportionately Hurt Poor Women and Children.”** [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Due To The Sequester, \$86 Million Was “Slashed From Key Women’s Health Programs That Primarily Serve Lower-Income Women.”** According to the International Business Times, “A total of \$86 million has been slashed from key women’s health programs that primarily serve lower-income women, who often lack access to quality health care coverage.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Removed \$4 Million From The Safe Motherhood Initiative To Help Prevent Pregnancy-Related Complications, Which “Between Two And Three Women Die From” Every Day.** According to the International Business Times, “The automatic budget cuts remove \$4 million from the Safe Motherhood Initiative, which helps prevent pregnancy-related deaths (a bigger problem than one would think in the U.S., where between two and three women die from pregnancy-related complications every day) [...]” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Eliminated \$8 Million From The Breast And Cervical Cancer Screening Program, Which Provides Cancer Screenings To Poor Women.** According to the International Business Times, “The automatic budget cuts remove \$4 million from the Safe Motherhood Initiative, which helps prevent pregnancy-related deaths (a bigger problem than one would think in the U.S., where between two and three women die from pregnancy-related complications every day); \$8 million from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, which provides cancer screenings to poor women [...]” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Cut \$24 Million From The Title X Family Planning And Reproductive Service.** According to the International Business Times, “The automatic budget cuts remove \$4 million from the Safe Motherhood Initiative, which helps prevent pregnancy-related deaths (a bigger problem than one would think in the U.S., where between two and three women die from pregnancy-related complications every day); \$8 million from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, which provides cancer screenings to poor women; \$24 million from the Title X family planning and reproductive services [...]” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Eliminated \$50 Million From The Title V Maternal And Child Health Services Block Grant.** According to the International Business Times, “The automatic budget cuts remove \$4 million from the Safe Motherhood Initiative, which helps prevent pregnancy-related deaths (a bigger problem than one would think in the U.S., where between two and three women die from pregnancy-related complications every day); \$8 million from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, which provides cancer screenings to poor women; \$24 million from the Title X family planning and reproductive services; and \$50 million from the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. The Title V block grant provides prenatal care for low-income, at-risk pregnant women, provides access to preventive child care services, and provides funding to reduce infant mortality.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]



**Sequestration Removed \$20 Million From The Violence Against Women Act.** According to the International Business Times, “Sequestration also cuts \$20 million from the recently reinstated Violence Against Women Act, and another \$9 million from the Family Violence Prevention Act.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Cut \$9 Million From The Family Violence Prevention Act, Which Was “The Primary Source Of Funding For Shelters That Provide A Safe Haven To Women And Children Who Have Fled A Violent Home.”**

According to the International Business Times, “Sequestration also cuts \$20 million from the recently reinstated Violence Against Women Act, and another \$9 million from the Family Violence Prevention Act. The latter is the primary source of funding for shelters that provide a safe haven to women and children who have fled a violent home.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

**Sequestration Slashed Over \$400 Million From Head Start And Early Head Start Programs “Which Provide Health And Education Services To Low-Income Families.”** According to the International Business Times, “An increasing number of children are growing up in single, female-headed households, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 31 percent of those households were poor in 2010, compared to 15.8 percent of households headed by single men and 6.2 percent of those led by married couples. One of the main obstacles for single moms in this position is finding child care services that free them up to find work. But sequestration cuts \$424 million from Head Start and Early Head Start programs, which provide health and education services to low-income families.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

- **Head Start Had To Eliminate Services For 57,000 Children Due To The Sequester.** According to The Washington Post, “But, in other cases, the reductions turned out to be as bad as projected: At least 12 predictions about the sequester’s impact came true. The Coast Guard cut back planned air and sea operations by 25 percent. There were 700 fewer grants for research scientists. And, at Head Start, officials had to eliminate services for 57,000 children, including Carli Hopkins.” [Washington Post, [12/11/13](#)]

**Sequester Reduced The Budget From The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants And Children, Which Provides Nutritious Food Subsidies To Poor Pregnant Women, By About \$600 Million.** According to the International Business Times, “About \$600 million is set to be cut from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants and Children, which provides nutritious food subsidies to poor pregnant women, as well as poor women with infants and children under the age of 5.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

- **About 575,000 to 750,000 Low-Income Women With Children Who Qualified For The Program Were Expected To Be Turned Away.** According to the International Business Times, “About \$600 million is set to be cut from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants and Children, which provides nutritious food subsidies to poor pregnant women, as well as poor women with infants and children under the age of 5. Anywhere from 575,000 to 750,000 low-income women and children who qualify for the program, which serves about 9 million people, will now be turned away.” [International Business Times, [3/5/13](#)]

## Opposition To Affordable Care Act

### CWA OPPOSED THE ACA AND WANTED TO REPEAL THE LAW

**Former CWA President Wendy Wright: The Affordable Care Act Violates All Of The Ten Commandments.”**

According to an opinion by then-CWA President Wendy Wright for the American Thinker, “It’s fair game to check whether ObamaCare meets biblical standards. For starters, let’s test it against the Ten Commandments. This one law violates all of the Ten Commandments.” [Wendy Wright – American Thinker, [10/5/10](#)]

- **Wright: “Obamacare Channels Millions Of Dollars To Graphic Sex Education Programs.”** According to an opinion by then-CWA President Wendy Wright for the American Thinker, “You shall not commit adultery. ObamaCare channels millions of dollars to graphic sex education programs which instruct kids as young as kindergartners to be sexually active. Read what some of the comprehensive sex education programs teach. This sets children up to take marriage vows lightly since ‘it’s just sex.’” [Wendy Wright – American Thinker, [10/5/10](#)]

- **Wright: Congress “Went Out Of Their Way To Thumb Their Noses At God” By Scheduling Final Obamacare Vote On A Sunday.** According to an opinion by then-CWA President Wendy Wright for the American Thinker, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Why was Congress compelled to hold the final vote on ObamaCare on a Sunday? No looming deadline demanded immediate action by the House of Representatives. It's as if they went out of their way to thumb their noses at God and prove their disrespect. The Senate vote was held on Christmas Eve.” [Wendy Wright – American Thinker, [10/5/10](#)]

**CWA Urged Its Members To Call Their Senators And Pressure Them To Oppose Obamacare.** According to a post on Concerned Women for America's website, “This is the time to do two things — right now! (1) Call your senator and voice your opposition to ObamaCare. Your health insurance may not have been adversely affected yet, but have no doubt, it will. (2) Begin NOW to work toward the 2014 elections — getting good candidates of character and integrity elected to constitute a conservative majority in both the House and Senate is imperative for restoring competent, accountable and sound policies and saving the United States of America.” [CWFA.org, [8/1/13](#)]

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## Support For Extreme Conservative Candidates

### TODD AKIN AND RICHARD MORDOUCK CALLED CWA FOR ADVICE AFTER THEIR CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS ON RAPE WERE REPORTED.

**Candidates Todd Akin And Richard Mordock Called CWA For Advice After Their Statements On Rape Were Reported.** According to the Christian Post, “Penny Nance heads up Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest public policy focusing on women's issues. She says she is routinely called by a federal or state candidate who has said something wrong or made an correct statement on abortion or other ‘hot-button’ issue that have been take out of context by the media. ‘It wasn't just the [Todd] Akin or [Richard] Mourdock campaigns who called after their statements were reported,’ Nance told The Christian Post last week. ‘I lost count of the number of campaigns we heard from.’” [Christian Post, [11/12/12](#)]

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**CWA's Janice Shaw Crouse: Todd Akin Was A Victim Of The “Business Of The Politics Of Personal Destruction.”** According to NPR, “[Janice Shaw] CROUSE: He has been a pro-life advocate his whole career. He's been a man who has worked in crisis pregnancy centers. He's reached out to women and helped women in numerous ways in his private life. So it's very unfortunate that he's one who used words so insensitively, and he apologized for them, of course, and retracted from them. But I think the bigger question for me is this whole business of the politics of personal destruction. We have a very, I think, appalling double-standard in this country where Republicans are held to these standards that are appropriate but somehow the Democrats get a pass.” [NPR, [8/21/12](#)]

**Crouse On Todd Akin's Remarks On Rape: “The Position That A Woman Has The Option Of Carrying Her Child To Term When She's Been Raped Is A Very Legitimate Position.”** According to NPR, “[Janice Shaw] CROUSE: ‘Definitely not. You know, I disagree with the idea that there is a veil and that the veil is lifted with Akin's remarks. The position that a woman has the option of carrying her child to term when she's been raped is a very legitimate position and

there is disagreement about that position within the Republican Party, but some very fine people hold that view.” [NPR, [8/21/12](#)]

- **Crouse: “There Are Some Wonderful People Who Are Alive Because Of Rapes.”** According to NPR, “[Janice Shaw] CROUSE: [...] ‘And there are some wonderful people who are alive because of rapes and are wonderful people and have very articulately and persuasively talked about the benefit of life, that they are appreciative of their mother giving to them. I think it’s laughable that President Obama talks about men not having any business interfering in the healthcare decisions of women when his whole Obamacare does exactly that, requires people of faith who disagree with contraception, for instance, as a matter of faith, to disregard their strongly held beliefs in order to participate in paying for abortions and paying for contraception and so forth. So the idea that men aren’t involved in women’s decisions is a very laughable position to take. Obviously people in Congress do have a right to make their positions known on these policy issues.’” [NPR, [8/21/12](#)]

## **CWA CEO PENNY NANCE MET WITH SCOTT WALKER**

**CWA CEO and President Penny Nance Attended A Private Meeting With Scott Walker At The Republicans’ Capitol Hill Club.** According to the Daily Beast, “A few steps from the Capitol building on Tuesday afternoon, behind closed doors in Republicans’ upscale Capitol Hill Club, Scott Walker had a high-stakes sit-down. [...] So when Walker headed to Capitol Hill to try to win conservative hearts and minds, the leaders in attendance had lots of questions. One attendee said that about 50 top social conservative and evangelical leaders were present, including Penny Nance of Concerned Women for America, Marjorie Dannenfelser of the Susan B. Anthony List, Brian Brown of National Organization for Marriage, Michael Needham of Heritage Action, and Brent Bozell of the Media Research Center.” [Daily Beast, [5/20/15](#)]

- **Nance Said She Thought The Meeting With Walker “Went Well,” But That “Some People Were” Still “Trying To Discern” His Stance On Same-Sex Marriage.** According to the Daily Beast, “Other meeting attendees were cagier. Nance emailed to confirm that she attended. ‘I think it went well,’ she said. Then I asked if she had thoughts about his stance on same-sex marriage. ‘I think people are still trying to discern,’ she replied.” [Daily Beast, [5/20/15](#)]

## **CWA HOSTED A PANEL THAT FEATURED CARLY FIORINA AND REP. CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS**

**CWA Hosted A Panel That Featured Carly Fiorina And Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “Kathryn Jean Lopez: ‘War No More’ was the theme of your recent panel. Why do you take that approach? Dana Milbank, who wrote about it Friday, does seem to have a quite legitimate point in asking: So are you saying the GOP was waging a war on women after all? Penny Nance: [...] It was a serious panel on a serious topic. It included a potential presidential candidate (Carly Fiorina), an expert on the economy (Sabrina Schaffer, executive director of the Independent Women’s Forum), one of the chief pollsters in the country (Kellyanne Conway of the polling company, inc./WomanTrend), a member of the leadership in the House of Representatives (Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R., Wash.)), and the CEO/president of the nation’s largest public-policy women’s organization (me).” [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

- **Nance: “Carly Fiorina Is An Incredible Leader And Spokesperson For Life And Liberty.”** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “[Penny] Nance: ‘Carly Fiorina is an incredible leader and spokesperson for life and liberty. I can’t wait for the first woman president. However, I must say — and she would agree, I think — that the next president must be chosen based on their ability to lead the nation and their principles, not on gender or anything else. She may indeed be that person, but it’s very early in process. I love the idea of having her in the debate.’” [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

## **PENNY NANCE: WORKED WITH MANY OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES LIKE MIKE HUCKABEE AND RICK SANTORUM.**

**Nance: “I Have Worked With Many” Of The Republican Presidential Candidates Like Mike Huckabee And Rick Santorum.** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “[Penny] Nance: [...] ‘But America can’t play. This is the most important election of my lifetime. I am excited about many of the candidates gearing up to run. I have

worked with many of them over the years, like Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum, and others. I think very quickly we will see a Republican field take shape and unserious contenders weeded out. The nation won't suffer another rookie.'" [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

## Other Extreme Positions

### CWA OPPOSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

#### **Concerned Women For America Opposed The Construction Of A National Women's History Museum On The National Mall In Washington, DC And Signed A Letter Asking The House Of Representatives To Oppose It.**

According to an op-ed by CWA CEO and President Penny Nance for Breitbart News, "The Left's latest 'cause' is the battle over Congressional approval for the commissioning of a National Women's History Museum (NWHM) on the National Mall. The museum would join, according to Columbia College in Chicago, more than twenty other women's museums around the country. The estimated cost for the NWHM is \$300 to \$500 million dollars for construction and untold millions each following year for operations. The acknowledged goal is for the museum to become part of the Smithsonian system, which received sixty-five percent of its funding from taxpayers at a whopping \$805 million before the proposed NWHM's addition. Fifty conservative women leaders signed a letter opposing the NWHM in its current form." [Penny Nance - Breitbart News, [11/25/15](#)]

### PENNY NANCE CONNECTED THE DEDICATION OF "A DAY OF REASON" ALONG WITH A DAY OF PRAYER TO A "PATH TO THE HOLOCAUST"

**Nance Connected Charlotte, NC Mayor And Transportation Secretary Nominee Anthony Foxx's Dedication Of May 2nd As A Day Of Reason Along With A Day Of Prayer To A "Path To The Holocaust"** According to an interview of CWA CEO and President Penny Nance on Fox News, "Well forget the National Day of Prayer, today Charlotte mayor and newly minted Obama cabinet member Anthony Foxx has proclaimed today a National Day of Reason for his city, saying 'the application of reason, more than any other means, has proved to offer hope for human survival on Earth.' CEO and president of Concerned Women for America, Penny Nance joins us live right now. [...] Ok so today is the National Day of Prayer and yet, this Mr. Foxx guy is calling for a National Day of Reason, what's going on there? 'Well I'm not sure, he comes from North Carolina, which has the 7th highest church attendance, clearly he's not running for re-election since he's up for transportation secretary," she opined. "You know, G. K. Chesterton said that the Doctrine of Original Sin is the only one which we have 3,000 years of empirical evidence to back up. Clearly, we need faith as a component and it's just silly for us to say otherwise. You know, the Age of Enlightenment and Reason gave way to moral relativism. And moral relativism is what led us all the way down the dark path to the Holocaust [...] Dark periods of history is what we arrive at when we leave God out of the equation.'" [Fox News via YouTube, [5/2/13](#)]

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### CWA ATTACKED THE HARRY POTTER BOOKS FOR "INDOCTRINATING" STUDENTS IN "PAGANISM AND THE OCCULT"

**CWA Attacked The Harry Potter Books For Promoting "Paganism And The Occult."** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, "That has been the essence of the two-year-old Potter-in-the-classroom debate. Parents who have been told that Christianity must be kept out of schools due to the 'separation of church and state'



are now trying to protect their children from classroom discussions about paganism and the occult. Now, publications by Scholastic and Beacham's SourceBooks have upped the ante. Not only are the Potter books featured on school shelves and read aloud in class, some teachers are also incorporating them into lessons. This means the Harry Potter phenomenon requires parents to deal directly with the topic of witchcraft, whether or not they allow their children to read the series or see the movie." [Family Voice, [November/December 2001](#)]

**CWA Quoted A "Christian Anti-Cult Expert" Who Claimed The Books Were Part Of An "Indoctrination Program" To Teach Witchcraft In Schools.** According to an article published in the CWA publication Family Voice, "Christian anti-cult expert Caryl Matrisciana finds this intrusion into classrooms disturbing.' This is a complete indoctrination program in the schools," Matrisciana says in the Harry Potter: Witchcraft Repackaged video. 'First they interest children in the occult with delightful fantasy literature, then they bring the books into the schools, along with teacher's guides to fuel the interest in exploration of the occult. Now with this Beecham's Sourcebook, any computer-literate child can access genuine witchcraft training classes right in his home or classroom.' [...] Matrisciana says witchcraft is real, and she adds that elements of the books symbolize pagan deities. 'J.K. Rowling majored in Mythology at Exeter University in England. She researched the occult in order to present an accurate representation in her books.' Harry Potter is part of a larger trend to bring occult themes to younger children. Just as the seemingly innocent Sabrina the Teenage Witch is followed by darker, teen-themed Buffy the Vampire Slayer, so Potter is followed by darker and more ominous books like the Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman." [Family Voice, [November/December 2001](#)]

## **CWA CLAIMED THAT TITLE IX "EMASCULATES" MEN**

**CWA: Men Have Been "Emasculated" By Title IX.** According to a post on the Concerned Women for America website, "Feminist groups like NOW and the National Women's Law Center are not satisfied. They see Title IX as a civil rights issue. Rather than acknowledge the need for reform, they've chosen to dig in their heels, whip out their war talk and demand the quota system remain. They lambast the evils of 'sex discrimination' and hold fast to 'equal opportunity,' yet they fail to admit that men have not only suffered, but also have been emasculated by Title IX. It's almost as if the feminists would want it that way." [CWFA.org, [2/4/03](#)]

## **CWA OPPOSED STEM CELL RESEARCH**

**CWA Communications Director Wendy Wright Said That President Bush's Decision "To Allow Limited Federal Funding Of Embryonic Stem Cell Research" In 2008 "Contradicts The Nuremberg Code."** According to CNSNews.com, "A dozen religious and conservative groups Friday criticized President Bush's decision to allow limited federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Their comments did include praise for Bush's careful deliberations and statements regarding the sanctity of human life, but the pro-lifers accused Bush of breaking his campaign pledge to oppose such funding. And some framed their criticism in more dramatic terms. 'The president's position contradicts the Nuremberg Code, ethical guidelines set down after World War II, which prohibits experimentation that knowingly causes injury or death to a human being,' said Wendy Wright, director of communications for the Concerned Women for America." [CNSNews.com, [7/7/08](#)]

**Wright: "We Should Be Horrified" To Participate "In Research On Embryos Who Were Deliberately Killed For The Same Reason That We Are Horrified That The Gold Fillings Were Taken From The Teeth Of Holocaust Victims."** According to CNSNews.com, "We should be horrified at the prospect of participating in research on embryos who were deliberately killed for the same reason that we are horrified that the gold fillings were taken from the teeth of Holocaust victims,' said Wright. 'The president forgot that one dimension of respect for life is respect for the remains of the dead.'" [CNSNews.com, [7/7/08](#)]

## **CWA Organizations**

### **CWA LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

**CWA Legislative Action Committee Is The "Legislation And Advocacy Arm" Of CWA.** According to the CWA Legislative Action Committee Website, "Action is what CWALAC is all about. CWALAC is about making a difference in

policy that affects the family. CWALAC is the legislation and advocacy arm of Concerned Women for America.” [CWALAC.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

## YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

**Young Women For America Is A “Student-Oriented Initiative” Of CWA.** According to Concerned Women for America website, “Young Women for America (YWA) is a project of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation's largest public policy women's organization with a rich 30-plus year history of helping members apply Biblical principles to all levels of public policy. YWA is a student-oriented initiative that is geared toward high school and college campuses to bring active groups of like-minded women together to promote conservative values to their schools and the nation.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**YWA’s Mission Is To “Train The Next Generation To Protect And Promote Biblical Values Among All Citizens.** According to Concerned Women for America’s website, “The mission of YWA is to train the next generation to protect and promote Biblical values among all citizens — first through prayer, then education, and finally by influencing our society — thereby reversing the decline in moral values in our nation. [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**In 2013, Young Women For America Chapters Grew From Seven College Chapters To 21 Chapters.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “Young Women for America was able to triple its presence on college campuses across the nation; we grew from seven Chapters to 21! It has been so exciting to watch YWA grow and expand on college campuses across the nation. Each of our Chapter leaders are incredible young women with a heart for the Lord, their country and the education and spiritual enrichment of their generation.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/14/15](#)]

## BEVERLY LAHAYE INSTITUTE

**The Beverly LaHaye Institute Was Founded In 1999 As The “Think Tank” Arm Of CWA.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “The Beverly LaHaye Institute (BLI) was founded in May 1999 as the ‘think tank’ for Concerned Women for America in order to counter the prevailing ideologies and agendas of radical leftists and secular humanists. BLI provides sound research, analysis, and commentary to help preserve and strengthen traditional marriage and the natural family, to celebrate the value of life, and to undergird the Judeo-Christian foundation of American culture.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**The Executive Director Of BLI Was Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “Janice Shaw Crouse, Ph.D., Executive Director and Senior Fellow at the Beverly LaHaye Institute, is a recognized authority on national and international cultural, children’s and women’s concerns, including sex trafficking, the United Nations (U.N.), and U.S. domestic issues.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**The Vision Of BLI Is To “Stand Strong In Defense Of The Family, Judeo-Christian Values, And Those Conservative Principles That...Cultivate Strong Families, Communities, And Nations.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “VISION: Through sound research and education, the Beverly LaHaye Institute will stand strong in defense of the family, Judeo-Christian values, and those conservative principles that build responsible citizens and cultivate strong families, communities, and nations.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**BLI’s Mission Is To “Conduct, Promote, And Disseminate Research And Analysis” In Support Of CWA.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “The mission of the Beverly LaHaye Institute is to conduct, promote, and disseminate research and analysis that will: increase understanding of women’s concerns and issues; help preserve and strengthen the family; undergird the Judeo-Christian foundation of American culture; track American cultural and demographic trends; inform and educate policymakers and opinion leaders, media, and the general public; and provide leadership in revitalizing America as a free society, where citizens can pass along their values and ideals to their children and participate as self-governing individuals whose personal decisions shape their and their children’s futures.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

## PROJECT 535

**CWA Launched Project 535 In 1984.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “CWA launched a volunteer lobbyist program called Project 535. The name refers to the 535 elected members of Congress.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**Project 535 Is CWA’s Grassroots Lobbying Program.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “‘Project 535’ is a program unique to Concerned Women for America (CWA) in which the face and voice of our half-million members come alive to bring our nation back to Biblical values. This program has several components spanning all across the country, from Capitol Hill to the districts and homes of CWA volunteers. Officials cannot help but notice grassroots America when our ‘Project 535’ teams move for change.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**Project 535 Trains Volunteers To Lobby On Capitol Hill.** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “The first step in our program is training. Our group of ‘Project 535’ volunteers are well-equipped with important legislative information and updates, strategic planning on collaborating with Congress and encouragement to impact America for righteousness. Four months out of the year, while the 535 members of Congress are in session, our volunteer teams commute to Washington, D.C., to lobby on Capitol Hill. While here, our spirited liaisons travel in pairs to meet with congressmen and their staffers, urging them to act on a piece of legislation that will strengthen America's families.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

**Project 535 Also Has “State And Local Volunteers Who Get Involved Back At Home.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “The call goes out, and CWA responds through ‘Project 535.’ Not only do our national volunteers represent CWA members before a congressman in Washington, D.C., but congressmen also hear the voices and see the faces of their constituents, our state and local volunteers who get involved back at home. The cooperation of our ‘Project 535’ team is essential to its success, and it brings great credibility to the petitions made before Congress.” [CWFA.org, accessed [6/3/15](#)]

## Koch Network Supports Other Radical Groups That Oppose Women’s Reproductive Rights

### KOCH GROUPS GAVE \$1,560,000 TO SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST

**Susan B. Anthony List’s Mission Is To “Reduce And Ultimately End Abortion.”** According to its website, “The Susan B. Anthony List, and its connected Political Action Committee, the SBA List Candidate Fund, are dedicated to electing candidates and pursuing policies that will reduce and ultimately end abortion. To that end, the SBA List will emphasize the election, education, promotion, and mobilization of pro-life women.” [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/19/13](#)]

**SBA President Marjorie Dannenfelser Called Planned Parenthood “America’s Largest Abortion Business” And Claimed Its “Death Toll” Was “Nearly 1 Million During The Last Three Years.”** According to the Washington Times, Dannenfelser wrote in an editorial, “Planned Parenthood — America’s largest abortion business — has spent much of the last few years demanding that government add millions more in taxpayer dollars to their coffers, citing their nonprofit status and so-called focus on women’s health. They haven’t been disappointed. In 2011, government subsidies to Planned Parenthood reached an all-time high, with the abortion provider receiving a whopping \$542 million in taxpayer funding — all while ending a record number of lives — 333,964. This brings Planned Parenthood’s death toll to nearly 1 million during the last three years.” [Washington Times, [1/22/13](#)]

**Dannenfelser: “Majority Of Women” Support Virginia’s Mandatory Transvaginal Ultrasound Bill Because “They Believe ... More Information Is Better.”** According to a transcript of MSNBC’s *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, When Chris Matthews questioned Dannenfelser about a bill in Virginia effectively requiring women to undergo transvaginal ultrasounds before obtaining an abortion, Dannenfelser stated, “Really, this is a matter of giving a woman more information that she needs to make a decision that’s fully informed. [...] The reason the majority of women in Virginia and across the country support this is that they believe in that vulnerable spot in a very difficult place, that more information is better. And making -- there are two decisions to make. One decision is a medical decision. One is about the very contentious, very difficult decision about what is actually happening in an abortion. And that ultrasound speaks to that. It’s science. It’s a scientific opinion backing up a medical reality. And a moral --” Dannenfelser was cut off before completing her sentence. [MSNBC –*Hardball with Chris Matthews*, [2/22/12](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Received \$150,000 From Freedom Partners In 2013.** According to Freedom Partners' 990 for the 2013 tax year, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce contributed \$150,000 to Susan B. Anthony List. [Freedom Partners Form 990, [2013](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Received \$385,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2012.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2012 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$260,000 to Susan B. Anthony List. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2012](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Received \$1,025,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2010.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2010 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$260,000 to Susan B. Anthony List. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2010](#)]

## **DONORSTRUST GAVE \$246,378 TO NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE**

**National Right To Life Claimed To Be The “First Nationwide Right To Life Group, And “Has Dedicated Itself Entirely” To The Anti-Choice Movement.** According to National Right to Life's “about” page on its website, “The mission of National Right to Life is to protect and defend the most fundamental right of humankind, the right to life of every innocent human being from the beginning of life to natural death.[...] The strength of National Right to Life is derived from our broad base of diverse, dedicated people, united to focus on one issue, the right to life itself. Since National Right to Life's founding in 1968 as the first nationwide right to life group, it has dedicated itself entirely to defending life, America's first right.” [NRLC.org, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

**National Right To Life Received \$246,378 From DonorsTrust In 2008.** According to DonorsTrust's 990 for the 2008 tax year, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce contributed \$260,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee. [DonorsTrust 990, [2008](#)]

## **KOCH GROUPS GAVE \$1,170,000 TO AMERICANS UNITED FOR LIFE**

**Americans United For Life Claimed It Is “The Nation's Premier Pro-Life Legal Team,” And “Has Been Involved In Every Abortion-Related Case Before The U.S. Supreme Court Since Roe V. Wade.”** According to Americans United for Life “about” page on its website, “Americans United for Life, the nation's premier pro-life legal team, works through the law and legislative process to one end: Achieving comprehensive legal protection for human life from conception to natural death. The nonprofit, public-interest law and policy organization holds the unique distinction of being the first national pro-life organization in America—incorporated in 1971, before the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. AUL's legal team has been involved in every abortion-related case before the U.S. Supreme Court since Roe v. Wade, including AUL's successful defense of the Hyde Amendment before the Supreme Court.” [AUL.org, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

**Americans United For Life Received \$25,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2011.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2011 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$25,000 to Americans United for Life. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2011](#)]

**Americans United For Life Action Received \$559,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2010.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2010 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$25,000 to Americans United for Life. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2010](#)]

**Americans United For Life Received \$45,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2010.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2010 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$45,000 to Americans United for Life. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2010](#)]

**Americans United For Life Received \$10,000 From The Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2009.** According to the Center to Protect Patient Rights' 990 for the 2009 tax year, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$10,000 to Americans United for Life. [Center to Protect Patient Rights 990, [2009](#)]



**Americans United For Life Received \$31,000 From Donors Capital Fund In 2009.** According to the Donors Capital Fund's 990 for the 2009 tax year, Donors Capital contributed \$31,000 to Americans United for Life. [Donors Capital 990, [2009](#)]

**Americans United For Life Received \$500,000 From Donors Capital Fund In 2008.** According to the Donors Capital Fund's 990 for the 2008 tax year, Donors Capital contributed \$500,000 to Americans United for Life. [Donors Capital 990, [2008](#)]

- **Donors Capital Fund Is Associated With DonorsTrust, And Deals With Clients Contributing More Than \$1 Million.** According to Donors Capital Fund's website, "Donors Capital Fund is an IRS-approved, 501(c)(3), 509(a)(3) supporting organization that is associated with DonorsTrust, a public charity and donor-advised fund formed to safeguard the charitable intent of donors who are dedicated to the ideals of limited government, personal responsibility, and free enterprise. As a rule, DonorsTrust refers clients to Donors Capital Fund if they expect to open donor-advised funds of over \$1,000,000. In turn, the Fund provides personalized philanthropic services and specialized asset management for all clients with accounts that carry balances of \$1,000,000 or more. All contributions to donor-advised funds held by Donors Capital Fund are tax deductible under Section 170 of the IRS Code." [DonorsCapitalFund.org, accessed [3/5/13](#)]
- **The Kochs "Made Significant Contributions To Donors Trust Through Their Foundation," The Knowledge And Progress Fund, Including \$1.25 Million In 2007, \$1.25 Million In 2008, And \$2 Million In 2010.** According to an interview with sociologist Robert Brulle for PBS Frontline, "We do know that the Koch brothers have made significant contributions to Donors Trust through their foundation called the Knowledge and Progress Fund. They gave \$1.25 million in 2007, \$1.25 million in 2008, and then \$2 million in 2010 to Donors. We don't know where it went after it goes to Donors, because it's not necessarily a one-for-one giving." [PBS Frontline, [10/23/12](#)]
- **Donors Capital Fund Has Received More Than \$2.7 Million From The Knowledge And Progress Fund Between 2005 And 2012.** According to the Knowledge and Progress Fund's 990s from 2005-2012, the Knowledge and Progress Fund gave Donors Capital Fund a total of \$2,725,000. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [10/6/14](#)]

## DONORS TRUST GAVE \$25,700 TO FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

**Focus On The Family Is A Pro-Life "Global Christian Ministry" Dedicated To "To Morals And Values Grounded In Biblical Principles."** According to Focus on the Family's "about" page on its website, "Focus on the Family is a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive. We provide help and resources for couples to build healthy marriages that reflect God's design, and for parents to raise their children according to morals and values grounded in biblical principles. [...] We believe that all people are of infinite value, regardless of age, development, appearance or ability. We believe that marriage is the foundation of family life, and that God's design for marriage is a relationship where both husband and wife are committed to loving and caring for one another for a lifetime." [FocusontheFamily.com, accessed [6/10/15](#)]

**Focus On The Family Was Founded By Evangelical Leader James Dobson.** According to the Christian Post, "Dr. James Dobson is saying his final farewell to the ministry he founded 33 years ago. His last day at Focus on the Family is Friday. 'Nothing is forever. Everything has a shelf life,' Dobson said in one of his final radio broadcasts at the Colorado Springs-based organization." [Christian Post, [2/26/10](#)]

**Focus On The Family Received \$25,200 From Donors Trust 2007.** According to the Donors Trust's 990 for the 2007 tax year, Donors Trust contributed \$25,200 to Focus on the Family. [Donors Trust 990, [2008](#)]

**Focus On The Family Received \$500 From Donors Trust 2004.** According to the Donors Trust's 990 for the 2004 tax Year, Donors Trust Contributed \$500 To Focus On The Family. [Donors Trust 990, [2004](#)]