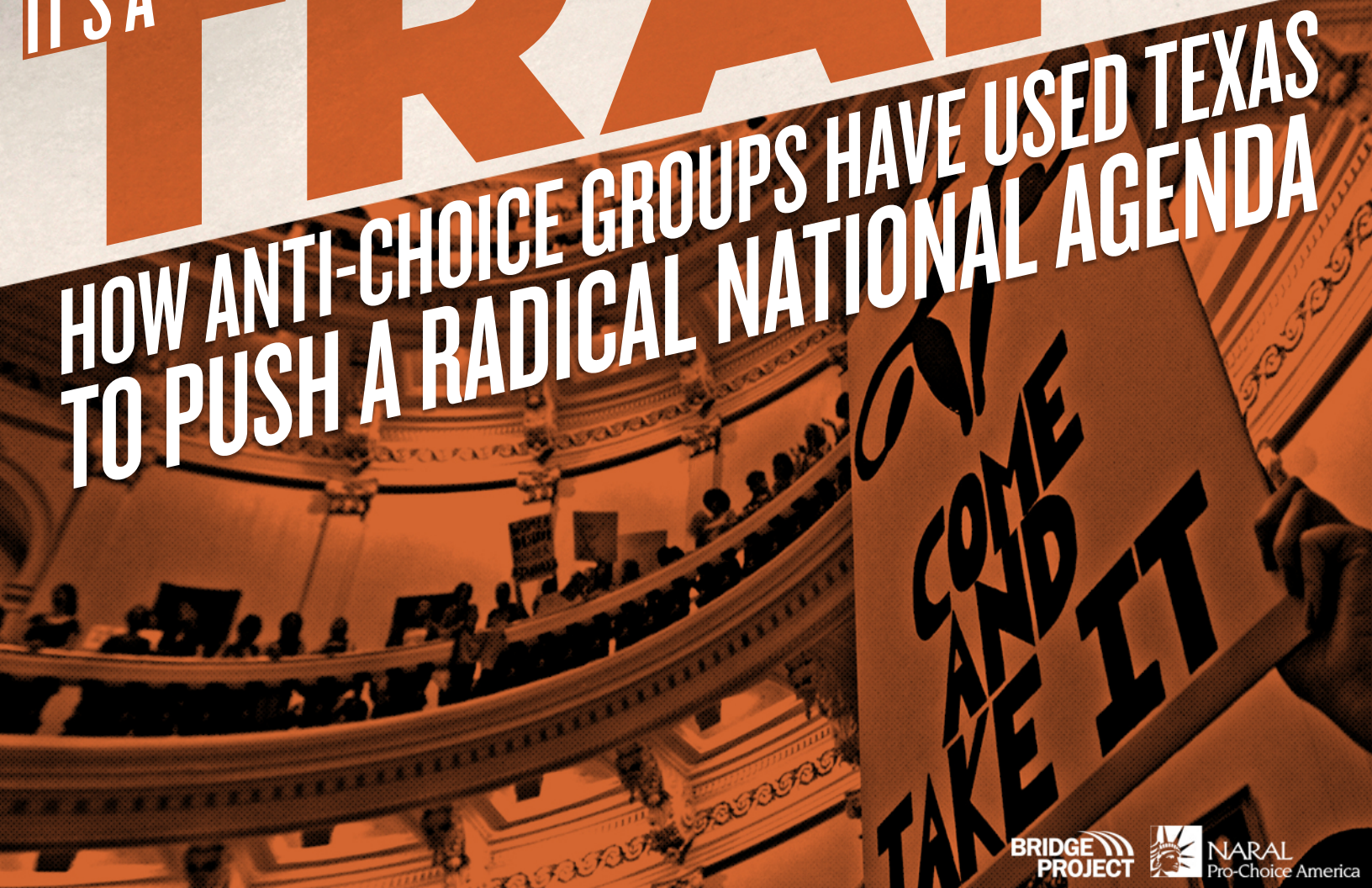




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The Supreme Court case *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* challenged Texas's extreme abortion restrictions, known collectively as House Bill 2. While a decision in favor of HB 2 would be devastating to the health of Texan women and to women across the country, no matter the outcome anti-choice organizations have no plans to slow down their attempts to enact a radical agenda aimed at effectively eliminating a woman's right to choose. Using bogus claims that have been consistently refuted by medical professionals, these groups promote and support legislative proposals that are not only not based in scientific fact, they put women in danger.

In 2013, Texan women made their voices heard but Republicans in the state legislature ignored them. In July 2013, the GOP majority passed a package of stringent restrictions on abortion, over the protests of women all across Texas. The anti-choice individuals and groups who advocated for HB 2 wrapped their lobbying in false concern for women's health, arguing that placing unnecessary burdens on abortion clinics and providers would somehow benefit patients in need of immediate care. But the consequences of the passage of the Texas law were anything but beneficial to women. Abortion clinics all over the state have closed, leaving poor and vulnerable women without access to basic medical care. Patients have had to wait weeks for an appointment at a clinic or have been unable to travel the distance to reach one at all. Desperate women have risked their lives attempting to end unwanted pregnancies on their own. If the Supreme Court upholds HB 2 these drastic consequences will expand to even more areas of the state, and even a now-possible tied decision would leave the law temporarily in place.

The devastation to women's healthcare that resulted from the passage of HB 2 was no accident. As a Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) law, the bill was designed for one purpose: to restrict and ultimately end Texan women's access to abortion. The radical groups behind HB 2—backed by funding from extreme right wing donors—have not hidden that their aim is to eliminate abortion completely, and that they see HB 2 as a stepping stone to that objective, both in Texas and the rest of the country.

HB 2 is one of many radical laws recently passed by state legislatures – all with the same end goal of making abortion so difficult to access it is effectively eliminated. And while they wait for the Supreme Court, anti-choice groups have no plans to stop at supposed health and safety laws. In Texas, Texas Right to Life with support from national organizations continues to promote anti-women ideology over safe medical care, such as so-called “dismemberment abortion” bans which would outlaw a safe procedure used in nearly all abortions after the 12th to 14th week of pregnancy.

The donors backing these groups include the National Christian Foundation, a leading funder of the evangelical movement, billionaire conservative donors the Wilks brothers (who backed former presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz to the tune of \$15 million), conservative hedge fund manager Sean Fieler, “Texas GOP heavyweight” and billionaire James Leininger, and the Koch brothers. With the help of these donors and assistance from national organizations like the **American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists**, whose member doctors provided testimony that was consistently discredited, and **Americans United for Life**, which provides model anti-choice legislation, Texas groups pushed HB 2:

Texas Alliance for Life directly lobbied for HB 2's extreme restrictions. The organization opposes “the advocacy and practice” of all abortion, and claims that since it was founded it has “helped to bring into law all major pro-life bills” in Texas. The laws included a requirement that a doctor conduct an ultrasound (and “verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn't want to hear it,”) before providing an abortion and a bill defining a fertilized egg as an individual.

Texas Right to Life, part of the extreme National Right to Life Committee, was a “leading supporter” of HB 2. TRL helped pass radical abortion restrictions including Texas's extreme sonogram law, a bill defining a fertilized egg as an individual, and claimed it “spearheaded” efforts to strip funding from Planned Parenthood in Texas. The radical anti-choice organization Live Action has even recommended Texas Right to Life as a resource to help parents in “kicking Planned Parenthood out” of schools.

Texans for Life Coalition urged its members to support HB 2 and bused anti-choice activists to rally outside the Texas Capitol in support of the bill. Texans for Life president Kyleen Wright praised the clinic closures that occurred after passage of the law, and said the organization was “not sorry” that women were losing access to basic health care.

The **Heidi Group** urged its members to support HB 2, calling it a “miracle law.” The radical group is headed by Carol Everett who claims she used to be an abortion provider and that during that time she did things like convinced women who weren’t pregnant to get abortions. Everett has boasted that Heidi Group is responsible for closing 28 clinics in Texas and dramatically reducing women’s access to healthcare.

The **Texas Eagle Forum** lobbied for HB 2’s restrictions and claimed credit for helping to win a Supreme Court ruling that refused to block HB 2’s rule requiring Texas doctors who provide abortions to have admitting privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed. The organization is affiliated with The Eagle Forum founded by extremist anti-feminist and anti-choice activist Phyllis Schlafly.

Texas Values supported HB 2 and the organization’s president Jonathan Saenz called the fight for passage of the bill, “a battle between good and evil, light and dark.” Texas Values is affiliated with radical groups like Focus on the Family.

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THE PURPOSE OF HB 2 WAS TO ELIMINATE ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES NOT TO IMPROVE SAFETY

Texas's HB 2 Was Passed In 2013

The Texas Legislature Passed HB 2 In July 2013. According to the Texas Tribune, “After impassioned, often personal speeches from lawmakers in both parties noting the emotions that have followed House Bill 2 through the legislative process, the Texas Senate approved the omnibus abortion measure late Friday night. The measure restricting abortions in Texas is now headed to Gov. Rick Perry’s desk, having passed as thousands of protesters who opposed the measure chanted in and around the Capitol. The crowd outside the chamber erupted after HB 2 passed with a vote of 19-11.” [Texas Tribune, [7/13/13](#)]

HB 2 Had “Four Main Provisions,” Including A Requirement That All Abortions, Even “Drug-Induced Ones,” Be “Performed In Ambulatory Surgical Centers.” According to the Texas Tribune, “The version of the legislation filed in Texas’ second special session, authored by state Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, and sponsored in the upper chamber by Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, contains four main provisions: It would ban abortion at 20 weeks post-fertilization and recognize that the state has a compelling interest to protect fetuses from pain; require doctors performing abortions to have hospital admitting privileges within 30 miles of the abortion facility; require doctors to administer the abortion-inducing drug RU-486 in person, rather than allowing the woman to take it at home; and require abortions — including drug-induced ones — to be performed in ambulatory surgical centers.” [Texas Tribune, [7/13/13](#)]

HB 2 Required “All Abortion Clinics In The State To Meet The Same Building, Equipment And Staffing Standards That Hospital-Style Surgical Centers Must Meet.” According to The New York Times, “A federal appellate court upheld some of the toughest provisions of a Texas abortion law on Tuesday, putting about half of the state’s remaining abortion clinics at risk of permanently shutting their doors and leaving the nation’s second-most populous state with fewer than a dozen clinics across its more than 267,000 square miles. There were 41 when the law was passed. [...] A three-judge panel of the appellate court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in New Orleans, sided for the most part with Texas and the abortion law the Republican-dominated Legislature passed in 2013, known as House Bill 2. The judges ruled that Texas can require all abortion clinics in the state to meet the same building, equipment and staffing standards that hospital-style surgical centers must meet, which could force numerous clinics to close, abortion rights advocates said.” [New York Times, [6/9/15](#)]

HB 2 Also Required That “Doctors Performing Abortions Obtain Admitting Privileges At A Hospital Within 30 Miles Of A Clinic.” According to The New York Times, “In addition to the surgical standards, the court upheld a requirement that doctors performing abortions obtain admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of a clinic. The court said that except as applied to one doctor working in McAllen in South Texas, the provision did not put an unconstitutional burden on women seeking abortions.” [New York Times, [6/9/15](#)]

HB 2 WAS A TRAP LAW

The Texas Law That Required Abortion Clinics To “Become Outpatient Surgery Centers” Was Considered A “Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers,” Or TRAP Law. According to NPR, “A federal judge in Austin, Texas, will issue a decision in the next few days about whether clinics that perform abortions in the state must become outpatient surgery centers. The Texas law is part of a national trend in which state legislatures seek to regulate doctors and their offices instead of women seeking abortions. The laws are collectively known as TRAP laws, for ‘Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers.’ ‘They do just that,’ says Rochelle Tafolla, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in Houston. ‘They “trap” providers into very tight, medically unnecessary restrictions.’ The Texas law that passed in 2013 requires doctors who perform abortions to first obtain admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles. Many clinics, especially rural ones, found it difficult to comply with that rule by the November deadline. The number of Texas clinics that perform abortions has dropped from 41 to 20.” [NPR, [8/28/14](#)]

TRAP Laws Were Designed To Eliminate Abortion Access By Placing Strict Restrictions On Abortion Providers

CUNY School Of Law Professor Caitlin Borgmann: TRAP Laws Were “Designed To Fly Under The Radar, By Mimicking Ordinary Health Laws.” According to an opinion by CUNY School of Law professor Caitlin Borgmann for the Los Angeles Times, “Last month, ballot measures that would have given embryos the legal rights of persons were decisively rejected in Colorado and North Dakota. The defeats were hailed as a victory for defenders of the right to legal abortion. But such measures serve as a distraction from a far bigger threat to abortion rights from onerous rules known as Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers, or ‘TRAP laws.’ [...] Unlike personhood initiatives, TRAP laws are designed to fly under the radar, by mimicking ordinary health regulations. In reality, they target abortion facilities and providers with special, onerous regulations that are exceedingly costly or impossible to meet.” [Caitlin Borgmann – Los Angeles Times, [11/30/14](#)]

Mother Jones: TRAP Laws “Only Apply To Abortion Clinics, Setting Compulsory Standards That Are Often Difficult To Meet.” According to Mother Jones, “Anti-abortion legislators pass what are often called ‘TRAP’ laws, or ‘targeted regulation of abortion providers.’ That is, regulations that only apply to abortion clinics, setting compulsory standards that are often difficult to meet, like mandated sizes for waiting and recovery rooms, reconfiguring of exits and entrances to facilities, and additional bathrooms.” [Mother Jones, [6/27/11](#)]

Guttmacher Institute: Abortion Clinic Regulations Go “Beyond What Is Necessary To Ensure Patient Safety In The Event Of Emergency.” According to a fact sheet by the Guttmacher Institute, “Efforts to use clinic regulation to limit access to abortion, rather than to make its provision safer resurfaced in the 1990s and have gained steam since 2010. While all abortion regulations apply to abortion clinics, some go so far as to apply to physicians’ offices where abortions are performed or even to sites where only medication abortion is administered. Most requirements apply states’ standards for ambulatory surgery centers to abortion clinics, even though surgical centers tend to provide more invasive and risky procedures and use higher levels of sedation. These standards often include requirements for the physical plant, such as room size and corridor width, beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety in the event of emergency.” [Guttmacher Institute Fact Sheet, [1/1/16](#)]

- **The Guttmacher Institute Noted “Two Types Of TRAP Laws...Facility Requirements And Admitting Privilege Requirements.”** According to Slate, “There are two types of TRAP laws that Guttmacher recorded: facility requirements and admitting privilege requirements. The former refers to regulations that insist abortion clinics be outfitted with all these medically unnecessary but expensive building requirements. Forcing clinics to meet ambulatory surgical center standards, even if they only do first-trimester abortions that can be done in a one-minute procedure or with a pill, is a popular one. The other TRAP law sweeping the land is requiring that abortion providers have hospital admitting privileges, even though many hospitals refuse to give them. This regulation has been particularly devastating for rural communities, since there are so few hospitals that are willing to work with these doctors.” [Slate, [7/9/14](#)]

A PREVIOUS VERSION OF HB 2, SB 5, WAS STALLED BY A FILIBUSTER BY STATE SENATOR WENDY DAVIS

SB 5 Was A Bill That Would “Ban All Abortions After 20 Weeks, Require That Doctors Performing Abortions Have Admitting Privileges...And Mandate That All Abortion Clinics Meet The Standards Of Hospitals.” According to The Week, “At 11:18 a.m., Sen. Wendy Davis, a Fort Worth Democrat, took to the Senate floor and started what she hoped would be a 13-hour filibuster of the abortion bill. [...] The bill up for debate, Senate Bill 5 (SB5), would ban all abortions after 20 weeks, require that doctors performing abortions have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital, and mandate that all abortion clinics meet the standards of hospitals or similar-grade surgical centers — conditions that critics say would close all but five of the state's 42 abortion clinics.” [The Week, [6/26/13](#)]

- **SB 5 “Would Have Closed 37” Of Texas’s 42 Clinics.** According to Rolling Stone, “On Monday, the Texas State House voted overwhelmingly to pass a draconian proposal that would ban all abortions after 20 weeks, as well as adding stringent new restrictions on how clinics get licensed. The intent was clear: Supporters of the bill, known as SB 5, openly acknowledged that the law would have closed 37 of the state's 42 clinics, leaving hundreds of thousands of women in Texas and neighboring states like Oklahoma with no way to access abortion care.” [Rolling Stone, [6/26/13](#)]

Houston Chronicle Columnist Patricia Kilday Hart: Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst “Tipped His Hand” That SB 5 Was Not About Improving Women’s Health Care By Tweeting “A Map Showing How Many Facilities Would Be Forced To Close.” According to a blog post by Houston Chronicle columnist Patricia Kilday Hart, “During the lengthy late-night abortion debate in the Texas Senate Tuesday, advocates of a bill requiring abortions to be performed in hospital-like settings claimed they were motivated by elevating the quality of health care for women. Opponents on the other hand, warned that

requiring abortion clinics to upgrade their facilities was unnecessary and so costly it would force many clinics to close. But lawmakers promoting the bill repeatedly denied that was their goal. This morning, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst tipped his hand in a tweet when he crowed about passage of the abortion bill and linked to a map showing how many facilities would be forced to close.” [Patricia Kilday Hart - Houston Chronicle, [6/19/13](#)]

Republican Lieutenant Governor Of Texas David Dewhurst Tweeted “We Fought To Pass SB5 Thru The Senate Last Night & This Is Why!” Over A Pro-Choice Graphic Warning “If SB 5 Passes, It Would Essentially Ban Abortion Statewide.” [David Dewhurst – Twitter, [6/19/13](#)]

SB 5 Died Following An 11-Hour Filibuster By Democratic State Senator Wendy Davis

SB 5 Died Following A Filibuster By Democratic State Senator Wendy Davis. According to the Huffington Post, “The Texas anti-abortion bill, which threatened to close nearly all of the abortion clinics in the state and prompted an 11-hour filibuster by state Sen. Wendy Davis (D), is dead, The Austin American-Statesman reported. Lawmakers had to vote on Senate Bill 5 before the special session's end at 12 a.m. local time. However, more than 400 protesters halted the proceedings 15 minutes before the roll call could be completed with what they called ‘a people's filibuster,’ The Associated Press reported.” [Huffington Post, [6/26/13](#)]

Davis Spoke Non-Stop For Nearly 11 Hours And With The Help Of Other Democratic State Senators And Pro-Choice Protestors, Successfully Stalled SB 5. According to the Guardian, “At 11.18 am on Tuesday, a little-known Texas senator named Wendy Davis stood up and began a passionate speech against a bill [SB 5] that would severely restrict access to abortions in America's second-largest state. Ten hours and 45 minutes later the 50-year-old was still talking, still on her feet, and the embattled pro-choice movement had a new national icon. Wearing a smart jacket and pink running shoes, Davis embarked on an epic filibuster attempt to deny the bill passage through the Texas legislature by talking non-stop for 13 hours to prevent a vote. With less than two hours to go before the midnight deadline, she was finally silenced when Republicans challenged her on a ‘three strikes and you're out’ rule, claiming she had violated regulations by twice straying off-topic and by allowing a colleague to help her with a back brace. But with the aid of fellow Democrats and hundreds of cheering, jeering protestors, the bill was successfully stalled amid chaotic scenes lasting into the early hours of Wednesday. By then, hundreds of thousands of Americans were following events live on social media and Davis had become a star.” [The Guardian, [6/26/13](#)]

Gov. Rick Perry Called A Second Legislative Session To Pass HB 2, Which Was Identical To SB 5

HB 2 Passed During A Second Special Legislative Session Called By Then-Governor Rick Perry. According to the Texas Tribune, “The measure restricting abortions in Texas is now headed to Gov. Rick Perry’s desk, having passed as thousands of protesters who opposed the measure chanted in and around the Capitol. The crowd outside the chamber erupted after HB 2 passed with a vote of 19-11. But inside, there were none of the eruptions that helped kill the abortion bill in the first special session. [...] In June, the last time the abortion regulations in House Bill 2 were considered in the Senate, thousands of protesters stormed the Capitol to watch state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, filibuster the measure. In the waning minutes of the last day of that special session — which had been called by Perry in part to address abortion legislation — their reverberating chants and screams prevented Republican senators from passing the bill before a midnight deadline. The next day, Perry called lawmakers back to try again. The version of the legislation filed in Texas’ second special session, authored by state Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, and sponsored in the upper chamber by Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, contains four main provisions.” [Texas Tribune, [7/13/13](#)]

SCOTUS DECISION ON WHOLE WOMAN'S HEALTH V. HELLERSTEDT COULD AFFECT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt Challenged HB 2, A Tied Supreme Court Decision Could Leave Law Standing

HB 2 WAS CHALLENGED FOR PLACING AN "UNDUE BURDEN" ON THE "CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO END A PREGNANCY"

The Supreme Court Agreed To Hear The Case Whole Woman's Health V. Hellerstedt To Determine If HB 2 Would "Place An 'Undue Burden'" On The "Constitutional Right To End A Pregnancy." According to U.S. News and World Report, "On March 2, the Supreme Court will hear Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, its first abortion case in more than 20 years. The case looks at a 2013 Texas law that plaintiffs say gets in the way of a woman's constitutional right to end a pregnancy. The court will decide whether the state's rules place an 'undue burden' on that right. Known as HB2, the law places specific requirements on abortion clinics and has forced many to shutter across the state." [U.S. News & World Report, [1/11/16](#)]

- **The Supreme Court Previously Established That States Cannot Place An "Undue Burden" Through Laws That Present "A Substantial Obstacle To A Woman Seeking An Abortion."** According to U.S. News and World Report, "In 1992, the court ruled in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey that states cannot place undue burdens on a woman's constitutional right to abortion before a fetus is viable, meaning between 24 and 28 weeks. It defined 'undue burdens' as health regulations that can have 'the purpose or effect of presenting a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking an abortion.'" [U.S. News & World Report, [1/11/16](#)]

The Supreme Court Said It Would Review The Texas Requirement That "Would Require Abortion Facilities To Meet Hospital-Like Ambulatory Surgical Center Standards." According to the Texas Tribune, "Opponents of the Texas abortion law known as House Bill 2 argued that restrictions under the law are unconstitutional because they impose an undue burden on women seeking abortions and would do little to improve women's health. [...] The high court will hear oral arguments in the case on March 2, and a decision is expected this summer. The Texas restrictions under review would require abortion facilities to meet hospital-like ambulatory surgical center standards, including minimum sizes for rooms and doorways, pipelines for anesthesia and other modifications. A separate provision — which has already gone into effect and led to the closure of about half of the state's abortion clinics — requires doctors who perform the procedure to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of an abortion." [Texas Tribune, [1/5/16](#)]

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IF THE SUPREME COURT UPHELD HB 2, "IT WOULD MEAN A DRAMATIC CUTBACK ON ABORTION RIGHTS," IN TEXAS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

HB 2's Admitting-Privilege Rule Started Immediately Closing Clinics In Texas, And If The Costly Surgical Center Requirements Were Upheld They Would "Force Still More Reductions." According to The New York Times, "Overruling a lower court's injunction, the Fifth Circuit appeals court allowed the Texas admitting-privilege rule to take effect

throughout the state in 2013, immediately shuttering about half of what had been more than 40 abortion clinics, although exceptions were later granted for geographically isolated clinics in McAllen and El Paso. The second requirement, mandating costly surgical center facilities, has been temporarily stayed by the Supreme Court, but it would force still more reductions if upheld.” [New York Times, [3/18/16](#)]

Under HB 2’s Ambulatory Surgery Center Requirements, Texas Would Be Left With “Fewer Than 10 Abortion Clinics.” According to The Guardian, “The US supreme court stepped in to postpone reproductive-rights restrictions that would have left the vast state of Texas with fewer than 10 abortion clinics, allowing healthcare providers and women’s rights groups time to petition the nation’s highest tribunal to review their fate. [...] Texas’s omnibus law – known as HB2 – is part of a legislative trend to limit access to abortions by regulating facilities, providers and doctors. The added red tape forces clinics that cannot afford to make the upgrades to close.” [The Guardian, [6/26/15](#)]

- **Slate: Having “Only 10 Facilities” Open Would “Almost Double The Demand On The State’s Existing Clinics.”** According to Slate, “The Supreme Court has ordered a stay on the second part of HB2, the ASC requirement, and the court may take it up this session. If the court doesn't strike it down, only 10 facilities in Texas would be able to continue providing abortions, putting almost double the demand on the state’s existing clinics. If that came to pass, TxPEP estimates that the average number of abortions performed per year in each Austin facility would more than double; in Houston, it would nearly triple.” [Slate, [10/5/15](#)]

New York Times: “Lawyers For The Texas Clinics That Sued The State Said About 900,000 Reproductive-Age Women Will Live More Than 150 Miles From The Nearest Open Facility.” According to The New York Times, “There are 18 facilities providing abortions in Texas, and if and when the Fifth Circuit’s decision goes into effect, eight clinics will close and 10 facilities are expected to remain open, largely because they are ambulatory surgery centers or have relationships with such centers, according to Dr. Daniel Grossman, an investigator with the Texas Policy Evaluation Project and one of the experts who testified for the clinics in the case. But the fate of at least one of the facilities expected to stay open, a clinic in McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley, remained uncertain. Lawyers for the Texas clinics that sued the state said about 900,000 reproductive-age women will live more than 150 miles from the nearest open facility in the state when the surgical-center requirement and admitting-privileges rule take effect.” [New York Times, [6/9/15](#)]

Texas Policy Evaluation Project: With Longer Wait Times For Abortions, “Researchers Also Expect The Number Of Procedures Performed During The Second Trimester To Go Up.” According to the Texas Observer, “As wait times increase and Texans are forced to obtain abortion services later in their pregnancies, researchers also expect the number of procedures performed during the second trimester to go up. In 2013, prior to HB 2, 6,647 abortions in Texas were performed at 12 weeks of gestation or later. If more Texans are forced to wait 20 days for their first appointments at Texas’ remaining clinics, TxPEP researchers said that number could increase to 12,366.” [Texas Observer, [10/5/15](#)]

The Supreme Court Ruling On The Texas Law “Could Have Widespread Consequences” On Other States With Similar Restrictions

“At Stake” In Whole Woman’s Health V. Hellerstedt Was “The Future Of Abortion Access In Texas And In The Nine Other States” Along With “Dozens Of Other Regulations...Adopted By Numerous States.” According to The New York Times, “At stake in the case, Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt, is not only the future of abortion access in Texas and in the nine other states that, like Alabama and Louisiana, have adopted similar physician rules. It could also affect dozens of other regulations of disputed medical value that have been adopted by numerous states, including limits on nonsurgical drug-induced abortions, mandated building standards for clinics and two-day or three-day waiting periods.” [New York Times, [3/18/16](#)]

The Supreme Court Ruling On The Texas Law “Could Have Widespread Consequences” On Other States With Similar Restrictions. According to the Texas Tribune, “A decision in the Texas case could have widespread consequences across the countries [sic] where similar abortion restrictions are in place. There are currently 10 states that have passed admitting privileges requirements, but courts have blocked their enforcement in six of those states, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. Six states have enacted hospital-like ambulatory surgical center standards on abortion facilities. Those restrictions are not in effect in two of those states.” [Texas Tribune, [1/5/16](#)]

NPR: If The Supreme Court Upheld HB 2, “It Would Mean A Dramatic Cutback On Abortion Rights Across The Country, And Potentially A Stepping Stone Toward The Reversal Of Roe V. Wade.” According to NPR, “Even with

the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, Wednesday could mark a potential turning point for the Supreme Court on the subject of abortion. At issue is whether a new Texas law imposes restrictions that unconstitutionally limit a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy. Last June, a federal appeals court upheld the law. If the Supreme Court agrees, it would mean a dramatic cutback on abortion rights across the country, and potentially a stepping stone toward the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.” [NPR, [3/2/16](#)]

The Supreme Court’s Decision On HB 2 Would “Affect 13 Other States That Have Enacted Similar Laws.”

According to NPR, “Despite the death of Scalia last month, Justice Anthony Kennedy remains the likely swing vote in the Texas abortion case. If he votes to strike down the law, there would be at least a 5-to-3 majority for that outcome. But if he votes to uphold the law, the court likely would be tied on a 4-to-4 vote. That would leave the Texas abortion law in place, at least until a full nine-justice court considers the issue at some later time. Beyond Texas, that would affect 13 other states that have enacted similar laws. Some have been blocked by the lower courts, while others have not — and until the issue is resolved, the lower regional court decisions will dictate the results, state by state.” [NPR, [3/2/16](#)]

The Ruling “Could Spell Out The Extent To Which States Can Impose Clinic Regulations Likely To Restrict Access To Abortion...If The Court Rules In Favor Of The State, Then More States Would Be Able To Follow Suit.”

According to Reuters, “The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Friday to hear a challenge to tough abortion restrictions in Texas raises questions about the legal fate of similar laws in more than a dozen other states. The court's ruling, due by June, could spell out the extent to which states can impose clinic regulations likely to restrict access to abortion as an outpatient procedure. If the court strikes down the Texas law, similar laws would also fall. But if the court rules in favor of the state, then more states would be able to follow suit.” [Reuters, [11/16/15](#)]

- **Center For Reproductive Rights President Nancy Northup: If The Supreme Court Upholds The Texas Law, “Copy Cat Laws Around The Nation Will Proliferate, Creating Disparities In Access To Care.”** According to Reuters, “The case before the Supreme Court focuses on two provisions of a 2013 Texas law. One requires clinics providing abortions to have costly hospital-grade facilities and the other requires abortion clinic physicians to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles (50 km). [...] Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, said that if the Texas law is upheld, ‘copy cat laws around the nation will proliferate, creating disparities in access to care.’” [Reuters, [11/16/15](#)]

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards: If The Law Is Upheld, Women Would Be “Traveling Hundreds Of Miles, Crossing State Lines And Waiting Weeks To Get An Abortion, If They Can At All.”

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, “Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, described consequences of the upcoming court decision in the *Whole Women’s [sic] Health Clinic vs. Cole* [Hellerstedt] case: ‘Texas paints a devastating picture of what’s at state for women across the country — where women are already traveling hundreds of miles, crossing state lines and waiting weeks to get an abortion, if they can at all. A woman’s very right to make personal medical decisions about abortion is now before the court.’” [Seattle Post-Intelligencer, [11/16/15](#)]

Center For Reproductive Rights Attorney Tiseme Zegeye: If The Courts Uphold Texas’s Restrictions “The Results Would Be Absolutely Devastating. Then More States Would Be Able To Pass Sham Laws.”

According to the Clarion-Ledger, “‘There is no medical justification, because abortion is one of the safest medical procedures in America,’ said Tiseme Zegeye, attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights. ‘It’s more safe than labor or getting a shot of penicillin.’ [...] Mississippi’s only clinic would have faced closure without an injunction from the law, and since Texas’ restrictions were passed in 2013, the number of clinics in the state have dropped from 46 to 18. [...] ‘We’re confident that the Supreme Court will apply more than 40 years of precedent, saying our Constitution protects the fundamental right (to abortion),’ Zegeye said. ‘In the alternative, if the courts did uphold the restrictions ... the results would be absolutely devastating. Then more states would be able to pass sham laws, states with numerous restrictions would be able to pass even more restrictions, and the burden would fall more heavily on poor women, minority women and immigrant women.’” [Clarion-Ledger, [11/29/15](#)]

• **Diane Derzis, Owner Of Mississippi’s Only Remaining Abortion Clinic: Without Clinic Access, “Women Who Are Poor And Women Of Color” Would End Up “Self-Aborting” Or “Forced To Continued Pregnancies They Don’t Want.”**

According to the Clarion-Ledger, “The Supreme Court announced this month that it will rule whether Texas’ restrictions on clinics should be struck down because they place an ‘undue burden’ on women seeking abortions. Texas and Mississippi both passed laws in recent years requiring doctors who provide abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. Texas’ law goes a step further, requiring clinics to meet the same standards as outpatient surgery centers. ‘The bill was not about continuity of care. It was about putting us out of business,’ said Diane Derzis, owner of Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the state’s only abortion clinic. [...] ‘We’re confident that the Supreme

Court will apply more than 40 years of precedent, saying our Constitution protects the fundamental right (to abortion),’ [Center for Reproductive Rights attorney Tiseme] Zegeye said. [...] Derzis also expressed concerns that limited access to abortion would fall heavily on low-income and minority women. ‘(Without a clinic), women are self-aborting, forced to continue pregnancies they don’t want, in a state where teen pregnancy and infant mortality are the highest, and everyone who claims to have support for fetuses has absolutely no concern for the children after they’re born.’ [Clarion-Ledger, [11/29/15](#)]

WITHOUT A NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICE A TIE VOTE WOULD BE POSSIBLE, LEAVING HB 2 STANDING

The Supreme Court’s Decision On HB 2 “Could Affect Millions Of Women, Though The Court Might Send The Case Back To Lower Courts To Further Study The Impact” Of Abortion Clinics’ Closings. According to The New York Times, “But she found that getting an appointment for an abortion, even in one of the country’s largest metropolitan areas, proved almost as stressful as the unwanted pregnancy. The number of abortion clinics in Texas has shrunk by half since a 2013 state law [HB 2] imposed new regulations that many said they found impossible to meet. When Amy called the two clinics here just after New Year’s, and a third in Dallas, the earliest available appointment was on Jan. 22. The United States Supreme Court, in one of the most closely watched cases of the year, is considering the constitutionality of that law and whether it creates too much of a burden on women seeking an abortion. With the judges apparently deeply splintered, the decision, expected in June, could affect millions of women, though the court might send the case back to lower courts to further study the impact of the clinics’ closings. Similar laws are being challenged in other states.” [New York Times, [3/18/16](#)]

“With No Possibility That...Judge Merrick B. Garland, Will Be Confirmed Anytime Soon, The Court Might Also Split 4 To 4,” Letting HB 2 Stand “But Would Set No National Precedent.” According to The New York Times, “With no possibility that President Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, Judge Merrick B. Garland, will be confirmed anytime soon, the court might also split 4 to 4, which would let stand an appeals court ruling largely upholding the Texas law but would set no national precedent. Here in Texas, women are experiencing what it means to navigate the landscape created when roughly half of the state’s 41 abortion clinics closed, with some facing an unnervingly long wait and others traveling hundreds of miles, sometimes leaving the state, for the procedure.” [New York Times, [3/18/16](#)]

A Tied 4-To-4 Decision Would Leave The Law In Place, “At Least Until A Full Nine-Justice Court Considers The Issue At Some Later Time.” According to NPR, “Despite the death of Scalia last month, Justice Anthony Kennedy remains the likely swing vote in the Texas abortion case. If he votes to strike down the law, there would be at least a 5-to-3 majority for that outcome. But if he votes to uphold the law, the court likely would be tied on a 4-to-4 vote. That would leave the Texas abortion law in place, at least until a full nine-justice court considers the issue at some later time. Beyond Texas, that would affect 13 other states that have enacted similar laws. Some have been blocked by the lower courts, while others have not — and until the issue is resolved, the lower regional court decisions will dictate the results, state by state.” [NPR, [3/2/16](#)]

ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS HAVE NOT WAITED FOR SCOTUS DECISION, CONTINUE TO PUSH RADICAL LEGISLATION

Texas Right To Life Indicated It Would Continue To Use Other Tactics To Restrict Women’s Abortion Rights

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE PUSHED THE TEXAS GOP TO OFFICIALLY FAVOR A “DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION” BAN

Texas Right To Life Congratulated The Texas GOP For “Adopting Language Favoring A ‘Dismemberment Abortion Ban,’” And Said It Considered The Legislation A “Legislative Priority.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “Good news for Pro-Life and preborn Texans comes from the Republican Party of Texas Convention being held in Dallas last week. The Party has taken a hard line on Pro-Life issues for 2016, including adopting language favoring a Dismemberment Abortion Ban – a bill passed by five other states and a measure Texas Right to Life considers a Legislative Priority for the upcoming legislative session.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [5/16/16](#)]

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[Texas Right to Life - Twitter, [5/13/16](#)]

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According to Think Progress, “It’s clear that going after D&E is emerging as a top priority for the pro-life community. The president of National Right to Life published an article this week announcing that ‘we are determined this year to bring the tragic issue of Dismemberment Abortions to the public’s attention.’ Anti-abortion activist Jill Stanek followed suit on her website, advising readers to ‘keep an eye out for the next big pro-life conquest: dismemberment abortions.’ Emerging anti-abortion activism around ‘dismemberment’ is catching the attention of reproductive rights advocates, who recognize history threatening to repeat itself.” [Think Progress, [1/31/15](#)]

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Guttmacher Institute States Issue Manager Elizabeth Nash: “Clearly This Is An Effort To Take Some Of The Tactics Of The Past — Using Very Graphic Descriptions And Inflammatory Language — To Ban Access To Abortion.” According to Think Progress, “‘Immediately, when I heard the title of these bills, I had to take a deep breath and calm down,’ Dr. Anne Davis, the consulting medical director for Physicians for Reproductive Health and an OB-GYN who provides abortions, told ThinkProgress. ‘This is a familiar tactic, similar to the other types of bans we’ve seen. It seems the strategy is to take language that provokes emotional responses and then to argue that, because there’s an emotional reaction to something, it should be illegal.’ Elizabeth Nash, the states issue manager at the Guttmacher Institute, echoed those sentiments. ‘Clearly this is an effort to take some of the tactics of the past — using very graphic descriptions and inflammatory language — to ban access to abortion,’ she told ThinkProgress. ‘I don’t know what will happen, but it’s very disturbing.’” [Think Progress, [1/31/15](#)]

National Anti-Choice Organizations Praised And Supported “Dismemberment” Bans

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According to Americans United for Life’s 2015 Final State legislative Session Report, “The states remain a key battleground in the defense of life. State legislatures across the country continue to break new ground protecting women from the negative consequences of abortion and ensuring that the abortion industry is subject to medically appropriate regulation and oversight. [...] In 2015, the most significant abortion-related measures were those that also garnered the most media attention and that also sparked legal challenges by the abortion industry: 20 week (i.e., five month) abortion limitations, abortion facility

regulations, admitting privileges requirements, and regulations on abortion-inducing drugs. [...] Dismemberment Abortion Bans: At least five states considered measures prohibiting some ‘dismemberment abortions’: Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and South Carolina. Kansas and Oklahoma enacted dismemberment prohibitions.” [AUL State legislative Session Report, [7/7/15](#)]

National Right To Life Provided “Dismemberment Ban” Model Legislation

“In 2015 Identical Bills Entitled The ‘Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act’ Were Introduced In Oklahoma And Kansas.” According to Think Progress, “The first bill to use ‘dismemberment’ language was introduced in South Dakota last year. Seeking to ‘prohibit the dismemberment or decapitation of certain living unborn children,’ the measure was just a few paragraphs long and didn’t make it out of committee. But that didn’t deter anti-abortion activists. This year, at the beginning of the 2015 session, identical bills entitled the ‘Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act’ were introduced in Oklahoma and Kansas.” [Think Progress, [1/31/15](#)]

A National Right To Life Factsheet On The “Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act” Claimed It Protected “Unborn Children From The Brutality Of Being Torn Apart Limb By Limb.” According to model legislation by the National Right to Life Committee, “Dismemberment abortion is a brutal type of abortion with the purpose of causing the death of an unborn child, purposely to dismember a living unborn child and extract him or her one piece at a time from the uterus through use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush, and /or grasp a portion of the unborn child’s body to cut or rip it off. The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act protects unborn children from the brutality of being torn apart limb by limb by dismemberment.” [NRLC – Dismemberment Abortion Bans, [5/31/16](#)]

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE STATED IT WOULD FIGHT “AGAINST FORCED AND COERCED ABORTION” DURING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Texas Right To Life Has Stated It Will Continue To Fight “Against Forced And Coerced Abortion Once Again During The 2017 Legislative Session.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “Texas Right to Life recently asked a sampling of Texans of different ages and backgrounds which Pro-Life issues were most important in the upcoming Texas Legislative Session that will begin early next year. Respondents overwhelmingly answered that codifying laws protecting women from forced and coerced abortion is chief among their concerns. And rightly so: currently, no Texas law protects women or minors from the rampant injustice of forced and coerced abortion by punishing perpetrators of such acts. [...] These are all examples of abortion coercion, and Texans want this to end. Now. Pitting a pregnant mother against the very person she is entrusted to protect is abortion coercion, and the abortion industry thrives on this imposed tension between mother and child. Texas Right to Life is committed to defending the preborn and women victimized by the abortion industry. That’s why we will continue our fight against forced and coerced abortion once again during the 2017 Legislative Session.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [5/12/16](#)]

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Texas Right To Life Endorsed Rep. Molly White’s Bill, “Intended To Prevent Women From Being Coerced Into Having Abortions,” Including An Extended 72-Hour Waiting Period. According to the Texas Tribune, “The craftsmanship of a bill authored by state Rep. Molly White, R-Belton, intended to prevent women from being coerced into having abortions was met with skepticism on Wednesday by the chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, who suggested the freshman lawmaker get some ‘real legal folks’ to help draft a better measure. [...] White’s House Bill 1648, which came before the committee, would make it a crime to coerce or force women to have abortions, and create a 72-hour waiting period for women who indicate they are being coerced or forced. [...] Alliance for Life’s concerns about the bill highlighted ongoing tension between the state’s two most prominent anti-abortion groups. Texas Right to Life endorsed White’s measure, including the extended waiting period. When Cook questioned John Seago, a Texas Right to Life lobbyist, about whether he feared the waiting period would put women at risk, Seago responded that he didn’t understand that argument.” [Texas Tribune, [4/29/15](#)]

Two Antiabortion Groups, Including Texas Alliance For Life, “Expressed Concern That The Waiting Period” Provision In White’s Bill “Could Further Endanger” Women

Two Antiabortion Groups, Including Texas Alliance For Life, “Expressed Concern That The Waiting Period Could Further Endanger” Women “By Hinting To Their Abusers That They Reported Their Coercion.” According to Salon, “In a bewildering turn of events, both reproductive rights advocates and anti-choice advocates are challenging White on whether the law would actually protect pregnant victims of assault, and are asking a number of the same questions about the law’s specifics. Representatives from two antiabortion groups, Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops and Texas Alliance for Life, expressed concern that the waiting period could further endanger the lives of women who are experiencing domestic violence, by hinting to their abusers that they reported their coercion.” [Salon, [5/1/15](#)]

Republican State Affairs Committee Chair Byron Cook Said HB 1648 Would Need To Be Worked On By “Really Good Legal Folks” Before It Could Be Passed. According to the Austin American-Statesman, “State Rep. Molly White’s bill to combat ‘coerced abortions’ needs a little work. That was the takeaway of a State Affairs committee hearing Wednesday for House Bill 1648, aimed at adding more screening to identify women who are being forced by parents or traffickers to carry out the procedure. [...] White, who has said she was pressured as a young woman by her parents to get an abortion, said ‘I didn’t realize that an extended waiting period would put them in danger. ‘When I was crafting this bill I was thinking of my situation and the situation of many, many other women,’ she said. Along with a bill to increase periodic reporting by abortion providers, White’s bill was left pending by committee chair Byron Cook, R-Corsicana. Cook urged White to work with ‘really good legal folks’ to clean up the legislation.” [Austin American-Statesman, [4/29/15](#)]

Think Progress: “Framing Anti-Coercion Legislation As The Best Way To Protect Women Is A Distortion...Many Public Health Professionals Believe Focusing On Abortion Bypasses The Broader Issue — Domestic And Sexual Violence.” According to Think Progress, “But framing anti-coercion legislation as the best way to protect women is a distortion. In fact, many public health professionals believe that anti-coercion abortion restrictions do a disservice to vulnerable women because focusing on abortion bypasses the broader issue — domestic and sexual violence, which is often the root cause of coercion. Showing true concern for the women who are at risk for coercion means addressing the dangerous culture of domestic abuse within intimate relationships.” [Think Progress, [8/30/12](#)]

The “Fetal Pain” Provision Of HB 2 Would Not Be Affected By The Supreme Court, States Have Continued To Pass “Fetal Pain” Laws

HB 2’S 20 WEEK ABORTION BAN WAS NOT CHALLENGED IN COURT IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON THE MOST DANGEROUS REQUIREMENTS

HB 2’s Provision Banning Abortion After 20 Weeks Was Not Challenged In Court. According to the Dallas Morning News, “The heavily debated ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy goes into effect Tuesday after a federal judge halted another provision of the same law. The 20-week ban is the first part of Texas’ new abortion law to fully take effect since lawmakers approved it in July. The law gained national attention after weeks of protest, two special legislative sessions and Sen. Wendy Davis’ now famous filibuster. [...] The 20-week ban, however, was not challenged in court.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/28/13](#)]

- **Abortion Providers “Decided To Focus On The Provisions That They Feared Could Have Caused A Third Of Texas Clinics To Close.”** According to the Dallas Morning News, “You can only do so much at once,” said Austin attorney Jim George, who represented the abortion providers who sued over the measure. They decided to focus on the provisions that they feared could have caused a third of Texas clinics to close. The law’s fourth major requirement, that abortion facilities meet the standards set for ambulatory surgical centers, does not go into effect until next year.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/28/13](#)]

20 WEEK ABORTION BANS HAVE HINGED ON THE DISCREDITED ARGUMENT “THAT A FETUS CAN FEEL PAIN AT 20 WEEKS OF GESTATION”

“A New Class Of Restrictive Abortion Laws, Passed In Recent Years In A Swath Of States, Hinges On The Argument That A Fetus Can Feel Pain At 20 Weeks Of Gestation.” According to NPR, “A new class of restrictive

abortion laws, passed in recent years in a swath of states, hinges on the argument that a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks of gestation. But the fetal pain assertion, viewed skeptically by many scientists, hit a bump Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a lower court ruling striking down an Arizona law that criminalized abortions at 20 weeks. The state's ban asserted that ‘unborn children feel pain during an abortion at that gestational age.’ Federal courts last year also blocked similar ‘fetal pain’ laws in Idaho and Georgia.” [NPR, [1/13/14](#)]

“Texas Is One Of 12 States That Bans Abortions After 20 Weeks Post Fertilization,” Based On “The Idea That Fetuses Can Feel Pain After That Period Of Gestation.” According to the Daily Beast, “Texas is one of 12 states that bans abortions after 20 weeks post fertilization with bills ostensibly based on the wholly unscientific idea that fetuses can feel pain after that period of gestation. (A review of the evidence by the American Medical Association found that ‘fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester.’) The Texas ban was passed as a provision in HB2, the 2013 law best known for requiring abortion clinics to meet the same strict standards as ambulatory surgical centers and providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals—restrictions that have closed half of the state’s abortion clinics and over which the Supreme Court heard oral arguments this month.” [Daily Beast, [3/31/16](#)]

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Scientists “Have Consistently Argued That Fetuses Are Not Developed Enough To Experience Pain Until Around The Third Trimester.” According to NPR, “The question of how soon fetuses can feel pain has been debated for more than three decades. Scientists, with some exceptions, have consistently argued that fetuses are not developed enough to experience pain until around the third trimester. A 2005 analysis of numerous studies that appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association concluded that for a fetus to feel pain its neural connections into the cortex have to be developed — and that doesn't occur until sometime after the 26th week of gestation. Robertson, the Texas bioethicist, says that the science has not changed in the past decade and there is ‘overwhelming consensus’ around the fetal pain issue.” [NPR, [1/13/14](#)]

American Medical Association Study: “Evidence Regarding The Capacity For Fetal Pain Is Limited But Indicates That Fetal Perception Of Pain Is Unlikely Before The Third Trimester.” According to *Fetal Pain A Systematic Multidisciplinary Review of the Evidence*, “Evidence regarding the capacity for fetal pain is limited but indicates that fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester. Little or no evidence addresses the effectiveness of direct fetal anesthetic or analgesic techniques. Similarly, limited or no data exist on the safety of such techniques for pregnant women in the context of abortion. Anesthetic techniques currently used during fetal surgery are not directly applicable to abortion procedures.” [*Fetal Pain A Systematic Multidisciplinary Review of the Evidence* – Journal of the American Medical Association, [August 2005](#)]

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UTAH EVEN PASSED A LAW REQUIRING FETUSES RECEIVE ANESTHESIA OR PAINKILLERS IF THE ABORTION IS AT 20 WEEKS OR LATER

AP Headline: "Utah's First-In-Nation Fetal Pain Law Perplexes Doctors" [Associated Press, [5/10/16](#)]

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- **University Of Utah's OB/GYN David Turok: "The Pain Doesn't Exist, So I Can't Make It Go Away."** According to the Associated Press, "'The pain doesn't exist, so I can't make it go away,' said David Turok of the University of Utah's obstetrics and gynecology department. They hope the steps they already take to alleviate a woman's pain during an abortion will be enough to satisfy the law. The governor signed the measure this year after lawmakers argued the possibility of a fetus in distress made it important to act." [Associated Press, [5/10/16](#)]

THE ANTI-CHOICE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS BEHIND TEXAS'S HOUSE BILL 2

Americans United For Life

TEXAS'S HOUSE BILL 2 WAS ENACTED WITH AUL'S SUPPORT AND USED AUL MODEL LANGUAGE

Texas's House Bill 2 Was "Enacted With AUL And AULA's Support." According to Americans United for Life's "Highlights of AUL's 2015 'Life List,'" "In March 2014, Texas' admitting privileges requirement and abortion inducing drugs (based, in part, on AUL model language) were upheld by the 5th Circuit. Texas continues to actively and successfully defend the admitting privileges requirement, abortion-inducing drugs regulation, and ambulatory surgical center standards enacted in 2013 in House Bill 2 (enacted with AUL and AULA's support). AUL ranks Texas as one of the Top 10 states in implementing the Women's Protection Project. Texas did not hold a regular legislative session in 2014." [AUL.org, [January 2015](#)]

Texas's House Bill 2 Used AUL Model Language. According to a post on the Americans United for Life website, "AUL is partnering with influential legislators to ensure that American women are no longer victimized by a profit-centered abortion industry, willing to spend significant money opposing efforts to enact commonsense health and safety standards rather than invest that money in women's safety," said Dr. [Charmaine] Yoest. 'And while Big Abortion fights against protecting women, they rake in millions in taxpayer funding each year.' Click here to learn more about tax dollars going to abortion purveyors. Texas' ambulatory surgical center standards were part of Texas House Bill 2, enacted in 2013, with the help of AUL experts. The measure also requires that abortion providers maintain hospital admitting privileges to ensure that women facing post-abortion complications receive proper emergency care; prohibits abortions after 20-weeks; and, specifically using AUL model language, regulates the provision of dangerous abortion-inducing drugs including RU-486. The Fifth Circuit upheld the admitting privileges requirement and abortion-inducing drugs regulations in March 2014." [AUL.org, [6/9/15](#)]

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- **AUL Attorneys And Experts "Drafted Model Legislation Requiring That Abortion Clinics Meet The Standards For Ambulatory Surgical Facilities."** According to a post on the Americans United for Life website, "For more than a decade, AUL has led the nationwide effort to combat the reality of legal 'back alley' abortions, advocating for meaningful and comprehensive regulation and oversight of abortion clinics across the nation. AUL attorneys and experts have drafted model legislation requiring that abortion clinics meet the same basic health and safety standards as other ambulatory surgical facilities, defended abortion clinic regulations in court, and worked with concerned legislators across the nation to better protect women and children." [AUL.org, [6/9/15](#)]

Texas Gov. Rick Perry Thanked AUL For Its Role In Passing HB 2

Perry: "AUL Plays A Key Role In Developing And Promoting Legislation" Like HB 2. According to a letter from Gov. Rick Perry to in the introduction of AUL's "Defending Life" book, "In Texas, I had the honor of signing a law protecting unborn babies after the fifth month of a pregnancy, near a point where we all know children born can survive – and thrive – with appropriate care. The same legislation I signed also required that clinics be held to the same standards as other surgical

facilities, and that practitioners have admitting privileges at a local hospital. The admitting privileges component was immediately challenged in court by an abortion industry apparently concerned that keeping clinics and practitioners up to standards would cut too deeply into their bottom line. [...]No matter how much progress we've made, much more needs to be done, which is where organizations like Americans United for Life come in. AUL plays a key role in developing and promoting legislation in all 50 states, legislation crafted to minimize the damage done by the abortion industry and its proponents." [Rick Perry - AUL.org, [March 2014](#)]

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AUL Called The 5th Circuit Decision On HB 2 A "A Decisive Blow For Women's Health And Safety Against A Predatory Abortion Industry." According to a post on the Americans United for Life website, "In a sweeping victory for women, the Fifth Circuit has upheld a Texas law requiring that abortion clinics meet the same health and safety standards as facilities that provide other outpatient surgeries. In a per curiam decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Lakey*, the Court found that the medical requirement advances Texas' interests in safeguarding maternal health and protecting women from substandard abortion facilities and practices. 'Texas has struck a decisive blow for women's health and safety against a predatory abortion industry,' said Americans United for Life President and CEO Dr. Charmaine Yoest. 'A largely under-monitored, under-supervised, and secretive abortion industry tells women 'trust but don't verify that our clinics are clean and safe.' No longer should women be abandoned to self-serving and false assurances from an industry that puts profits over people.'" [AUL.org, [6/9/15](#)]

AUL PROVIDED CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH MODEL LEGISLATION TO CREATE RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE LAWS

Atlantic: AUL "Is Almost Single-Handedly Responsible For The Wave Of Pro-Life Legislation That State Legislatures Have Passed In Recent Years." According to the Atlantic, "To AUL, the abortion debate is all about tiny maneuvers—which ideally, but not necessarily, will cause abortions to dwindle in the long run. The organization is almost single-handedly responsible for the wave of pro-life legislation that state legislatures have passed in recent years. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned tomorrow, the group says, it would be up to the states to regulate abortion. Their goal in the meantime, which they explained recently in an interview at their offices, is to make the states as pro-life as possible." [Atlantic, [7/16/15](#)]

AUL: "Legislators Are Taking Action – Equipped With AUL's Model Legislation And Expertise Crafting And Defending Abortion Clinic Regulations." According to American United for Life's *Defending Life 2015*, "Today, Texas has fewer than 10 abortion clinics. Last year, it had 40. That simple fact tells a dramatic story. Seeing dangerous clinics close rather than comply with commonsense health and safety regulations is a trend across the country. And abortion advocates are incensed. After years of enjoying their politically protected lack of regulation and the resulting profits, their exploitive business practices are finally being exposed. And legislators are taking action – equipped with AUL's model legislation and expertise crafting and defending abortion clinic regulations." [AUL *Defending Life*, [2015](#)]

Mother Jones: AUL's "Team Of Lawyers Has Written Dozens Of Model Bills, Which Are Collected In A Playbook, *Defending Life*, And Delivered To Every State And Federal Legislator." According to Mother Jones, "Understated rhetoric aside, AUL's mission is to end all abortions in the United States. Founded in 1971 by a Unitarian minister from Harvard Divinity School, AUL first focused on reversing *Roe v. Wade* flat out, but in the 1990s it turned its attention to rolling back reproductive rights incrementally at the state level. Lately, it's been chipping away at abortion access at an ever-faster pace. Its team of lawyers has written dozens of model bills, which are collected in a playbook, *Defending Life*, and delivered to every state and federal legislator. All told, 92 anti-abortion restrictions were passed throughout the country last year, an all-time record; AUL can claim credit for 24 new laws. So far in 2012, 17* laws promoted by AUL or based on its model legislation have been passed. Invasive vaginal ultrasounds in Virginia? That was AUL's bill. Trying to shut down all the abortion clinics in Kansas? That was AUL, too." [Mother Jones, [October 2012](#)]

- **Atlantic: AUL “Has Helped Enact 38 Pro-Life Laws In Various States Since 2013.”** According to the Atlantic, “And they are virtuosos at that: According to the Guttmacher Institute, so far this year states have enacted 51 new abortion restrictions, bringing the total passed since 2010 to 282. Many of these laws originated in Defending Life, a compendium of about 50 pieces of legislation written by AUL and its nine staff lawyers. According to the ‘legislative victories’ sections of the group’s annual reports, the group has helped enact 38 pro-life laws in various states since 2013.” [Atlantic, [7/16/15](#)]

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AUL Launched A Package of 2016 Model Legislation, Claimed It Was In Response To Requests For Legislation To Address Videos Released By The Center For Medical Progress

AUL Announced That It Had “Launched The Infants’ Protection Project Which Features Eight Pieces Of AUL Model Legislation.” According to the Americans United for Life website, “Americans United for Life (AUL), the legal architects of the pro-life movement, has launched the Infants’ Protection Project which features eight pieces of AUL model legislation expertly crafted to protect unborn children to the greatest extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court abortion jurisprudence. The Infants’ Protection Project is the companion to AUL’s Women’s Protection Project.” [AUL.org, viewed [12/11/15](#)]

AUL Said It The Project Was In Response To “Requests For A Legislative Package To Address...The Barbaric Trafficking In Infant Body Parts, Revealed By The Center For Medical Progress Videos.” According to a press release from Americans United for Life, “At this time of the year, when many pause from daily struggles to reflect on the unique contributions one baby made to the world, Americans United for Life is announcing its groundbreaking ‘Infants’ Protection Project’ to advance legal protections for the humanity of the unborn, as well as to address ongoing abortion industry abuses,” said Americans United for Life President and CEO Dr. Charmaine Yoest. ‘Already, AUL is receiving requests for a legislative package to address not only the barbaric trafficking in infant body parts, revealed by the Center for Medical Progress videos, but also the inhumanity of late-term abortion procedures which cause excruciating deaths for infants and carry substantial health risks for women. During this season, when many consider the beauty of a mother and her newborn son, Americans United for Life offers this package of legislation to care for both mother and child.’” [Americans United for Life, [12/8/15](#)]

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- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

- **Head Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

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AUL LEADERSHIP

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Forsythe: “The Notion That Abortion Is Between A Woman And ‘Her Doctor’ Died A Long Time Ago.” According to an op-ed by acting president of AUL Clarke Forsythe for the Daily Caller, “The notion that abortion is between a woman and ‘her doctor’ died a long time ago. When a woman presents at an ER with a fever and vaginal bleeding, how will the ER doc know that it’s the result of a surgical abortion, a chemical abortion or something else? (The shift from surgical abortions to chemical abortions doesn’t end the need for admitting privileges because chemical abortions carry a significant risk of hemorrhage.)” [Clarke Forsythe – Daily Caller, [3/1/16](#)]

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Recipient	2010	2011	2012	2013
Americans United for Life	\$250,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00

[Chiaroscuro Foundation, Accessed [7/16/15](#)]

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Sean Fieler Was The Chairman Of The Chiaroscuro Foundation. According to the Chiaroscuro Fund About page, “Sean Fieler, Chairman of the Chiaroscuro Foundation, is President of Equinox Partners, LP. Mr. Fieler graduated from Williams College in 1995 with a degree in Political Economy and was the 1994 recipient of the Branson Memorial Scholarship. He is the Chairman of the American Principles Project and a member of the board of Witherspoon Institute, the Manhattan Institute-, and the Dominican Foundation, among others.” [Chiaroscurofdn.org, Accessed [7/16/15](#)]

Fieler Was “A Conservative Hedge Fund Manager Known For His Controversial Statements About Homosexuality And His Activism Against Abortion.” According to The Observer, “Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera is running against State Senator Gustavo Rivera in a Democratic primary—but a well-heeled donor with Republican ties is filling his campaign coffers. Sean Fieler, a conservative hedge fund manager known for his controversial statements about homosexuality and his activism against abortion, recently donated \$6,500 to Mr. Cabrera, campaign records show. Mr. Fieler has been active in this year’s election cycle, but his money has flowed to Republicans like Rob Astorino, a gubernatorial candidate, and John Cahill, the candidate for attorney general.” [The Observer, [9/3/14](#)]

Huffington Post: “Fieler Has Donated Millions To Anti-Abortion And Anti-Gay Marriage Advocacy Groups, Mostly Through His Chiaroscuro Foundation.” According to the Huffington Post, “Beyond his electoral spending, [Sean] Fieler has donated millions to anti-abortion and anti-gay marriage advocacy groups, mostly through his Chiaroscuro Foundation. The nonprofit group, named after a Renaissance painting style favoring high contrast between dark and light, has received more than \$19 million from Fieler since 2010. Most of the foundation’s contributions have gone to Catholic, anti-abortion and anti-birth-control organizations, but some funding has gone to anti-gay groups as well.” [Huffington Post, [6/5/15](#)]

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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](#)]

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National Christian Charitable Foundation. Parker's vision grew into a nationwide premier support network for Christian charities. His method was so cutting edge that he sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to ensure it was legal. Nearly 25 years later, Parker's organization, now known as the National Christian Foundation (NCF), has become a leading financial delivery system to the evangelical movement, having channeled nearly \$1 billion to ministries, schools, conservative think tanks, and political activists around the country." [Mother Jones, [December 2005](#)]

NCF "Is Now The 12th Biggest Charitable Foundation In America That Raises Money From Private Sources," And "Has Given Away Over \$4.3 Billion." According to an interview with the director of Truth Wins Out's Center Against Religious Extremism, Bruce Wilson, by the Daily Beast, "The NCF was created, back in 1982 or so, to maximize hard right-wing evangelical Christian philanthropic giving. It was so novel and complex, the architects got a special ruling from the IRS, to make sure it was legal. The NCF has multiple overlapping legal entities and holding companies, but at the core is a huge donor-advised fund. The NCF is now the 12th biggest charitable foundation in America that raises money from private sources. Since its founding, the NCF has given away over \$4.3 billion, \$2.5 billion of it in the last three years. The NCF gave away \$601,841,675 in 2012—and is estimated to have given out \$670 million in 2013." [Daily Beast, [9/25/14](#)]

Inside Philanthropy Headline: "The National Christian Foundation Is A Top Backer Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers." [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

Inside Philanthropy: "The Number Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers The National Christian Foundation Gives To Every Year Is Unclear, But The Figure Reaches Well Into The Hundreds." According to Inside Philanthropy, "The number of crisis pregnancy centers the National Christian Foundation gives to every year is unclear, but the figure reaches well into the hundreds. We can highlight a few of the NCF's larger, recent grants to organizations working to impose their limited concept of reproductive choice on women around the country. Its last available tax filings reveal that the NCF gave \$96,000 to Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Greater Phoenix, \$94,394 to Texas' Arlington Pregnancy Center, and similar or lesser amounts to a constellation of organizations with similar anti-abortion service offerings. Also on NCF's recent grant list is the \$92,425 it gave to Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion advocacy group with a legal focus." [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

- **Inside Philanthropy: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are "Deceptive Pseudo-Health Clinics That Seek To Persuade Women Seeking Abortions To Bring Their Pregnancies To Term."** According to Inside Philanthropy, "The NCF gives much of its money to support churches, evangelism initiatives, Christian education (including college), and religious camps for children. Most of the NCF's grants are not large—often a few hundred or a few thousand dollars each—meaning the more than \$1 billion the NCF has given away since its inception is relatively spread out among organizations. With respect to crisis pregnancy centers in particular—those deceptive pseudo-health clinics that seek to persuade women seeking abortions to bring their pregnancies to term—NCF's attitude appears to be 'the more, the better,' and it has been a reliable friend to such centers, no matter where they operate." [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

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The Center To Protect Patient Rights Was Run By Koch Operative Sean Noble, And Gave Grants To "Some Of The Same Groups" As Freedom Partners, Such As 60 Plus Association. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "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." [Center for Responsive Politics, [9/12/13](#)]

Concerned Women for America

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CWA Was One Of The “Leading Supporters” Of HB 2. According to a press release from the Texans for Life Coalition, “Embroided in an intense battle for Life, pro-life Texans will pause to rally the troops Monday night, as they head into a week filled with floor debates and final votes over the historic omnibus pro-life bill. [...] The rally is sponsored by leading supporters of the pro-life omnibus bill HB 2 and its companion, SB 1: Concerned Women for America, Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life and Texas Values.” [Texans for Life Coalition, 7/7/13]

CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: The Passage Of HB 2 “Was The Culmination Of Efforts Of Texans, Including Our 20,000 Concerned Women For America Members And Leaders In Texas.” According to a press release from Concerned Women for America, “Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee CEO and President, Penny Nance, responds to the news of the passage of pro-life bill, HB 2, in Texas late last night: ‘The gratitude goes to all in Texas who stood for life and the glory goes to God. This was the culmination of efforts of Texans, including our 20,000 Concerned Women for America members and leaders in Texas. They joined with national pro-life groups to demonstrate the tenets of this common-sense bill, something pro-abortors did everything to avoid.’” [Concerned Women for America Press Release, [7/15/13](#)]

Sen. Ted Cruz “Commended The Texas Groups Who Have Worked Tirelessly To Promote SB 1 And HB 2 Including Concerned Women For America–Texas.” According to a press release from Sen. Ted Cruz, “U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) today submitted testimony for the record in support of Texas Senate Bill 1, which will ban abortions after 20 weeks and raise standards of care at abortion clinics by requiring them to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers. Part of Sen. Cruz’s testimony will be read at the Stand for Life Rally on Monday evening at the Texas State Capitol. In his testimony, Sen. Cruz noted that even many European nations have stricter abortion laws than the U.S., where our laws remain among the most extreme in the world. For instance, Spain, Italy, Portugal and France all ban abortions after 14 weeks. Additionally, 11 other U.S. states have already passed 20-week abortion bans. Sen. Cruz also commended the Texas groups who have worked tirelessly to promote SB 1 and HB 2 including Concerned Women for America–Texas, The Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life, and Texas Values.” [Ted Cruz Press Release, 7/9/13]

CWA Held A Rally For HB 2 With Other Radical Groups

Concerned Women For America, Susan B. Anthony List, Texans For Life Coalition, Texas Right To Life, Texas Eagle Forum, The Heidi Group, And Texas Values Held A Rally In Support Of HB 2. According to a news alert on the Eagle Forum website, “In a second special session, the Texas House has taken the lead in passing this pro-life omnibus as HB 2 (the same as SB 5 that was killed in the first special session) has been voted out of committee and is expected for a vote early next week. The Senate hearing on the identical companion bill, SB 1, is Monday, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Please pray for our Texas state leaders as they seek to pass and enforce sound and prudent protection mechanisms for women and unborn babies. WE NEED YOU to join us in Austin on Monday. See details below. Pro-LIFE RALLY on Monday, July 8 YOU are INVITED SPEAK UP FOR LIFE RALLY with Gov. Mike Huckabee Monday, July 8, 2013 7 p.m., Capitol Grounds, Austin, Texas Wear BLUE. Bring water and snacks. Let’s make this the biggest rally ever! Bring your friends and family Speakers: Governor Mike Huckabee Penny Nance President, Concerned Women for America Marilyn Musgrave Susan B. Anthony List and former congresswoman Dr. Robert Jeffress Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas Others invited include Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst Rally Sponsors (partial listing): Concerned Women for America Texans for Life Coalition Texas Right to Life Texas Eagle Forum The Heidi Group Texas Values.” [Eagle Forum News Alert, [7/5/13](#)]

Nance: “The Bill We Rally For In Texas Would Ban Abortions After Five Months Of Pregnancy And Requires Abortion Clinics To Meet Basic Medical Standards, Such As Having Active Admitting Privileges At A Hospital.” According to an op-ed by Concerned Women for America president and CEO, Penny Young Nance, for Fox News, “The bill we rally for in Texas would ban abortions after five months of pregnancy and requires abortion clinics to meet basic medical standards, such as having active admitting privileges at a hospital in case the abortion goes wrong, providing the pregnant

woman with a telephone number to a physician and the name and telephone number of a nearby hospital in case complications occur after an abortion (as they commonly do). Additionally, this bill does permit a woman to have an abortion up to the fifth month of her pregnancy, allows an abortion when the mother's life is at risk or substantial physical impairment is possible, and does not stop a mother from aborting her child on the prejudice of severe fetal abnormalities." [Penny Nance – Fox News, [7/9/13](#)]

CWA President Penny Nance Said HB 2 Didn't "Go Far Enough"

CWA President And CEO Penny Nance: "Texas's Pro-Life Bill," House Bill 2, "Is Not A Radical Bill." According to an op-ed by Concerned Women for America president and CEO, Penny Young Nance, for Fox News, "The eyes of our nation are on Austin, Texas this week as a new pro-life bill, House Bill 2/Senate Bill 1, will be addressed at the State House. If you're befuddled by the loud uproar and tense debate over this bill that we witnessed last week in the national media – or why the press is focusing on one woman's pink sneakers – know you're not alone. Texas's pro-life bill is not a radical bill. But there is a reason why it matters so much." [Penny Nance – Fox News, [7/9/13](#)]

Nance: Bills Like Texas's HB 2 Are "Very Limited, Common Ground Legislation." According to an op-ed by Concerned Women for America president and CEO, Penny Young Nance, for Fox News, "Texas's HB 2 bill, the 'Unborn Pain Capable Child Protection Act' on the federal level and similar bills in other states are for better or worse very limited, common ground legislation. Across the United States pro-abortion activists are fighting people like us, pro-life activists in pitched political battles. Why? Because, bottom line, they have never met an abortion they didn't like." [Penny Nance – Fox News, [7/9/13](#)]

Nance: "For Those Of Us Who Believe That Life Begins At Conception," HB 2 "Doesn't Go Far Enough."

According to an op-ed by Concerned Women for America president and CEO, Penny Young Nance, for Fox News, "The bill we rally for in Texas would ban abortions after five months of pregnancy and requires abortion clinics to meet basic medical standards, such as having active admitting privileges at a hospital in case the abortion goes wrong, providing the pregnant woman with a telephone number to a physician and the name and telephone number of a nearby hospital in case complications occur after an abortion (as they commonly do). [...] For those of us who believe that life begins at conception, this bill doesn't go far enough. But please remind me again why pro-abortion activists want healthy five-month pregnant women to abort their healthy child in dirty, unsafe abortion clinics? Their 'pro-woman' case just doesn't add up." [Penny Nance – Fox News, [7/9/13](#)]

CWA SUPPORTED OTHER RADICAL ABORTION BANS, SAID GOAL WAS TO MAKE ABORTION "UNTHINKABLE"

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 Celebrated The "Historic Passage" Of The "Pain-Capable Unborn Children Protection Act"

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 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](#)]

CWA OPPOSED MAKING CONTRACEPTION MORE ACCESSIBLE, CALLED THE MORNING-AFTER PILL “A PEDOPHILE’S BEST FRIEND”

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](#)]

Former CWA President Wendy Wright: Abortion Advocates Support Emergency Contraception So “There’ll Be More Clients For Abortions”

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]

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 LEADERSHIP

CWA CEO And President Penny Young Nance Accused The Movie Frozen Of “Tearing Down Men”

Penny Nance Was 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 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 bumblers. 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. DOCCY: As heroes. NANCE: Absolutely. We can both be heroes.” [Fox News via Media Matters, [2/4/15](#)]

CWA Chairman And Founder Beverly LaHaye Wrote That “Submission Is God’s Design For Women”

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 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, [10/27/09](#)]

- **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, [10/27/09](#)]

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: 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]

Former CWA President Wendy Wright Was Arrested For Storming An Abortion Clinic, Said The Black Community Was “Hit Hardest By The Abortion Holocaust”

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](#)]

Wright Was Arrested For Rushing An Abortion Clinic With Operation Rescue

In 1991 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](#)]

Wright: The Black Community Has Been “Hit Hardest By The Abortion Holocaust”

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,” [Wendy] Wright concludes.” [LifeNews, [4/3/09](#)]

Wright Claimed That Abortion Providers “Routinely Committed Abortions On Women Who Were Not Pregnant”

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](#)]

CWA WAS FUNDED BY FAR RIGHT CONSERVATIVE DONORS

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](#)]

Freedom Partners Served As The “Koch Brothers’ Secret Bank”

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](#)]

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

CWA Received \$14,500 From The National Christian Foundation

The National Christian Foundation Donated \$14,500 To CWA In 2012. According to the National Christian Foundation’s 2012 990 tax form, the National Christian Foundation donated \$14,500 to Concerned Women for America. [National Christian Foundation 990, 2012]

The National Christian Foundation Became “A Leading Financial Delivery System To The Evangelical Movement,” And “A Top Backer Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers”

The National Christian Foundation Became “A Leading Financial Delivery System To The Evangelical Movement.” According to Mother Jones, “In 1982, Terry Parker, a seasoned Atlanta evangelical and lawyer, created the National Christian Charitable Foundation. Parker’s vision grew into a nationwide premier support network for Christian charities. His method was so cutting edge that he sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to ensure it was legal. Nearly 25 years later, Parker’s organization, now known as the National Christian Foundation (NCF), has become a leading

financial delivery system to the evangelical movement, having channeled nearly \$1 billion to ministries, schools, conservative think tanks, and political activists around the country.” [Mother Jones, [December 2005](#)]

NCF “Is Now The 12th Biggest Charitable Foundation In America That Raises Money From Private Sources,” And “Has Given Away Over \$4.3 Billion.” According to an interview with the director of Truth Wins Out’s Center Against Religious Extremism, Bruce Wilson, by the Daily Beast, “The NCF was created, back in 1982 or so, to maximize hard right-wing evangelical Christian philanthropic giving. It was so novel and complex, the architects got a special ruling from the IRS, to make sure it was legal. The NCF has multiple overlapping legal entities and holding companies, but at the core is a huge donor-advised fund. The NCF is now the 12th biggest charitable foundation in America that raises money from private sources. Since its founding, the NCF has given away over \$4.3 billion, \$2.5 billion of it in the last three years. The NCF gave away \$601,841,675 in 2012—and is estimated to have given out \$670 million in 2013.” [Daily Beast, [9/25/14](#)]

Inside Philanthropy Headline: “The National Christian Foundation Is A Top Backer Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

Inside Philanthropy: “The Number Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers The National Christian Foundation Gives To Every Year Is Unclear, But The Figure Reaches Well Into The Hundreds.” According to Inside Philanthropy, “The number of crisis pregnancy centers the National Christian Foundation gives to every year is unclear, but the figure reaches well into the hundreds. We can highlight a few of the NCF’s larger, recent grants to organizations working to impose their limited concept of reproductive choice on women around the country. Its last available tax filings reveal that the NCF gave \$96,000 to Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Greater Phoenix, \$94,394 to Texas’ Arlington Pregnancy Center, and similar or lesser amounts to a constellation of organizations with similar anti-abortion service offerings. Also on NCF’s recent grant list is the \$92,425 it gave to Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion advocacy group with a legal focus.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

- **Inside Philanthropy: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are “Deceptive Pseudo-Health Clinics That Seek To Persuade Women Seeking Abortions To Bring Their Pregnancies To Term.”** According to Inside Philanthropy, “The NCF gives much of its money to support churches, evangelism initiatives, Christian education (including college), and religious camps for children. Most of the NCF’s grants are not large—often a few hundred or a few thousand dollars each—meaning the more than \$1 billion the NCF has given away since its inception is relatively spread out among organizations. With respect to crisis pregnancy centers in particular—those deceptive pseudo-health clinics that seek to persuade women seeking abortions to bring their pregnancies to term—NCF’s attitude appears to be ‘the more, the better,’ and it has been a reliable friend to such centers, no matter where they operate.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

CWA OPPOSED STEM CELL RESEARCH, ACCUSED HARRY POTTER BOOKS OF ENCOURAGING PAGANISM, AND PROMOTED GAY CONVERSION THERAPY

CWA Opposed Stem Cell Research

As CWA’s 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 [Wendy] 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 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 Harry Potter 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 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 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](#)]

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](#)]

Texas Alliance For Life

Texas Alliance For Life Stated It Was A Non-Profit Organization “Committed To Protecting The Fundamental Right To Life Of All Innocent Human Beings...From The Moment Of Conception.” According to the Texas Alliance for Life website, “Texas Alliance for Life is a non-profit organization of people committed to protecting the fundamental right to life of all innocent human beings and to promoting respect for their value and dignity from the moment of conception until natural death using peaceful, legal means. We therefore oppose the advocacy and practice of abortion (except to preserve the mother’s life), infanticide, euthanasia, and all forms of assisted suicide.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [1/27/16](#)]

- **Texas Alliance For Life: “We Therefore Oppose The Advocacy And Practice Of Abortion (Except To Preserve The Mother’s Life).”** According to the Texas Alliance for Life website, “Texas Alliance for Life is a non-profit organization of people committed to protecting the fundamental right to life of all innocent human beings and to promoting respect for their value and dignity from the moment of conception until natural death using peaceful, legal means. We therefore oppose the advocacy and practice of abortion (except to preserve the mother’s life), infanticide, euthanasia, and all forms of assisted suicide.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [1/27/16](#)]

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE LOBBIED FOR HB 2 AND HELPED DEFEND IT IN COURT

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Texas Alliance For Life Claimed It “Helped To Bring Into Law All Major Pro-Life Bills Since Its Founding, Including...House Bill 2.” According to the Texas Alliance for Life website, “Joe Pojman is frequently asked to write and speak on pro-life issues and has done numerous interviews for print, radio, and TV media, including Fox News, CNN, ABC News, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Dallas Morning News, and many broadcast news outlets around Texas. Joe Pojman has lobbied for pro-life issues in the state Capitol for 27 years and has been twice ranked as one of the top 10 lobbyists for causes by Capitol Inside magazine, higher than the lobbyists for NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and Planned Parenthood. Under his direction, Texas Alliance for Life helped to bring into law all major pro-life bills since its founding, including the parental notice and consent laws, the Prenatal Protection (personhood) Act, the Sonogram Bill, the Choose Life license plate bill, defunding Planned Parenthood, and House Bill 2.” [TexasAllianceforLife.org, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

- **Texas Alliance For Life Staff Attorney Erin Groff “Lobbied For House Bill 2 In The 83rd Legislative Session.”** According to the bio of the Texas Alliance for Life’s staff attorney, Erin Groff, on the Texas Alliance for Life’s website, “Erin graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 2012. A native of New Jersey, she graduated with honors from Virginia Tech in 2008 with a degree in English. She has been with Texas Alliance for Life since 2012. Erin lobbied for House Bill 2 in the 83rd Legislative session.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

- **Texas Alliance For Life Communications Assistant Leah Brown “Lobbied For House Bill 2.”** According to the bio of the Texas Alliance for Life’s communications assistant, Leah Brown, on the Texas Alliance for Life’s website, “Leah graduated with honors from the University of North Texas in 2012 with a double major in Political Science and Communications. She has been with Texas Alliance for Life since 2013 and lobbied for House Bill 2.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

Texas Alliance For Life’s Executive Director Joe Pojman And Staff Attorney Erin Groff Were At The HB 2 Bill Signing Ceremony

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2014: The Texas Alliance For Life “Recommended” A Witness To The State Attorney General To Defend House Bill 2 In Court Who They Accompanied To The Trial

The Texas Alliance For Life “Recommended” A Witness To The State Attorney General To Defend House Bill 2 In Court, Who They Later Accompanied To The Trial In 2014. According to the Austin Chronicle, “Among the state defense witnesses who took the stand on the third day of trial against Texas’ abortion-restricting House Bill 2 were two women with overt objections to abortion and one physician whose testimony in support of abortion regulations was recently discredited by a federal court. [...] Next in line was 28-year-old Ashton Jimenez, who says she supports HB 2 as a result of her personal experience undergoing abortion. While plaintiffs sought to object to the testimony as irrelevant, Jimenez was allowed to retell her story of suffering bleeding and pain in her Baylor University dorm room after ingesting abortion-inducing drugs some 10 years ago. The incident led her to testify before the Texas Legislature in support of abortion clinic regulation and be a defendant witness today. However, Jimenez said she did not know if the Waco Planned Parenthood, where she received the drugs, was an ASC or if it had hospital admitting privileges at the time. She also wasn’t clear about the details of either regulation or the difference between an ASC and an abortion clinic. But Jimenez isn’t simply a young woman with a personal story the AG’s office stumbled upon. During her deposition, Joe Pojman and Terry Williams, members of Texas Alliance for Life, an influential anti-abortion state lobbying organization, accompanied Jimenez, and it was Williams who recommended her to the OAG as a witness.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE URGED GOP SENATORS TO CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT OBAMA’S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

Texas Alliance For Life Urged GOP Senators To Continue To Obstruct Even Consideration Of Obama’s Nominee To Replace Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

Texas Alliance For Life Applauded Sen. John Cornyn For Refusing To Consider Obama’s Nominee To The Supreme Court. According to a post by Texas Alliance for Life on Facebook, “In response to President Obama’s U.S. Supreme Court nomination, we point out that Texas Senator John Cornyn made this speech on the Senate floor two days ago. Senator Cornyn makes the point that nomination and confirmation of a Supreme Court justice during an election year is extremely rare and hasn’t happened since 1932. The better course would be to allow the American people to pick the President who will then nominate a justice next year. Senator Cornyn is the featured speaker at our April 1 Leadership Circle Luncheon. <https://youtu.be/qswQozINUw0>.” [Texas Alliance for Life - Facebook, [3/16/16](#)]

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Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn “Emphasized The Role Of The Next Supreme Court Justice” In Abortion Law While Speaking To Texas Alliance For Life According to KVUE ABC, “The 2016 presidential election could have a big impact on the abortion debate. Speaking Friday to the Texas Alliance for Life, one of the state's largest anti-abortion organizations, Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) emphasized the role of the next Supreme Court justice. This week, a handful of Senate Republicans defied leadership by agreeing to meet with Obama nominee Judge Merrick Garland. ‘That’s their choice, I don’t object to that at all, but I do believe that we should not confirm an Obama judge at this late point,’ Sen. Cornyn told KVUE Friday. The Majority Whip, Cornyn repeated there will be no vote, but acknowledged the pressure on some members. ‘Not every state’s as red as Texas.’ The court is now a key focus of anti-abortion activists.” [KVUE, [4/1/16](#)]

Cornyn Told Texas Alliance For Life That He Would Obstruct Any Obama Supreme Court Nominee To Prevent A “Radical Transformation” Of The Court. According to remarks by Sen. John Cornyn at Texas Alliance for Life’s April Leadership Circle Luncheon, “I’ve had the honor since I’ve been in the Senate to participate in the confirmation of Justice Roberts, Justice Alito, and I know not every judge, even those I generally agree with are going to decide everything the way I would exactly like them to do. But then President Obama has had the opportunity to appoint Justice Kagan and Justice Sotomayor. But fortunately what’s happened is the balance on the court that existed when President Obama came into office has essentially been maintained. And so while many of the decisions that the court has decided, I’ve disagreed with it has not been a radical transformation of the Supreme Court – which it would be if President Obama was able to complete this nomination, and the Senate were to take up and vote on this nomination and confirm Justice Garland to the Supreme Court. [...] So I’m proud of my Senate colleagues, against the bunch of press and media, demonstrations you might have seen outside my office here in Austin and elsewhere trying to get us to change our minds. But I promise you we will stand firm. And we will not be confirming an Obama judge to the Supreme Court.” [TexasAllianceforLife.org, [4/1/16](#)]

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE HAS SUPPORTED ESTABLISHMENT TEXAS GOP CANDIDATES AND LAWMAKERS

“Texas Alliance For Life Tends To Support Bills Authored By Long-Time GOP Lawmakers, Which May Include Exceptions For Rape, Incest Or Fetal Anomalies.” According to the Texas Observer, “But Texas Alliance for Life tends to support bills authored by long-time GOP lawmakers, which may include exceptions for rape, incest or fetal anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster. Joe Pojman, Texas Alliance for Life’s executive director, told the Observer that his group is concerned with getting solid ‘pro-life’ legislation on the books. They back laws that will stand up to the inevitable legal challenges that have defined the abortion conversation over the past three Lege sessions. “We are very adverse to grandstanding, or proposing things simply to gain media attention, or to score some political points,” he said. ‘A bill doesn’t have to be our idea to support it.’” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

Texas Right To Life And Texas Alliance For Life Have Developed A “Rivalry” Over Texas Alliance’s For Life Willingness To Support GOP Establishment Candidates. According to the Texas Observer, “‘If you’re thwarting pro-life legislation behind closed doors, you’re dangerous to our movement,’ Texas Right to Life’s political director Emily Kebodeaux told the Observer. ‘We don’t want you in office.’ As a result, Kebodeaux’s organization has developed a frenemy-like relationship with their comparatively more moderate anti-abortion colleagues at Texas Alliance for Life, whose bench is deep with GOP stalwarts like Cook, Riddle and Villalba. And over the last several months, the groups’ rivalry has become especially nasty as Texas Right to Life ramps up rhetoric against legislators who likely appear, to the casual Lege observer, to be as conservative as they come. [...] Both groups boast nearly identical missions: to advocate for Texans ‘from the moment of conception,’ or, in Texas Right to Life’s case, ‘fertilization,’ to ‘natural death.’ But Texas Alliance for Life tends to support bills authored by long-time GOP lawmakers, which may include exceptions for rape, incest or fetal anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster.” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

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anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster. [...] Texas Right to Life, on the other hand, opposes abortion in all circumstances, such as when a fetus has an illness incompatible with life outside the womb. They demand ‘nothing less than full commitment’ to their ideology, which is couched in language of ‘resistance’ rather than compromise. According to the group’s endorsement explainer, Texas Right to Life is happy to support even the greenest challengers who have ‘pledged and convinced our PAC panel that he or she proactively agrees with 100% of our platform.’” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE LEADERSHIP

Texas Alliance For Life Executive Director Joe Pojman “Lobbied For Pro-Life Issues In The State Capitol For 27 Years”

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[TexasAllianceforLife.org, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

Pojman Posed For A Photo With David Daleidan Outside The Supreme Court. According to a post by Texas Alliance for Life on Facebook, “TAL’s Executive Director Dr. Joe Pojman with The Center for Medical Progress's David Daleiden after oral arguments on HB 2 at the Supreme Court last week. David Daleiden is responsible for the undercover videos exposing Planned Parenthood's tendencies to sell body parts of aborted babies.” [Texas Alliance for Life - Facebook, [3/10/16](#)]



TAL Special Counsel Paul Linton Previously Worked For Firm That Represented Controversial Anti-Choice Groups, Including David Daleiden’s Center For Medical Progress

As Of 2015, Paul Linton Served As Special Counsel With The Texas Alliance For Life. According to the Texas Alliance for Life’s website, Paul Linton is special counsel with Texas Alliance for Life. [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [12/10/15](#)]

Linton Previously Served As Special Counsel For The Thomas More Society And Was “Recognized As The Nation’s Preeminent Authority On The Subject Of State Regulation Of Abortion Rights.” According to a press release from the Thomas More Society, “The legislators’ brief was drafted by Paul Benjamin Linton, Esq., Special Counsel for the Thomas More Society, a national public interest law firm based in Chicago. Linton is recognized as the nation’s preeminent authority on the subject of state regulation of abortion rights, as the author of *Abortion Under State Constitutions* (2d ed. 2012) -- a book that won praise from Notre Dame Law Professor Richard Garnett as ‘a must-have tool for all engaged in this ... important challenging work in the legislatures and courtrooms of the several states.’” [Thomas More Society Press Release, 10/9/12]

Thomas More Society Announced That They Were Helping To Defend David Daleiden, The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood

In 2015, Thomas More Society Attorneys Announced They Were Helping To Defend David Daleiden, The Center For Medical Progress And Biomax Procurement Services LLC. According to a post on the Thomas More Society’s website, “Thomas More Society attorneys are helping to defend David Daleiden, investigative journalist who produced the

Planned Parenthood exposé videos, against civil RICO charges which are pending before the federal district court in San Francisco. The Society has filed an Anti-SLAPP motion on behalf of Daleiden and his pair of affiliated entities, the Center for Medical Progress and Biomax Procurement Services LLC, in that proceeding, which is ongoing.” [ThomasMoreSociety.org, accessed [12/2/15](#)]

David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood. According to the Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **New York Times Editorial: “The Center For Medical Progress Video Campaign Is A Dishonest Attempt To Make Legal, Voluntary And Potentially Lifesaving Tissue Donations Appear Nefarious And Illegal.”** According to an editorial by the New York Times, “The Center for Medical Progress video campaign is a dishonest attempt to make legal, voluntary and potentially lifesaving tissue donations appear nefarious and illegal. Lawmakers responding by promoting their own anti-choice agenda are rewarding deception and putting women’s health and their constitutionally protected rights at risk.” [Editorial - New York Times, [7/22/15](#)]
- **A Texas Investigation Into Planned Parenthood, Instigated By CMP’s Videos, Cleared Planned Parenthood And Indicted Daleiden.** According to CNN, “A Texas investigation into Planned Parenthood on Monday culminated in an indictment -- of the organization's accusers instead of the group. The Harris County District Attorney's office announced that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast had been cleared in the two-month-long investigation. But the grand jury did indict two individuals who were involved in making secret recordings of the group that were released to publicly discredit the group, which provides health services and abortions. David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt were indicted for tampering with a governmental record, a second-degree felony, and Daleiden was also indicted on the count of prohibition of the purchase and sale of human organs, a class A misdemeanor, according to the Harris County district attorney.” [CNN, [1/26/16](#)]

Thomas More Society Represented The Anti-Choice Group Live Action, Where Daleiden Previously Worked

The Thomas More Society’s Clients Included Lila Rose And Live Action. According to a press release from the Thomas More Society, “The Thomas More Society is a national not-for-profit law firm that exists to restore respect in law for life, marriage, and religious liberty. Headquartered in Chicago, they foster support for these causes by providing high quality pro-bono professional legal services to clients across the nation. Some of their clients include leading pro-life and pro-family organizations such as National 40 Days for Life, Lila Rose and Live Action, Catholic Bishops, religious orders, priests, nuns, pregnancy crisis centers, Joe, Ann, and Eric Scheidler’s Pro-Life Action League, homeschoolers, elected officials, and many others.” [Thomas More Society Press Release, 10/9/12]

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- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

TAL’s Joe Pojman Advocated For A Pregnant Texas Woman To Be Kept On Life Support Against Her Own Wishes, After She Was Pronounced Brain Dead

TAL’s Joe Pojman Thought A Pregnant Texas Woman Should Be Kept On Life Support Against Her Own Wishes And The Wishes Of Her Family After She Was Pronounced Brain Dead. According to Newsmax, “The debate over a pregnant Texas woman on life support continues to gain national attention, with her family expected to take legal action this week against the hospital that refuses to take her off a ventilator. Marlise Munoz has been kept alive since late November, when her husband, Erick Munoz, found her unconscious after she suffered a blood clot in her lungs. She was reportedly 14 weeks pregnant at the time. The Munoz’s, both paramedics, are also the parents of a 15-month old boy, but her family wants her removed from life support, reports CNN. ‘We were told she was brain dead on November 26th,’ her mother, Lynne Machado, told the network. [...] Regardless of Muñoz’s condition, though, the founder of the Austin-based Texas Alliance for Life, Joe Pojman, believes she should be kept on the ventilator. ‘There is an unborn child who is alive and deserves protection,’ he told the Star-Telegram. ‘We are commending John Peter Smith Hospital for doing everything it can to continue to protect the life of that child,’ he said.” [Newsmax, [1/14/14](#)]

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TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE HOSTED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE ACTIVISTS AT ITS ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Texas Alliance For Life’s 2011 Benefit Dinner Included Lila Rose, The President Of Live Action

Lila Rose Spoke At Texas Alliance For Life’s Benefit Dinner In 2011. According to a blog post on the Live Action website, “On the evening of Tuesday, October 11, Lila Rose spoke to over 1,400 pro-lifers at the Texas Alliance for Life benefit dinner at the Hilton in Austin, Texas. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood abortion facility director from Bryan, Texas, introduced Ms. Rose as ‘Planned Parenthood’s worst nightmare,’ rousing applause from the crowd.” [LiveAction.org/blog, [10/13/11](#)]

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Texas Alliance For Life Held A Benefit Dinner That Was Keynoted By The Founder Of An Organization That “Exists To Help Abortion Clinic Workers Leave The Abortion Industry”

Texas Alliance For Life Held A Benefit Dinner That Was Keynoted By Abby Johnson, The Founder Of And Then There Were None. According to a blog post on the Texas Alliance for Life's website, the Texas Alliance for Life, “The Keynote speaker for the 2015 Annual Benefit Dinner was Abby Johnson, Founder of And Then There Were None.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

- **And Then There Were None “Exists To Help Abortion Clinic Workers Leave The Abortion Industry.”** According to And Then There Were None's website, “And Then There Were None (ATTWN) is a registered nonprofit organization that exists to help abortion clinic workers leave the abortion industry. ATTWN is pro-life without exceptions. While we believe in and wholeheartedly support all peaceful prolife efforts, ATTWN seeks to end abortion from the inside out.” [AbortionWorker.com, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE FUNDING

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- **Victor Carrillo Was The CEO Of Zion Oil & Gas.** According to the Zion Oil & Gas website, “Effective June 15, 2015, Zion's Board of Directors appointed Victor G. Carrillo as Zion's CEO. Mr. Carrillo was appointed to Zion's Board in September 2010 and appointed Executive Vice President in January 2011.” [ZionOil.com, accessed [1/4/16](#)]
- **Zion Oil & Gas Had The “Biblically Inspired” Vision To “Find Oil And/Or Natural Gas In Israel.”** According to the Zion Oil & Gas website, “Zion's vision is to find oil and/or natural gas in Israel. This vision, according to Zion's Founder and Chairman, John Brown, is Biblically inspired. While John Brown provides the broad vision and goals for the company, the actions taken by the Zion management as it actively explores for oil and gas in Israel, are based on modern science and good business practice.” [ZionOil.com, accessed [1/4/16](#)]

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- **State Senator Bob Deuell Co-Authored A Bill That “Would Force Abortion Providers In Texas To Abide By The Same Regulations As Those Governing...Outpatient Surgical Centers.”** According to CBS Dallas Fort Worth, “Only a handful of abortion clinics in Texas could continue to operate as they do now if Republican lawmakers push through a tough new bill aimed at raising the regulations that govern the clinics. State Senator Bob Deuell (R) Greenville co-authored SB 537 with two other senate physicians. The bill [...] would force abortion providers in Texas to abide by the same regulations as those governing ambulatory, or outpatient surgical centers—right down to the flooring, ventilation systems, and outfitting of janitors' closets.” [CBS Dallas Fort Worth, [3/19/13](#)]

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- **Edna Staudt Was Elected As A Judge In 1994 And Has Been Involved With Multiple Pregnancy Resource Centers.** According to Judge Edna Staudt’s website, “Judge Edna Staudt was first elected in 1994 and is in her 5th term of office. Her community involvement has included the National Day of Prayer, Williamson County Bail Bond Board, Austin Crisis Pregnancy Center (renamed Life Care PRC) Greater Williamson County YMCA, Safe & Drug Free School Committee, Central Texas Justice of the Peace & Constables Association, Agape Pregnancy Resource Center, Hope Connections Pregnancy Resource Center, Williamson County YMCA Teen Court, Justice Court Mentoring Program, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Cedar Park, Leander, and Liberty Hill. She is also a member of the National Rife Association, Texas State Rife Association, and Leadership Circle of Texas Alliance for Life.” [EdnaStaudt.com/about, accessed [1/4/16](#)]

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TAL Executive Director Joe Pojman: “We Enthusiastically Support” The Sonogram Legislation House Bill 15.

According to a press release from Texas Alliance for Life, “After careful analysis, Texas Alliance for Life strongly supports the new version of the sonogram bill passed on April 12, 2011, by the Senate State Affairs Committee, the Committee Substitute for House Bill 15 (CSHB 15), sponsored by state Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Houston). The original House Bill 15 is authored by Rep. Sid Miller (R-Stephenville). ‘We enthusiastically support this new version of the sonogram bill, which combines the best elements of the House and Senate versions,’ said Joe Pojman, Ph.D., executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. ‘No bill is perfect, and this bill is not an exception. However, this bill provides nearly all of the informed consent protections allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court to at least 92% of women considering abortion. We believe this bill raises the standard of care related to informed consent for abortion to the same level that patients expect for other medical and surgical procedures. That is what women deserve.’” [Texas Alliance for Life Press Release, [4/19/11](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To “Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn’t Want To Hear It.” According to NBC News, “Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn’t want to hear it.” [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

The Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities. According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living “100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider,” and included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, “Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, ‘in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,’ the law states.” [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

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Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law “Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I’m Coerced.” According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for The New York Times, “Here’s what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they’re shown on the monitor. She signs a document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

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According to the Texas Alliance for Life website, “In Texas, before a physician can perform an abortion on a minor girl (17 years or younger), he or she must obtain the written, notarized consent of the minor’s parent or guardian. The Supreme Court of the United States mandates any state that requires consent to have an alternate means for a minor to obtain an abortion. The intent behind this mandate is to protect minors from abusive parents or guardians. In Texas, this alternate route of consent is known as a ‘judicial bypass.’ A judicial bypass is an order granted by a judge that allows the physician to perform an abortion on the minor without her parent’s involvement. [...] First, venue needs to be restricted. Currently, minors may seek a judicial bypass in any court in Texas. This needs to be restricted to the minor’s county of residence, or, if the county is small enough that anonymity is threatened, a neighboring county.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org, accessed [12/10/15](#)]

- **The Anti-Choice Judicial Bypass Bill That TAL Supported Passed The Texas Legislature In 2015.** According to a Texas Alliance for Life press release, “The Texas Legislature has concluded the 84th regular session at the Capitol in Austin, but not before it passed five substantial pro-life bills as well as multiple pro-life provisions in the budget. ‘We have had a truly sensational session,’ said Joe Pojman, Ph.D., Texas Alliance for Life’s executive director. [...] The Legislature passed HB 3994 by Rep. Geanie Morrison (R-Victoria) and Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) — a pro-life bill to reform the judicial bypass process in Texas law that allows a judge to authorize abortions on minor girls without notification or consent of parents. HB 3994 closes several loopholes in the current judicial bypass process. The Senate vote was 21-10 and the House vote was 102-43.” [Texas Alliance for Life Press Release, [6/3/15](#)]

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Richmond Times-Dispatch’s A. Barton Hinkle: “Texas Sets The Age Of Sexual Consent At 17, And Requires Parental Consent For An Abortion -- But Allows Children As Young As 14 To Be Tried As Adults.” According to an opinion by the Richmond Times-Dispatch’s A. Barton Hinkle, “Yet at the same time, Virginia allows children as young as 14 to be tried as adults. To permit that, courts must take numerous factors into consideration: the seriousness of the offense, the child’s education, his or her disciplinary history, and -- significantly -- his or her mental, emotional and physical maturity. Virginia has lots of company. Texas sets the age of sexual consent at 17, and requires parental consent for an abortion -- but allows children as young as 14 to be tried as adults. In Mississippi, children as young as 13 can be tried as adults, but cannot have an abortion without parental consent until 18. In Kansas, the age of sexual consent is 16, but the age at which a child can be tried as an adult is 10.” [A. Barton Hinkle – Richmond Times-Dispatch, [7/15/14](#)]

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Under The Act, “A Fertilized Egg From The Moment Of Conception Until Birth Would Be Legally Considered An ‘Individual.’” According to the Austin American-Statesman, “A fertilized egg from the moment of conception until birth would be legally considered an ‘individual’ under a bill passed Thursday by the Texas Senate with no debate. Senate Bill 319, dubbed the Prenatal Protection Act by supporters, is designed to allow for criminal charges or civil lawsuits to be filed when an unborn child is killed.” [Austin American-Statesman, 5/23/03]

“Texas Right To Life Worked For Many Years On Getting The Prenatal Protection Act Passed.” According to NPR, “Texas Right to Life worked for many years on getting the Prenatal Protection Act passed. Legislative director Stacey Emick

says the intent was to add penalties for domestic violence against women and other crimes that district attorneys couldn't prosecute. Ms. STACEY EMICK (Texas Right to Life): ...that that perpetrator would pay for the crimes both against her and her unborn child and understanding that this is a woman, in most cases, that has chosen to have the child and is expecting a child. And before this law went into effect, that woman was not compensated at all, or her grief or her injury was not addressed for the death of that unborn child.” [NPR, [6/9/05](#)]

Under The Prenatal Protection Act, A 19-Year-Old Was Sentenced To Life In Prison For Helping His Girlfriend End Her Pregnancy

Under Texas’s Prenatal Protection Act 19-Year-Old Gerardo Flores Was Found Guilty On Two Counts Of Murder And Sentenced To Life In Prison For Helping His Girlfriend End Her Pregnancy. According to the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, “On June 6, 2005, 19-year-old Gerardo Flores was found guilty on two counts of murder and sentenced to life in prison by the Angelina County Court in Lufkin, Texas for helping his girlfriend end her pregnancy.¹ In 2004, Flores' girlfriend, 16-year-old Erica Basoria, found out she was pregnant with twins. Initially opposed to abortion, according to her medical record, Basoria asked her doctor about termination at four months and was told it was too late. It was then that she stopped taking prenatal vitamins and began jogging with intentions of ending her pregnancy. At five months she asked her boyfriend to step on her stomach as she hit herself causing her to miscarry.” [SIECUS.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

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TAL Boasted It Helped To Defund Planned Parenthood In Texas And Assisted In Excluding It From The State’s Breast And Cervical Cancer Services Program

TAL Ranked “Defunding Planned Parenthood” In Texas Among Its Legislative Accomplishments. According to the Texas Alliance for Life’s biography for executive director Joe Pojman, “[Texas Alliance For Life executive director] Joe Pojman has lobbied for pro-life issues in the state Capitol for 27 years and has been twice ranked as one of the top 10 lobbyists for causes by Capitol Inside magazine, higher than the lobbyists for NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and Planned Parenthood. Under his direction, Texas Alliance for Life helped to bring into law all major pro-life bills since its founding, including the parental notice and consent laws, the Prenatal Protection (personhood) Act, the Sonogram Bill, the Choose Life

license plate bill, defunding Planned Parenthood, and House Bill 2.” [TexasAllianceForLife.org/Joe-Pojman, accessed [12/11/15](#)]

- **The Texas Legislature Excluded Planned Parenthood From “Any State Funding” In 2011.** According to Texas Public Radio, “In 2011, members of the Texas legislature ended the state’s involvement with a federal women’s healthcare grant, and started the Texas Women’s Health Fund, excluding Planned Parenthood from any state funding.” [Texas Public Radio, [12/1/14](#)]

TAL Successfully Excluded Planned Parenthood From Texas’s Breast And Cervical Cancer Services Program

In 2015, TAL Hoped “To End The Little Money” Planned Parenthood Still Received “To Provide Birth Control And Breast And Cervical Cancer Screening.” According to Texas Public Radio, “In 2011, members of the Texas legislature ended the state’s involvement with a federal women’s healthcare grant, and started the Texas Women’s Health Fund, excluding Planned Parenthood from any state funding. That clearly wasn’t enough, for now, ahead of the 2015 legislative session, the Texas Alliance for Life hopes to end the little money Planned Parenthood still receives, to provide birth control and breast and cervical cancer screening. ‘We think those moneys should go to organizations that truly help women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. Planned Parenthood can do nothing for a woman who is diagnosed with cancer in the course of treatment,’ said Joe Pojman, the group’s executive director.” [Texas Public Radio, [12/1/14](#)]

- **The General Appropriations Act Riders That TAL Supported, Which Excluded Planned Parenthood From The Breast And Cervical Cancer Services Program, Passed The Texas Legislature In 2015.** According to a Texas Alliance for Life press release, “Finally, the General Appropriations Act, HB 1 by Rep. John Otto (R-Dayton) and Sen. Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound) includes multiple pro-life provisions in the budgets for the Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): [...] DSHS Rider 72 excludes Planned Parenthood from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program. Planned Parenthood currently receives \$1.4 million per year. [...] DSHS Rider 63 and HHSC Riders 29, 74, 85, 87 and 88 continue to exclude Planned Parenthood from women’s health programs.” [Texas Alliance for Life Press Release, [6/3/15](#)]

The Bill Forbade Planned Parenthood From “Participating In The Joint State-Federal Breast And Cervical Cancer Services Program, Which Provides Cancer Screening For Poor, Uninsured Women In Texas.” According to the Texas Tribune, “A months-long effort to keep Republicans from pushing Planned Parenthood out of a state cancer screening program for low-income women ended in defeat on Saturday when Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signed off on the proposal. By approving the two-year state budget, Abbott green-lit a provision that will prevent Planned Parenthood from participating in the joint state-federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program, which provides cancer screening for poor, uninsured women in Texas. The governor’s endorsement of the provision, which was expected, came as Planned Parenthood leaders vowed to maintain their presence in Texas despite lawmakers’ efforts to cut their funding.” [Texas Tribune, [6/20/15](#)]

- **The PP Clinics That Participated In The Program Received About \$1.2 Million In Funding To Serve Nearly 3,000 Women; They Were Already Prohibited From Performing Abortions.** According to the Texas Tribune, “In an effort to boot Planned Parenthood from the cancer program, lawmakers wrote a provision into the state budget to prohibit clinics affiliated with abortion providers from receiving funding for breast and cervical cancer screenings. Under state law, the 17 Planned Parenthood clinics participating in the program were already prohibited from performing abortions if they accepted taxpayer dollars. The governor’s office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the budget provision. Planned Parenthood currently serves about 10 percent of the Texas women in the program. In fiscal year 2014, Planned Parenthood affiliates received about \$1.2 million in funding and served 2,938 of the 33,599 women who received services from Breast and Cervical Cancer Services providers across the state.” [Texas Tribune, [6/20/15](#)]

Texas Right To Life

Texas Right To Life Was An Anti-Abortion Group That “Grades Lawmakers Based On Their Support Of Legislation Related To Anti-Abortion And End-Of-Life Issues.” According to the New York Times, “A rift on how to regulate end-of-life care that broke out during last year’s legislative session has carried over into this year’s election cycle. And one group’s political scorecard has created a minefield in some Republican primary races, leading to heavy criticism from Roman Catholic bishops in Texas. The 2013 scorecard by Texas Right to Life, which grades lawmakers based on their support of legislation related to anti-abortion and end-of-life issues, holds great sway in many Republican primaries. But the Texas

Catholic Conference, which lobbies on behalf of the 15 Roman Catholic bishops of Texas and their dioceses, says the group has, in order to exert political power, misrepresented the positions of politicians committed to both anti-abortion causes and the rights of the terminally ill.” [New York Times, [1/4/14](#)]

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE WAS A “LEADING SUPPORTER” OF HB 2, SAID IT WAS “A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARD ENDING THE SCOURGE OF ABORTION IN TEXAS”

Texas Right To Life Was One Of The “Leading Supporters” Of Bill HB 2. According to a press release from the Texans for Life Coalition, “Embroided in an intense battle for Life, pro-life Texans will pause to rally the troops Monday night, as they head into a week filled with floor debates and final votes over the historic omnibus pro-life bill. [...] The rally is sponsored by leading supporters of the pro-life omnibus bill HB 2 and its companion, SB 1: Concerned Women for America, Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life and Texas Values.” [Texans for Life Coalition, 7/7/13]

Texas Right To Life: “We Know You Are All Anxious To Support Us In Our Efforts To Pass House Bill 2, The Pro-Life Omnibus Bill.” According to a Pro-Life Action Alert on the Texas Right to Life website, “We know you are all anxious to support us in our efforts to pass House Bill 2, the Pro-Life omnibus bill for the 2nd Special Session. Thank you for your willingness to support Texas Right to Life in our efforts to stand for Life, provide a voice to the Preborn, protect women, and to defend the defenseless.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/1/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life President Jim Graham: “Texas Right To Life’s Legislative Team Was In Austin, Leading The Charge” On HB 2, “And Dodging Arrows From Both Sides.” According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “You see, the Pro-Life Omnibus bill [HB 2] that banned abortions at 5 months of development and that mandates that abortion mills operate under the same regulations as all other ambulatory surgical centers was never supposed to have reached to the floor of the Texas House, let alone become law. [...] I know. I WAS. THERE. FOR. ALL. FIVE. WEEKS. Texas Right to Life’s legislative team was in Austin, leading the charge and dodging arrows from both sides. Some Republicans in the State Legislature and small, poser, wanna-be organizations will tell you that Texas Right to Life is an organization of unyielding, intransigent, stubborn, uncompromising jerks. Guilty as charged. And you ain’t seen nothing yet.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Concerned Women For America, Susan B. Anthony List, Texans For Life Coalition, Texas Right To Life, Texas Eagle Forum, The Heidi Group, And Texas Values Held A Rally In Support Of HB 2. According to a news alert on the Eagle Forum website, “In a second special session, the Texas House has taken the lead in passing this pro-life omnibus as HB 2 (the same as SB 5 that was killed in the first special session) has been voted out of committee and is expected for a vote early next week. The Senate hearing on the identical companion bill, SB 1, is Monday, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Please pray for our Texas state leaders as they seek to pass and enforce sound and prudent protection mechanisms for women and unborn babies. WE NEED YOU to join us in Austin on Monday. See details below. Pro-LIFE RALLY on Monday, July 8 YOU are INVITED SPEAK UP FOR LIFE RALLY with Gov. Mike Huckabee Monday, July 8, 2013 7 p.m., Capitol Grounds, Austin, Texas Wear BLUE. Bring water and snacks. Let’s make this the biggest rally ever! Bring your friends and family Speakers: Governor Mike Huckabee Penny Nance President, Concerned Women for America Marilyn Musgrave Susan B. Anthony List and former congresswoman Dr. Robert Jeffress Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas Others invited include Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst Rally Sponsors (partial listing): Concerned Women for America Texans for Life Coalition Texas Right to Life Texas Eagle Forum The Heidi Group Texas Values.” [Eagle Forum News Alert, [7/5/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life Called On Their Members To Rally At The Capitol And Call And Email Their Representatives In Support Of HB 2

Texas Right To Life Asked People To Join Them At The Capitol To Hear Or Provide Testimony On HB 2 And Explain “How Abortion Has Hurt You Or Someone You Love.” According to a Pro-Life Action Alert on the Texas Right to Life website, “House Bill 2 will be heard in committee as early as 3:30pm this Tuesday, July 2. All Pro-Lifers in attendance in Austin are encouraged to join us at the Capitol Extension (E2.030). We will be filling up the hearing room and lining up the hallways of the Capitol Extension about 2pm. It is expected that the testimony may run as late as midnight. If you attend a hearing day, please register at the Capitol kiosk in support of House Bill 2. The kiosks are on stands outside the committee room. Likewise, if you would like to participate in the testimony, please prepare a three-minute testimony explaining how abortion has hurt you or someone you love. When you register at the Capitol kiosk in support of House Bill 2, then you may also select your desire to testify. Be prepared for a long day and night, and bring snacks and beverages.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/1/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life Asked People To Call And Email Their Representative And Senator “To Support HB 2.”

According to a post from Texas Right to Life on Facebook, “Can't make it to Austin today? You can still help from home! [...] Call and email your Representative and Senator to support HB 2 and SB 1. You may also sign up for text alerts from Governor Perry by texting ‘LIFE’ to 21824. Visit this link to confirm your correct Representative and Senator: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> [...] If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Melissa Conway at MConway@TexasRightToLife.com (832-724-6634) or the Texas Right to Life office at 713-782-5433.” [Texas Right To Life - Facebook, [7/2/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life Asked People To “Encourage” Their Pastor “To Personally Use Every Communication Available” To Urge Their Congregation To Join Them In Attending The Hearing On HB 2. According to a Pro-Life Action Alert on the Texas Right to Life website, “We know you are all anxious to support us in our efforts to pass House Bill 2, the Pro-Life omnibus bill for the 2nd Special Session. Thank you for your willingness to support Texas Right to Life in our efforts to stand for Life, provide a voice to the Preborn, protect women, and to defend the defenseless. House Bill 2 will be heard in committee as early as 3:30pm this Tuesday, July 2. All Pro-Lifers in attendance in Austin are encouraged to join us at the Capitol Extension (E2.030). [...] Encourage your Pastor to personally use every communication available of pulpit, email, text, etc., to call out your congregation to join you in attending. There will be a special meeting space set aside near the Capitol as a reception area for pastors to pick up information packets, rest, and pray! Watch for more information, or email Dave Welch at DWelch@USPastorCouncil.org.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/1/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life’s Political Director, Legislative Director And Senior Legislative Associate Were At The HB 2 Bill Signing With Then-Gov. Rick Perry

Texas Right To Life’s Emily Kebodeaux, John Seago And Emily Horne Were At The HB 2 Bill Signing With Then-Gov. Rick Perry. According to a post with photos of the HB 2 bill signing that Texas Right to Life posted on Facebook, “Here are a few shots from today's #HB2 bill signing. What a great day to be Texans who #Stand4Life! — with Larry Taylor, John Seago, Veronica Arnold, David Dewhurst, Brandy Seago, Emily Kebodeaux, Emily Horne, Glenn Hegar, Kyleen Wright, Rick Perry and FRIENDS OF CECIL BELL JR..” [Texas Right To Life -Facebook, [7/18/13](#)]

- **Emily Kebodeaux Was Political Director And General Counsel Of Texas Right To Life.** According to the Texas Right to Life website, Emily Kebodeaux was the general counsel of Texas Right to Life. [TexasRightToLife.com, [1/13/15](#)]
- **John Seago Was The Legislative Director Of Texas Right To Life.** According to the Texas Right to Life website, John Seago was the legislative director of Texas Right to Life. [TexasRightToLife.com, [1/13/15](#)]
- **Emily Horne Was The Senior Legislative Associate Of Texas Right To Life.** According to the Texas Right to Life website, John Seago was the senior legislative associate of Texas Right to Life. [TexasRightToLife.com, [1/13/15](#)]

Texas Right To Life Held A “Victory Party” With “Pro-Life Leaders” After A “Successful Vote On HB2”

Texas Right To Life Held A “Victory Party” With “Pro-Life Leaders” After A “Successful Vote On HB2.” According to a post from Texas Right to Life on Facebook, “Victory party with many of our courageous pro-life leaders! Thankful for a successful vote on HB 2 tonight. God has blessed with a fantastic team! Bryan Hughes, Scott Turner, Jodie Laubenberg, Ron Simmons, Phil King, Cindy Burkett for Texas, Representative Dan Flynn, Bill Zedler, Linda Harper-Brown, Steve Toth for House District 15, Dr. Greg Bonnen[.]” [Texas Right To Life -Facebook, [7/9/13](#)]

Texas Right To Life: “HB2 Was A Crucial Step Toward Ending The Scourge Of Abortion In Texas”

Texas Right To Life: “HB2 Was A Crucial Step Toward Ending The Scourge Of Abortion In Texas.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life’s website, “A year ago today, our stalwart Pro-Life governor, Rick Perry, signed a piece of monumental legislation that changed the landscape of abortion and women’s health in our state for the better. On this day in 2013, House Bill 2 became the strongest Pro-Life law in Texas since the detrimental provisions of Roe v. Wade took effect in 1973. In that 40-year span, Texas has lost upwards of millions innocent pre-born children. HB2 was a crucial step toward ending the scourge of abortion in Texas.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/18/14](#)]

Texas Right To Life Director Elizabeth Graham Defended HB 2's Ambulatory Surgical Center Requirement

Texas Right To Life Director Elizabeth Graham: Abortion Clinics “Don’t Have Hallways, Many Of Them, That Are Wide Enough For Gurneys To Fit Through” And “Are Ill-Equipped To Respond To An Emergency Situation.”

According to KUT.org, “On Tuesday’s segment we heard from supporters of the abortion bill, like Texas Right to Life director Elizabeth Graham, who said the legislation would make abortions safer. ‘When we talk about safe, we find that abortion clinics are not up to par. They don’t have hallways, many of them, that are wide enough for gurneys to fit through,’ Graham said. ‘So when there is a botched abortion or an abortion complication, the abortion clinics are ill-equipped to respond to an emergency situation.’” [KUT.org, [7/5/13](#)]

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE WARNED THAT THE PASSAGE OF HB 2 WAS NOT ENOUGH, TEXAS NEEDED TO BE “ABORTION-FREE”

Texas Right To Life: “While We Celebrate The Passage Of HB2 And The Lives Spared From Abortion, We Still Have A Long Battle Ahead Before Texas Is Abortion-Free.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life’s website, “In the year since passage, HB2’s requirements have led to the closing of at least fourteen abortion mills in the state. Prior to HB2, these mills were running without some of the most fundamental safety and medical precautions or oversight. Included in the new standards are basic ambulatory surgical center features in facilities, local hospital admitting privileges for abortionists, and FDA protocol for the distribution of fatal abortion-inducing drugs. HB2 did not enact any radical Pro-Life standards, rather, the new law codified the most rudimentary precautions for women’s safety. [...] While we celebrate the passage of HB2 and the lives spared from abortion, we still have a long battle ahead before Texas is abortion-free. Many states followed Texas’ pioneering lead by introducing similar Life-affirming legislation in their state legislatures after HB2 succeeded. States like Mississippi have worked toward maternal-fetal protections with 20-week bans on abortion. In the process, Americans have collectively grown more educated about the gruesome realities of abortion, and this is an invaluable step toward abolishing abortion. Education is a crucial part of Texas Right to Life’s action plan for restoring America’s Culture of Life.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/18/14](#)]

Texas Right To Life President Jim Graham Warned That One “Pro-Life Bill Every Two Years” Was Not Enough.

According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “You see, the Democrats actually believe their liberal, godless, anti-family, anti-free speech, pro-death platform planks and will viciously fight for them. What a concept! Bravo for them! If Straus actually followed the will of the House, granted freedom, and allowed a spate of conservative bills to reach the House floor, these bills would all pass 95-55, and the Democrat block would withdraw their support of Straus and end his ruling days as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. In regard to the Life Issues: At most, we are ‘blessed’ to pass one Pro-Life bill every two years. Do the liberal legislatures in California and New York only pass one anti-Life bill every 2 years? I know they don’t. They pass everything possible that they can dream up without regard to the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Graham: “To Achieve Any Substantial Pro-Life Victories...All Political Efforts Must Now Focus On The State House, Which Has Become An Outhouse, Which Must Be Cleaned Out.”

According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “My trust of leadership in the current Texas House is exhausted, completely dissolved. To achieve any substantial Pro-Life victories, the carrot must be tossed. The ugly stick remains the only effective political tool. All political efforts must now focus on the State House, which has become an outhouse, which must be cleaned out. Senator Bob Hall and Senator Don Huffines are fine examples of newly-elected officials who courageously and successfully challenged and replaced entrenched, establishment incumbent RINO senators, and what a difference they have made in the State Senate, which is now more conservative than the House—for the first time in Texas history.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

TRL Political Director Emily Kebodeaux Cook Cited AUL Rankings To Claim That Texas Needed More Anti-Choice Laws: “While Other States In Recent Years Are Increasing The Number Of Strong Pro-Life Laws, Texas Is, At Best, Standing Still.”

According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life political director Emily Kebodeaux Cook, “In this Texas primary season, many politicians are erroneously claiming Texas to be ‘THE most Pro-Life state’ in the union. This faulty one-liner only serves to intentionally confuse voters, abetting the reelection of liberal Republicans who actually caused Texas to fall in the rankings and who are standing in the way of Texas climbing her way back to the top. In 2011, AUL ranked Texas as the fifth most protective state in the nation. As Texas Right to Life’s lobby team

has reported over the last several years, the continuation of liberal ‘Republican’ Joe Straus as Speaker of the Texas House and his like-minded committee chairmen (particularly Byron Cook from Corsicana) has caused the decline in the Texas Legislature’s efforts to protect human Life. While other states in recent years are increasing the number of strong Pro-Life laws, Texas is, at best, standing still. The rankings from AUL give further evidence of the wrong direction Texas is taking on the Life issues.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/8/16](#)]

TRL’S PARENT ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE, URGED GOP SENATORS TO CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT OBAMA’S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

Texas Right To Life Was The “Texas Affiliate Of The National Right To Life Committee With Representation On Their Board Of Directors.” According to the Texas Right to Life website, “Texas Right to Life is the oldest, largest, and only statewide Pro-Life organization in Texas. We are non-sectarian and non-partisan, and we are the Texas affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee with representation on their board of directors. The members, directors, staff, and affiliated local chapters of Texas Right to Life seek to articulate and protect the Right to Life of defenseless human beings, born and unborn, through legal, peaceful, and prayerful means. This commitment is derived from a belief that each human being, from the moment of fertilization until natural death, has an immeasurable dignity and inalienable Right to Life.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, accessed [2/10/16](#)]

National Right To Life Urged GOP Senators To Continue To Obstruct Even Consideration Of Obama’s Nominee To Replace Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

National Right To Life Said It Would “Strongly Support” GOP Senators’ Decision To Obstruct The Nomination Of A Justice To Fill Antonin Scalia’s Seat. According to a press release from National Right to Life, “National Right to Life: The next President will pick Justice Scalia’s successor [...] The head of the nation’s largest pro-life organization, National Right to Life, said that her organization’s members will strongly support Republican senators’ decision to preserve the current U.S. Supreme Court vacancy for the next president to fill. ‘This is not primarily about the professional credentials of a particular nominee – it is about who picks the justice who will decide whether unborn children will be protected, whether religious liberty will be protected, and whether the free-speech rights of groups out of favor with the liberal elites will be protected,’ said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. ‘President Obama hopes to decisively shift the Court’s balance on abortion, political free-speech rights, and a host of other issues. Yet, while President Obama has the authority to nominate, he appoints only with the consent of the Senate. The Republican senators have decided that, with an upcoming election in November, the voters should decide what kind of justice they want on the Court by the election of a presidential candidate.’” [National Right to Life Press Release, [3/16/16](#)]

Tobias: If Obama Was Allowed To Fill The Supreme Court He Would “Decisively Shift The Court’s Balance On Abortion, Political Free-Speech Rights, And A Host Of Other Issues.” According to NRL president Carol Tobias’s column in National Right Life News, “President Obama is determined to fill the vacant seat and thereby decisively shift the Court’s balance on abortion, political free-speech rights, and a host of other issues. Yet, while he has the authority to nominate, he appoints only with the consent of the Senate. Nothing says the Senate has to consent to his nominee. The Republican senators have decided that, with an upcoming election in November, the voters should decide what kind of justice they want on the Court by the election of a presidential candidate. Thus, the ‘Give the People a Voice’ campaign.” [Carol Tobias – National Right to Life News, [March 2016](#)]

Tobias: “This Is Not Primarily About The Professional Credentials Of A Particular Nominee – It Is About Who Decides Whether Unborn Children Will Be Protected” And “Whether Religious Liberty Will Be Protected.”

According to an op-ed by National Right Life president Carol Tobias for LifeNews.com, “At the U.S. Supreme Court, a vacant chair is draped in black. In filling the vacant seat, the stakes could not be higher. The vacancy should be filled by the president who is elected on November 8, 2016. Certainly, the Constitution gives President Obama the authority to nominate a replacement for the late Justice Antonin Scalia – but the Constitution also makes it clear that the vacancy will endure until the U.S. Senate gives ‘consent’ to a nominee. There are various ways that the Senate may refuse to consent, including inaction on a nomination, which is what should occur in this case. That is because this is not primarily about the professional credentials of a particular nominee – it is about who decides whether unborn children will be protected, whether religious liberty will be protected, and whether the free-speech rights of groups out of favor with the liberal elites will be protected (among other things).” [Carol Tobias – LifeNews.com, [2/18/16](#)]

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TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE HAS OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT TEXAS GOP CANDIDATES AND LAWMAKERS WHO HAVE ALLOWED EXCEPTIONS TO ABORTION BANS

Texas Right To Life “Opposes Abortion In All Circumstances” And Has Demanded “Nothing Less Than Full Commitment” To That Belief From Lawmakers. According to the Texas Observer, “But Texas Alliance for Life tends to support bills authored by long-time GOP lawmakers, which may include exceptions for rape, incest or fetal anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster. [...] Texas Right to Life, on the other hand, opposes abortion in all circumstances, such as when a fetus has an illness incompatible with life outside the womb. They demand ‘nothing less than full commitment’ to their ideology, which is couched in language of ‘resistance’ rather than compromise. According to the group’s endorsement explainer, Texas Right to Life is happy to support even the greenest challengers who have ‘pledged and convinced our PAC panel that he or she proactively agrees with 100% of our platform.’” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

Texas Right To Life And Texas Alliance For Life Have Developed A “Rivalry” Over Texas Alliance’s For Life Willingness To Support GOP Establishment Candidates. According to the Texas Observer, “‘If you’re thwarting pro-life legislation behind closed doors, you’re dangerous to our movement,’ Texas Right to Life’s political director Emily Kebodeaux told the Observer. ‘We don’t want you in office.’ As a result, Kebodeaux’s organization has developed a frenemy-like relationship with their comparatively more moderate anti-abortion colleagues at Texas Alliance for Life, whose bench is deep with GOP stalwarts like Cook, Riddle and Villalba. And over the last several months, the groups’ rivalry has become especially nasty as Texas Right to Life ramps up rhetoric against legislators who likely appear, to the casual Lege observer, to be as conservative as they come. [...] Both groups boast nearly identical missions: to advocate for Texans ‘from the moment of conception,’ or, in Texas Right to Life’s case, ‘fertilization,’ to ‘natural death.’ But Texas Alliance for Life tends to support bills authored by long-time GOP lawmakers, which may include exceptions for rape, incest or fetal anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster.” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

- **“Texas Alliance For Life Tends To Support Bills Authored By Long-Time GOP Lawmakers, Which May Include Exceptions For Rape, Incest Or Fetal Anomalies.”** According to the Texas Observer, “But Texas Alliance for Life tends to support bills authored by long-time GOP lawmakers, which may include exceptions for rape, incest or fetal anomalies. Without those kinds of exceptions, or other bits of legal finesse, anti-abortion laws may not pass constitutional muster. Joe Pojman, Texas Alliance for Life’s executive director, told the Observer that his group is concerned with getting solid ‘pro-life’ legislation on the books. They back laws that will stand up to the inevitable legal challenges that have defined the abortion conversation over the past three Lege sessions. “We are very adverse to grandstanding, or proposing things simply to gain media attention, or to score some political points,” he said. ‘A bill doesn’t have to be our idea to support it.’” [Texas Observer, [2/23/16](#)]

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE LEADERSHIP

TRL Was Founded By Dr. Joseph Graham And Directed By Jim And Elizabeth Graham

Jim And Elizabeth Graham Were Executive Director And Director Of Texas Right To Life. According to an interview with Jim and Elizabeth Graham by Young America’s Foundation, “Jim [Graham]: I am in my eleventh year with Texas Right to Life, now serving as the executive director. I am blessed to be a paid activist who advances the culture of life. There are whole countries where what I do is illegal. In China, people like me are immediately jailed or executed upon discovery. When

all is said and done, I hope to be able to approach the Father and declare that I did all that I could to stop the American genocide Elizabeth [Graham]: I have been the director of Texas Right to Life for 6 years now. I oversee the legislative, political, and educational outreach for the largest prolife organization in Texas. My position has helped me understand that without a respect for innocent human life, no other freedoms or rights matter. If one is willing to assault innocent human life at the most vulnerable stage, that person probably does not have sound judgment on taxes, education, health care, or other issues.” [YAF.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

Jim Graham Was Also President Of Texas Right To Life. According to Jim Graham’s LinkedIn page he is president of Texas Right to Life. [Jim Graham – LinkedIn, accessed [2/10/16](#)]

Dr. Joseph Graham Founded Texas Right To Life. According to a post from Texas Right to Life on the National Right to Life website, “Texas Right to Life is grieved to share news of the death of our beloved Founder and current President, Dr. Joseph Martin Graham. Dr. Graham died of natural causes at the age of 88, passing into the loving Arms of the Eternal Father this morning after a long life of service and ardent fidelity to the Pro-Life cause. We mourn the loss of our Pro-Life Hero, one of the original Defenders of Life, yet we rejoice that his life of faithful service is now rewarded with Eternal Rest. Dr. Graham is survived by his wife, Mary Jo. He is also survived by his son, Texas Right to Life Executive Director Jim Graham, and his daughter-in-law, Texas Right to Life Director Elizabeth Graham; his daughter Mary Angela Meyer, her husband Jeff and their two daughters, Clare and Mary Grace; son Joe Graham, Jr., JD; and daughter Therese Andersen, her husband Ric and their children, Michael, Emily, and Catherine.” [NationalRightToLifeNews.org, [7/24/14](#)]

- **Graham Was President Of Texas Right To Life From 1990 Until His Death In 2014.** According to a Texas Right to Life web post, “Dr. Joseph Martin Graham, who taught philosophy for forty-two years at the University of St. Thomas, was a founding father of the Pro-Life movement and current president of Texas Right to Life, and he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and mentor. [...] Recognizing that every human being has infinite worth and dignity from the moment of fertilization until natural death, Dr. Graham’s true passion was his position as a founding member of Texas Right to Life, serving as the Texas delegate on the board of National Right to Life. Becoming President in 1990, Dr. Graham grew Texas Right to Life from humble origins to the premier Pro-Life organization of Texas and then into the largest Pro-Life group in the South.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [7/22/14](#)]

TRL Founder And Former President Joseph Graham Called The “Morning-After Pill” Is A “Chemical Cocktail” With “Abortifacient Properties”

Graham: Women Are Being Denied The Truth That The “Morning-After Pill” Is A “Chemical Cocktail” With “Abortifacient Properties.” According to a Texas Right to Life press release, “For the first time ever, a company has won government permission to advertise and sell birth control pills as ‘morning-after’ pills for use as emergency contraceptives. [...] ‘The Texas Right to Life Committee, Inc. strongly opposes any drugs or devices which interfere with the implantation of a newly-conceived human. Since the so-called ‘morning-after pills’ have a secondary mechanism of action -- the prevention of a human life from implanting after conception -- the Texas Right to Life Committee strongly opposes the sale, advertising, and use of these pills. However, we take no position on drugs or devices that work solely to prevent conception. We believe it to be a grave disservice to American women that the truth as to the abortifacient properties of this chemical cocktail has been obfuscated and in some cases, overtly denied,’ said Dr. Joseph Graham, founder and President of Texas Right to Life.” [Texas Right to Life Press Release, 9/4/98]

The Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship Was Established For College Undergraduates To Promote “A Culture Of Life On Campus.” According to the Texas Right to Life website, “Are you a Pro-Life college student? We need you! Texas Right to Life seeks passionate leaders who are strongly committed to helping the most innocent and vulnerable human beings among us. Pro-Life college leaders may earn up to \$8000 throughout their undergraduate collegiate career while promoting a Culture of Life on campus through the Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [1/29/16](#)]

Graham: “We Must Restore Legal Protection For All Human Life From Conception Until Live Birth.” According to a Texas Right to Life press release, “Partial-birth abortion remains illegal in Texas. Dr. Joseph Graham commented, ‘We exult today that an innocent unborn human child condemned to die in an abortion chamber in Phoenix, Arizona has miraculously escaped her tragic fate and now lives. The glaring horror of this incident makes one point crystal clear: We must restore legal protection for all human life from conception until live birth.’” [Texas Right to Life Press Release, 7/10/98]

TRL President And Executive Director Jim Graham Called Abortion “The American Genocide,” Blamed It For The 2015 Paris Attacks, And Compared Himself To A “Runaway Slave”

Jim Graham On His Efforts To Advance The “Culture Of Life:” “When All Is Said And Done, I Hope To Be Able To...Declare That I Did All That I Could To Stop The American Genocide.” According to an interview with Jim and Elizabeth Graham by Young America’s Foundation, “Jim and Elizabeth Graham have been involved with Young America’s Foundation for more than ten years. Each year, they bring a group of young Texans to our National Conservative Student Conference. I interviewed Jim and Elizabeth in an effort to uncover what motivates and inspires the pair for our readers. [...] Jim: I am in my eleventh year with Texas Right to Life, now serving as the executive director. I am blessed to be a paid activist who advances the culture of life. There are whole countries where what I do is illegal. In China, people like me are immediately jailed or executed upon discovery. When all is said and done, I hope to be able to approach the Father and declare that I did all that I could to stop the American genocide.” [YAF.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

Graham: “Planned Parenthood And Their Dark Cohorts Are Rabid, Frothing To Keep Our Tax Dollars.” According to the San Antonio Current, “In a compromise budget between the two chambers, lawmakers, under heightened pressure from anti-abortion groups like Texas Right to Life and others, agreed to cut \$62 million from the roughly \$99 million pot of state family planning money, and during the last full week of the regular session TRL was crystal clear on the goal of that effort. ‘With your help, in the next 72 hours the most evil, filthy organization in America, Planned Parenthood, might actually have to close some of its slaughterhouses,’ TRL’s executive director Jim Graham told supporters. ‘Planned Parenthood and their dark cohorts are rabid, frothing to keep our tax dollars.’ With fanfare on the right, and muted outrage on the left, the governor held a ceremonious signing to ring in TRL’s sonogram bill achievement — a law that will now force women to undergo an invasive sonogram and listen to a description of the fetus before allowed an abortion.” [San Antonio Current, [2011](#)]

Graham: “The Democrats Actually Believe Their Liberal, Godless, Anti-Family, Anti-Free Speech, Pro-Death Platform Planks And Will Viciously Fight For Them.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life Website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “You see, the Democrats actually believe their liberal, godless, anti-family, anti-free speech, pro-death platform planks and will viciously fight for them. What a concept! Bravo for them! If Straus actually followed the will of the House, granted freedom, and allowed a spate of conservative bills to reach the House floor, these bills would all pass 95-55, and the Democrat block would withdraw their support of Straus and end his ruling days as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.” [TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Graham Compared Himself To A “Runaway Slave,” From The GOP Establishment “Plantation”

Graham Started A Post On The Texas Right To Life Website By Comparing Himself To A “Runaway Slave” Who Has “Left The Establishment Plantation.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “I am a runaway slave. I have left the establishment plantation. I have left the establishment plantation. I am a Christian Catholic. Because my God is the way, the Truth, and the LIFE, I vote for candidates who worship God and who stand for Truth and LIFE. While no Pro-Life Democrat has been on my Houston ballot for years, the men and women I support earn my time, money, and vote because of what they believe, say, and do, not because they opportunistically place an ‘R’ after their names.” [Jim Graham - TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Graham: “The Silent Majority Is Beginning To Wake, Stand Up, Speak Up, And Leave The Plantation Of The Establishment To Go To The Front To Fight The Culture Of Death.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “There is a worldwide revolution underway. The silent majority is beginning to wake, stand up, speak up, and leave the plantation of the establishment to go to the front to fight the culture of death. No matter what happens, Texas will go Republican in the general election in November. What we need to do is make certain true, principled, Godly, Pro-Life warrior Republicans are elected on March 1st.” [Jim Graham - TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Graham Asked TRL’s Members To “Leave The Plantation Of Political Correctness, Of Republican Subservience,” And Join His Group And Eagle Forum And Concerned Women Of America “On The Biggest RINO Hunt Ever.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “The establishment must first be defeated in Texas. Then we can export the revolution to the rest of our nation. Right now, leave the plantation of political correctness, of Republican subservience, and join me, Texas Right to Life, Empower Texans, Texas Home School

Coalition, Eagle Forum, Concerned Women of America, and Grassroots America We the People on the biggest RINO hunt ever to save our state and our nation, while we still can.” [Jim Graham - TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

Graham Blamed Abortion For The 2015 Paris Attacks

Graham Blamed The “Culture of Death” In Europe For The 2015 Paris Attacks. According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “The Culture of Death will overrun Europe. Period. Their final assault, as recently witnessed in Paris, has only begun. Even Pope Francis stated that World War III has already started. But America can still be saved, and Texas must be the catalyst. Once again, we must pledge our lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to defeat the ruling establishment that has us slouching toward the ash heap of history.” [Jim Graham - TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

- **Graham: “While 129 French Victims Died In One Terrorist Incident, On Average 164 Texas Babies Are Aborted 365 Days Of The Year. Every Day Of The Year. This Is Our Holocaust.”** According to a post on the Texas Right to life website by Texas Right to Life president Jim Graham, “Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Pro-Life bills and all other conservative legislation now flow from the State Senate without weakening amendments. Let me put the Texas political scene in perspective. In the 2015 Paris terrorist attacks, 129 innocent French men, women, and children were slaughtered by the culture of death. 129 casualties represent almost four busses of 40 people driven over a cliff to death. But every year in Texas, not 40, not 400, but 1,500 busses of absolutely innocent children are driven over a cliff to their deaths. That’s right, at least 60,000 perfectly innocent babies are killed in Texas every year. While 129 French victims died in one terrorist incident, on average 164 Texas babies are aborted 365 days of the year. Every day of the year. This is our Holocaust.” [Jim Graham - TexasRighttoLife.com, [2/3/16](#)]

TRL Director Elizabeth Graham Called Members Of The Texas House Appropriations A “Coven” For Supporting State Funding For Family Planning Services

Elizabeth Graham Led Texas Right To Life’s Legislative Team. According to a press release from Texas Right to Life, “The Texas Right to Life Legislative Team has set roots in Austin, where they will work to at the Texas Capitol for the next five months to promote and protect Life for Texans. Texas Right to Life has been key to successful Pro-Life legislation since 1999. President Jim Graham serves as a key advisor to the legislative team, which is led by Elizabeth Graham, Director, and John Seago, Legislative Director. Emily Horne, Senior Legislative Associate; and Emily Kebodeaux, Esq., serve as the heels on the ground, taking charge of Capitol Hill in our weird capital city. In addition, the Texas Right to Life team headquartered in Houston provides valuable assistance to the team in Austin.” [Texas Right to Life Press Release, [1/15/15](#)]

- **“For Elizabeth Graham,” The Texas Capitol Cafeteria Was “Her Office Away From Houston, And From That Vantage Below The Rotunda She Has Helped Orchestrate A Menu” Of Anti-Abortion “Triumphs.”** According to the Dallas Morning News, “Now that the legislative leadership is all Republican, the long-stymied plans of anti-abortion groups have wheels. Bills that had been hobbled, stalled and derailed are rolling along. For Elizabeth Graham, the Capitol cafeteria has been her office away from Houston, and from that vantage below the rotunda she has helped orchestrate a menu of triumphs. But there is no hint of gloat. ‘It’s never a done deal, and I don’t in any way take anything for granted,’ the associate director of Texas Right to Life said. Her tailored suits with their straight, disciplined lines convey part of the agenda she is advancing. She wants her organization presented as one of modern, reasonable professionals.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/26/03]

Elizabeth Graham Called Members Of The Texas House Appropriations A “Coven” For Supporting State Funding For Family Planning Services. According to the Austin Chronicle, “According to Texas Right to Life Director Elizabeth Graham, Austin Democratic Rep. Donna Howard is a witch. So is Houston GOP Rep. Sarah Davis. And, apparently, so too is Rep. John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin. Or at least that’s what you would get from an email blast Graham sent out yesterday, lambasting a House Appropriations Committee ‘coven’ for suggesting that money be added back into the state’s traditional budget for family planning services. Indeed, by reading Graham’s email – delivered with the subject line ‘Dirty Tricks’ – you would come to the conclusion that she was at a completely different committee meeting than the one held Tuesday morning in the finance meeting room. ‘Abortion advocates thought we were sleeping this morning at 7:30 when they tried to get their money back in the state budget,’ she wrote. ‘The coven on the House Appropriations Committee started playing games with the rules, regulations, and revenue streams to refill the coffers of abortion centers across Texas with your tax dollars.’” [Austin Chronicle, [3/6/13](#)]

Graham: “If One Is Willing To Assault Innocent Human Life At The Most Vulnerable Stage, That Person Probably Does Not Have Sound Judgment On Taxes, Education, Health Care, Or Other Issues.” According to an interview with Jim and Elizabeth Graham by Young America’s Foundation, “Elizabeth [Graham]: I have been the director of Texas Right to Life for 6 years now. I oversee the legislative, political, and educational outreach for the largest prolife organization in Texas. My position has helped me understand that without a respect for innocent human life, no other freedoms or rights matter. If one is willing to assault innocent human life at the most vulnerable stage, that person probably does not have sound judgment on taxes, education, health care, or other issues.” [YAF.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDING

The Anti-Choice Wilks Brothers Gave Texas Right To Life A Total Of \$616,000 Between 2008 And 2014, Including Contributions From Their Foundations

Brothers Farris and Dan Wilks Were Billionaires Who Made Their Money From The Fracking Industry And Have Been Compared To The Koch Brothers. According to the Boston Globe, “Brothers Farris and Dan Wilks grew up here in a converted goat shed amid the ranchlands. They seemed destined to spend their lives in their father’s masonry business. They had little money to spare and didn’t show much interest in politics. Then, one day in 2002, they decided to invest in a once-obscure branch of the natural gas business known as ‘fracking.’ Before long, two things changed: The brothers became fabulously wealthy, and election laws were upended by the Supreme Court. By the time the Wilks brothers sold their company, Frac-Tech, in 2011, they both were billionaires. [...] The Wilks family, after gradually upping their contributions to campaigns in the last two election cycles, stunned many in the political world by giving \$15 million to Cruz’s committees, leading to comparisons with the Koch brothers, another pair of billionaires who have spent heavily for years on conservative causes.” [Boston Globe, [9/10/15](#)]

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- **Wilks’ Church Advocated For Patrons To Sign A Petition To Cut Off Federal Funding For Planned Parenthood And Considered Being Gay “A Serious Crime.”** According to Reuters, “One Saturday morning in August, Pastor Farris Wilks, a brawny man with a close-cut beard, walked up to the altar of the church he leads, the Assembly of Yahweh, 7th Day. The church, which sits off a two-lane, 75-mph highway, draws most of its members from nearby Cisco, Texas, a town of 3,800 filled with empty storefronts, idled derricks and beat-up houses. Church doctrine considers being gay a serious crime, the Bible to be historically and scientifically accurate in every detail and abortion to be murder, including in cases of rape or incest. Wilks bowed his head and closed his eyes. ‘We lament and mourn the great sin of our nation, the many millions of babies murdered, and we pray that you turn these people away from this evil,’ he said. A slide flashed above the altar on the church’s movie screen with instructions on how to sign a petition asking Congress to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the women's health care agency that provides abortions and other medical services.” [Reuters, [9/11/15](#)]

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In 2011, The Foundation Gave \$850,000 To The Group Life Dynamics, “More Than Doubling Its Revenue.”

According to Mother Jones, “Fifty-three thousand DVDs must have cost a fair amount of money. Life Dynamics took in a modest half million dollars in revenue in both 2009 and 2010. But the group did get a significant influx of new money in 2011, more than doubling its revenue with a single \$850,000 donation from the Thirteen Foundation, which is based in Eastland, Texas. The foundation was started by Farris Wilks, a billionaire masonry tycoon. Forbes has put his net worth at \$1.4 billion, with much of that coming from the hydraulic fracturing and oil field services company, Frac Tech, that he and his brother started in 2002.” [Mother Jones, [8/19/13](#)]

- **Life Dynamics Was Founded By “Well-Financed Texas Businessman, Mark Crutcher,” To “Legally Harass Doctors And Infiltrate Abortion Clinics.”** According to The New York Times, “He [Donald Treshman] also said that he ‘works closely’ with a well-financed Texas businessman, Mark Crutcher, head of Life Dynamics Inc., a Dallas-area company he founded to legally harass doctors and infiltrate abortion clinics. Two years ago, Mr. Crutcher wrote a manual, which he intended to be confidential, called ‘Firestorm, A Guerrilla Strategy for a Pro-Life America.’ In it, he outlined a new plan of attack and also predicted that violence would soon be a part of the movement.” [New York Times, [6/18/95](#)]
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- **David Daleiden Said He Was Inspired To Focus On Fetal Tissue Research By Crutcher.** According to Politico, “For decades, researchers have used fetal tissue because it divides quickly and adapts more easily than adult cells to new environments. It has contributed to medical advances such as vaccines for polio, rubella and chicken pox. [David] Daleiden said he heard about fetal tissue research from Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics, another anti-abortion research and activist group, and he couldn’t get it out of his head for years. He went on to be the research director for Live Action, an anti-abortion group that did smaller-scale sting video operations against Planned Parenthood. By 2013, he decided to devote all his energies to showing that the health provider sold fetal tissue for a profit and set about to infiltrate the group.” [Politico, [9/21/15](#)]

The Thirteen Foundation Gave \$2.2 Million To Media Revolution Ministries, Which Directed Women Seeking An Abortion To One Of Its 50 Crisis Pregnancy Centers. According to Inside Philanthropy, “Three notable anti-abortion grants the Thirteen Foundation has recently awarded: [...] \$2.2 million to Media Revolution Ministries. Also known as Online for Life, MRM ‘implements cutting-edge Internet and traditional marketing outreaches to connect with abortion-determined

women and men,' thereby directing expectant parents to one of MRM's more than 50 'life-affirming pregnancy centers.' Essentially, MRM is a nationwide coalition [sic] of crisis pregnancy centers with savvy, multi-media PR operations." [Inside Philanthropy, [12/22/14](#)]

The Thirteen Foundation Gave The Texas Right To Life Educational Fund A Total Of \$485,000 Between 2011 And 2013

The Thirteen Foundation Gave \$485,000 To Texas Right To Life. According to the Thirteen Foundation's filed 990 forms from 2010 to 2013, the most recent available year, the Texas Right To Life Educational Fund has received a total of \$485,000 from the Thirteen Foundation. [National Center for Charitable Statistics, accessed [2/10/16](#)]

Farris And Jo Ann Wilks Contributed \$65,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC Between 2012 And 2014

Farris And Jo Ann Wilks Contributed \$35,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2014. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Farris and Jo Ann Wilks contributed \$35,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC in November 2014. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [11/7/14](#)]

Farris And Jo Ann Wilks Contributed \$5,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2014. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Farris and Jo Ann Wilks contributed \$5,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In June 2014. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [6/4/14](#)]

Farris And Jo Ann Wilks Contributed \$25,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2012. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Farris and Jo Ann Wilks contributed \$25,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In May 2012. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [5/20/12](#)]

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Dan Wilks' The Heavenly Fathers Foundation Contributed \$50,000 To The Texas Right To Life In 2014

Dan Wilks And Staci Wilks Were Trustees Of The Heavenly Fathers Foundation. According to the 2014 990 for the Heavenly Fathers Foundation, Dan H. Wilks and Staci Wilks were listed as trustees of the Heavenly Fathers Foundation. [Heavenly Fathers Foundation, [2014](#)]

The Heavenly Fathers Foundation Contributed \$50,000 To The Texas Right To Life In 2014. According to the 2014 990 for the Heavenly Fathers Foundation, the foundation contributed \$50,000 to the Texas Right to Life. [Heavenly Fathers Foundation, [2014](#)]

Anti-Choice "Mega Donor" Foster Friess Contributed \$10,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2014

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"Mega Donor" Foster Friess On Women: "Back In My Days, They Used Bayer Aspirin For Contraception. The Gals Put It Between Their Knees, And It Wasn't That Costly"

"Mega Donor" Foster Friess On Women: "Back In My Days, They Used Bayer Aspirin For Contraception. The Gals Put It Between Their Knees, And It Wasn't That Costly." According to Politico's Burns & Haberman Blog, "Foster Friess, the mega donor behind the pro-Rick Santorum Super PAC, dismissed questions about his patron's controversial views on women in combat, contraception and gay marriage. [...] He went on: 'On this contraceptive thing, my Gosh it's such [sic] inexpensive,' he added. 'You know, back in my days, they used Bayer aspirin for contraception. The gals put it between their knees, and it wasn't that costly.' Host Andrea Mitchell interjected, 'Excuse me, I'm just trying to catch my breath from that, Mr. Friess, frankly,' she said after a long pause. 'Let's change the subject.'" [Politico, [2/16/12](#)]

The Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Have A History Of Funding Anti-Choice And Anti-Contraception Groups

The Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Has Given \$50,000 To The Family Research Council. According to the Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation's 990s, the Friess Family Foundation has given \$50,000 to the Family Research Council since 2002. [Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation IRS Forms 990, 2002, 2010]

- **The Family Research Council Worked Against A Women's Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in 'pro-family' areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting 'the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.' That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right's advocacy groups." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Gave \$550,000 To The Becket Fund Between 2002 And 2004. According to tax records, the Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation gave \$550,000 to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty between 2002 and 2004. [IRS Form 990, 2002-2004]

- **The Becket Fund Represented Hobby Lobby In Its Contraceptive Challenge.** According to Bloomberg, "The justices will hear the Hobby Lobby case alongside a similar dispute involving Conestoga Wood Specialties, a woodworking business owned by a Mennonite family. The companies' lawsuits are among at least 47 filed by for-profit businesses opposed to the contraception requirement, according to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents Hobby Lobby." [Bloomberg, [3/20/14](#)]

Billionaire And "Texas GOP Heavyweight" James Leininger, Along With His Wife, Contributed \$117,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC

James And Cecelia Leininger Contributed \$117,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC Between 2004 And 2013

Jim And Cecelia Leininger Contributed \$25,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2013. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim and Cecelia Leininger contributed \$25,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In September 2013. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [9/11/13](#)]

Jim And Cecelia Leininger Contributed \$50,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2008. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim and Cecelia Leininger contributed \$50,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In February 2008. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [2/14/08](#)]

Jim And Cecelia Leininger Contributed \$12,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2006. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim and Cecelia Leininger contributed \$12,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In March 2006. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [3/10/06](#)]

Jim And Cecelia Leininger Contributed \$10,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2004. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim and Cecelia Leininger contributed \$10,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC in February 2004. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [2/4/04](#)]

James Leininger Contributed \$20,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2002. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC's general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, James Leininger contributed \$20,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC in July 2002. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [7/5/02](#)]

Texas Right To Life Received \$25,000 From Leininger's Covenant Foundation

Texas Right To Life Received \$25,000 From The Covenant Foundation. According to the Covenant Foundation's 2002 990 form, the Covenant Foundation donated \$25,000 to Texas Right to Life. [Covenant Foundation 990, [2002](#)]

The Covenant Foundation Was One Of The Foundations Run By Conservative Texas Donor Dr. James R. Leininger. According to The Houston Chronicle, "Dr. James R. Leininger, a conservative and devoutly religious Republican businessman, probably is known by few Texans outside his hometown of San Antonio. During the past decade Leininger has

spent more than \$ 1.4 million of his personal fortune to affect how Texans vote and another \$ 3.2 million to change how Texans think on political issues such as tort reform and private school vouchers. [...] Donations of Kinetic Concepts stock have financed Leininger's two personal foundations, the Covenant Foundation and the JCL Foundation, formerly known as the Kinetic Concepts Foundation. Since 1991, the two foundations have made \$ 5.6 million in contributions. About 57 percent of that money has gone to politically oriented nonprofit organizations, with the remainder being given to churches and Christian ministries, studies and missionary activities.” [Houston Chronicle, 9/21/97]

Leininger Was “One Of The Most Prolific Political Donors To Republican Candidates, Conservative Causes And Christian Ministries In Texas.”

James Leininger, A “Texas GOP Heavyweight” And Former Emergency Room Doctor, Advocated For School Vouchers And Founded The Texas Public Policy Foundation. According to Forbes, “Former emergency room doctor James Leininger spends most of his time as a Texas GOP heavyweight. He is a champion of school reform and his ideas center on school choice, home schooling and vouchers. He founded the Texas Public Policy Foundation in 1989 to support free market policies and research.” [Forbes, accessed [1/5/15](#)]

- **Leininger Had A Net Worth Of \$1.35 Billion As Of January 2016.** According to Forbes, James Leininger had a net worth \$1.35 billion as of January 1, 2016. [Forbes, accessed [1/5/15](#)]

“In The 1990s And 2000s” Leininger “Became One Of The Most Prolific Political Donors To Republican Candidates, Conservative Causes And Christian Ministries In Texas.” According to the Texas Tribune, “Dr. James Leininger is a San Antonio-based businessman and former physician. He is the founder of a conservative think tank called the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He is a devout Christian conservative who, in the 1990s and 2000s, became one of the most prolific political donors to Republican candidates, conservative causes and Christian ministries in Texas.” [Texas Tribune, viewed [12/21/15](#)]

Austin American-Statesman Columnist Molly Ivins: “Dr. James Leininger Is Known As The Daddy Warbucks Of Texas Social Conservatism.” According to an opinion by Austin American-Statesman columnist Molly Ivins, “Dr. James Leininger is known as the Daddy Warbucks of Texas social conservatism -- or, as the San Antonio Current recently called him, ‘God’s Sugar Daddy.’ The 54-year-old San Antonio physician, who made a fortune estimated at more than \$300 million by making extremely fancy hospital beds, is an active funder and player in right-wing causes including school vouchers, home schooling, anti-abortion, tort reform, anti-gay rights, anti-unionism, anti-environmental efforts, a right-wing Texas think tank modeled on the Heritage Foundation, and Republican political candidates.” [Molly Ivins – Austin American-Statesman, 12/9/98]

Leininger “Used His Enormous Wealth To Create A Conglomerate Of A Half-Dozen Influential Foundations, And Think Tanks,” And “Built A Vast Network Of Supporters Who Have Benefited From His Favors”

CPI: Leininger “Used His Enormous Wealth To Create A Conglomerate Of A Half-Dozen Influential Foundations, And Think Tanks,” And “Built A Vast Network Of Supporters Who Have Benefited From His Favors.” According to the Center for Public Integrity, “In Texas, though, Dr. James Leininger’s name is synonymous with political power. In a state where egos are huge, he plays the game quietly, rarely drawing attention to himself. Leininger has used his enormous wealth to create a conglomerate of a half-dozen influential foundations and think tanks. Their pro-business policy positions have become the basis of key state legislative initiatives, including tort reform and school vouchers. By placing some of the most well-connected Texans on the boards, Leininger has built a vast network of supporters who have benefited from his favors.” [Center for Public Integrity, [7/31/00](#)]

A Leininger-Controlled PAC, Texans For Governmental Integrity, Sent Out A Mailer Accusing A Democratic Board Of Education Candidate Of Promoting Abortion And Sexuality, Featuring A “Photograph Of A Black Man Kissing A White Man.” According to the Houston Chronicle, “Much of this spending was through two Leininger-controlled political committees: Texans for Governmental Integrity and the A+ PAC for Parental School Choice. Texans for Governmental Integrity's most controversial action was a 1994 direct mail piece sent out on behalf of a Republican candidate for the State Board of Education claiming the Democratic incumbent had voted for textbooks that promoted abortion and homosexuality. The brochure featured a large photograph of a black man kissing a white man.” [Houston Chronicle, 9/21/97]

In 2011 Leininger Hosted A Private Event For Rick Perry At His Texas Ranch, For Perry To Sell His Presidential Candidacy To “A Gathering Of Uncommitted Social And Evangelical Conservatives.” According to the Texas Tribune, “The American public got to see Gov. Rick Perry’s outreach to religious conservatives at the giant ‘Prayerpalooza’ rally at Reliant Stadium in Houston a few days before he announced for president. A far more private but equally important plea for their support was delivered on a Texas ranch last weekend. At a gathering of uncommitted social and evangelical conservatives at the Hill Country spread of mega-donor James Leininger, Perry spent several hours patiently answering queries on a range of issues, from his stand on immigration reform to the depth of his commitment to oppose abortion, people who were in attendance told The Texas Tribune.” [Texas Tribune, [9/1/11](#)]

- **150 To 200 Social Conservatives From Around The Country Attended, Including Focus On The Family Founder James Dobson, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, And “Representatives Of The Anti-Abortion Susan B. Anthony List.”** According to the Texas Tribune, “The gathering inside a rectangular tent on Leininger’s Hill Country estate was part of Perry’s full-court press for support from evangelical voters, who make up an oversize chunk of the GOP electorate. About 150 to 200 social conservatives from around the country attended the event, people who were there said, and included some of the top names in the Christian conservative movement: radio host James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family; Richard Viguerie, a writer and elder statesman of the social conservative movement; and Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. Representatives of the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony List also attended.” [Texas Tribune, [9/1/11](#)]

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Phillip Burton Contributed \$10,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2014. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC’s general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Phillip Burton contributed \$10,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In May 2014. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [5/14/14](#)]

Phillip Burton Contributed \$9,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2014. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC’s general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Phillip Burton contributed \$9,000 to Texas Right to Life PAC In February 2014. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [2/14/14](#)]

Phillip Burton Was Husband Of “Staunch Abortion Foe” Texas Sen. Konni Burton, Who Pledged To Keep Tax Dollars From Going To Organizations That Provide Abortions

Phillip Burton Was The Husband Of GOP State Senator Konni Burton. According to the Star-Telegram, “Her predecessor gained political stardom in a pair of pink Mizuno running shoes. When Konni Burton strode onto the floor of the Texas Senate on Tuesday, she was wearing a pair of black cowboy boots emblazoned with ‘Stand for Life.’ [...] Burton was accompanied by her husband, Phil Burton, her two college-age daughters and her son-in-law as she mingled with supporters at a mid-morning reception in her office on the ground floor before going upstairs to the Senate chamber when the session convened shortly after noon.” [Star-Telegram, [1/13/15](#)]

- **Phillip Burton Was Treasurer Of The Konnie Burton Campaign.** According to the Texas Right to Life PAC’s general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Phillip Burton was treasurer of the Konnie Burton campaign. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [5/14/14](#)]

Sen. Burton: “In The Senate, I Will Fight To Keep Texas Tax Dollars From Going To Planned Parenthood Or Any Organization That Provides Abortions.” According to the issues page on Konni Burton’s website, “In the Senate, I will fight to keep Texas tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood or any organization that provides abortions. I will also oppose any federal incursions into Texas designed to mandate that citizens purchase healthcare covering elective abortions.” [KonniBurton.com/issues, accessed [1/6/15](#)]

- **Sen. Burton: “I Will Also Oppose Any Federal Incursions Into Texas Designed To Mandate That Citizens Purchase Healthcare Covering Elective Abortions.”** According to the issues page on Konni Burton’s website, “In the Senate, I will fight to keep Texas tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood or any organization that provides

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Jim Landtroop, An Anti-Choice Advocate And Former GOP State Representative, Contributed \$16,326 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2006

Jim Landtroop Was A GOP Texas State Representative For Two Years, Lost A Re-Election Bid And Decided To Run For A House Seat In 2016. According to KSLA News, “Two candidates are seeking to represent District 84 in the Texas House. District 84 is entirely within Lubbock city limits, but does not cover the entire city. [...] Jim Landtroop is a State Farm agent who started his business in Plainview. He represented the former District 85 which included Plainview from 2010-12, but lost a re-election bid when Plainview was moved into a different district. Landtroop moved to Lubbock in 2013. Landtroop says he decided to run for office again because of his passion to serve and desire to see the district represented by a proven fiscal conservative.” [KSLA.com, [1/7/16](#)]

As A GOP State Representative, Landtroop Was An Anti-Choice Advocate And Believed That “Life Begins At Conception.” According to Jim Landtroop’s website, “As a highly rated pro-life advocate, I spent time on the Texas House floor arguing and passing amendments to protect the unborn. I believe that life begins at conception and ends at natural death and will fight to protect the rights of the unborn and elderly.” [JimLandtroop.com, accessed [1/7/15](#)]

Texas Right To Life Endorsed Landtroop For State Representative In 2012. According to the Texas Right to Life website, Texas Right to Life endorsed Jim Landtroop for state representative for the 88th district. [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [1/7/15](#)]

Landtroop Contributed \$16,326 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2006

Landtroop Contributed \$12,450 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2006. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC’s general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim Landtroop contributed \$12,450 to Texas Right to Life PAC. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [10/10/06](#)]

Landtroop Contributed \$3,876 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2006. According to the Texas Right to Life PAC’s general-purpose campaign finance report that was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Jim Landtroop contributed \$3,876 to Texas Right to Life PAC. [Texas Right to Life PAC Filing, [2/22/06](#)]

Larry Durrett, An Unsuccessful House Candidate Who Promised He Would “Vote To Make Abortion Illegal In Texas,” Gave \$13,200 To Texas Right To Life

Larry Durrett Was President And CEO Of Southern Multi-Foods, Inc., And Served As Both A Jacksonville City Council Member And As Mayor Of Jacksonville. According to Jacksonville Progress, “Larry Durrett, president and CEO of Southern Multi-Foods, Inc., has served as both a Jacksonville City Council member and as mayor of Jacksonville. Durrett is currently president of the Texas Restaurant Association and is on the board of directors of both the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System and the Nan Travis Hospital Foundation. Durrett and his family live in Jacksonville.” [Jacksonville Progress, [7/22/06](#)]

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In 2006, Durrett Ran For A House Seat In The Texas State Legislature And Promised To Fight “Against Abortion.” According to the Jacksonville Progress, “We are currently about three months out from the November elections that will either continue the term of incumbent Democrat Chuck Hopson or will mark the first time in a long time that House District 11 has gone Republican. [...] Larry Durrett, president and CEO of Southern Multi-Foods, Inc., has served as both a Jacksonville City Council member and as mayor of Jacksonville. Durrett is currently president of the Texas Restaurant Association and is on the board of directors of both the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System and the Nan

Travis Hospital Foundation. Durrett and his family live in Jacksonville. [...] Durrett is running on the platform of conservative Republican. [...] Among Durrett's conservative charges, he seeks to preserve the sanctity of marriage and to protect children from sexual predators, while fighting against abortion. According to the Durrett campaign, the finer points of their candidate's platform are still being hashed out." [Jacksonville Progress, [7/22/06](#)]

Durrett: If Elected, "I Will Vote To Make Abortion Illegal In Texas." According to the Jacksonville Progress, "On the topic of abortion, if Roe v. Wade is overturned and the decision to allow abortion is given to the state, both candidates claim that they will work to see that abortions are not performed in Texas. 'I am strongly pro-life, and I am endorsed by Texas Right to Life. I will vote to make abortion illegal in Texas,' [Larry] Durrett said. [Jacksonville Progress, [7/22/06](#)]

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Durrett Was Against Embryonic Stem Cell Research. According to the Jacksonville Progress, "[Larry] Durrett stated that embryonic stem cell research may not even be needed. 'Core blood and adult stem cell research looks to be the most effective stem cell research that there is anyway, so I think aborting fetuses to get stem cells is not necessary,' he said." [Jacksonville Progress, [7/22/06](#)]

Durrett Lost In The General Election. According to the Texas Tribune, "Larry Durrett, who lost to Mr. Hopson in the 2006 general election, was the president of KDR. The ad did not directly say to vote against Mr. Hopson, but it came close, identifying his opponents as 'true conservative Republicans' and saying that one of them would be more deserving of support. Mr. Hopson easily won the primary and then the general election. He is in another battle now, one of several incumbents in the Texas House who have been forced into July's Republican primary runoff." [Texas Tribune, [6/28/12](#)]

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Austen Furse, An Anti-Choice GOP State Senate Candidate And Sen. Ted Cruz's Presidential Campaign Policy Director, Gave \$7,000 To Texas Right To Life PAC In 2008

Austen Furse Was Endorsed By Texas Right To Life As A GOP State Senate Candidate In 2008. According to a press release from Texas Right to Life, "Austen Furse, Republican candidate for Texas Senate District 17, the Special Election being held to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Senator Kyle Janek, today announced another key endorsement. 'I am proud to announce the endorsement of one of the primary building blocks of the winning conservative coalition, Texas Right to Life. Texas Right to Life is the most politically active pro-life organization in SD17. They are instrumental in educating and motivating pro-life voters.' Furse said. Adam Black, Political Director, said, 'Texas Right to Life PAC is pleased and proud to endorse your candidacy. TRTLPAC does not take lightly the responsibility to you, the candidate, your voters, or to the member of Texas Right to Life. Therefore, the PAC diligently reviewed each of the candidates before making a decision.'" [Texas Right To Life Press Release, [6/25/08](#)]

- **Furse Was Anti-Choice.** According to a press release from Texas Right to Life, "'I am pro-life and I am please to be recognized as the pro-life candidate in the race,' Furse said. Furse is campaigning aggressively all across the district, which includes parts of Harris, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Chambers and Jefferson counties. He has received a steady stream of business, industry, grassroots, and Party endorsements." [Texas Right To Life Press Release, [6/25/08](#)]
- **Furse Lost The Special Election For State Senate District 17 In 2008.** According to The Texas Tribune, Austen Furse lost the special election for state senate district 17 in 2008. [TexasTribune.org, accessed [1/8/16](#)]

Furse Was Policy Director Of Senator Ted Cruz's Campaign For President In 2016 And Was A Cruz Donor. According to Politico, "Ted Cruz is running for president as an outsider, and his relatively lean campaign staff reflects that

approach. [...] Austen Furse is policy director. Furse is a Texas businessman and Cruz donor who was director of policy planning under President George H.W. Bush.” [Politico, [4/20/15](#)]

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TRL COLLABORATED WITH LIVE ACTION AND ITS PRESIDENT LILA ROSE, BOTH LINKED TO DAVID DALEIDEN, OVER SOCIAL AND DIGITAL MEDIA

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Live Action Recommended Texas Right To Life As A Group That Can Give “Great Advice” To Parents On “Their Experience” With “Kicking Planned Parenthood Out” Of Schools. According to a post from the Live Action Blog, “There are several groups working to get Planned Parenthood out of the schools. Many parents believe that Planned Parenthood promotes teen sex rather than simply teaching about it. This is a problem since promoting teen sex increases teen pregnancies and increasing pregnancies among teenagers who are exposed to Planned Parenthood’s lies may lead to more abortions. Check out The Campaign to Kick Planned Parenthood Out of Our Schools. Texas Right to Life is also very involved in keeping or kicking Planned Parenthood out. Even if you live in another state, they will have great advice to give you from their experience. Doug McGee, a writer for Texas Right to Life has written a helpful article here. He states: “This is an area in which the Pro-Life community must never cease our efforts. Planned Parenthood is working around the clock to spread their pro-abortion agenda and corrupt the impressionable minds of the country’s youth. Call your local school district administrative offices and ask them who provides the sexual educational materials for health and biology classes. If they say that Planned Parenthood is the provider, contact Texas Right to Life for steps you can take to fight and expel this organization from your child’s school.” [LiveAction.org/blog, [1/12/12](#)]

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- **Texas Right To Life Tweeted To Rose: “Thank You For Sharing!”** According to a tweet by Texas Right to Life, “@LilaGraceRose thank you for sharing! Please #HelpChrisSeeChristmas by joining the social media campaign: <http://thndr.me/sZUVFu>[.]” [Texas Right to Life – Twitter, [12/12/13](#)]

Lila Rose Was The President Of Live Action, Which Released Deceptive Undercover Videos In An Effort To End A Woman’s Right To Choose; David Daleiden Is A Former Live Action Employee

Lila Rose Was The President Of Live Action, A Group She Started At Fifteen Years Old That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman’s Right To Choose. According to the Live Action website, “Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry’s threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media.” [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]
- **David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to the Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]
- **New York Times Editorial: “The Center For Medical Progress Video Campaign Is A Dishonest Attempt To Make Legal, Voluntary And Potentially Lifesaving Tissue Donations Appear Nefarious And Illegal.”** According to an editorial by the New York Times, “The Center for Medical Progress video campaign is a dishonest attempt to make legal, voluntary and potentially lifesaving tissue donations appear nefarious and illegal. Lawmakers responding by promoting their own anti-choice agenda are rewarding deception and putting women’s health and their constitutionally protected rights at risk.” [Editorial - New York Times, [7/22/15](#)]
- **A Texas Investigation Into Planned Parenthood, Instigated By CMP’s Videos, Cleared Planned Parenthood And Indicted Daleiden.** According to CNN, “A Texas investigation into Planned Parenthood on Monday culminated in an indictment -- of the organization's accusers instead of the group. The Harris County District Attorney's office announced that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast had been cleared in the two-month-long investigation. But the grand jury did indict two individuals who were involved in making secret recordings of the group that were released to publicly discredit the group, which provides health services and abortions. David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt were indicted for tampering with a governmental record, a second-degree felony, and Daleiden was also indicted on the count of prohibition of the purchase and sale of human organs, a class A misdemeanor, according to the Harris County district attorney.” [CNN, [1/26/16](#)]

TRL ADVOCATED FOR RESTRICTIVE ANTI-CHOICE LAWS

TRL Helped Pass A Law That Required Texas Women To Undergo An Ultrasound And “Hear A Description Of Its Development” At Least 24 Hours Before Having An Abortion; A Texas Physician Said The Law “Bordered On The Definition Of Rape”

Texas Right To Life And Senator Patrick “Worked Alongside Each Other For Five Years” On Sonogram Bill HB 15.

According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “During the recent 82nd Texas Legislative Session, the Sonogram Bill (House Bill 15) was passed and signed into law by Governor Rick Perry. This historic law protects a pregnant woman’s right to view her unborn child and hear the heartbeat of that child before finalizing her decision to continue or terminate her pregnancy. [...] Elizabeth Graham, Director of Texas Right to Life, reminds supporters that “Texas Right to Life and Senator Patrick worked alongside each other for five years on the Sonogram Bill to protect a woman’s right to informed consent before an abortion. In his ruling, Judge Sparks accuses both the plaintiffs and defendants of waging an ideological war in his

court room, yet he has done exactly that by enjoining the main points of the Sonogram Law. The Sonogram Law is a common sense piece of legislation sponsored by Senator Patrick and Representative Sid Miller to ensure that women receive all the medical facts prior to making a life-changing decision to abort an unborn child. To delay this law taking effect is to further jeopardize the health of women entering abortion clinics.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [9/7/11](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To “Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn’t Want To Hear It.” According to NBC News, “Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn’t want to hear it.” [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

Texas Right To Life Was “Pleased That Governor Perry Signed The Sonogram Bill,” Claiming That Without The Bill, “Women Have Been Refused The Option To View The Screen And To See Their Unborn Child.” According to a National Right to Life web post, “In Texas, after a long, drawn-out series of negotiations, the state now has an ultrasound bill, thanks to votes in the House (94-41) and Senate (21-10, on a second reading) and the signature of pro-life Gov. Rick Perry. ‘Texas Right to Life is pleased that Governor Perry signed the sonogram bill,’ Elizabeth Graham, director of Texas Right to Life, told NRL News Today. ‘The sonogram is an important piece of informed consent before abortion. If the new sonogram law is followed as intended by legislators, most women considering abortion will see the active child and hear the heartbeat and choose to continue their pregnancies.’ [...] Here’s how Texas Right to Life (National Right to Life’s state affiliate) recently described the backdrop to this important victory. ‘We have been working on the sonogram bill for five years. Most abortion clinics claim that a sonogram is already done prior to abortion. The problem is that women have been refused the option to view the screen and to see their unborn child. Texas Right to Life has always supported the woman’s right to see her sonogram, but we needed to codify that right in the sonogram bill. [This version] requires abortion clinics to do a sonogram before every abortion and give the woman the option to view her unborn child and listen to her unborn child’s heartbeat.’” [NationalRightToLifeNews.org, [5/20/11](#)]

- **Texas Right To Life Previously Did Not Support The Bill Because “The Revised Measure Comes Up Short Of The Stronger Provisions” In The Original House Bill.** According to Life News, “Two Texas pro-life groups disagree about whether a revised bill allowing women to see an ultrasound before an abortion is good enough to ask Texas lawmakers to support. [...] Texas Right to Life does not support the bill and says the revised measure comes up short of the stronger provisions HB 15 had when the Texas state House approved it. In a statement TRTL sent LifeNews.com, the pro-life organization said: ‘Right now, most abortion clinics will say they already do a sonogram prior to an abortion. The problem is that women have been refused the option to view the screen and to see their unborn child. We now have solid Pro-Life majorities and leadership in both the State Senate and the State House. Texas should pass a strong sonogram bill, yet the few remaining pro-aborts are using every trick in the book and are trading favors to defeat any substantial Pro-Life measure.’ ‘Texas Right to Life has been working on behalf of the people of Texas, born and unborn, who deserve a Sonogram Bill that will serve as a model for our nation.’” [LifeNews.com, [4/20/11](#)]
- **The Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Would Have Required The Abortion Provider To “Make Audible The Live, Real-Time Heart Auscultation” And Display The Sonogram For The Woman To See.** According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 would have required the abortion provider to “make audible the live, real-time heart auscultation” and display the sonogram for the woman to see. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]
- **The Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]
- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included A Number Of Changes To The Original Bill, Including Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living “100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider,” and

included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

Texas Right To Life Wanted The Sonogram Bill To “Serve As A Model For Our Nation.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “Right now, most abortion clinics will say they already do a sonogram prior to an abortion. The problem is that women have been refused the option to view the screen and to see their unborn child. We now have solid Pro-Life majorities and leadership in both the State Senate and the State House. Texas should pass a strong sonogram bill, yet the few remaining pro-aborts are using every trick in the book and are trading favors to defeat any substantial Pro-Life measure. Texas Right to Life has been working on behalf of the people of Texas, born and unborn, who deserve a Sonogram Bill that will serve as a model for our nation. Please study the comparison and call and email your State Senator to tell him or her which provisions you would like to see in a sonogram bill.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/17/15](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, “Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, ‘in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,’ the law states.” [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

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Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law “Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I’m Coerced.” According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for The New York Times, “Here’s what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they’re shown on the monitor. She signs a document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

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Texas Right To Life Claimed It “Led The Efforts To Pass The Texas Prenatal Protection Act.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “In 2003, Texas Right to Life led the efforts to pass the Texas Prenatal Protection Act, which moved quickly through the legislature shortly after the bodies of murdered Laci and Connor Peterson were discovered. (Laci was pregnant with her son Connor when they were brutally murdered.) The Texas law established a wall of protection for pregnant women and their unborn children from reckless or violent criminal behavior. The Prenatal Protection Act and similar laws around the country have been challenged by several legal battles, but these laws have always been found as constitutional. Thomas Brejcha, president of the Thomas More Society, who filed a brief in favor of the law, noted, ‘Cases like this one are a major step toward society recogniz[ing] that all unborn children deserve the full protection of law, not just those “wanted” by their mothers.’” [TexasRightToLife.com, [8/11/10](#)]

- **Under The Act, “A Fertilized Egg From The Moment Of Conception Until Birth Would Be Legally Considered An ‘Individual.’”** According to the Austin American-Statesman, “A fertilized egg from the moment of conception until birth would be legally considered an ‘individual’ under a bill passed Thursday by the Texas Senate with no debate. Senate Bill 319, dubbed the Prenatal Protection Act by supporters, is designed to allow for criminal charges or civil lawsuits to be filed when an unborn child is killed.” [Austin American-Statesman, 5/23/03]

“Texas Right To Life Worked For Many Years On Getting The Prenatal Protection Act Passed.” According to NPR, “Texas Right to Life worked for many years on getting the Prenatal Protection Act passed. Legislative director Stacey Emick says the intent was to add penalties for domestic violence against women and other crimes that district attorneys couldn't prosecute. Ms. STACEY EMICK (Texas Right to Life): ...that that perpetrator would pay for the crimes both against her and her unborn child and understanding that this is a woman, in most cases, that has chosen to have the child and is expecting a child. And before this law went into effect, that woman was not compensated at all, or her grief or her injury was not addressed for the death of that unborn child.” [NPR, [6/9/05](#)]

Under The Prenatal Protection Act, A 19-Year-Old Was Sentenced To Life In Prison For Helping His Girlfriend End Her Pregnancy

Under Texas’s Prenatal Protection Act 19-Year-Old Gerardo Flores Was Found Guilty On Two Counts Of Murder And Sentenced To Life In Prison For Helping His Girlfriend End Her Pregnancy. According to the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, “On June 6, 2005, 19-year-old Gerardo Flores was found guilty on two counts of murder and sentenced to life in prison by the Angelina County Court in Lufkin, Texas for helping his girlfriend end her pregnancy.¹ In 2004, Flores' girlfriend, 16-year-old Erica Basoria, found out she was pregnant with twins. Initially opposed to abortion, according to her medical record, Basoria asked her doctor about termination at four months and was told it was too late. It was then that she stopped taking prenatal vitamins and began jogging with intentions of ending her pregnancy. At five months she asked her boyfriend to step on her stomach as she hit herself causing her to miscarry.” [SIECUS.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

Northwestern University Law Professor Deborah Tuerkheimer On Personhood Laws: In Addition To Threatening Abortion Rights, “Legally Severing A Fetus From The Pregnant Woman Has The Effect Of Pitting Her Interests Against The Fetus’s”

Northwestern University Law Professor Deborah Tuerkheimer On Personhood Laws: In Addition To Threatening Abortion Rights, “Legally Severing A Fetus From The Pregnant Woman Has The Effect Of Pitting Her Interests Against The Fetus's.” According to an opinion by Deborah Tuerkheimer, a professor of law at Northwestern University, for The New York Times, “IN the wake of a savage attack on a pregnant woman and the removal of her fetus, Colorado lawmakers are planning to introduce a bill that would criminalize fetal homicide. If the bill passes, the state would join nearly 40 others that make fetuses a distinct class of victims. (The federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004 similarly makes it a crime to kill or injure a fetus in certain circumstances.) This would not be the first time that lawmakers exploited an extraordinary incident of violence against a pregnant woman to promote the rights of fetal victims. In 2009, Indiana, for example, passed a draconian fetal homicide law after a horrific shooting of a bank teller who was pregnant with twins. This type of legislation, however, is not about protecting the rights and well-being of the pregnant woman. Rather the reverse: The risk is that, without statutory reform, the pregnant woman as a category of victim will remain overlooked, while the fetus gets special protection. Opposition to the creation of fetal victimhood has focused largely on the threat to abortion rights. This is a legitimate concern, but affording victim status to a fetus has implications beyond the erosion of abortion rights. Legally severing a fetus from the pregnant woman has the effect of pitting her interests against the fetus’s.” [Deborah Tuerkheimer – New York Times, [4/13/15](#)]

TRL Said It “Spearheaded” The Effort To Take Over \$60 Million In State And Federal Funds From Women’s Health Clinics, Including Planned Parenthood, That Provide Abortion Services In Texas

TRL Said It “Spearheaded” The Effort To Take Over \$60 Million In State And Federal Funds From Women’s Health Clinics That Provide Abortion Services In Texas. According to a post on the Texas Right To Life website, “Texas Right to Life spearheaded the effort to reallocate \$61 million of family planning, a revenue stream for the abortion industry, to other more worthy programs when the State House of Representatives debated the state’s budget on Friday, April 1st. All eight of the amendments to redirect this blood money passed overwhelmingly (the highest vote total the pro-abortion opposition garnered was 40), and the final amendment earned 113 votes to snatch the last \$9 million! Federal law prohibits further reductions, but this 37% blow will severely hurt the abortion industry.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/17/15](#)]

- **TRL Worked On The Legislation For “Five Years” And “Identified The Funding Streams, Studied The Rules, Sought Legal Counsel About State Compliance With Federal Laws, And Obtained A Copy Of The State’s Family Planning Budget.”** According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “This removal of over \$64 million of our Texas tax dollars marks the culmination of five years of work by Texas Right to Life’s legislative team and interns. We

identified the funding streams, studied the rules, sought legal counsel about state compliance with federal laws, and obtained a copy of the state's family planning budget." [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/18/15](#)]

TRL: "In Texas, Planned Parenthood Has Been Dealt The Greatest Defeat In Their 95-Year History By Texas Right To Life And Several Heroic Pro-Life Texas State Legislators!" According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, "It's official: In Texas, Planned Parenthood has been dealt the greatest defeat in their 95-year history by Texas Right to Life and several heroic Pro-Life Texas state legislators! The final version of the state's budget bill and the subsequent agency adjustments yielded \$64.2 million reallocated away from the abortion industry. We are proud that the two cornerstones of the successful strategy to remove this historic amount of Texas tax dollars every year from Planned Parenthood were engineered by Texas Right to Life." [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/18/15](#)]

TRL Claimed That "All Eight" Of Its Amendments To Take Funds Away From Planned Parenthood "Passed Overwhelmingly" And It's Rider To Establish Funding Priorities For Entities Not Involved With Abortion Was "Successfully" Added

"In The State House, All Eight Of Texas Right To Life's Amendments To Redirect Family Planning Funds Away From" Women's Health Clinics That Provide Abortion Services "Passed Overwhelmingly." According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, "In the State House, all eight of Texas Right to Life's amendments to redirect family planning funds away from the abortion industry passed overwhelmingly (the highest vote total the pro-abortion opposition could garner was 40 of the 150 House members). The final amendment earned 113 votes to snatch the last \$9 million! Our meticulous research revealed that federal law prohibits further reductions, but this 37% blow will severely hamstring the Texas abortion industry." [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/18/15](#)]

TRL: State Senator Tommy Williams "Successfully Added 'Our' Rider To Establish A Priority So That Entities And Agencies NOT Involved In Abortion Are To Be The Top Priority For Family Planning Grants And Contracts."

According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, "In the State Senate, we then implemented the second phase of our two-prong strategy to incapacitate the peddlers of death. Pro-Life Champion, State Senator Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands), successfully added 'our' rider to establish a priority so that entities and agencies NOT involved in abortion are to be the top priority for family planning grants and contracts. Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers would only qualify under the last priority, meaning that little or no family planning funds would be left for them after the other 'clean' contracts have been awarded." [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/18/15](#)]

TRL Helped Pass A Law That Restricted The Process Used By "Abused And Neglected Teenagers To Get Abortions Without Parental Consent" And Was "The Biggest Victory For Anti-Abortion Groups" In 2015

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TRL: “Texas Right To Life Is Proud Of The Pro-Life Legislators Who Brought HB 3994 To The Governor’s Desk.” According to a post on the Texas Right to Life website, “Texas Right to Life is proud of the Pro-Life legislators who brought HB 3994 to the Governor’s desk. Because of their dedication, minors, their parents, and their preborn children may avoid the kind of devastation that follows when loving parents are excluded from some of the most important decisions of their young daughters’ lives.” [TexasRightToLife.com, [6/1/15](#)]

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TRL REPEATED DEBUNKED CLAIMS ON THE SCIENCE AND SAFETY OF CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION

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because of the pill, has become a hostile environment for the human child). Without implantation the child dies, which means that the pill - through this last effect - is abortive.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/15/15](#)]

- **American Congress Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists’ Dr. Barbara Levy: “A Pregnancy Exists Once A Fertilized Embryo Has Implanted In The Uterus. Prior To That Implantation, We Do Not Have A Viable Pregnancy.”** According to the Religion News Service, “They say those four methods are abortifacient because, in the words of Hobby Lobby President Steve Green ‘We believe life begins at conception.’ In their view, fertilization, conception and pregnancy are synonymous. The federal government and major medical voices, such as the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Medical Association, disagree. ‘A pregnancy exists once a fertilized embryo has implanted in the uterus. Prior to that implantation, we do not have a viable pregnancy,’ said Dr. Barbara Levy, vice president for health policy for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.” [Religion News Service, [12/15/15](#)]

Texas Right To Life Claimed That Emergency Contraception Can Cause “Chemical Abortion,” But Emergency Contraceptives Are Not Abortifacients

Texas Right To Life Claimed That Emergency Contraception Can Cause “Chemical Abortion.” According to the Texas Right to Life website, “Emergency contraception (EC) is offered to women within 5 to 7 days after unprotected sex. If taken within the first 72 hours after intercourse, EC is only about 75% effective. Planned Parenthood explains, ‘It prevents pregnancy by stopping ovulation, fertilization, or implantation. It will not affect an existing pregnancy. And it will not cause an abortion.’ Because life begins at fertilization - not implantation - this description is deceptive. EC can prevent the already existing human from implanting into the uterine wall, thereby forcing the woman to expel her embryonic baby via chemical abortion.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/15/15](#)]

- **Susan Wood, A Professor Of Health Policy At George Washington University: Emergency Contraceptives Are Not Abortifacients.** According to NPR, “The morning-after pill he’s referring to is sold under the brand name Plan B. The week-after pill, which actually only works for five days after unprotected sex, is called ella. Both are classified by the Food and Drug Administration as contraceptives. Neither is the same as the abortion drug RU486, or Mifeprex. That pill isn’t considered a contraceptive and isn’t covered by the new insurance requirements. The constant references to Plan B and ella as abortion-causing pills frustrates Susan Wood, a professor of health policy at George Washington University and a former assistant commissioner for women’s health at the FDA. ‘It is not only factually incorrect, it is downright misleading. These products are not abortifacients,’ she says. ‘And their only connection to abortion is that they can prevent the need for one.’” [NPR, [2/22/13](#)]

TRL Wrongly Claimed That Women Who Have Had An Abortion “Are At A Much Higher Risk For Breast Cancer”

Texas Right To Life: “Women Who Had An Induced Abortion Before Are At A Much Higher Risk For Breast Cancer.” According to the Texas Right to Life website, “During pregnancy, a woman’s body undergoes a miraculous transformation. A pregnant woman’s hormone levels increase rapidly during this time by producing very high levels of estrogen and progesterone. This surge in hormones induces the breast cells to divide and start a maturing process (differentiation) whereby they are changed into mammary (milk-producing) glands. When a woman has an induced abortion, however, she cuts off this natural process of differentiation, leaving the breast cells in a state of transition and thus more vulnerable to carcinogens. Once a woman has completed her pregnancy and given birth to her child, her breast cells will have finished the maturation process and will become stable again. This is why girls and women who had an induced abortion before are at a much higher risk for breast cancer.” [TexasRightToLife.com, accessed [12/15/15](#)]

- **National Cancer Institute: 100 Of The World’s Leading Experts Who Study Pregnancy And Breast Cancer Risk “Concluded That Having An Abortion Or Miscarriage Does Not Increase A Woman’s Subsequent Risk Of Developing Breast Cancer.”** According to the National Cancer Institute, “In February 2003, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) convened a workshop of over 100 of the world’s leading experts who study pregnancy and breast cancer risk. Workshop participants reviewed existing population-based, clinical, and animal studies on the relationship between pregnancy and breast cancer risk, including studies of induced and spontaneous abortions. They concluded that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman’s subsequent risk of developing breast cancer.” [National Cancer Institute, accessed [12/16/15](#)]

TRL Claimed That “Legal Abortions Are Not Even Safe;” Study Concluded That “Major Complications” From An Abortion Occur “Less Than A Quarter Of A Percent Of The Time”

Texas Right To Life Claimed That “Legal Abortions Are Not Even Safe.” According to the Texas Right to Life website, “Reality: One of the most common arguments abortion advocates make in defense of legal abortion is that making abortion illegal will cause women to go to the ‘back alleys’ and obtain unsafe abortions. They cite how thousands of women died as a result of unsafe abortions before abortion was legalized through the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. First, it is worth noting that legal abortions are not even safe - they harm women physically and emotionally.” [Texas Right to Life, accessed [12/17/15](#)]

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Texans For Life

The Texans For Life Coalition Claimed It “Has Been Working To Build A Culture Of Life In Texas Since 1974.”

According to the Texans for Life Coalition Facebook page, “Texans for Life has been working to build a culture of life in Texas since 1974. We were proud to sponsor the state’s life-saving sonogram law and were one of the main architects of HB 2.” [Texans for Life Coalition – Facebook.com, accessed [1/5/16](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE WAS ONE OF THE “LEADING SUPPORTERS” OF BILL HB 2, CALLED IT “HISTORIC LEGISLATION”

Texans For Life Was One Of The “Leading Supporters” Of Bill HB 2. According to a press release from the Texans for Life Coalition, “Embroided in an intense battle for Life, pro-life Texans will pause to rally the troops Monday night, as they head into a week filled with floor debates and final votes over the historic omnibus pro-life bill. [...] The rally is sponsored by leading supporters of the pro-life omnibus bill HB 2 and its companion, SB 1: Concerned Women for America, Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life and Texas Values.” [Texans for Life Coalition Press Release, 7/7/13]

Texans For Life Coalition: HB 2 Is “Historic Legislation That Will Save Thousands Of Babies Each Year.”

According to a post on the Texans for Life Coalition website, “The omnibus bill, HB 2 has already been filed and will have a hearing on Tuesday. This coming Tuesday, July 2nd. [...] The pro-life omnibus bill is historic legislation that will save thousands of babies each year and better protect women. It bans abortions after 20 weeks when babies can feel pain, requires abortion doctors to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital, requires abortion facilities to upgrade to that of other surgical centers and better regulates medical abortions.” [TexLife.org, [6/30/13](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Bused People To The Capitol To Support Of HB 2. According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “While proliferers in blue dominated the Capitol most of the day, abortion advocates continued to stream in late in the day and evening. This means your presence next week is even more vital! Charter buses will be available in some areas on the days the bill is up for a floor vote.” [TexLife.org, [7/4/13](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Held A Benefit Dinner In 2013 Featuring The Authors Of HB 2, State Representative Jodie Laubenberg And Senator Glenn Hegar. According to the Texans for Life Coalition 2013 benefit dinner Facebook event, “Don’t miss this opportunity to hear the ‘inside’ story from key players who successfully navigated HB 2, the pro-life omnibus bill, to its epic triumph, catapulting Texas to the top of pro-life states. State Representative Jodie Laubenberg, House author of HB 2. Senator Glenn Hegar, Senate author of the omnibus bill.” [Texans for Life Annual Benefit Dinner – Facebook.com, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition President Kyleen Wright Applauded The Closures Of Clinics After HB 2 Passed

Texans For Life Coalition President Kyleen Wright: “We Applaud The Closures Of Clinics Which Cannot” Comply With The Restrictions Of HB 2. According to the Los Angeles Times, “The GOP-controlled Texas Legislature last year passed House Bill 2, which limits when, how and from whom women can obtain abortions. Among the new restrictions are limits on the types of medication that can be used to induce abortions and changes blocking abortions after five months of pregnancy. One of the changes requires physicians to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic. [...] ‘Women deserve the higher safety standards for both clinics and doctors mandated by HB 2, and we applaud the closures of clinics which cannot or will not comply,’ Kyleen Wright, president of Texans for Life Coalition, wrote in an email.” [Los Angeles Times, [3/6/14](#)]

Wright Dismissed Concerns About Access To Clinics If HB 2 Was Upheld By The Supreme Court: “It’s Not Going To Be The Armageddon The Other Side Is Predicting... We Will Still Have Abortion Clinics All Over The State.”

According to the Star-Telegram, “More abortion clinics in Texas — including one in Fort Worth — are getting ready to close in a matter of weeks unless the U.S. Supreme Court acts soon to give them a reprieve. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday declined to suspend its June 9 decision that enforces the final pieces of Texas’ comprehensive abortion law known as House Bill 2. [...] ‘It’s not going to be the Armageddon the other side is predicting at all,’ said Kyleen Wright of Mansfield, president of the Texans for Life Coalition. ‘The clinics will have to meet higher standards. I can’t believe we’re arguing about this. We will still have abortion clinics all over the state.’” [Star-Telegram, [6/18/15](#)]

- **“Fewer Than 10 Clinics May Remain” In Texas That Can Meet The Requirements Of HB 2.** According to the Star-Telegram, “Estimates show that fewer than 10 clinics may remain open because they are the only ones to meet the key criteria of HB 2, which requires abortion facilities to match the standards of ambulatory surgical centers.” [Star-Telegram, [6/18/15](#)]

Wright: “We’re Not Sorry” That Clinics Are Being Forced To Close. According to ABC 13, “The law’s backers, including many conservatives who want to sharply curtail abortion or outlaw it altogether, contend that it will better protect women’s health by more tightly regulating the clinics. Opponents, though, say the law is simply meant to make it harder for women to get abortions. Kyleen Wright, president of the Texans for Life Coalition, which opposes abortion rights, said she’s not surprised that clinics are closing. ‘We believe very much that the standards are reasonable, that they’re intended to provide a necessary step to protect women, and we’re not sorry,’ she said.” [ABC13.com, [9/5/13](#)]

Wright: “It’s Very Telling” That Clinics “Can’t Comply” With The Restrictions Of HB 2. According to the Star-Telegram, “Procedures stopped not only at the Fort Worth clinic but also at the Whole Woman’s Clinic in McAllen and any other Texas facilities that don’t meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers, as required by the law. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans allowed it to take effect late Thursday. Two years ago, Texas had more than 40 abortion clinics. Today, it has seven or eight, according to different groups’ estimates. ‘Obviously, I’m pleased with the ruling,’ said Kyleen Wright of Mansfield, president of the Texans for Life Coalition, who helped push for the legislation. ‘This has always been about women’s health and protecting the safety of women.’ Regarding the newly closed clinics, she said, ‘It’s very telling that they can’t comply.’” [Star-Telegram, [10/3/14](#)]

- **Clinic Owner Dr. Howard Novick: It Would Cost To \$1 Million To \$1.5 Million To Convert His Clinic Into An Ambulatory Surgery Center.** According to USA Today, “Dr. Howard Novick winces as he recalls treating two and three women a week for infections and complications from botched abortions. It was the early 1970s, before the procedure was legalized, and the experience persuaded him to devote his life to this area of medicine. Now, more than 40 years later, new abortion restrictions passed by the Texas Legislature could force Novick to close the Houston abortion clinic he opened in 1980 because, he says, he does not have \$1 million to \$1.5 million to convert his run-of-the-mill medical office into a fully loaded surgical center with wide corridors and sophisticated air-flow systems.” [USA Today, [7/13/13](#)]
- **Architect George Johannes Estimated That The Cost Of Retrofitting A Clinic Could Reach \$2.4 Million.** According to the Texas Tribune, “Witnesses who testified before U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel on Monday included Illinois architect George Johannes, who has served as a consultant in the construction of several abortion facilities in other states. Johannes estimated that construction costs to retrofit the shuttered Reproductive Services Clinic in El Paso, the largest facility Johannes studied, could reach \$1.6 million in meeting ASC [ambulatory surgery center] requirements. He said the costs are higher for smaller facilities like the Whole Woman’s Health clinic in Austin, which closed its doors last

week. Johannes estimated that conversion at \$2.4 million. State attorneys challenged the figures he presented because they were based on construction costs in other states, but Johannes said the costs had been adjusted for Texas.” [Texas Tribune, [8/4/14](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE LEADERSHIP

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Wright: “We’re Not Unhappy When Abortion Clinics Close, Because We Think Abortion Hurts Women.” According to an interview with Kyleen Wright in Texas Monthly, “[Q:] Is that what you were expecting? [Kyleen Wright:] We had no idea how many clinics would close. I don’t want to be disingenuous: we’re not unhappy when abortion clinics close, because we think that abortion hurts women and we know that it ends the life of a separate, unique human being.” [TexasMonthly.com, [9/14](#)]

Wright Referred To Abortion Providers As “The Bottom-Feeders Of The Medical Profession.” According to The Statesman, “Women opposed to abortion say the bills under consideration by the Texas Legislature are aimed at protecting women as well as ‘preborn babies.’ ‘Many of the back alley abortionists that are so feared are the very doctors practicing abortion today,’ said Kyleen Wright of the Texans for Life Coalition at a news conference. ‘Women deserve better. We don’t want our women held captive at the hands of the bottom-feeders of the medical profession.’” [The Statesman, [7/2/13](#)]

Wright: “Abortion Providers Want Abortion To Be A Careless, Thoughtless And Dehumanized Procedure.” According to Life News, “Kyleen Wright, president of Texans for Life Coalition, told LifeNews.com today that the measure asks Texas Republicans whether or not abortion practitioners should be required to use ultrasound technology when doing abortions and make the ultrasound available to women. [...] ‘Women considering abortion must be fully informed before undergoing this procedure, just as they undoubtedly would be before any other medical procedure,’ Wright said. ‘It is unconscionable that doctors would be withholding information about relevant medical tests being performed on women, and PAID for by them. This is just one more way women in distress are being abused by the abortion industry.’ ‘Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers want abortion to be a careless, thoughtless and dehumanized procedure,’ the pro-life Texas leader said.” [LifeNews.com, [12/7/09](#)]

Texans For Life Board Member Sheree Havlik Authored A Book That Claimed If Parents Allowed The Use Of Birth Control They Would Be “Killing” Their Grandchildren

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- **In *Because We Love Them*, Havlik “Reminds Parents That They Must Raise Their Children To Share Their Christian Approach To Sexuality.”** According to the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, “An often difficult subject for parents is their children’s understanding of sexuality - parents want to keep kids pure and innocent for as long as they can. It’s hard to know how to talk about sexuality with them when the time comes, especially from a Christian point of view. Parents are often unsure: When is the right time? How should I begin? What if they don’t listen? What does God say? Drawing from years of experience as both a parent and teen counselor, Sheree Havlik can help. She reminds parents that they must raise their children to share their Christian approach to sexuality and all that this encompasses. In a friendly, conversational style, Havlik convinces parents that they can be their children’s primary source of information on sexuality. With understanding, Havlik helps parents relax and find their own answers to questions of when and how. Parents already know why: Because we love them.” [ProLifeDallas.org, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- ***Because We Love Them: “If We Allow The Use Of The Birth Control Pill, Not Only Would We Be Supporting Our Child’s Sexual Activity, But We Could Also Be Killing Our Grandchildren.”*** According to *Because We Love Them: Fostering A Christian Sexuality In Our Children*, “One thing that many people do not know about the birth control pill of today is that it can cause an abortion. The early birth control pills contained high levels of estrogen that caused hormonal problems as well as blood clots and strokes. They had to lower the level of estrogen in the pill so that it was less harmful to women. This meant that a woman could possibly still ovulate, making the pill less effective. So they added the drug progesterone to the pill. The combination of these two chemicals causes the uterine lining to become thin, hence making it difficult for a fertilized egg to implant in the womb. The fertilized egg then passes through the uterus and dies. If we allow the use of the birth control pill, not only would we be supporting our child’s sexual activity, but we could also be killing our grandchildren.” [*Because We Love Them* via Amazon.com, [2004](#)]

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- **Dr. Jack Hatcher Was The Director Of Bible Counseling Major At Christ For The Nations Institute.** According to the Christ for the Nations Institute website, “Dr. Jack Hatcher is a graduate from Trinity Theological Seminary with a Doctorate in Religious Studies, a Master’s Degree in Education from Bridgewater State College and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Boston State (University of Massachusetts). [...] Dr. Hatcher served as a Senior Pastor and Superintendent for the Foursquare Church Denomination for many years. He now serves as a presbyter of Fellowship of Ministers and Churches and is on the Executive Board of Directors for Texans for Life Coalition and the Academic Board of International Christian Missions. He is also Director of a newly established 3rd year major, Biblical Counseling Major, at CFNI.” [CFNI.org, accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **Christ For The Nations Institute Was Founded With The Mission Of “Thousands Of Spirit-Filled Believers Going Forth To Do Exploits For God Around The World.”** According to the Christ for the Nations Institute website, “The late Gordon Lindsay and his wife, Freda Lindsay, founded Christ For The Nations Institute in 1970. This trans-denominational Institute was one of Gordon Lindsay's last visions before his ‘home going’ on April 1, 1973. Gordon had envisioned thousands of Spirit-filled believers going forth to do exploits for God around the world. After Gordon's passing, Mrs. Freda Lindsay followed the vision, and the ministry flourished. Today, CFNI graduates are positioned all over the world. Over 40,000 students, both domestic and international, have been trained at CFNI and empowered by the Spirit to touch others with the same Gospel that has transformed their lives.” [CFNI.org, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE FUNDING

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- **Texans For Life Coalition President Kyleen Wright Founded Life PAC With Heidi Group President Carol Everett.** According to an endorsement letter from Life PAC to Texas state representative John Zerwas, “Life PAC is a new political action committee started by Kyleen Wright, President, Texans for Life Committee [*sic*] and Carol Everett, CEO/Founder, The Heidi Group. Life PAC is currently endorsing candidates who have a proven history of supporting pro-life legislation.” [Life PAC Endorsement Letter, [2/3/14](#)]
- **The Heidi Group Believed That “Sinners- Including Those Who Have Had An Abortion- Can Be Saved By God's Grace” And That “Abortion Is...Contrary To God's Will.”** According to the Heidi Group website, “We believe that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again. Our redemption has been accomplished only by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and faith in Him is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God. We believe that sinners-including those who have had an abortion- can be saved by God's grace. We also believe that life is precious and that every person has intrinsic worth and value. Life begins the moment of conception and every person's life is ordained by

God. We believe that abortion is ending the life of a baby and is, therefore, contrary to God's will.” [HeidiGroup.org, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **Carol Everett: You “Create A Market For Abortions” Through Sex Education.** According to Life Site, “‘How do you sell an abortion? In the US it’s very simple: You do it through sex education,’ former abortion clinic owner Carol Everett told participants at the Rose Dinner following the National March for Life on Thursday in Ottawa. [...] In order to reach her financial goal, Everett said she first had to create a ‘market for abortions.’ That meant convincing young people from the earliest age possible to see sexuality in an entirely different way than previous generations.” [LifeSiteNews.com, [5/12/14](#)]

Sheree Havlik Was The President Of Life PAC. According to Breitbart News, “According to the filing, the treasurer of the Life P.A.C. is Sheree Havlik of Arlington. She did not respond to an interview request from Breitbart Texas. Her PAC uses the same phone number as Texans for Life Coalition, headed by Kyleen Wright, who also did not respond to messages.” [Breitbart, [2/28/14](#)]

- **Sheree Havlik Was A Member Of The Texans For Life Board.** According to the Texans for Life Coalition website, the board of directors included Sheree Havlik. [TexLife.org/about-us, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

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- **Life PAC “Spent Exactly \$20,177.80 – The Exact Same Amount... In Support Of John Carona’s Re-Election Bid.”** According to Breitbart News, “According to a report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) on Monday night, embattled State Sen. John Carona sent \$20,177.80 to the ‘Life P.A.C.’ on Feb. 19, 2014. The report claims that the PAC, in turn, spent exactly \$20,177.80—the exact same amount—on Feb. 20, 2014, for ‘printing, postage & graphic design of PAC mailing’ in support of John Carona’s re-election bid.” [Breitbart.com, [2/28/14](#)]
- **John Carona Contributed \$12,500 To Life PAC In February 2015.** According to a campaign finance report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, John Carona contributed \$12,500 to Life PAC in February 2015. [Ethics.State.TX.US, [accessed 1/11/16](#)]
- **Carona Signed A Legal Brief In Support Of HB 2.** According to Law 360, “A large group of Texas legislators on Monday filed friend-of-the-court briefs urging the Fifth Circuit to reverse the district court ruling that blocked part of the state’s controversial abortion law, saying the district court erred and the statute is constitutional. The 68 Texas lawmakers — including Sens. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and John Carona, R-Dallas, and Reps. Charles ‘Doc’ Anderson, R-Waco, and Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton — along with four public interest groups, argue that the Western District of Texas acted outside its scope of authority in blocking parts of H.B. 2, the Texas law that requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and places limits on drug-induced abortions, contradicting both Fifth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court precedent.” [Law360.com, [11/12/14](#)]

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- **The Texas House Leadership Fund Was Established “To Bolster The Campaign Coeffers Of Sitting GOP Members Who Often Have Been Challenged By Tea Party Candidates.”** According to the San Antonio Express-News, “A political action committee led by House Speaker Joe Straus has pumped more than \$300,000 into the coffers of incumbent Republicans in an attempt to fend off a wave of ultra-conservative candidates vying for control of the lower chamber. For the past two legislative sessions, Straus, R-San Antonio, has wielded the Texas House Leadership Fund to bolster the campaign coffers of sitting GOP members who often have been challenged by tea party candidates funded by outside groups with big money.” [San Antonio Express-News, [2/25/14](#)]

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- **Dinesh D'Souza Was Indicted In 2014 For “Making Illegal Contributions To A U.S. Senate Campaign.”** According to CNN, “Conservative commentator and author Dinesh D'Souza has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of making illegal contributions to a U.S. Senate campaign. D'Souza allegedly made and arranged \$20,000 in campaign donations to an unnamed campaign in 2012 and then reimbursed those who were directed to make contributions, according to the charges handed up in New York City.” [CNN.com, [1/23/14](#)]
- **Dinesh D'Souza Christianity Today Op-Ed Headline: “Sex, Lies, And Abortion: It's Time To Get To The Bottom Of The Great National Tragedy.”** [Dinesh D'Souza – Christianity Today, [9/9/09](#)]

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The Texans For Life Coalition 2013 Benefit Featured The Heidi Group's Carol Everett, A “Former Abortion Clinic Owner.” According to the Texans for Life Coalition 2013 benefit dinner Facebook event, the benefit featured the Heidi Group's Carol Everett, a “former abortion clinic owner.” [Texans for Life Annual Benefit Dinner – Facebook.com, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Held A Banquet In 2012 Featuring Ruben Quezada. According to Pro-Life Dallas, the Texans for Life Coalition 2012 banquet featured Ruben Quezada. [ProLifeDallas.org, accessed [1/25/16](#)]

- **Ruben Quezada, A Catholic Author, Has “Been A Host Of Local Bible Studies, Catholic Family Conferences, Biblical Conferences, Live Radio Shows And Parish Missions.”** According to CatholicSpeakers.com, “Ruben Quezada is a best-selling Catholic author, international speaker. A 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, Ruben Quezada is a much sought-after bilingual speaker on various topics of the faith. He has traveled internationally addressing youth, teens and adults. He is a polished presenter and a certified Facilitator through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles giving lectures on ‘Protecting God's Children’. Mr. Quezada is endorsed by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as well as clergy and Catholic groups for his witty and direct approach to evangelization. He's spoken in front of thousands of Catholics on various topics of the faith while encouraging them to learn, love and defend their Catholic heritage. He's been a host of local bible studies, Catholic Family Conferences, Biblical Conferences, live radio shows and parish missions.” [CatholicSpeakers.com, accessed [1/25/16](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Held A Banquet In 2007 Featuring Author, Activist, And “Self-Described ‘Former Welfare Queen’” Star Parker. According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “Texans for Life Coalition Annual Banquet Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm [...] This year's featured guest is Star Parker, author, news commentator and activist. The self-described ‘former welfare queen’ understands firsthand why family values matter most. In her book, *White Ghetto*, Star isn't shy about what ails the nation or Christians who vote for pro-abortion politicians.” [TexansForLifeCoalition.blogspot.com, [9/30/07](#)]

- **Star Parker: Planned Parenthood “Systematically Targets Minority Women For Abortion.”** According to an opinion by Star Parker for Life Site, “The struggle for racial justice in America – whether fighting slavery, or fighting for civil rights - has always been informed by absolute standards of right and wrong, of good and evil, that transcend even the cleverest human mind. Black history is testimony to where we wind up when those standards get lost. Yet, once again, those standards have gotten lost. And, once again, black Americans are bearing the brunt of the cost of a nation that has lost its moral rudder - this time as result of wantonly legal and available abortion. [...] Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, systematically targets minority women for abortion. Before the Civil War, there were church-going Americans who rationalized slavery by believing that blacks were less than human. This view was legally formalized in the US Supreme Court's infamous Dred Scott decision. It is not surprising that our first ‘pro-choice Senator Stephen Douglas, supported the Dred Scott decision. Views echoing Dred Scott help rationalize Planned Parenthood's targeted destruction of black children in the womb.” [Star Parker – LifeSiteNews.com, [5/6/13](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE ADVOCATED FOR TEXAS'S RESTRICTIVE SONOGRAM LAW

Texans For Life Coalition Was “Critical” In Passing A Mandatory Sonogram Law

Texans For Life Coalition President Kyleen Wright Was Honored By Congressman Kenny Marchant For The Texans For Life Coalition’s “Critical” Work To Pass The Texas Sonogram Law. According to remarks by Rep. Kenny Marchant, “Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor Texans for Life Coalition President Kyleen Wright for her decades of work to protect life. Kyleen has been a leader and a fixture in the Texas pro-life movement for years, and her dedication to the unborn was critical to the recent passage of the sonogram law in the Texas Legislature. This law expands informed consent to include a visual presentation via sonogram. Since 1975, Kyleen has been a tireless pro-life advocate. Beginning in her freshman year of high school, Kyleen has spent the last 36 years influencing and instituting policies conducive to strong families. Her work has culminated in significant policy changes in Texas, including the sonogram law and an abstinence education program in 1995.” [Kenny Marchant Remarks via Library of Congress, [11/4/11](#)]

Wright: Texans For Life “Worked Tirelessly” For Sonogram Bills SB 16 And HB 15. According to a Texans for Life Coalition letter by Texans for Life president Kyleen Wright, “As you may have heard, the Sonogram Bill (SB 16) was passed out of Committee this week in the Senate, and in several ways emerged as an even better bill. I am also excited to tell you about HB 15, an excellent sonogram bill filed today in the Texas House, with State Representative Sid Miller as the lead author and State Representatives Bill Callegari, Charlie Geren, Lois Kolkhorst and Diane Patrick as joint authors. [...] Texans for Life has worked tirelessly to ensure passage of this common-sense bill which has the potential to save so many lives. Stay tuned as we keep you informed and ask for your help!” [Texans for Life Coalition Letter, accessed [1/22/16](#)]

- **Wright: With The Mandatory Sonogram Law, “The Window To The Womb Is Forever Open.”** According to the Star-Telegram, “As Gov. Rick Perry touted Texas' new law that requires women seeking abortions to have a sonogram, a national abortion-rights group worked to prepare a legal challenge to what they call one of the most restrictive laws in the country. Surrounded by supporters, Perry said Tuesday during a ceremonial signing of the bill that Texas women will now have information they need if they decide to end their pregnancies. [...] ‘We are thrilled Texas women considering abortion finally have all the information every other surgical patient takes for granted,’ said Wright, president of the Arlington-based Texans for Life Coalition, who received one of the pens that Perry used during the ceremony. ‘The window to the womb is forever open and there is no going back.’” [Star-Telegram, [5/24/11](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To “Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn’t Want To Hear It.” According to NBC News, “Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn’t want to hear it.” [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

The Sonogram Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities. According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living “100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider,” and included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, “Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed

through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, ‘in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,’ the law states.” [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

Texas Physician Said The Law “Borders On The Definition Of Rape”

Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law “Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I’m Coerced.” According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for the New York Times, “Here’s what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they’re shown on the monitor. She signs a document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE CITED DISCREDITED CLAIMS LINKING ABORTION AND CANCER

Texans For Life Coalition Included A Link To A Deceptive Website Claiming A Connection Between Abortion And Breast Cancer

The Texans For Life Coalition Included A Link To AbortionBreastCancer.Com As A Resource On Their Website. According to the Texans for Life Coalition website, the Texans for Life Coalition included a link to AbortionBreastCancer.com as a resource. [TexLife.org, accessed [1/5/16](#)]

- **The Abortion/Breast Cancer Coalition Claimed Its Purpose Was To “Save The Lives Of Women By Educating And Providing Information On Abortion As A Risk Factor For Breast Cancer.”** According to the Abortion/Breast Cancer Coalition website, “We are an international women’s organization whose purpose is to protect the health and save the lives of women by educating and providing information on abortion as a risk factor for breast cancer.” [AbortionBreastCancer.com/about_us, accessed [1/5/16](#)]
- **National Cancer Institute: “Having An Abortion...Does Not Increase A Woman’s Subsequent Risk Of Developing Breast Cancer.”** According to the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, “The National Cancer Institute (NCI) convened a workshop of over 100 of the world’s leading experts who study pregnancy and breast cancer risk. Workshop participants reviewed existing population-based, clinical, and animal studies on the relationship between pregnancy and breast cancer risk, including studies of induced and spontaneous abortions. They concluded that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman’s subsequent risk of developing breast cancer.” [Cancer.gov, accessed [1/5/16](#)]

TEXANS FOR LIFE CLAIMED THAT PRO-CHOICE PROTESTERS WERE “FUNDED BY THE OBAMA MACHINE” AND “FROM OUT OF STATE AND PAID”

Texans For Life Coalition Claimed People Protesting HB 2 And Of SB 5 And At The State Capitol Were “Coordinated And Funded By The Obama Machine” And “From Out Of State And Paid.” According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “Undoubtedly you have heard about the mob that prevented our pro-life omnibus bill [SB 5] from finally passing Tuesday night. I am not about to let them get away with it, are you? [...] Consider that this effort has been largely coordinated and funded by the Obama machine as part of a multi-million dollar Turn Texas Blue effort – all at the expense of LIFE! They threatened pro-life Democrats with well-funded opponents if they voted for it. They sent out a memo

encouraging protestors to resist arrest and offered to cover their bail. Obama, Pelosi & Reid tweeted in support of the filibuster. Now they are working to get over 10,000 people to the Capitol, and many of them will be from out of state and paid. They are sparing no expense.” [TexLife.org, [6/30/13](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Web Post: Planned Parenthood’s “Not In Her Shoes” Campaign Is Just About “How Don’t Nobody Know What It’s Like To Walk In My Shoes, M’kay?” According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “Planned Parenthood is encouraging women to tweet and blog and otherwise post online photos of their shoes, with pithy captions about how don’t nobody know what it’s like to walk in my shoes, m’kay? See, these people are still trying to convince us that it’s okay for them to get paid to take the lives of innocent humans, because they do it for really, really good reasons. Not money. No way. Has nothing to do with money. Nope.” [TexLife.org, [4/15/13](#)]

- **Texans For Life Coalition Web Post: “Planned Parenthood Tells Us They Are Helping Women...And Yes, They Do Accept Cash, Thanks.”** According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “Planned Parenthood tells us they are helping women. Women come to them with all sorts of problems, from being poor to being really busy at work to having mean Republican parents who don’t understand them. Planned Parenthood is there to help. And yes, they do accept cash, thanks.” [TexLife.org, [4/15/13](#)]

Texans For Life Coalition Web Post: “Pro-Aborts” Are “Fond Of Co-Opting Women And Black People For Their Own Cause.” According to a Texans for Life Coalition web post, “The pro-abortion blogosphere is on fire with outrage over the Susan B. Anthony & Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, or PreNDA. The purpose of the bill is to keep women from being coerced into aborting their child based on its gender or race. [...] The name of the bill is apparently offensive to the pro-aborts, who are fond of co-opting women and black people for their own cause and don’t want to share.” [TexLife.org, [1/12/12](#)]

Heidi Group

THE HEIDI GROUP ACTED AS A “CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER” THAT WORKED THROUGH “A NETWORK OF PREGNANCY CENTERS”

The Heidi Group Was Described By Live Action As An Organization That “Counsels Post-Abortive Women And Men While Also Acting As A Crisis Pregnancy Center That Works...Through A Network Of Pregnancy Centers.” According to Live Action News, “The Heidi Group is an organization that counsels post-abortive women and men while also acting as a crisis pregnancy center that works with people all over the country through a network of pregnancy centers. They are located in Round Rock, Texas, which is two miles east of Austin.” [Live Action News, [9/7/14](#)]

Heidi Group: “Life Begins The Moment Of Conception And Every Person's Life Is Ordained By God. We Believe That Abortion Is Ending The Life Of A Baby And Is, Therefore, Contrary To God's Will.” According to the Heidi Group Website, “We believe that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again. Our redemption has been accomplished only by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and faith in Him is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God. We believe that sinners- including those who have had an abortion- can be saved by God's grace. We also believe that life is precious and that every person has intrinsic worth and value. Life begins the moment of conception and every person's life is ordained by God. We believe that abortion is ending the life of a baby and is, therefore, contrary to God's will. If you would like to know more about what we believe, please contact us by clicking here.” [HeidiGroup.org, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

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Heidi Group Was A “Leading Supporter” Of HB 2 And Called It A “Miracle Law”

Heidi Group Was One Of The “Leading Supporters” Of Bill HB 2. According to a press release from the Texans for Life Coalition, “Embroided in an intense battle for Life, pro-life Texans will pause to rally the troops Monday night, as they head into a week filled with floor debates and final votes over the historic omnibus pro-life bill. [...] The rally is sponsored by leading supporters of the pro-life omnibus bill HB 2 and its companion, SB 1: Concerned Women for America, Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life and Texas Values.” [Texans for Life Coalition, 7/7/13]

Heidi Group: HB 2 Was “The Miracle Law Only Passed Because God’s People Came To Austin To Stand For Life In A Prayerful, Peaceful, Demonstration.” According to Heidi Group’s 2014 end of year letter, “Prayer is our most important weapon. Please pray with us that God will affirm life from His perspective in the hearts of Texans and Americans. We are well aware that HB 2 – the miracle law only passed because God’s people came to Austin to stand for life in a prayerful, peaceful, demonstration of His love. Your prayers and your presence will be needed again in 2015 as pro-aborts attempt to weaken HB 2 and re-fund the abortion industry with Texas tax dollars.” [Heidi Group End of Year Letter, [11/28/14](#)]

The Heidi Group, Concerned Women For America, Susan B. Anthony List, Texans For Life Coalition, Texas Right To Life, Texas Eagle Forum, And Texas Values Held A Rally In Support Of HB 2. According to a news alert on the Eagle Forum website, “In a second special session, the Texas House has taken the lead in passing this pro-life omnibus as HB 2 (the same as SB 5 that was killed in the first special session) has been voted out of committee and is expected for a vote early next week. The Senate hearing on the identical companion bill, SB 1, is Monday, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Please pray for our Texas state leaders as they seek to pass and enforce sound and prudent protection mechanisms for women and unborn babies. WE NEED YOU to join us in Austin on Monday. See details below. Pro-LIFE RALLY on Monday, July 8 YOU are INVITED SPEAK UP FOR LIFE RALLY with Gov. Mike Huckabee Monday, July 8, 2013 7 p.m., Capitol Grounds, Austin, Texas Wear BLUE. Bring water and snacks. Let’s make this the biggest rally ever! Bring your friends and family Speakers: Governor Mike Huckabee Penny Nance President, Concerned Women for America Marilyn Musgrave Susan B. Anthony List and former congresswoman Dr. Robert Jeffress Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas Others invited include Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst Rally Sponsors (partial listing): Concerned Women for America Texans for Life Coalition Texas Right to Life Texas Eagle Forum The Heidi Group Texas Values.” [Eagle Forum News Alert, [7/5/13](#)]

Sen. Ted Cruz “Commended The Texas Groups Who Have Worked Tirelessly To Promote SB 1 And HB 2” Including The Heidi Group. According to a press release from Sen. Ted Cruz, “U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) today submitted testimony for the record in support of Texas Senate Bill 1, which will ban abortions after 20 weeks and raise standards of care at abortion clinics by requiring them to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers. Part of Sen. Cruz’s testimony will be read at the Stand for Life Rally on Monday evening at the Texas State Capitol. In his testimony, Sen. Cruz noted that even many European nations have stricter abortion laws than the U.S., where our laws remain among the most extreme in the world. For instance, Spain, Italy, Portugal and France all ban abortions after 14 weeks. Additionally, 11 other U.S. states have already passed 20-week abortion bans. Sen. Cruz also commended the Texas groups who have worked tirelessly to promote SB 1 and HB 2 including Concerned Women for America–Texas, The Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life, and Texas Values.” [Ted Cruz Press Release, 7/9/13]

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The Founder And President Of The Heidi Group Was Carol Everett, Who Claimed She “Spent 6 Years Selling Abortions To Other Women.” According to the Heidi Group website, “My name is Carol Everett, I am the founder and president of The Heidi Group, and I had an abortion in 1973, shortly after the landmark decision for Roe v. Wade. Lured by the substantial income and driven by the subconscious desire to justify my own abortion decision, I spent 6 years selling abortions to other women in four abortion clinics in Dallas/Fort Worth. After 35,000 abortions, the death of one woman and surgery on 19 other patients, God brought me to a crossroads. My life changed when I came to know the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ in 1983. I realized that my work was hurting women, not helping them.” [Heidigroup.org, viewed [12/18/15](#)]

- **Everett: You “Create A Market For Abortions” Through Sex Education.** According to Life Site, “‘How do you sell an abortion? In the US it’s very simple: You do it through sex education,’ former abortion clinic owner Carol Everett told participants at the Rose Dinner following the National March for Life on Thursday in Ottawa. [...] In order to reach her financial goal, Everett said she first had to create a ‘market for abortions.’ That meant convincing young people from the earliest age possible to see sexuality in an entirely different way than previous generations.” [LifeSiteNews.com, [5/12/14](#)]

- **Everett: Planned Parenthood Provides “Comprehensive Sex Education” So Girls Will Get Pregnant And Need Abortions.** According an interview of Carol Everett on WallBuilders Live, “They do comprehensive sex education in our schools, they pass out low dose birth control pills that have to be taken accurately in order to provide any level of protection, the girls don’t take them accurately, they become pregnant. The boys get defective condoms. Our goal, our goal was 3 to 5 abortions between the ages of 13 and 18 from every girl we touched.” [WallBuilders Live, [10/20/15](#)]

Everett Claimed That Clinics Would Try To Convince Women Who Weren’t Pregnant To Get Abortions. According to a statement by Carol Everett for Focus on the Family, “Carol Everett entered the abortion industry in Texas during the 1970’s. Prior to this, she herself underwent an abortion under pressure from her husband and doctor. This event had a devastating effect on her family and emotional life. [...]In this section of her testimony, she rehearses, sometimes through tears, some of the behind-the-scenes activities which she witnessed and directed in her clinics. [...] ‘There are two other things I’d like to talk about. There are women who come in and have abortions but aren’t pregnant. You may say, “Oh, that doesn’t happen.” Maybe you say that. It does happen. First of all, this woman thinks she’s pregnant. She’s scheduled herself for an abortion. She’s come in and her pregnancy test is negative. They have a woman that they have paid their advertising dollars to get in there. They want to do that abortion if there is any way. So they do everything they can to prove that she’s pregnant or has been pregnant.” [Reformed.org, [1990](#)]

Everett’s Former Colleague, Dr. William W. West Jr. Stated In A News Release That Everett’s Claims About Her Experiences Working As An Abortion Provider Were “Fraudulent.” According to RH Reality Check “And [Carol] Everett may have claimed that abortions were performed for no reason and for the sake of financial gain, but it was a statement vociferously [*sic*] rebutted by many of her former colleagues. For example, William W. West, Jr., M.D., who works in outpatient psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, stated in a news release in 1988 after Everett had been appointed the public affairs Director of Greater Dallas Right to Life Committee and Texas Coalition for Life: ‘One thing Ms. Everett claims is that callous greed like hers is a common motive among those who are involved in the provision of abortion services. This is flagrantly untrue. She should know better. She also contends that legal abortion, as practiced in the United States today, is prohibitively dangerous. In actual fact, it is probably about as safe as having a wisdom tooth pulled and is certainly much safer than having a baby, its only alternative. She should know this.’ ‘...Among Ms. Everett’s various fraudulent claims is her assertion that abortion surgery is deliberately performed on women who are not actually pregnant in order to get their money. Give me a break! I hope there are not many among us who are cynical [*sic*] and gullible enough to actually believe such garbage!’” [RH Reality Check, [10/2/12](#)]

- **West On Everett’s Claim That Abortions Were Performed On Women Who Weren’t Pregnant: “Give Me A Break! I Hope There Are Not Many Among Us Who Are Cynical And Gullible Enough To Actually Believe Such Garbage!”** According to RH Reality Check, “For example, William W. West, Jr., M.D., who works in outpatient psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, stated in a news release in 1988 after [Carol] Everett had been appointed the public affairs Director of Greater Dallas Right to Life Committee and Texas Coalition for Life: ‘One thing Ms. Everett claims is that callous greed like hers is a common motive among those who are involved in the provision of abortion services. This is flagrantly untrue. She should know better. She also contends that legal abortion, as practiced in the United States today, is prohibitively dangerous. In actual fact, it is probably about as safe as having a wisdom tooth pulled and is certainly much safer than having a baby, its only alternative. She should know this.’ ‘...Among Ms. Everett’s various fraudulent claims is her assertion that abortion surgery is deliberately performed on women who are not actually pregnant in order to get their money. Give me a break! I hope there are not many among us who are cynical and gullible enough to actually believe such garbage!’” [RH Reality Check, [10/2/12](#)]

Dr. West Confirmed That The Text Of His News Release Cited By RH Reality Check Was Accurate. In an email to American Bridge, Dr. William West Jr. confirmed he had written the news release quoted by RH Reality Check. [William West Jr. – Email, 2/5/16]

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Everett Took Credit For Closing 28 Abortion Clinics And Reducing Abortion By 50 Percent In Texas. According an interview of Carol Everett on WallBuilders Live, “Host: ‘You’ve helped to close so many clinics in Texas, that man, we’ve reduced abortion by how much, since you’ve been involved here?’ [Carol] Everett: ‘Well, over fifty percent since I’ve been involved, but in the last two years we’ve, it was probably about 60 percent from when I became involved – We’re gonna probably – there were over a 100,000 abortions at one time in Texas, this year the report will be about 50,000. And we reduced abortion by 50 percent in the last year because we defunded Planned Parenthood in 2011 and we regulated the abortion

industry to surgical standards, and closed 28 of the 44 abortion clinics in Texas in the last year.’ Host: ‘Man, so they’re down to just a dozen or so?’ Everett: ‘Nineteen. They opened some more, you know you don’t ever close them all down, they find a way to get back open. But God is moving, so I think He really wants to do the same thing nationally that he did in Texas, and I think that’s what this Planned Parenthood’s baby body parts sale is all about.’ [WallBuilders Live, [10/20/15](#)]

Everett Claimed That Abortion Could Increase The Risk Of Breast Cancer By 100 Percent

Everett Claimed That If A Woman Has Multiple Or Abortions Or Has A Woman With A History Of Breast Cancer Has An Abortion, The Risk Of Breast Cancer Is “Raised By 100%.” According to Live Action News, “Even if conceived in rape, she’s no less a baby. The woman is a victim, but making the baby a victim does not change anything. At some point the woman is going to discover that she killed her baby, not just the baby of the rapist, but also her baby and she will be traumatized by that, Everett says. She shares that if a woman under the age of 18 has an abortion, she risks breast cancer by 50%; if 19 or older she risks it by 30%. If multiple abortions or a history of breast cancer in her family then it’s raised by 100%. Everett says that other problems include a chance of sterility and that over 90% have ‘post-abortion syndrome.’” [Live Action News, [9/7/14](#)]

- **National Cancer Institute: 100 Of The World’s Leading Experts Who Study Pregnancy And Breast Cancer Risk “Concluded That Having An Abortion Or Miscarriage Does Not Increase A Woman’s Subsequent Risk Of Developing Breast Cancer.”** According to the National Cancer Institute, “In February 2003, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) convened a workshop of over 100 of the world’s leading experts who study pregnancy and breast cancer risk. Workshop participants reviewed existing population-based, clinical, and animal studies on the relationship between pregnancy and breast cancer risk, including studies of induced and spontaneous abortions. They concluded that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman’s subsequent risk of developing breast cancer.” [National Cancer Institute, accessed [12/16/15](#)]

Everett Claimed That “Over 90%” Of Women Who Had Abortions Suffer From “Post-Abortion Syndrome.”

According to Live Action News, “She shares that if a woman under the age of 18 has an abortion, she risks breast cancer by 50%; if 19 or older she risks it by 30%. If multiple abortions or a history of breast cancer in her family then it’s raised by 100%. Everett says that other problems include a chance of sterility and that over 90% have ‘post-abortion syndrome.’” [Live Action News, [9/7/14](#)]

- **Austin Chronicle: “Even The Reagan-Nominated And Anti-Abortion U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop Couldn’t Accept” The Theory Of “Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome.”** According to the Austin Chronicle, “Rue is no reproductive health expert, nor a physician, nor impartial adviser. The marriage therapist holds a doctorate in family relations from the School of Home Economics at the University of North Carolina, and led the now-defunct Florida-based Institute for Pregnancy Loss. Rue is also a longtime and extreme anti-abortion advocate; he reportedly opposes abortions even in cases of rape or incest. He’s best known for coining the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged mental disorder, unrecognized by either the American Psychological Association or the American Psychiatric Association, nevertheless endorsed by anti-choice activists and cited by legislators in defense of anti-abortion laws. (Even the Reagan-nominated and anti-abortion U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop couldn’t accept Rue’s theory, rejecting a white paper on the supposed ‘syndrome’ in 1989.)” [Austin Chronicle, [8/22/14](#)]

Everett: A Man Sleeping With Multiple Partners “Is Almost Like Rape”

Everett: A Man Sleeping With Multiple Partners “Is Almost Like Rape.” According an interview of Carol Everett on WallBuilders Live, “Host: ‘Now all of a sudden we’ve seen this – they’ve even got a term for it I guess it makes them feel better- this polyamorous thing is growing. Where it’s like open marriage without marriage, everybody loves everybody... crazy stuff.’ Carol Everett: ‘Sick. [...] That’s terrible, well it breaks down all those natural barriers that we’re supposed to have. And you know think about this: one woman sleeping with a man and she knows this woman living here sleeps with him too, how does she feel about that woman? That is not a relationship that fosters anything kind. And how does she feel about him? That, in my mind, is almost like rape when you’re just having sex with two or three different women. It’s just, what are you doing? It is a sick thing and the only thing that can help us recover is Jesus.’” [WallBuilders Live, [10/20/15](#)]

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Everett Was A Member Of The Advisory Committee That Administers A Fund Using Money From The Proceeds Of Sales Of Texas’s “Choose Life” License Plates. According to the Austin Chronicle, “CPCs are also underwritten by a separate pot of money, made possible through 2011 legislation. Former Dallas Sen. John Carona's SB 257 enabled the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to manufacture ‘Choose Life’ license plates, with the bulk of the proceeds (\$22 of the \$30 sale price) going toward organizations ‘that promote adoption as an alternative to abortion.’ The fund, administered through the attorney general's office, is distributed by a seven-member AG-appointed advisory committee, stacked with anti-abortion crusaders. For example, committee member Lois Kerschen is a former CPC counselor and co-founder of Democrats for Life of America, while noted anti-choice advocate Carol Everett heads the Heidi Group, a Christian-based nonprofit which proclaims it ‘sets women free from abortion.’ (Everett and friends held a press conference in 2012 to denounce Planned Parenthood as the provider was being evicted from a Medicaid program by GOP officials.)” [Austin Chronicle, [4/17/15](#)]

THE HEIDI GROUP WAS PROMOTED BY LIVE ACTION

The Heidi Group Was Described By Live Action As An Organization That “Counsels Post-Abortive Women And Men While Also Acting As A Crisis Pregnancy Center That Works...Through A Network Of Pregnancy Centers.” According to Live Action News, “The Heidi Group is an organization that counsels post-abortive women and men while also acting as a crisis pregnancy center that works with people all over the country through a network of pregnancy centers. They are located in Round Rock, Texas, which is two miles east of Austin.” [Live Action News, [9/7/14](#)]

Live Action News Provided Its Readers With The Heidi Group’s Phone Number And Directed Them To The Heidi Group’s Website. According to Live Action News, “If a woman were to find herself suddenly pregnant, the first thing Everett would counsel her to do is go to a crisis pregnancy center and discuss her options. Find a church, ask a friend, or ask for someone to drive you if can’t drive yourself. Crisis pregnancy centers are one of the fastest ways to get help with an unplanned pregnancy. For those wanting more information, go to The Heidi Group’s website or contact them on the phone at 512-2550-2088. You can email the group through their webpage.” [Live Action News, [9/7/14](#)]

- **Live Action Claimed I Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Head Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

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The Covenant Foundation Was One Of The Foundations Run By Conservative Texas Donor Dr. James R. Leininger. According to the Houston Chronicle, “Dr. James R. Leininger, a conservative and devoutly religious Republican businessman, probably is known by few Texans outside his hometown of San Antonio. During the past decade Leininger has spent more than \$ 1.4 million of his personal fortune to affect how Texans vote and another \$ 3.2 million to change how Texans think on political issues such as tort reform and private school vouchers. [...] Donations of Kinetic Concepts stock have financed Leininger's two personal foundations, the Covenant Foundation and the JCL Foundation, formerly known as the Kinetic Concepts Foundation. Since 1991, the two foundations have made \$ 5.6 million in contributions. About 57

percent of that money has gone to politically oriented nonprofit organizations, with the remainder being given to churches and Christian ministries, studies and missionary activities.” [Houston Chronicle, 9/21/97]

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“In The 1990s And 2000s” Leininger “Became One Of The Most Prolific Political Donors To Republican Candidates, Conservative Causes And Christian Ministries In Texas.” According to the Texas Tribune, “Dr. James Leininger is a San Antonio-based businessman and former physician. He is the founder of a conservative think tank called the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He is a devout Christian conservative who, in the 1990s and 2000s, became one of the most prolific political donors to Republican candidates, conservative causes and Christian ministries in Texas.” [Texas Tribune, viewed [12/21/15](#)]

CPI: Leininger “Used His Enormous Wealth To Create A Conglomerate Of A Half-Dozen Influential Foundations, And Think Tanks,” And “Built A Vast Network Of Supporters Who Have Benefited From His Favors.” According to the Center for Public Integrity, “In Texas, though, Dr. James Leininger’s name is synonymous with political power. In a state where egos are huge, he plays the game quietly, rarely drawing attention to himself. Leininger has used his enormous wealth to create a conglomerate of a half-dozen influential foundations and think tanks. Their pro-business policy positions have become the basis of key state legislative initiatives, including tort reform and school vouchers. By placing some of the most well-connected Texans on the boards, Leininger has built a vast network of supporters who have benefited from his favors.” [Center for Public Integrity, [7/31/00](#)]

A Leininger-Controlled PAC, Texans For Governmental Integrity, Sent Out A Mailer Accusing A Democratic Board Of Education Candidate Of Promoting Abortion And Sexuality, Featuring A “Photograph Of A Black Man Kissing A White Man.” According to the Houston Chronicle, “Much of this spending was through two Leininger-controlled political committees: Texans for Governmental Integrity and the A+ PAC for Parental School Choice. Texans for Governmental Integrity’s most controversial action was a 1994 direct mail piece sent out on behalf of a Republican candidate for the State Board of Education claiming the Democratic incumbent had voted for textbooks that promoted abortion and homosexuality. The brochure featured a large photograph of a black man kissing a white man.” [Houston Chronicle, 9/21/97]

In 2011 Leininger Hosted A Private Event For Rick Perry At His Texas Ranch, For Perry To Sell His Presidential Candidacy To “A Gathering Of Uncommitted Social And Evangelical Conservatives.” According to the Texas Tribune, “The American public got to see Gov. Rick Perry’s outreach to religious conservatives at the giant ‘Prayerpalooza’ rally at Reliant Stadium in Houston a few days before he announced for president. A far more private but equally important plea for their support was delivered on a Texas ranch last weekend. At a gathering of uncommitted social and evangelical conservatives at the Hill Country spread of mega-donor James Leininger, Perry spent several hours patiently answering queries on a range of issues, from his stand on immigration reform to the depth of his commitment to oppose abortion, people who were in attendance told The Texas Tribune.” [Texas Tribune, [9/1/11](#)]

- **150 To 200 Social Conservatives From Around The Country Attended, Including Focus On The Family Founder James Dobson, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, And “Representatives Of The Anti-Abortion Susan B. Anthony List.”** According to the Texas Tribune, “The gathering inside a rectangular tent on [James] Leininger’s Hill Country estate was part of Perry’s full-court press for support from evangelical voters, who make up an oversize chunk of the GOP electorate. About 150 to 200 social conservatives from around the country attended the event, people who were there said, and included some of the top names in the Christian conservative movement: radio host James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family; Richard Viguerie, a writer and elder statesman of the social conservative movement; and Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. Representatives of the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony List also attended.” [Texas Tribune, [9/1/11](#)]

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David Weekley Was An Influential Texas Republican Donor. According to Texas Monthly, “Perry is also the single biggest donor to Republican politicians and causes in Texas, including \$380,000 to Governor Rick Perry and \$335,000 to

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst during the 2006 general election. Equally influential in Republican circles are prominent homebuilders David Weekley and his brother Richard, a founder of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, one of the most active PACs in state politics for the past ten years. Then there is Bo Pilgrim, whose chicken-processing empire is built in large part on foreign-born workers as well. Republican candidates for statewide office in Texas don't launch campaigns without first making a visit to these four men, and no immigration bill ever escapes the attention of their lobbyists in Austin." [Texas Monthly, [November 2010](#)]

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The Ayco Charitable Foundation Was A Donor Advised Fund Used By Carly Fiorina And Her Husband To "Distribute Undisclosed Sums To Undisclosed Recipients At Undisclosed Times." According to the Daily Beast, "What Fiorina calls the Fiorina Foundation is in fact the name of the account she and her husband, Frank, have with The Ayco Charitable Foundation, a so-called 'donor-advised fund,' through which they distribute undisclosed sums to undisclosed recipients at undisclosed times. This seemed to be news to Fiorina's own campaign, the deputy manager of which, Sarah Isgur Flores, repeatedly assured me that the Fiorina Foundation is a private foundation before following up to say that she had made a mistake." [Daily Beast, [10/5/15](#)]

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The Heidi Group Stated Its Goal Was To Reduce Abortion In Texas "Until It Ends." According to the Heidi Group's newsletter, "I am very encouraged, but we must work our plan harder than ever to accomplish our goal. With the accomplishments of the last year in mind, The Heidi Group plan for the next year is as follows: Reducing Abortion in Texas until it Ends (Our Goal: 40,000 babies' lives saved the first year) While the defunding of abortion providers/affiliates and the sonogram/informed consent bill have the effect of encouraging life, the brief history since implementation has revealed that the abortion industry has not changed to operate as responsibly as other medical specialties." [Heidi Group Newsletter, [9/7/12](#)]

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The Heidi Group Supported Texas's Sonogram Bill HB 15. According to a release on the Catholic Pro- Life Committee of Dallas website "The Following Individuals and Organizations Support the Senate State Affairs Committee Substitute for House Bill 15 April 20, 2011 Phyllis Schlafly, President Eagle Forum Steve Hotze, M.D., President Conservative Republicans of Texas Kelly Shackelford, Esq., President and CEO Liberty Institute Lois Kerschen, Ph.D., President Democrats for Life of Texas Carol Everett, President The Heidi Group." [ProLifeDallas.org, [4/20/11](#)]

Heidi Group Praised The "Sonogram/Informed Consent Law" For "Delivering" Texan Women "To The Door Of Pregnancy Resource Centers." According to the Heidi Group's newsletter, "Abortion is not ending but starting to decrease in Texas. (No real numbers reported for two years.) Our life-affirming pregnancy centers are experiencing as high as 16% increase in visits from abortion-minded girls and women! The women considering abortion are our target market and the most difficult to reach with the truth of life. Yet the sonogram/informed consent law is delivering them to the door of pregnancy resource centers where they are making the choice of life. Lives are being saved in greater numbers than last year!" [Heidi Group Newsletter, [9/7/12](#)]

The Original Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities. According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature

allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living “100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider,” and included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, “Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, ‘in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,’ the law states.” [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

Texas Physician Said The Law “Borders On The Definition Of Rape”

Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law “Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I’m Coerced.” According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for The New York Times, “Here’s what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they’re shown on the monitor. She signs a document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

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Heidi Group Praised The Texas Legislature For Excluding Planned Parenthood From Its Medicaid Women's Health Program. According to a press release from the Heidi Group, “The 82nd Legislature protected the health of Texas women by eliminating funding of the Women's Health Program by abortion providers. Under the new law, 2,500 medical professionals providing comprehensive and primary care along with Family Planning, located strategically around the state, will offer balanced medical care with a medical home for indigent women. [...] Governor Rick Perry and Health and Human Services (HHSC) Commissioner Tom Suehs have followed the direction of the Texas Legislature by excluding abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood from the Medicaid Women's Health Program (WHP). The law passed during the Special Session (Senate Bill 7) prohibits HHSC (administrator of the Medicaid Program) from contracting with providers that ‘perform or promote elective abortions or affiliate with entities that perform or promote elective abortions.’ Now the Obama administration - not the Texas Legislature or the Governor - will be to blame for killing the Women's Health Program if the Obama Administration does not renew the program simply because Planned Parenthood is excluded. As a private citizen, I urge you to call, email or write your Legislator and Governor Rick Perry to thank them for protecting the health of the poor women of Texas.” [Heidi Group Press Release, 2/29/12]

Lawmakers Directed Texas Health And Human Services “To Draft A Rule Banning Planned Parenthood” Along With Any “Abortion Affiliates” From The Women’s Health Program, Which Had Never Funded PP Clinics That Performed Abortions. According to the Texas Tribune, The 2005 measure creating the Women’s Health Program passed largely because of a Senate amendment banning abortion providers and clinics affiliated with them from participating. But the program allowed the participation of Planned Parenthood clinics that did not perform abortions, as state health officials feared they could face lawsuits over the rule’s constitutionality. During the 2011 legislative session, after getting the legal go-ahead from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Republican lawmakers pushed to implement the ban on so-called ‘abortion affiliates.’ They directed Health and Human Services Commissioner Tom Suehs to draft a rule banning Planned Parenthood and other ‘affiliates’ from the Women’s Health Program — which he did in February.” [Texas Tribune, accessed [1/22/16](#)]

- **The Federal Government Discontinued Its Funding Of WHP And Planned Parenthood Filed A Lawsuit To Block Its Exclusion.** According to the Texas Tribune, “Texas fought back, insisting that the state should get to choose the program’s health providers. On March 15, Cindy Mann, the director of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), sent a letter to state leaders saying the federal government would discontinue funding its share of the program, and instructing the state to present a plan to transition services to women. The next day, Abbott filed suit against the federal government over the action. Gov. Rick Perry has said the state will make up the \$30 million shortfall and continue services to low-income women on its own. On April 3, Suehs said in a letter to state Democrats that the money might be made up from other federal block grants, but no concrete plan had been proposed. On April 11, Planned Parenthood branches filed a federal lawsuit to block their exclusion from the program.” [Texas Tribune, accessed [1/22/16](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum

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Texas Eagle Forum Lobbied For The Abortion Bill, “Filed An Amicus Brief In Its Favor,” And Held Rallies In Support Of It

Texas Eagle Forum Was One Of The “Leading Supporters” Of Bill HB 2. According to a press release from the Texans for Life Coalition, “Embroided in an intense battle for Life, pro-life Texans will pause to rally the troops Monday night, as they head into a week filled with floor debates and final votes over the historic omnibus pro-life bill. [...] The rally is sponsored by leading supporters of the pro-life omnibus bill HB 2 and its companion, SB 1: Concerned Women for America, Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life and Texas Values.” [Texans for Life Coalition, 7/7/13]

Texas Eagle Forum Lobbied For The Passage Of The Texas Omnibus Abortion Bill And “Filed An Amicus Brief In Its Favor.” According to National Review, “The first legal battle over Texas’s omnibus abortion bill has just been wrapped up, with results that give Texas pro-choice activists a partial victory, though only a short-term one. A district judge has blocked part of the bill, but pro-lifers aren’t giving up — the war is far from over. The law in question seeks to implement a collection of pro-life policy goals: It bans abortions after 20 weeks unless the fetus is nonviable or the mother’s health is at risk, requires that abortions take place in clinics that meet ambulatory surgical centers’ standards, and requires that abortion providers have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic where they work. [...] ‘If this goes to the Fifth Circuit, we’re pleased,’ says Cathie Adams, president of Texas Eagle Forum, a state branch of the national social-conservative group of the same name. Her group lobbied for the law’s passage and filed an amicus brief in its favor. ‘We have confidence that the Fifth Circuit judges are more into interpreting not just the law but the Constitution,’ she continues, ‘and I think that that bodes very well for our omnibus bill.’” [National Review, [10/28/13](#)]

Sen. Ted Cruz “Commended The Texas Groups Who Have Worked Tirelessly To Promote SB 1 And HB 2” Including The Texas Eagle Forum. According to a press release from Sen. Ted Cruz, “U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) today submitted testimony for the record in support of Texas Senate Bill 1, which will ban abortions after 20 weeks and raise standards of care at abortion clinics by requiring them to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers. Part of Sen. Cruz’s testimony will be read at the Stand for Life Rally on Monday evening at the Texas State Capitol. In his testimony, Sen. Cruz noted that even many European nations have stricter abortion laws than the U.S., where our laws remain among the most extreme in the world. For instance, Spain, Italy, Portugal and France all ban abortions after 14 weeks. Additionally, 11 other U.S. states have already passed 20-week abortion bans. Sen. Cruz also commended the Texas groups who have worked tirelessly to promote SB 1 and HB 2 including Concerned Women for America–Texas, The Heidi Group, Texans for Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas Right to Life, and Texas Values.” [Ted Cruz Press Release, 7/9/13]

Forum President Cathie Adams Was Escorted To Republican State Sen. Kelly Hancock’s Private Office During The June 2013 Vote On SB 5. According to the Texas Eagle Forum Torch newsletter, “Surrounded by angry anarchists, some tweeting violence, I became fearful until I saw Rep. Bill Zedler and Sen. Kelly Hancock hastily ascend into the Senate gallery to escort us to the Senator’s private office where we stayed until Texas troopers cleared the Capitol. It was after 3 a.m. when I finally checked into my hotel. Later we learned that the pro-aborts’ unruly behavior had delayed the final Senate vote until minutes past midnight, thus killing the pro-LIFE bill.” [Texas Eagle Forum Torch, [Summer 2013](#)]

Adams: The “Excruciatingly Piercing Screams” Of Protesters Supporting Wendy Davis During The Vote On SB 5 “Could Only Be Compared To What Evil Must Sound Like Emanating From The Pit Of Hell.” According to the Texas Eagle Forum Torch newsletter, “On June 25, the final day of the FIRST special session, pro-life leaders watched and waited in the Senate gallery surrounded by orange clad pro-abortion supporters. We’d already tolerated Sen. Wendy Davis’ 11-hour filibuster followed by more delaying tactics by several other Democrat Senators. Then near midnight, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte’s hostile comment about women not being recognized on the Senate floor, triggered a response from the pro-aborts. They stood, applauded and yelled at the top of their lungs. Their excruciatingly piercing screams could only be compared to what evil must sound like emanating from the pit of hell.” [Texas Eagle Forum Torch, [Summer 2013](#)]

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- **The 30 Mile Rule Required Texas Doctors Who Perform Abortions To Have Admitting Privileges Within 30 Miles Of Where The Abortion Is Performed.** According to CBS News, “Planned Parenthood and the Center for Reproductive Rights sued to block two of the law’s provisions. One requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed. The other restricts how doctors administer abortion-inducing drugs. [...] In November, the groups challenging the new provisions asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the 5th Circuit’s stay of Yeakel’s ruling. The high court rejected the request in a 5-4 opinion. Justice Stephen Breyer wrote in the minority opinion that he believes at least four justices will vote to hear the case no matter how the 5th Circuit ultimate rules.” [CBS News, [1/6/14](#)]

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THE EAGLE FORUM URGED GOP SENATORS TO CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT OBAMA’S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

Texas Eagle Forum Was The Texas Chapter Of The Eagle Forum, Founded By Phyllis Schlafly. According to the Texas Eagle Forum website, “Eagle Forum, formed by our national leader Phyllis Schlafly, has been leading the pro-family movement with strength and decisiveness since 1972. It has earned recognition from the national and local media as well as from U.S. Presidents and local elected officials. www.eagleforum.org. Texas Eagle Forum’s mission is to enable conservative and pro-family men and women to participate in the process of self-government and public policy-making so that America will continue to be a land of individual liberty, respect for family integrity, public and private virtue, and private enterprise.” [TexasEagleForum.org/about-us, viewed [1/8/16](#)]

Eagle Forum Urged GOP Senators To Continue To Obstruct Even Consideration Of Obama’s Nominee To Replace Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

Eagle Forum President Phyllis Schlafly: “The U.S. Senate Should Follow The Famous Advice Of The Late First Lady Nancy Reagan And ‘Just Say No’ To Obama’s Nominee.” According to an op-ed by Phyllis Schlafly for Townhall.com, “On March 16th, President Obama announced his nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to succeed the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court. The U.S. Senate should follow the famous advice of the late First Lady Nancy Reagan and “just say no” to Obama’s nominee.” [Phyllis Schlafly - Townhall.com, [3/22/16](#)]

Schlafly: “The Media Are Portraying Judge Garland As A ‘Moderate’ And A ‘Centrist’ — But That’s What They Also Said About Obama’s Two Previous Nominees,” Both Of Whom Voted To Overturn “The Definition Of Marriage.” According to an op-ed by Phyllis Schlafly for Townhall.com, “On March 16th, President Obama announced his nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to succeed the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court. The U.S. Senate should follow the famous advice of the late First Lady Nancy Reagan and ‘just say no’ to Obama’s nominee. The media are portraying Judge Garland as a ‘moderate’ and a ‘centrist’ — but that’s what they also said about Obama’s two previous nominees (Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor) and Bill Clinton’s two nominees (Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer). Yet all four of those so-called ‘moderates’ voted in lockstep for the Windsor and Obergefell decisions, which overturned the definition of marriage in federal and state laws.” [Phyllis Schlafly - Townhall.com, [3/22/16](#)]

Schlafly: “On The Wide Range Of Critical Issues Coming Before The Supreme Court, Judge Garland’s Views Are No Different From Those Of The Two Justices Already Appointed To The Bench By Obama.” According to an op-ed by Phyllis Schlafly for Townhall.com, “In his current position as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which hears disputes involving federal regulations, Judge Garland has not had the opportunity to rule directly on marriage or abortion. However, in two cases he voted against the individual right to keep and bear arms, which means the landmark Heller decision written by Justice Scalia would likely be overturned if Garland joins the Court. On the wide range of critical issues coming before the Supreme Court, Judge Garland’s views are no different from those of the two Justices already appointed to the bench by Obama. More importantly, his selection comes just as voters have the chance to end Obama’s stated goal of ‘fundamentally transforming’ our country.” [Phyllis Schlafly - Townhall.com, [3/22/16](#)]

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM LEADERSHIP

Texas Eagle Forum President Cathie Adams Directed A Pregnancy Center And Promoted “Conversion Therapy” For Gay People

Cathie Adams Served As The President Of Texas Eagle Forum. According to the Texas Eagle Forum website, “Cathie Adams serves as the President of Texas Eagle Forum, the International Issues Chairman for Eagle Forum and on the board of the national Eagle Forum (www.eagleforum.org). She was elected Republican National Committeewoman for Texas in 2008 and stepped down after being elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas from 2009-2010. She was named by Campaigns and Elections magazine’s August 2010 issue as one of the top 50 Republican influencers in Texas.” [TexasEagleForum.org, viewed [1/8/16](#)]

Adams Directed A Crisis Pregnancy Center. According to Cathie Adams’ curriculum vitae posted on the Heritage Foundation’s PolicyExperts.org, “Director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center and continues to donate funds and lobby on behalf of life.” [PolicyExperts.org, viewed [1/8/16](#)]

Adams Was Elected Chairman Of The Texas Republican Party In 2009. According to the Associated Press, “Republican activist Cathie Adams has almost made a career out of stirring things up. She has criticized senior members of her own party, bucked business leaders by opposing their cherished lawsuit reform efforts, called global warming a ‘hoax’ and used the specter of Adolf Hitler to warn of perceived Obama Administration excesses. Then she got elected chairman of the Texas Republican Party.” [Associated Press, 11/21/09]

Adams: Texas Allowing Same-Sex Marriage Would Be “Taking Decadence To A New Low Level,” And The State Would Have To “Bow And Scrape Before 1 Percent Of The U.S. Population That Is Homosexual.” According to the Texas Observer, “Anti-LGBT activists are livid about the 84th Texas Legislature’s failure to pass discriminatory bills. A day after lawmakers gavelled out, 14 leaders from anti-gay groups delivered a letter to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott demanding that he call a special session to pass a bill aimed at undermining an expected U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of marriage equality. [...] Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, said same-sex marriage will put people out of business if they refuse to serve gay couples—even though Texas has no LGBT-inclusive, statewide nondiscrimination law. Adams also said same-sex marriage is ‘taking decadence to a new low level,’ because not even the ‘decaying’ Roman Empire sanctioned it. Adams said of state Rep. Cecil Bell (R-Magnolia), the author of four anti-gay marriage bills, that ‘his head was handed to him on a silver platter’ by other Republicans who killed the legislation. And she said that because the Legislature failed to pass an anti-gay marriage bill, the state will ‘bow and scrape before 1 percent of the U.S. population that is homosexual.’ ‘I am supporting the call for our governor to call a special session now, or forever hold our peace,’ Adams said. ‘We must stand up for marriage. We must push back on this tyranny from the bench.’” [Texas Observer, [July 2015](#)]

Adams Urged The Texas Republican Party To Insert Language In Its 2014 Platform Promoting “Conversion Therapy” For Gay People. According to AlJazeera America, “The Texas Republican Party’s new platform may endorse psychological treatment that seeks to turn gay people straight, in a move partly aimed at rebuking laws in California and New Jersey that ban reparative therapy — also known as conversion therapy — for minors. [...] The Texas Republican Convention has long been unfriendly territory for gays, even conservative ones. For years, the party has refused to let gay GOP organizations rent booths in the convention hall. The therapy language was inserted at the urging of Cathie Adams of Dallas, the leader of the influential tea party group Texas Eagle Forum and a onetime chairwoman of the Texas Republican Party. Adams, whose group backed tea party outsiders who dominated Texas Republican primary races this year, said she simply promoted language proposed by a man who she says was helped by such therapy.” [AlJazeera America, [6/6/14](#)]

Extremist Anti-Choice Activist Phyllis Schlafly Founded Eagle Forum In 1972

Phyllis Schlafly Started Eagle Forum In 1972. According to Phyllis Schlafly’s bio on EagleForum.org, “Phyllis Schlafly has been a national leader of the conservative movement since the publication of her best-selling 1964 book, *A Choice Not An Echo*. She has been a leader of the pro-family movement since 1972, when she started her national volunteer organization called Eagle Forum.” [EagleForum.org, Viewed [3/21/14](#)]

Schlafly: “The Feminist Movement Is The Most Destructive Element In Our Society.” In an interview with PolicyMic’s Sagar Jethani, Phyllis Schlafly said, “The feminist movement is the most destructive element in our society. It has done nothing but damage. It has not done anything good for women, whatsoever. The worst part of it is the attitude that breeds in young women in making them think that they are the victims of the oppressive patriarchy. That is so false. If you wake up in the morning thinking you’re a victim, you’re probably not going to be happy or accomplish anything.” [Phyllis Schlafly Statement via PolicyMic, [5/24/13](#)]

Schlafly: Muslims Should Not “Be Let In This Country Unless They Renounce Polygamy” And Other “Illegal Practices Which They May Claim Are Part Of Their Religion.” In an interview with PolicyMic’s Sagar Jethani, Phyllis Schlafly said, “We have accepted so many Muslims as legal immigrants in the last few years. I would like to know: are they required to renounce their beliefs and practices that violate our laws— specifically, polygamy? I do not think they should be let in this country unless they renounce polygamy. They have other practices that are offensive to women, practices that are illegal in this country. I don’t think they ought to be let in unless they renounce their illegal practices which they may claim are part of their religion, but which we do not recognize and do not permit.” [Phyllis Schlafly Statement via PolicyMic, [5/24/13](#)]

Schlafly On Divorce: Radical Feminists “Think Men Are Not Necessary” And Would “Really Like To Get Rid Of Them.” In an interview with PolicyMic’s Sagar Jethani, Phyllis Schlafly said, “Of course, radical feminists push for divorce. They think men are not necessary, and they’d really like to get rid of them. The easy divorce law should be called *unilateral divorce*: it means one spouse can break a contract, and get out of solemn promises made in public before witnesses without the consent of the other party — without any fault on the side of the other party. That is so contrary to American constitutional

law. Our Constitution is supposed to uphold the sanctity of contracts, but it doesn't." [Phyllis Schlafly Statement via PolicyMic, [5/24/13](#)]

Schlafly: "Reinstate The House Committee On Un-American Activities." According to a column by Phyllis Schlafly on WND, "The Boston bombing crime shows that comprehensive immigration reform should not be only a southern border problem or even just a problem of illegal aliens. It's also a problem of foreigners who are admitted legally but should never have been admitted, and of others admitted legally on a visa but are not tracked to make sure they depart when their visitor's time expires, as U.S. law requires. [...] What worries America-hating liberals and progressives is that we will wake up to the fact that our government is now importing refugees, Muslims, polygamists and other difficult-to-assimilate foreigners in unprecedented numbers. From a distance, rebels in Chechnya, Syria and Egypt might seem like freedom fighters, but they may be terrorists who have no desire to be American. It's long overdue for Congress to have a series of hearings on the loopholes, broken promises and disobeyed laws involving both legal and illegal entry into the United States. It would be useful to reinstate the House Committee on Un-American Activities so we can have a look at those in our midst who may be jihadists, dupes of violent Muslim indoctrination, or (in old Communist lingo) fellow travelers or useful idiots." [Phyllis Schlafly - WND.com, [4/22/13](#)]

VP And "A Full Time Volunteer Lobbyist" For The Texas Eagle Forum MerryLynn Gerstenschlager Wanted Schools To Teach That The UN Spread Misleading Propaganda About Climate Change

Merrylynn Gerstenschlager Served As Vice President And "A Full Time Volunteer Lobbyist" For The Texas Eagle Forum. According to the Texas Eagle Forum website, "MerryLynn was appointed as Texas Eagle Forum's Vice President by national Eagle Forum's Founding President, Phyllis Schlafly, in 2009. As Texas Eagle Forum's Education Liaison, MerryLynn has moved to Austin during the last seven regular legislative sessions to serve as a full time volunteer lobbyist. She has testified before over 25 House and Senate legislative committees." [TexasEagle.org, viewed [1/12/16](#)]

Gerstenschlager Wanted School Textbooks To Describe "The 'Redistribution Of Wealth' Imposed By The United Nations Via Misleading Propaganda About Climate Change." According to the Associated Press, "The Texas Board of Education couldn't muster the votes late Tuesday to grant preliminary approval for new history and social studies textbooks for classrooms across the nation's second-largest state, failing to act amid stinging criticism of the proposed books from both the right and left. [...] MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, vice president of the influential conservative group Texas Eagle Forum, said books should describe the 'redistribution of wealth' imposed by the United Nations via misleading propaganda about climate change. Retired school teacher Anthony Bruner warned that they would indoctrinate students with communist tenets." [Associated Press, [12/1/14](#)]

Gerstenschlager Also Urged The Board Of Education To Include "Both Sides Of The Climate Change Debate Instead Of Teaching Them Only Unproven Theories As Fact." According to the San Antonio Express-News, "The State Board of Education failed to agree on new social studies textbooks Tuesday after months of debate over such topics as climate change, Islam and the influence of Moses on the Founding Fathers. [...] Advocates concerned about passages questioning climate change won a small victory earlier this month, when McGraw-Hill and Pearson, two of the nation's largest textbook publishers, agreed to remove these texts. But, MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, vice president of the conservative advocacy group the Texas Eagle Forum, begged the board to restore these passages. 'I don't believe that human activity is causing global warming,' she said. 'I implore you to teach our children both sides of the climate change debate instead of teaching them only unproven theories as fact.'" [San Antonio Express-News, [11/18/14](#)]

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM FUNDING

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- **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: "With More Than \$600 Million In Assets, The Bradley Foundation Provides A Cornerstone For The Conservative Movement In Wisconsin And Across America."** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "With more than \$600 million in assets, the Bradley Foundation provides a cornerstone for the conservative movement in Wisconsin and across America. It has been the financial backer behind public policy

experiments that started in the state and spread across the nation - including welfare reform, public vouchers for private schools and, this year, cutbacks in public employee benefits and collective bargaining.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/19/11](#)]

- **The Bradley Foundation “Doled Out Nearly As Much Money As The Seven Koch And Scaife Foundations Combined,” Between 2001 And 2009.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Outside conservative circles, the foundation has kept a low profile. It receives a fraction of the attention given the billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch and the Scaife family. But the Bradley Foundation is in a different league: From 2001 to 2009, it doled out nearly as much money as the seven Koch and Scaife foundations combined. [...] All told, the Bradley Foundation dispersed more than \$350 million in grants from 2001 to 2010 to hundreds of institutions, ranging from arts organizations and school choice groups in Wisconsin to prominent national policy organizations, a Journal Sentinel review shows.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/19/11](#)]

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According to Conservative Transparency, the National Christian Foundation donated a total of \$12,200 to the Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund from 2012-2013. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [2/10/16](#)]

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According to Mother Jones, “In 1982, Terry Parker, a seasoned Atlanta evangelical and lawyer, created the National Christian Charitable Foundation. Parker’s vision grew into a nationwide premier support network for Christian charities. His method was so cutting edge that he sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to ensure it was legal. Nearly 25 years later, Parker’s organization, now known as the National Christian Foundation (NCF), has become a leading financial delivery system to the evangelical movement, having channeled nearly \$1 billion to ministries, schools, conservative think tanks, and political activists around the country.” [Mother Jones, [December 2005](#)]

NCF “Is Now The 12th Biggest Charitable Foundation In America That Raises Money From Private Sources,” And “Has Given Away Over \$4.3 Billion.”

According to an interview with the director of Truth Wins Out’s Center Against Religious Extremism, Bruce Wilson, by the Daily Beast, “The NCF was created, back in 1982 or so, to maximize hard right-wing evangelical Christian philanthropic giving. It was so novel and complex, the architects got a special ruling from the IRS, to make sure it was legal. The NCF has multiple overlapping legal entities and holding companies, but at the core is a huge donor-advised fund. The NCF is now the 12th biggest charitable foundation in America that raises money from private sources. Since its founding, the NCF has given away over \$4.3 billion, \$2.5 billion of it in the last three years. The NCF gave away \$601,841,675 in 2012—and is estimated to have given out \$670 million in 2013.” [Daily Beast, [9/25/14](#)]

Inside Philanthropy Headline: “The National Christian Foundation Is A Top Backer Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers.”

[Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

Inside Philanthropy: “The Number Of Crisis Pregnancy Centers The National Christian Foundation Gives To Every Year Is Unclear, But The Figure Reaches Well Into The Hundreds.”

According to Inside Philanthropy, “The number of crisis pregnancy centers the National Christian Foundation gives to every year is unclear, but the figure reaches well into the hundreds. We can highlight a few of the NCF’s larger, recent grants to organizations working to impose their limited concept of reproductive choice on women around the country. Its last available tax filings reveal that the NCF gave \$96,000 to Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Greater Phoenix, \$94,394 to Texas’ Arlington Pregnancy Center, and similar or lesser amounts to a constellation of organizations with similar anti-abortion service offerings. Also on NCF’s recent grant list is the \$92,425 it gave to Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion advocacy group with a legal focus.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

- **Inside Philanthropy: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are “Deceptive Pseudo-Health Clinics That Seek To Persuade Women Seeking Abortions To Bring Their Pregnancies To Term.”** According to Inside Philanthropy, “The NCF gives much of its money to support churches, evangelism initiatives, Christian education (including college), and religious camps for children. Most of the NCF’s grants are not large—often a few hundred or a few thousand dollars each—

meaning the more than \$1 billion the NCF has given away since its inception is relatively spread out among organizations. With respect to crisis pregnancy centers in particular—those deceptive pseudo-health clinics that seek to persuade women seeking abortions to bring their pregnancies to term—NCF's attitude appears to be ‘the more, the better,’ and it has been a reliable friend to such centers, no matter where they operate.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum Held Banquets Featuring Ted Cruz And His Father Rafael Cruz

Texas Eagle Forum's 2014 Banquet Featured Sen. Ted Cruz

Texas Eagle Forum Held A Banquet Fundraising Event That Brought In A Net Of \$10,102 In 2014. According to Texas Eagle Forum's 2014 990 form, Texas Eagle Forum held a banquet fundraising event that brought in a net of \$10,102 in 2014. [Texas Eagle Forum 2014 990 via Guidestar, accessed [1/27/16](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum's 2014 Banquet At The Texas GOP Convention Featured Sen. Ted Cruz. According to the Texas Eagle Forum's website, the Texas Eagle Forum's Patriotic Banquet featured Sen. Ted Cruz and former House Majority Leader Tom Delay. [TexasEagle.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **Cruz: The Anniversary Of Roe V. Wade Is A “Dark Anniversary” Of A Decision That Overturned A Law “Protecting Both The Unborn Child And His Or Her Mother From An Irreversible Injustice.”** According to a press release from Ted Cruz for U.S. Senate, “U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) today issued the following statement: “Today marks the dark anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that overturned a Texas law that prohibited abortion on demand. Since that 1973 ruling, more than 55 million lives have been lost to abortion. Defending life, at its core, includes protecting both the unborn child and his or her mother from an irreversible injustice.” [Ted Cruz for U.S. Senate Press Release via Archive.org, [1/22/13](#)]
- **Ted Cruz's 2016 Presidential Campaign Donated Water “Only To Anti-Abortion Groups” In Flint, Michigan, Whose Residents “Have Been Suffering From Lead Poisoning...Since 2014.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Volunteers for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's Republican presidential campaign will be distributing water on Wednesday to residents of Flint, Michigan -- but apparently, only to anti-abortion groups. Wendy Lynn Day, the Michigan state director for the Cruz campaign, announced on Facebook last week that the water will be delivered to crisis pregnancy centers for ‘expecting moms and moms of little ones.’ Those aid efforts will assist only a small portion of the Flint's approximately 100,000 residents, who have been suffering from lead poisoning and a lack of clean water since 2014, when the city decided to cut costs by switching its water supply. Day reportedly said the donations underscored Cruz's ‘pro-life values.’ Her Facebook post didn't mention whether the campaign will also donate water to children who are already suffering from lead poisoning, or to other city residents.” [Huffington Post, [1/25/16](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum Held A Benefit Dinner Featuring Rev. Rafael Cruz, Father Of Sen. Ted Cruz

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- **Rafael Cruz: Pro-Choice Is Not The Right Word, “It Is ‘Pro-Life’ Or ‘Pro-Murder.’”** According to Life News, “The Rev. Rafael Cruz, father of Republican presidential contender Ted Cruz, is not shy about stating where he stands on abortion. Rev. Cruz issued a strong call to a group evangelical Christians recently, saying that Americans should stop using euphemistic terms like ‘pro-choice’ and say ‘pro-murder’ instead, CNS News reports. ‘We have to stop being politically correct,’ Rev. Cruz said. ‘We have to stop acquiescing even to the wording that the liberals use.’ ‘Just think about it,’ he continued. ‘They talk about the issue of life. They say ‘pro-life’ or ‘pro-choice.’ That’s not the right word. It is ‘pro-life’ or ‘pro-death.’ It is ‘pro-life’ or ‘pro-murder.’” [LifeNews.com, [1/4/16](#)]
- **Rafael Cruz: “Fifty-Seven Million Mothers Are Walking Around With The Emotional Scars Of Abortion, That Only Jesus Can Heal.”** According to Talking Points Memo, “Rafael Cruz, father of Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), last week said that Christians need to ‘take back society’ from ‘the progressives.’ ‘The blood of 57 million babies is crying out to God, just like the blood of Abel cried out to God. But you know, what we need to do is turn the tables on the progressives,’ the elder Cruz said in an interview with bishop E.W. Jackson, according to audio posted by the Raw Story. Cruz said that the real ‘war on women’ is abortion. ‘Fifty-seven million mothers are walking around with the emotional

scars of abortion, that only Jesus can heal. That's the real war on women, we need to turn it on them. When they talk to you about the 'right to choose' who chooses for that baby?' he asked." [Talking Points Memo, [11/24/14](#)]

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM SUPPORTED TEXAS'S RADICAL SONOGRAM LAW

Texas Eagle Forum Urged Its Members To Support A Bill Requiring A Doctor Show A Patient A Sonogram Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion. According to a legislative alert from the Texas Eagle Forum, "Monday the sonogram bill CSHB (committee substitute house bill) 15 will be heard in the main body of the senate. This is a bill TEF strongly supports. It is not a perfect bill, but no bill is. There are too many people to please to get passage. This bill moves forward in reducing the number of abortions performed in Texas and it will give a young woman more time and information in considering an abortion. CSHB 15 will make the abortion facility perform a sonogram and do it so the patient can view the sonogram. The doctor who is to perform the abortion must display the sonogram and explain what is in the sonogram (baby's arms, legs, heart). This means there has to be a face to face between doctor and patient. This does not happen now. It has been estimated that this one provision will stop 40,000 abortions a year in Texas. Thirdly, CSHB15 makes the young woman take 24 hours to make her decision (the exception is if the woman lives in a rural county of 60,000 or less, she must wait only 2 hours.) This exception applies to only 6% of abortions performed each year." [Texas Eagle Forum Legislative Alert, [4/26/11](#)]

- **The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To "Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn't Want To Hear It."** According to NBC News, "Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn't want to hear it." [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

The Sonogram Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities. According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living "100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider," and included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, "Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, 'in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,' the law states." [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

Texas Physician Said The Law "Borders On The Definition Of Rape"

Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law "Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I'm Coerced." According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for The New York Times, "Here's what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they're shown on the monitor. She signs a

document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM OPPOSED TEACHING SEX ED AND URGED ITS MEMBERS TO OPPOSE “HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE”

Texas Eagle Forum Opposed Teaching More Accurate Sex Education In Texan Public Schools

Texas Eagle Forum Opposed Teaching More Accurate Sex Education In Texan Public Schools. According to the Associated Press, “On Tuesday, the ‘Protect Our Kids Campaign,’ a group of sex education advocates ranging from Planned Parenthood to the Texas State Teachers Association, released results of a recent poll that showed 90 percent of adult Texans favor teaching ‘age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education that includes information on abstinence, birth control and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.’ The survey question was commissioned by the group and conducted by the Scripps Howard Texas Poll. The telephone survey polled 1,000 adult Texans from Aug. 9-26 and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points. Socially conservative organizations, such as Texans for Life Coalition and the Texas Eagle Forum, disagree. At the news conference, they challenged what would be deemed ‘appropriate’ materials for children and railed against Planned Parenthood publications that were not being considered by the school board.” [Associated Press, [9/8/04](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum President Cathie Adams Defended Public School Text Books That Were So Focused On Abstinence They Failed To Include Basic Information On Contraception Like Condoms. According to the Houston Chronicle, “Two high school health textbooks that passed the initial state review process earlier this month now are being criticized for being so focused on abstinence that they fail to include state-mandated information on contraception. The books, which will replace 11-year-old texts, were found by panels of educators and citizens to meet state curriculum standards, including one which requires students to ‘analyze the effectiveness and ineffectiveness of barrier protection and other contraceptive methods including the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, keeping in mind the effectiveness of remaining abstinent until marriage.’ [...] For example, Holt, Rinehart and Winston’s ‘Lifetime Health’ lists 10 steps for students to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases. The use of latex condoms is not one of them. Students are advised, however, to get plenty of rest. Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, a self-described pro-family group, praised the publishers for consulting with interested organizations before submitting their books to the education agency. She said that abstinence-only for teens is ‘very much in keeping with policies from the White House, as well as policies that are wanted by parents.’” [Houston Chronicle, [6/29/04](#)]

Texas Eagle Forum Urged Its Members To Support Texas Bills To “Protect” Texans From “Homosexual Marriage”

Texas Eagle Forum Urged Its Members To Support Texas Bills HB 3567 And HB 4105, To “Protect” Texans From “Homosexual Marriage.” According to a legislative alert from the Texas Eagle Forum, “NO Homosexual Marriage HB 3567 by Rep. Scott Sanford is a wonderful bill that would protect Pastors from being FORCED to perform same-sex ‘marriages,’ however, it does NOT protect the florists or bakers who’d be FORCED to provide for their ceremonies. While we SUPPORT HB 3567, Texas also NEEDS HB 4105 by Rep. Cecil Bell that would deny funds to any county or local government that issues same-sex ‘marriage’ licenses. HB 4105 would protect Texas’ Constitutional Amendment and Law that define marriage as ONLY between a man and a woman. This law would give Texas standing if indeed the U.S. Supreme Court Justices decide to grant the SPECIAL RIGHT to the tiny minority of homosexuals in June. If the Justices condone sexual perversion and FORCE it on every American, then Texas NEEDS HB 4105 to protect the majority of Texans. The cornerstone of American culture and Western Civilization is the family. If the family is re-defined, then it will create cultural CHAOS. Please ask your Rep. to SUPPORT HB 3567. [...] Please ask the Calendars Committee to schedule HB 4105 for a House floor vote. It has 2 authors and 56 co-authors.” [Texas Eagle Forum Legislative Alert, [5/4/15](#)]

- **Texas Eagle Forum: If The Supreme Court Justices “Condone Sexual Perversion And FORCE It On Every American, Then Texas NEEDS HB 4105 To Protect The Majority Of Texans.”** According to a legislative alert from the Texas Eagle Forum, “Texas also NEEDS HB 4105 by Rep. Cecil Bell that would deny funds to any county or local government that issues same-sex ‘marriage’ licenses. HB 4105 would protect Texas’ Constitutional Amendment and Law

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HB 4105 “Would Bar State And Local Employees From Issuing, Enforcing Or Recognizing Same-Sex Marriage Licenses—And Prohibit Public Monies From Being Used To Do So—Regardless Of Any Court Order.” According to the Texas Observer, “HB 4105 is one of more than 20 anti-LGBT bills introduced in the 84th Legislature, believed to be the most in the history of any state. However, with time running out in the session, only four have cleared committee, and of those LGBT advocates view HB 4105 as the most significant threat to equality. The bill would bar state and local employees from issuing, enforcing or recognizing same-sex marriage licenses—and prohibit public monies from being used to do so—regardless of any court order. LGBT advocates say if the high court rules in favor of same-sex marriage, HB 4105 would set up a showdown between state and federal law, costing Texas millions of dollars in litigation and potentially delaying the effectiveness of the decision by years.” [Texas Observer, [5/11/15](#)]

HB Bill 3567 Was “Designed To Prevent Pastors And Churches From Being Forced To Participate In Same-Sex Weddings.” According to the Texas Observer, “One of those exceptions came last week, when Abbott announced support for Senate Bill 2065 and House Bill 3567, which are designed to prevent pastors and churches from being forced to participate in same-sex weddings. The Senate tentatively approved SB 2065 in a 21-10 vote Monday, and the House is scheduled to vote on HB 3567 Tuesday. LGBT advocates say they’d support SB 2065 and HB 3567 if the proposals are narrowed so they merely mirror existing protections, but the authors have refused to do so.” [Texas Observer, [5/11/15](#)]

Texas Values

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TEXAS VALUES WAS A “LEADING SUPPORTER” OF HB 2 AND SUBMITTED A BRIEF ON ITS BEHALF WITH THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT

Texas Values Was A “Leading Supporter” Of HB 2 And Submitted A Brief On Its Behalf With The Federal Appeals Court. According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “Texas Values submitted a brief in support of HB 2 with the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and was a leading supporter of the legislation when it overwhelmingly passed the Texas House and Senate and was signed into law by then-Governor Rick Perry in 2013.” [TXValues.org, [11/13/15](#)]

Texas Values, Concerned Women For America, Susan B. Anthony List, Texans For Life Coalition, Texas Right To Life, Texas Eagle Forum, And The Heidi Group Held A Rally In Support Of HB 2. According to a news alert on the Eagle Forum website, “In a second special session, the Texas House has taken the lead in passing this pro-life omnibus as HB 2 (the same as SB 5 that was killed in the first special session) has been voted out of committee and is expected for a vote early next week. The Senate hearing on the identical companion bill, SB 1, is Monday, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Please pray for our Texas state leaders as they seek to pass and enforce sound and prudent protection mechanisms for women and unborn babies. WE NEED YOU to join us in Austin on Monday. See details below. Pro-LIFE RALLY on Monday, July 8 YOU are INVITED SPEAK UP FOR LIFE RALLY with Gov. Mike Huckabee Monday, July 8, 2013 7 p.m., Capitol Grounds, Austin, Texas Wear BLUE. Bring water and snacks. Let’s make this the biggest rally ever! Bring your friends and family Speakers: Governor Mike Huckabee Penny Nance President, Concerned Women for America Marilyn Musgrave Susan B. Anthony List and former congresswoman Dr. Robert Jeffress Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas Others invited include Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst Rally Sponsors (partial listing): Concerned Women for America Texans for Life Coalition Texas Right to Life Texas Eagle Forum The Heidi Group Texas Values.” [Eagle Forum News Alert, [7/5/13](#)]

Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz: HB 2 Was “A Battle Between Good And Evil, Light And Dark”

Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz: HB 2 Was “A Battle Between Good And Evil, Light And Dark.” According to a Texas Values web post by president Jonathan Saenz, “Friday night saw Texans deliver a Texas-sized victory for life! The pro-life omnibus bill, HB 2, received final passage from the Texas Senate and is now headed to Gov. Perry’s desk to be signed into law. This historic pro-life effort goes a long way in protecting both the unborn and women in Texas by banning late term abortions after five months when unborn children can feel pain and by raising safety standards at abortion clinics to ensure that Texas women receive greater protection and a higher level of care. Through Senator Wendy Davis’ filibuster last month, chants by pro-abortion advocates of ‘Hail Satan,’ shouting down of pro-lifers, and some of the most vile and obscene signs imaginable, the stakes of this battle were crystal clear. Make no mistake about it: this was not a partisan battle – but a battle between good and evil, light and dark, life and death. And I am so excited that Texas chose life!” [TXValues.org, [7/16/13](#)]

Saenz: “Abortion Sellers” Are Shutting Down Under The Law Because “It Really Is Not About What's Best For Women, It's What's Best For Their Business.” According to a CitizenLink press release, “These closures follow a 2013 pro-life law that requires abortionists to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The law also prohibits abortions after 20 weeks, when preborn babies begin to feel pain. [...] Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz said abortion activists have been claiming that the law is forcing these facilities to close. The truth is, he said, that many abortion sellers are choosing to shut down. “These abortion clinics are choosing to shut down themselves because they're refusing to follow common sense laws that protect women and show respect toward innocent human life,” Saenz told CitizenLink. “If it's going to cost them more money or they're going to have to do it in a safer way, they decide not to do it at all. It really is not about what's best for women, it's what's best for their business.” [CitizenLink Press Release, 5/23/14]

- **Whole Women’s Health CEO Amy Hagstrom Miller: It Costs \$55,000 More Per Month To Run An Ambulatory Surgery Center Than An Abortion Clinic In San Antonio.** According to the Texas Tribune, “Amy Hagstrom Miller, chief executive of Whole Woman’s Health, a reproductive health provider that offers abortions, told The Texas Tribune in March that it cost \$300 per square foot, or more than \$1.5 million, to set up the ambulatory surgical center her group operates in San Antonio. It costs \$137,000 a month to run the ambulatory surgical center, compared with \$90,000 a month to run an abortion clinic, she said. And abortions, which are performed with local anesthesia and without an incision, cost \$1,277 on average when performed in an ambulatory surgical center, compared with \$540 on average in an abortion clinic, she said.” [Texas Tribune, [7/13/13](#)]
- **Architect George Johannes Estimated That The Cost Of Retrofitting A Clinic Could Reach \$2.4 Million.** According to the Texas Tribune, “Witnesses who testified before U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel on Monday included Illinois architect George Johannes, who has served as a consultant in the construction of several abortion facilities in other states. Johannes estimated that construction costs to retrofit the shuttered Reproductive Services Clinic in El Paso, the largest facility Johannes studied, could reach \$1.6 million in meeting ASC [ambulatory surgery center] requirements. He said the costs are higher for smaller facilities like the Whole Woman’s Health clinic in Austin, which closed its doors last week. Johannes estimated that conversion at \$2.4 million. State attorneys challenged the figures he presented because they were based on construction costs in other states, but Johannes said the costs had been adjusted for Texas.” [Texas Tribune, [8/4/14](#)]

Texas Values Director of Operations David Walls: Planned Parenthood and the ACLU’s Lawsuit Against HB 2 Shows “The Desperation Of The Pro-Abortion Radicals”

Texas Values Director of Operations David Walls: Planned Parenthood and the ACLU’s Lawsuit Against HB 2 Shows “The Desperation Of The Pro-Abortion Radicals That Seek To Protect The Billion Dollar Abortion Industry.” According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “Planned Parenthood and the ACLU have filed a federal lawsuit against Texas’ recently passed Pro-Life Omnibus law (HB 2). [...]The lawsuit does not challenge the late-term abortion ban but instead focuses on the provisions that seek to protect women by raising health and safety standards. This lawsuit sadly shows the desperation of the pro-abortion radicals that seek to protect the billion-dollar abortion industry over even the most common-sense safety precautions for babies and women.” [David Walls - TXValues.org, [10/10/13](#)]

Walls: The Requirements Under HB 2 “Are Needed Steps To Protect Women Who Go Into Abortion Facilities From Being Less Likely To Jeopardize Their Own Lives.” According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “Today the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld contested provisions of the 2013 Pro-Life Omnibus

Bill, HB 2, ruling that abortion facilities must comply with ambulatory surgical center standards. These safety standards are needed steps to protect women who go into abortion facilities from being less likely to jeopardize their own lives.” [David Walls - TXValues.org, [6/9/15](#)]

- **Women’s Healthcare Providers Said That “Texas Abortion Regulations Do Not Improve Medical Safety.”** According to Reuters, “Texas abortion regulations do not improve medical safety and reduce access to the procedure, women's healthcare providers told the U.S. Supreme Court as part of their appeal challenging a 2013 state law that imposed new requirements on abortion clinics. [...] The clinics said complications from abortion are rare and that the law provides no health benefits, adding that Texas singled out abortion for heightened medical regulation ‘even though it is safer than many other common medical procedures.’” [Reuters, [12/29/15](#)]
- **New Yorker Contributor Gilad Edelman: “The Mainstream Medical Community Is Unanimous” That The Regulations In HB 2 “Have No Medical Justification.”** According to an opinion by contributor Gilad Edelman for The New Yorker, “The mainstream medical community is unanimous that the bill’s requirements have no medical justification. As the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists argued in an amicus brief, abortion is already extremely safe, with a mortality rate of .0006 percent, and a 0.2 percent risk of serious complications. Most of the A.S.C. requirements, which concern things like operating room dimensions and maintaining sterile environments, are irrelevant to abortions, which require neither operating rooms nor external sterility. ‘By imposing unnecessary A.S.C. and privileges requirements on abortion providers and facilities, H.B. 2 harms women’s health by reducing access to safe and legal abortion,’ the brief concluded.” [Gilad Edelman – New Yorker, [6/19/15](#)]

TEXAS VALUES WAS AFFILIATED WITH FOCUS ON THE FAMILY AND “BORN FROM” THE LIBERTY INSTITUTE

Texas Values Was Made The “State Family Policy Council” Affiliated With CitizenLink. According the Texas Values website, “Texas Values operates as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is the state family policy council (FPC) associated with CitizenLink, a public-policy partner of Focus on the Family, and recognized by the Family Research Council.” [TXValues.org/about, access [1/7/16](#)]

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Focus On The Family’s Lobbying Arm, Focus On the Family Action, Changed Its Name To CitizenLink In 2010.

According to the Denver Post, “Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family Action, the lobbying organization created in 2004 by Focus on the Family ministry founder James Dobson, changed its name and logo Wednesday to CitizenLink. Dobson set up Focus on the Family Action as a nonprofit organization legally separate from his media ministry on child rearing. Focus on the Family Action was a 501(c)(4), the type of organization that could carry out the kind of direct, vigorous political advocacy Dobson said was necessary to fend off ‘the attack from social and political liberals that is tearing families apart.’” [Denver Post, [5/20/10](#)]

- **Focus On The Family Was A “Global Christian Ministry” That Believed That “Christians Have A Responsibility To Promote Truth And Social Policy...As God Designed.”** According to the Focus on the Family 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 Christians have a responsibility to promote truth and social policy that improves the strength and health of the family, as God designed.” [FocusOnTheFamily.com, accessed [1/18/16](#)]
- **Focus On The Family Has “Its Own Web Area, Heartlink” Dedicated To “Pregnancy Resource Centers.”** According to the Focus on the Family website, “QUESTION Where can I find information specifically for pregnancy resource centers? ANSWER Focus on the Family's Sanctity of Human Life department has it's [sic] own Web area, Heartlink, which provides articles and information on a variety of topics.” [FocusOnTheFamily.com, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

Texas Values Was “Born Out Of Liberty Institute”

Texas Values Was “Born Out Of Liberty Institute.” According to the Texas Values website, “In 1972, Liberty Institute was founded under a different name as a small advocacy organization. It has spent the last four decades advancing the cause of faith, family, and religious freedom in the state of Texas. In 2008, Liberty Institute opened an office just two blocks from the Texas Capitol, in an effort to expand its state focused efforts to protect freedoms and strengthen families. What began nearly 40 years ago has grown into the state’s most important pro-family organization and a national non-profit law firm exclusively dedicated to defending and restoring religious liberty across America. In 2012, a new organization was born out of Liberty Institute to meet the growing challenge of holding firm to our Texas values of faith, family, and freedom. Building upon our successful, decades-long legacy of standing up for family values in our state, Texas Values will preserve and advance the values that matter most.” [TXValues.org/about, access [1/15/16](#)]

- **Texas Values Was Created As “A New Texas-Focused Effort” Of Liberty Institute.** According to the Houston Chronicle, “Liberty Institute has launched Texas Values, a new Texas-focused effort, dedicated to the preservation of Texas’ most precious values — faith, family, and freedom. Texas Values is dedicated to preserving and advancing a culture of family values in the state of Texas. Texas Values actively stands for biblical, Judeo-Christian values by ensuring Texas is a state where religious liberty flourishes, families prosper, and every human life is valued. Jonathan Saenz, who, since 2005, was an attorney and legislative director for Liberty Institute, will serve as president of Texas Values.” [Houston Chronicle, [10/11/12](#)]
- **Texas Values Has Its Roots “Deeply Ingrained In The Liberty Institute” And “Will Continue Liberty Institute’s State-Focused Efforts.”** According to the Houston Chronicle, “Even though Texas Values is a new name, its roots are deeply ingrained in Liberty Institute’s 40-year legacy of protecting religious freedom and strengthening families. Texas Values will continue Liberty Institute’s state-focused efforts, including public education of values issues and elections, policy research and legal analysis, grassroots mobilization and testimony before governmental bodies.” [Houston Chronicle, [10/11/12](#)]

Liberty Institute Called Itself “The Largest Legal Organization Dedicated Solely To Defending And Restoring Religious Liberty In America.” According to the Liberty Institute website, “Liberty Institute is the largest legal organization dedicated solely to defending and restoring religious liberty in America. [...] Liberty Institute’s mission is to defend and restore religious liberty across America—in our schools, for our churches, inside the military, and throughout the public arena.” [LibertyInstitute.org/about, accessed [1/15/16](#)]

- **Kelly Shackleford Was The CEO Of Liberty Institute.** According to the Liberty Institute website, “Kelly Shackleford was on the board of Texas Values.” [LibertyInstitute.org, accessed [1/15/16](#)]
- **Kelly Shackleford Was The Treasurer Of The Board Of Texas Values.** According to Texas Values’ FY2013 990 form, Kelly Shackleford was listed as the treasurer of the board of Texas Values. [Texas Values FY2013 990 via Guidestar.com, accessed [1/15/16](#)]

TEXAS VALUES LEADERSHIP

Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz Was An Attorney For The Liberty Institute And Defended Crisis Pregnancy Centers

The President Of Texas Values Was Jonathan Saenz. According to the Texas Values website, “Jonathan M. Saenz, Esq., is the President of Texas Values, a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving and advancing a culture of family values in the state of Texas.” [TXValues.org/leadership, accessed [1/7/16](#)]

Saenz Was Previously An Attorney For The Liberty Institute. According to the Texas Values website, “Prior to leading Texas Values, Jonathan headed the Liberty Institute offices at the Texas Capitol in Austin where he served as Director of Legislative Affairs and Attorney for Liberty Institute.” [TXValues.org/leadership, accessed [1/7/16](#)]

- **Saenz: The City Of Austin Was Bullying Crisis Pregnancy Centers “With Complete Disregard Toward Religious Liberty And Free Speech.”** According to a CitizenLink press release, “A federal judge on Monday stuck down an

ordinance that required pregnancy centers in Austin, Texas to post signage with pre-written information. In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel said the ordinance was ‘void for vagueness,’ and that the city may not enforce it. Jonathan Saenz, an attorney with the Liberty Institute, said the city tried to bully nonprofit pregnancy centers ‘with complete disregard toward religious liberty and free speech.’ ‘The City of Austin was warned by legal experts and they forced it through the process anyway,’ he said. ‘This victory is a strong statement that pro-life centers were right all along and that legal judgment of the city cannot be trusted.’ [CitizenLink Press Release, 6/24/14]

- **The Austin Ordinance Required “Pregnancy Resource Centers” To “Post Signs Announcing That They Do Not Offer Medical Care.”** According to KXAN.com, “The Texas Center for Defense of Life, or TCDL, and several pro-life groups are celebrating a legal victory against the City of Austin. On Monday, a federal judge threw out an Austin ordinance requiring pregnancy resource centers, religiously-based organizations that do not offer abortions or refer women to abortion providers, to post signs announcing they do not offer medical care.” [KXAN.com, [6/24/14](#)]

Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz: Planned Parenthood Is “Misusing Taxpayer Dollars By Not Following Basic Medical And Health Standards.” According to KXAN.com, “‘It had come time to send a very strong message that people in Texas have had enough with Planned Parenthood,’ Texas Values President Jonathan Saenz said. ‘We have a policy in our state that we don’t have to give one penny to an abortion provider because we value innocent human life.’ [...] ‘When you have entities like Planned Parenthood who time and time again keep getting exposed and get caught doing the wrong thing and misusing taxpayer dollars by not following basic medical and health standards,’ Saenz said, ‘they are going to get cut off.’” [KXAN.com, [10/19/15](#)]

- **Texas’ Investigation Into Planned Parenthood Cleared The Organization And Indicted Their Accusers.** According to CNN, “A Texas investigation into Planned Parenthood on Monday culminated in an indictment -- of the organization’s accusers instead of the group. The Harris County District Attorney’s office announced that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast had been cleared in the two-month-long investigation.” [CNN, [1/26/16](#)]

TEXAS VALUES FUNDING

Texas Values Action PAC Received \$10,000 From CitizenLink Before The 2015 Election. According to a campaign finance report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Texas Values Action PAC received \$10,000 from CitizenLink before the 2015 election. [Ethics.State.TX.US, [10/26/15](#)]

Texas Values Received A \$627,163 Grant From Liberty Institute. According to Liberty Institute’s FY2012 990 form, Texas Values received a \$627,163 grant from Liberty Institute. [Liberty Institute FY2012 990 via Citizen Audit, accessed [1/16/16](#)]

- **Liberty Institute Received \$117,068 From The National Christian Foundation In 2012.** According to the National Christian Foundation’s FY2012 990 form, Liberty Institute received \$117,068 from the National Christian Foundation in 2012. [National Christian Foundation FY2012 990 via Guidestar.org, accessed [1/18/16](#)]
- **Liberty Institute Received \$47,500 From The Alliance Defending Freedom In 2009.** According to the Alliance Defending Freedom’s FY2009 990, Liberty Institute receive \$47,500 from the Alliance Defending Freedom in 2009. [Alliance Defending Freedom FY2009 990 via Citizen Audit, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

TEXAS VALUES CLAIMED TO HAVE “PLAYED A VITAL ROLE” IN PASSING TEXAS’S RADICAL SONOGRAM LAW

Texas Values Claimed To Have “Played A Vital Role” In Getting A Law Passed To “Require Abortion Providers To Provide A Sonogram Before Performing An Abortion”

Texas Values Claimed To Have “Played A Vital Role” In Getting A Law Passed To “Require Abortion Providers To Provide A Sonogram Before Performing An Abortion.” According to the Texas Values website, “The Texas Values team has been instrumental in the achievement of successes for pro-family and traditional values causes throughout Texas. Through voter education, legal analysis, policy research, grassroots mobilization, and public testimony, our team’s expertise has played a vital role in these successes: [...] Sonogram Law – This bill protects the rights of women and the unborn by requiring abortion

providers to provide a sonogram before performing an abortion. A woman seeking an abortion can choose whether to view the sonogram images and whether to hear the fetal heartbeat. She is required to hear the medical explanation of the sonogram at least 24 hours before the abortion. There are strict penalties in place for abortion providers who violate this law.” [TXValues.org, accessed [1/7/16](#)]

- **The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To “Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn’t Want To Hear It.”** According to NBC News, “Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn’t want to hear it.” [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

The Sonogram Bill That Passed The House In March 2011 Did Not Include Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, Or Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities. According to VoteSmart.org, the sonogram bill passed by the Texas House in March 2011 did not include exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

- **The Final Bill Passed By The Legislature Included Exemptions For Victims Of Sexual Assault, Minors, And Pregnancies With Fetal Abnormalities.** According to VoteSmart.org, the final bill passed by the Texas legislature allowed a woman to opt out of viewing the sonogram, waived the 24-hour waiting period for women living “100 or more miles from the closest abortion provider,” and included exemptions for victims of sexual assault, minors, or pregnancies with fetal abnormalities. [VoteSmart.org, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

The Texas Sonogram Law Was Signed Governor Rick Perry In May 2011. According to CNN, “Women seeking an abortion in Texas will have to view a picture of the embryo or fetus and hear a description of its development before having the procedure, under a law that takes effect September 1. The bill stirred some controversy in Texas, but it easily passed through the state House and Senate, both of which are controlled by Republicans. It was signed into law Thursday by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The law says that at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, women must undergo a sonogram, a procedure that uses ultrasound to create an image. The doctor, then, is required to give, ‘in a manner understandable to a layperson, a verbal explanation of the results of the sonogram images, including a medical description of the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, the presence of cardiac activity, and the presence of external members and internal organs,’ the law states.” [CNN, [5/20/11](#)]

Texas Physician Said The Law “Borders On The Definition Of Rape”

Texas Physician Curtis Boyd: The Texas Ultrasound Law “Borders On A Definition Of Rape...A Woman Is Coerced To Do This, Just As I’m Coerced.” According to an opinion by columnist Nicholas Kristof for The New York Times, “Here’s what a woman in Texas now faces if she seeks an abortion. Under a new law [HB 15] that took effect three weeks ago with the strong backing of Gov. Rick Perry, she first must typically endure an ultrasound probe inserted into her vagina. Then she listens to the audio thumping of the fetal heartbeat and watches the fetus on an ultrasound screen. She must listen to a doctor explain the body parts and internal organs of the fetus as they’re shown on the monitor. She signs a document saying that she understands all this, and it is placed in her medical files. Finally, she goes home and must wait 24 hours before returning to get the abortion. ‘It’s state-sanctioned abuse,’ said Dr. Curtis Boyd, a Texas physician who provides abortions. ‘It borders on a definition of rape. Many states describe rape as putting any object into an orifice against a person’s will. Well, that’s what this is. A woman is coerced to do this, just as I’m coerced.’ ‘The state of Texas is waging war on women and their families,’ Dr. Boyd added. ‘The new law is demeaning and disrespectful to the women of Texas, and insulting to the doctors and nurses who care for them.’” [Nicholas Kristof – New York Times, [3/3/12](#)]

TEXAS VALUES CALLED PRO-CHOICE PROTESTERS THE “FORCES OF EVIL,” HELD A RALLY WITH MIKE HUCKABEE AND THE DUGGAR FAMILY

Texas Values Director of Operations David Walls: Pro-Choice Supporters At The State Capitol “Showed Their True Colors” As The “Forces Of Evil”

Texas Values Director Of Operations David Walls: Wendy Davis' 2013 Filibuster Was A “Coordinated Effort With Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Occupy, The International Socialist Organization, And Other Pro-Abortion Organizations.” According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “As you have probably heard, Democrat State Senator Wendy Davis has announced that she is running for Governor of the great state of Texas. The liberal media and many outside the state of Texas (where most of her fundraising dollars are coming from) are certainly excited about her candidacy. Her campaign announcement last week did not mention her most well-known legislative action – a filibuster this summer in support of late-term abortion. [...] It seems clear that Davis’ attention grabbing filibuster, that ultimately failed, and the coordinated effort with Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Occupy, the International Socialist Organization, and other pro-abortion organizations that mobbed the Texas Capitol, led to her running for Governor.” [David Walls - TXValues.org, [10/11/13](#)]

Walls: Pro-Choice Supporters At The State Capitol “Showed Their True Colors” As The “Forces Of Evil.” According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “Last Tuesday night was a dark night at the state capitol. The forces of evil showed their true colors. They showed our entire state that they will stop at nothing to ensure that innocent human life is NOT protected. Democrat Senator Wendy Davis (Fort Worth) filibustered the pro-life omnibus bill for hours, but when her filibuster ended due to rule violations, the pro-abortion mob took over.” [David Walls - TXValues.org, [7/1/13](#)]

Walls: The Obama Administration Is “Propping Up The Abortion Industry With Tax Dollars.” According to a Texas Values web post by director of operations David Walls, “It is abundantly clear that the Obama Administration simply values politics (and propping up the abortion industry with tax dollars) over looking after the best interest of women. As we have seen with Obamacare’s Abortifacient and Contraception mandate, Obama is also willing to sacrifice the First Amendment’s protection of religious liberty as well. But this hasn’t kept the liberal media from sympathizing with the Administration. And it certainly has not kept Planned Parenthood and other leftwing activists groups from trying to scare women and trying to create the laughable narrative that Governor Perry is to blame for the Obama Administration choosing to cut the WHP’s funding.” [David Walls - TXValues.org, [4/17/12](#)]

Texas Values State Outreach Coordinator Nicole Hudgens: Planned Parenthood Facilitates “The Mass Murder Of Unborn Citizens.” According to the Austin Chronicle, “Up to the podium came anti-choice representatives like John Seago with Texas Right to Life, who described the resolution as ‘unethical, imprudent, and misguided.’ Nicole Hudgens of Texas Values called Planned Parenthood a ‘barbaric organization’ that facilitates the ‘mass murder of unborn citizens.’” [Austin Chronicle, [10/23/15](#)]

Texas Values Promoted A “#Stand4Life Rally” Featuring Gov. Mike Huckabee And The Duggar Family

Texas Values Promoted A “#Stand4Life Rally” Featuring Gov. Mike Huckabee And The Duggar Family. According to a Texas Values web post, “Please join us for a pro-life rally on Monday July 8, at 7 p.m. on the south steps of the Texas State Capitol. [...] #Stand4Life Rally. Date: Monday July 8, 2013. Location: South Steps of Texas State Capitol Building. Time: 7 p.m. Speakers: Gov. Mike Huckabee, The Duggars [sic] family, First Baptist Dallas Pastor Robert Jeffress, CWA President Penny Nance, March for Life President Jeanne Monahan, and our leading pro-life state elected officials and leaders.” [TXValues.org, [7/3/13](#)]

ANTI-CHOICE DOCTORS BACKED HB 2

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Claimed To Have 2500 Members Who Are “Extremely Concerned About The Potential Long Term Adverse Consequences Of Abortion.” According to the American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists website, “We number 2,500 members and associates, and held the title of ‘special interest group’ within ACOG for 40 years, from 1973 until 2013, until ACOG discontinued the designation of ‘special interest group.’ [...] We are extremely concerned about the potential long term adverse consequences of abortion on a woman’s future health. We realize that, in the United States, reporting of both abortions and associated complications is generally not adequate to provide meaningful conclusions. We continue to explore data from around the world regarding abortion associated complications (such as depression, substance abuse, suicide, other pregnancy associated

mortality, subsequent preterm birth, placenta previa, and breast cancer) in order to provide a realistic appreciation of abortion-related health risks.” [AAPLOG.org, accessed [1/25/16](#)]

AAPLOG Stated That Its Purpose Is To “Reaffirm The Unique Value And Dignity Of Individual Human...From Fertilization Onward” And It Opposes “Elective Abortion On Demand.” According to the American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists website, “We number 2,500 members and associates, and held the title of ‘special interest group’ within ACOG for 40 years, from 1973 until 2013, until ACOG discontinued the designation of ‘special interest group’. Our purpose is to reaffirm the unique value and dignity of individual human life in all stages of growth and development from fertilization onward. Strong voices within our culture (and within our professional College) espouse elective abortion on demand as a standard of care for unwanted pregnancies. Often perinatologists are quick to recommend abortion as a ‘final solution’ for ‘defective’ in utero babies. We oppose these values. Be assured that there are many in this specialty who hold our view of the intrinsic value of all human life. We view the physician’s role as a caregiver, responsible, as far as possible, for the well-being of both the mother and her unborn child.” [AAPLOG.org, accessed [1/25/16](#)]

AAPLOG URGED ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT HB 2 AND RELATED BILLS

AAPLOG Doctors Testified On Behalf Of Texas Abortion Clinic Restrictions. According to a press release from the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, “The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists applauds the recent decision by the panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans to uphold the laws of the State of Texas. This decision allows Texas to protect women from unsafe abortion clinics which do not meet the minimum health and safety standards set by the State of Texas. [...] AAPLOG physicians testified on behalf of the rights of the women of Texas to have the same common-sense medical safeguards that are standard in any other surgical procedure.” [AAPLOG Press Release, [10/3/14](#)]

AAPLOG Posted A Request From The Heidi Group’s Women Wellness Coalition For Doctors Who Are Willing To Call The Texas Medical Association In Support Of The Restrictions On Texas Abortion Facilities. According to a letter to AAPLOG members from the Director of Education for Women’s Wellness Coalition of Texas, Anne Newman, published on the AAPLOG website, “ATTENTION: TEXAS DOCTORS!! HELP!! Texas Doctors Needed We are looking for doctors in Texas who are willing to call the Texas Medical Association (TMA) in support of a bill to require abortion facilities to come under the same regulations that ambulatory surgical centers must meet. Carol Everett, president of the Heidi Group, created the Women’s Wellness Coalition of Texas to address this important issue. We believe that abortion facilities should not be exempt from the standards that other out-patient surgical facilities must meet, especially since abortion is much riskier than many other out-patient surgeries. The bill’s authors will be three state senators who are also doctors. As soon as the bill is filed — which we expect soon — we will send a copy to you, along with other information. We will also be posting this information on our website, which is being developed now. If you have any questions, please email or call me. Mostly I work from home when I’m not in Austin. You can also reach me on my cell phone.” [AAPLOG.org, [2/7/13](#)]

AAPLOG Urged Its Members To Support SB 537 Which Became A Part Of HB 2

AAPLOG Urged Its Members To Contact State Senators And Explain That State Bill 537 Was “Important For Protecting The Lives And Health Of Texas Women.” According to a letter to AAPLOG members posted on its website, “ATTENTION TEXAS DOCTORS Senate Bill 537 requires abortion facilities to meet the same standards of ambulatory surgical centers. Currently, 38 abortion centers in Texas do not meet the health and safety standards common for all other outpatient surgical procedures. Five abortion facilities already are ambulatory surgical centers, and a sixth that will be opening soon. The abortion industry says that, if passed, SB 537 bill would likely close more than half the abortion facilities in Texas. If true, this would likely save the lives of nearly 40,000 unborn babies next year alone, and save their mothers from unnecessary emotional and physical pain. [...] Senator Uresti has said that he is opposed to this bill because obstetricians and gynecologists are against it and think the regulations are unnecessary. Please contact these senators and explain why SB 537 is important for protecting the lives and health of Texas women! The bill will die if the Senate doesn’t get to vote on it.” [AAPLOG.org, [4/25/13](#)]

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- **SB 537's Elements Eventually Became Part Of The "Sweeping Anti-Choice Bill" SB 5.** According to RH reality Check, "Rep. [Jodie] Laubenberg and Sen. Glenn Hegar reintroduced the 'Preborn Pain Act' under new bill numbers—HB 16 and SB 13—on May 28 and 29, respectively, even though the very same bill had failed just three months earlier. On June 5, Sen. Bob Deuell introduced SB 24, a bill identical to SB 537, his failed attempt to require abortion facilities to meet the licensing standards for ambulatory surgical centers. And on June 11, Rep. Laubenberg introduced HB 57, a repeat of her failed attempt to force doctors to obtain admitting privileges at a local hospital. On June 12, the super-bill emerged: SB 5, a sweeping anti-choice bill authored by Sen. Hegar and sponsored by Rep. Laubenberg, was introduced. The super-bill (and its companion bill, HB 60, authored by Rep. Laubenberg) combined three of the worst of the failed proposed bills—a 20-week ban, medication abortion restrictions, and TRAP law requirements—into one blockbuster multi-subject bill, known as an omnibus bill." [RH Reality Check, [4/9/14](#)]

AAPLOG Accused "Pro Choice' Mob Rule" Of Shutting Down A 2013 Vote On Abortion Restrictions

AAPLOG Accused "Pro Choice' Mob Rule" Of Shutting Down A 2013 Vote On Abortion Restrictions. According to a letter to AAPLOG members posted on its website, "You are familiar with how 'pro choice' mob rule last week shut down a vote by the Texas senate to limit abortions to under 20 weeks, and to insist that standards in abortion clinics meet the standards of other surgical clinics, for the benefit of women's safety. YOUR ACOG DUES AT WORK: Below is a copy of ACOG's advocacy on the issue. Read it and then you decide if the ACOG is pro-women's good health, or pro-abortion access no matter the clinic standards. And whether a 21 week unborn baby feels pain or not is really a moot point (tho [sic] in NICU they seem to react to needles). The point is you are voluntarily killing a human baby. We recommend, especially if you are FACOG, that you write them your feelings about this advocacy ad in the Austin Statesman: [...]While we can agree to disagree about abortion on ideological grounds, we must draw a hard line against insidious legislation that threatens women's health like Texas HB2 (House Bill 2) and SB1 (Senate Bill 1)." [AAPLOG.org, [7/11/13](#)]

- **AAPLOG Letter: "We All Owe Governor Rick Perry And The Texas Legislature A Huge 'Thank You For Your Perseverance In The Face Of A Hostile Mob.'"** According to a letter to AAPLOG members posted on its website, "On the more upbeat side, we all owe Governor Rick Perry and the Texas legislature a huge 'thank you for your perseverance in the face of a hostile mob.' You know the ugly mob details from news reports—jars of urine and feces, used tampons, and the like. And the calling of an emergency session of the legislature to finish the people's business. And all this to save babies who would otherwise be subject to excruciating pain and they were being torn apart. And to insist on clinic standards that met safety regulations required by any clinic doing outpatient surgery, like a simple D&C, for instance. Oh yes, and to require that doctors doing the procedures have admitting privileges in a hospital within 30 miles in case they had an emergency requiring hospitalization (abortionist never have such emergencies, you know—or maybe they just don't know it because the patient is instructed to go to the nearest Emergency Dept to let them handle the untoward complications). Oh yes, also it requires the medical abortions follow the FDA safety and prescribing guidelines. That certainly seems odious! Follow safety and prescribing guidelines?? How burdensome can Texas be!! So thank you, Texas, for facing the mob." [AAPLOG.org, [7/18/13](#)]

AAPLOG DOCTORS TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF ABORTION RESTRICTIONS

AAPLOG Member John Thorp Testified On Behalf Of HB 2's Clinic Restrictions

Dr. John Thorp Testified Before The Fifth Circuit In Defense Of HB 2's Clinic Restrictions. According to National Review, "It is worth revisiting those bases for the Texas admitting-privileges requirements that were discussed by the court in *Planned Parenthood v. Abbott*, which the panel acknowledges 'would be equally applicable to [the Mississippi law].' Dr. John Thorp, an expert for the State in *Abbott*, offered what the Fifth Circuit described as 'the most comprehensive statement' in support of the admitting privileges requirement." [National Review, [6/31/14](#)]

Thorp Was A Member Of AAPLOG. According to a transcript of testimony of Dr. John Thorpe before the United States District Court for the Western District Of Wisconsin, “Cross-Examination By Ms. Flaxman: Q. ‘Doctor, this is Carrie Flaxman. I represent Planned Parenthood. We met before at your deposition in North Carolina. The binder that —’ A. ‘I can't see you to know whether I ever met you or not.’ [...] Q: ‘And you're a member of the American Association of Pro-Life OB/GYNs; isn't that correct?’ A. ‘Yes, ma'am, I am.’ Q. ‘And can I refer to that as AAPLOG?’ A. ‘If you so desire. Q. But you understand that that's what I'm referring to if I state -- if I use the term AAPLOG?’ A. ‘We can agree for you to call it that.’” [John Thorpe Testimony, [5/30/14](#)]

Thorp Testified In Wisconsin That “To His Belief That The Fetus And Embryo Have Ethical Rights Over The Mother”

Capital Times: Thorp Testified That “To His Belief That The Fetus And Embryo Have Ethical Rights Over The Mother,” In Support Of A Wisconsin Admitting Privilege Requirement For Abortion Providers. According to the Capital Times, “The doctor chosen by the federal judge as an impartial expert in the trial over Wisconsin’s law that requires abortion providers have admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles of their clinic said Thursday the law will lead to an ‘unacceptable experiment.’ ‘I think it is an unacceptable experiment to see if you decrease access (to abortion clinics) and see if more women die,’ said Dr. Serdar Bulun, chair of Northwestern University’s department of obstetrics and gynecology. [...] The state picked Dr. John Thorp, University of North Carolina obstetrician, and a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Thorp testified Thursday to his belief that the fetus and embryo have ethical rights over the mother. ‘I reject the premise that a law like this will harm Wisconsin women,’ Thorp said.” [Capital Times, [5/29/14](#)]

Thorp Based His Testimony Defending Wisconsin’s Clinic Restrictions On A Study He Wrote Claiming 2 To 10 Percent Of Abortions “Result In Complications.” According to Mother Jones, “In the past few weeks, witnesses selected by [Vincent] Rue appeared in federal court to defend Wisconsin's new admitting privileges law. [...] A third witness, John M. Thorp, an OB-GYN at the University of North Carolina Hospital, based his testimony on a study he wrote for a pay-to-publish journal, rather than a traditional academic journal, which doesn't charge its authors to print their work. Thorp's report to the court claimed that a small but significant percentage of abortions, 2 to 10 percent, result in complications. On cross-examination, Thorp admitted that he misplaced a decimal point—the report should have read .2 to 10 percent. Thorp's method for reaching 10 percent was also dubious. He explained that he arrived at 10 percent by adding up the highest rates of complication in abortions found in several other studies—which added up to 7 percent. He then inflated 7 percent to 10 percent because he suspected that abortion providers underreport complications. When the cross-examining attorney noted that he hadn't accounted for the fact that some patients may experience several complications, Thorp said, ‘So make it to account for overlap, and knock a point off.’” [Mother Jones, [1/12/14](#)]

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AAPLOG Member James Linn Testified That Wisconsin Clinics Were “Unlicensed And Uninspected” But Admitted The Claim “Wasn’t Based On Any Real-Life Experience.” According to Mother Jones, “Another witness [Vincent] Rue recruited for the Wisconsin case is a Milwaukee OB-GYN and AAPLOG member named James Linn. Linn signed an AAPLOG letter arguing that oral birth control can cause abortions—an assertion that has been roundly rejected by mainstream medical associations. ‘I think it's true that abortion clinics in Wisconsin are unlicensed and uninspected,’ Linn testified. But he conceded that this opinion wasn't based on any real-life experience, and that he may have heard this assertion for the first time when he read the report Rue wrote for him to sign and submit to the court.” [Mother Jones, [1/12/14](#)]

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Vincent Rue Was “A Behind-The-Scenes Fixer” For States That Want To Defend Anti-Abortion Laws

Vincent Rue, An “Activist Who Helps Officials Across The Country Defend Anti-Abortion Lawsuits,” Collaborated With Doctors Testifying In Favor Of HB 2. According to the Houston Chronicle, “Nearly half of the roughly 40 abortion facilities in Texas operating before House Bill 2 was passed by the Legislature have closed because of the admitting privileges requirement, including all but one south or west of San Antonio. That one and more than a dozen other facilities are expected to close when the ambulatory surgical center requirement takes effect. On Wednesday, an attorney for the providers asked Yeakel to throw out written testimonies from [Drs.] Thompson and Anderson because of evidence showing they were at least partially written by someone else. Emails entered into evidence showed that both doctors collaborated on the written testimonies with Vincent Rue, a psychotherapist and activist who helps officials across the country defend anti-abortion lawsuits.” [Houston Chronicle, [8/6/14](#)]

Austin Chronicle: Rue Was “A Behind-The-Scenes Fixer For Other States That Are Imposing Anti-Abortion Laws.”

According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Vincent] Rue isn’t just lending a hand to the Texas case; he’s a behind-the-scenes fixer for other states that are imposing anti-abortion laws, including Alabama and Wisconsin. Rue coined the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged disorder thoroughly discredited by major medical groups, including the American Psychological Association, yet still endorsed by anti-choice activists. Rue’s testimony in previous cases, including the landmark Planned Parenthood v Casey, was rejected for lack of credibility. It’s reported that for his services in other states, Rue has received nearly \$50,000.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

Austin Chronicle: Rue Was “Consistently Discredited” By Courts Of Law. According to the Austin Chronicle, “Courts of law have consistently discredited [Vincent] Rue. In the historic Planned Parenthood v. Casey case, the presiding federal

judge described Rue's testimony as 'devoid of ... analytical force and scientific rigor,' and wrote that 'his admitted personal opposition to abortion ... suggests a possible personal bias.' In a similar Minnesota case, the district judge concluded that Rue 'possesses neither the academic qualifications nor the professional experience of plaintiffs' expert witnesses,' and that his testimony 'lacked ... analytical force.'" [Austin Chronicle, [8/22/14](#)]

AAPLOG LEADERSHIP

AAPLOG Executive Director Donna Harrison Defended A Doctor Who Refused To Give Emergency Contraception To A Rape Victim And Compared Abortion To Slavery And The Nazis

Dr. Donna Harrison Was AAPLOG's Executive Director. According to AAPLOG's website, Donna Harrison is executive director of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. [AAPLOG.org, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

Harrison Was Named An Associate Scholar At Susan B. Anthony List's Charlotte Lozier Institute. According to the Washington Examiner, "The Susan B. Anthony List's research arm has brought on six new associate scholars to help supply data on abortion, women's health and other bioethical issues. The Charlotte Lozier Institute, created in 2011 as an anti-abortion counterpart to the large, well-funded Guttmacher Institute, will announce the addition of experts that include two professors from evangelical universities, doctors and writers. [...] Donna Harrison: Obstetrician and gynecologist, executive director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, adjunct professor at Trinity International University." [Washington Examiner, [9/16/15](#)]

Harrison Compared Abortion To Slavery And The Nazis

Harrison: Ending Abortion "Is Comparable To Defeating Slavery In The 1800s And Defeating The Nazis In The '40s." According to World News, "Nye concluded his video with a plea for objectivity and for recognition that other problems are more important. But abortion is the greatest human rights issue of our time, Harrison said. 'It is comparable to defeating slavery in the 1800s and defeating the Nazis in the '40s,' she said. 'It's time for Mr. Nye to get up-to-date on why people want to defend life.'" [World News, [9/29/15](#)]

Harrison Was Paid To Testify As An "Expert Witness" In Support Of An Anti-Choice Law

North Dakota Paid Harrison "More Than \$49,000" To Testify As An Expert Witness In Support Of A State Law That Limited "The Use Of Drugs To Terminate Pregnancies." According to the Associated Press, "Records show that North Dakota has spent more than \$52,000 defending a 2011 state law that seeks to limit the use of drugs to terminate pregnancies. The North Dakota Attorney General's office is slated to ask the state's Emergency Commission on Tuesday for \$30,000 to help cover the costs. Records obtained by The Associated Press show that Dr. Donna Harrison has billed the state more than \$49,000 to act as an expert witness in the case. Harrison is president the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and testified at the state trial in April. A judge at the trial called the legislation 'simply wrongheaded' and said he plans to rule in favor of North Dakota's lone abortion clinic in its challenge to shoot down the law." [Associated Press, [6/8/13](#)]

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Harrison Defended A Doctor Who Refused To Give Emergency Contraception To A Rape Victim

Harrison Defended A Doctor Who Refused To Give Emergency Contraception To A Rape Victim. According to a transcript of an interview with Dr. Donna Harrison on NBC News, "CAMPBELL BROWN: One doctor's decision in Pennsylvania is igniting a heated debate. He chose not to give emergency contraception to a young woman after an alleged

rape, saying it went against his religious beliefs. Her family's outraged but some in the medical community are standing by the doctor. We get more now from NBC's Lisa Daniels. [...] Dr. DONNA HARRISON (American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists): Good morning. BROWN: Is there a medical reason for a doctor not to prescribe the morning after pill? Dr. HARRISON: Yes, there is. There's a consideration that hasn't been brought up yet and that is that one of the probable mechanisms of action of the morning after pill is preventing an embryo from implanting. I know that Miss Bender has been quoted as saying that the only mechanism of action of the morning after pill is to prevent an egg from being released. But this is inaccurate and if you look at the FDA Web site under questions and answers regarding plan B, you'll see a discussion of the mechanism of action, which says basically, if fertilization does occur, Plan B may prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the womb.” [NBC News, 8/12/06]

- **Harrison Argued That Refusing To Provide Emergency Contraception Was A “Medical Decision” Because The Doctor Might Have “Two Patients” To Consider, The Rape Victim And The Possibly Fertilized Egg.** According to a transcript of an interview with Dr. Donna Harrison on NBC News, “Dr. DONNA HARRISON (American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists): Good morning. [CAMPBELL] BROWN: Is there a medical reason for a doctor not to prescribe the morning after pill? Dr. HARRISON: Yes, there is. There's a consideration that hasn't been brought up yet and that is that one of the probable mechanisms of action of the morning after pill is preventing an embryo from implanting. I know that Miss Bender has been quoted as saying that the only mechanism of action of the morning after pill is to prevent an egg from being released. But this is inaccurate and if you look at the FDA Web site under questions and answers regarding plan B, you'll see a discussion of the mechanism of action, which says basically, if fertilization does occur, Plan B may prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the womb. BROWN: OK, but let me interrupt you for a second, Dr. Harrison, because that's not a medical reason, that's an ethical reason, correct Dr. HARRISON: Well, actually, it is a medical reason, because prior to 1973, physicians were trained to understand, that once fertilization occurs, we have two patients that we have to consider, both the mother and her unborn child. And so if in a doctor's best judgment, a medication is not in the best interests of either the woman or her unborn child, there's a very good reason not to prescribe it.” [NBC News, 8/12/06]

Harrison Said Using Contraception That Could Prevent A Fertilized Egg From Implanting In A Woman's Uterus Was “The Moral Equivalent Of Homicide”

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- **New York Times: Claim That Contraception Prevents Fertilized Eggs From Implanting “Is Probably Rooted In Outdated Or Incorrect Scientific Guesses About How The Pills Work.”** According to The New York Times, “But an examination by The New York Times has found that the federally approved labels and medical Web sites do not reflect what the science shows. Studies have not established that emergency contraceptive pills prevent fertilized eggs from implanting in the womb, leading scientists say. Rather, the pills delay ovulation, the release of eggs from ovaries that occurs before eggs are fertilized, and some pills also thicken cervical mucus so sperm have trouble swimming. It turns out that the politically charged debate over morning-after pills and abortion, a divisive issue in this election year, is probably rooted in outdated or incorrect scientific guesses about how the pills work. Because they block creation of fertilized eggs, they would not meet abortion opponents' definition of abortion-inducing drugs. In contrast, RU-486, a medication prescribed for terminating pregnancies, destroys implanted embryos.” [New York Times, [6/5/12](#)]

AAPLOG Board Member George Delgado's Research Was The Basis For Deceptive Anti-Choice Legislation, Called Birth Control A “Gateway Drug” To “Promiscuity...Abortion, And Divorce”

Dr. George Delgado Was A Family Medicine Member Of AAPLOG's Board. According to AAPLOG's website, Donna Harrison is executive director of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. [AAPLOG.org, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

George Delgado's Research Was The Basis For An Anti-Choice Arizona Law That Deceived Women

George Delgado's Research Was The Basis For An Arizona Law "Requiring Doctors Who Perform Drug-Induced Abortions To Tell Women That The Procedure May Be Reversible, An Assertion That Most Doctors Say Is Wrong."

According to The New York Times, "Once again, Arizona finds itself on the frontier of anti-abortion legislation: Late Monday, it became the first state to pass a law requiring doctors who perform drug-induced abortions to tell women that the procedure may be reversible, an assertion that most doctors say is wrong. [...] Most doctors say the science behind the legislation is unproven or erroneous. It is based largely on the research of Dr. George Delgado, who said he was able to save the pregnancies of a number of women after they had started, but not completed, the two-step process involved in such an abortion." [New York Times, [3/31/15](#)]

- **Daniel Grossman, OB-GYN At The University Of California, San Francisco: Laws Like The Arizona Law On Abortion Reversal "Turns Unethical Experimentation On Pregnant Women Into Legislative Mandate."** According to BuzzFeed News, "All of this is really tied to anti-abortion feelings, and the potential of this drug [to make] abortion more accessible,' Daniel Grossman, an OB-GYN at the University of California, San Francisco, told BuzzFeed News. [...] Progesterone is probably unnecessary: If a woman takes the first pill in the medical abortion procedure but not the second, the pregnancy is likely to continue at about the same rate as what Delgado found in his study. All of this means that the Arizona and Arkansas laws are pushing women into an unproven medical procedure, Grossman said, which 'turns unethical experimentation on pregnant women into legislative mandate.' In April, Delgado told ThinkProgress he had case reports from another 200 women who followed his regimen and hoped to publish those results this month. He did not respond to a request for comment from BuzzFeed News." [BuzzFeed, [9/17/15](#)]

Arizona Chair Of The American Congress Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Dr. Ilana Addis: Delgado's Research "Has No Data Behind It, Absolutely No Science To Show That This Is An Effective Method."

According to The New York Times, "But Dr. Delgado's findings have faced serious scrutiny from the medical community. 'It has no data behind it, absolutely no science to show that this is an effective method,' said Dr. Ilana Addis, the chairwoman of the Arizona section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The organization said that in 30 percent to 50 percent of cases in which a woman takes only mifepristone, the pregnancy will continue, meaning the progesterone could have had little effect." [New York Times, [3/31/15](#)]

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According to an article titled "The Birth Control Pill is a 'Gateway' Drug" by George Delgado for the New Oxford Review, "My wife and I decided Los Angeles was not the place to raise our two young children. Along with a fellow Santa Monica residency graduate who was also a Catholic, I started a practice in northern California near our extended family. My partner was an even less committed Catholic than I. He prescribed birth control pills (but did not refer for abortions). I would prescribe barrier methods of contraception, but would refer patients who wanted birth control pills to him. I performed two or three vasectomies, none of which went smoothly. In retrospect, God had incessantly tried to nudge me toward the Truth. My combination of denial, rationalization, and ignorance led me further down the path of disobedience." [New Oxford Review, [May 2006](#)]

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Sean Fieler Was The Chairman Of The Chiaroscuro Foundation. According to the Chiaroscuro Fund About page, “Sean Fieler, Chairman of the Chiaroscuro Foundation, is President of Equinox Partners, LP. Mr. Fieler graduated from Williams College in 1995 with a degree in Political Economy and was the 1994 recipient of the Branson Memorial Scholarship. He is the Chairman of the American Principles Project and a member of the board of Witherspoon Institute, the Manhattan Institute-, and the Dominican Foundation, among others.” [Chiaroscurofdn.org, Accessed [7/16/15](#)]

Fieler Was “A Conservative Hedge Fund Manager Known For His Controversial Statements About Homosexuality And His Activism Against Abortion.” According to The Observer, “Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera is running against State Senator Gustavo Rivera in a Democratic primary—but a well-heeled donor with Republican ties is filling his campaign coffers. Sean Fieler, a conservative hedge fund manager known for his controversial statements about homosexuality and his activism against abortion, recently donated \$6,500 to Mr. Cabrera, campaign records show. Mr. Fieler has been active in this year’s election cycle, but his money has flowed to Republicans like Rob Astorino, a gubernatorial candidate, and John Cahill, the candidate for attorney general.” [The Observer, [9/3/14](#)]

Huffington Post: “Fieler Has Donated Millions To Anti-Abortion And Anti-Gay Marriage Advocacy Groups, Mostly Through His Chiaroscuro Foundation.” According to the Huffington Post, “Beyond his electoral spending, [Sean] Fieler has donated millions to anti-abortion and anti-gay marriage advocacy groups, mostly through his Chiaroscuro Foundation. The nonprofit group, named after a Renaissance painting style favoring high contrast between dark and light, has received more than \$19 million from Fieler since 2010. Most of the foundation’s contributions have gone to Catholic, anti-abortion and anti-birth-control organizations, but some funding has gone to anti-gay groups as well.” [Huffington Post, [6/5/15](#)]

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The National Christian Foundation Became “A Leading Financial Delivery System To The Evangelical Movement.” According to Mother Jones, “In 1982, Terry Parker, a seasoned Atlanta evangelical and lawyer, created the National Christian Charitable Foundation. Parker’s vision grew into a nationwide premier support network for Christian charities. His method was so cutting edge that he sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to ensure it was legal. Nearly 25 years later, Parker’s organization, now known as the National Christian Foundation (NCF), has become a leading financial delivery system to the evangelical movement, having channeled nearly \$1 billion to ministries, schools, conservative think tanks, and political activists around the country.” [Mother Jones, [December 2005](#)]

NCF “Is Now The 12th Biggest Charitable Foundation In America That Raises Money From Private Sources,” And “Has Given Away Over \$4.3 Billion.” According to an interview with the director of Truth Wins Out’s Center Against Religious Extremism, Bruce Wilson, by the Daily Beast, “The NCF was created, back in 1982 or so, to maximize hard right-wing evangelical Christian philanthropic giving. It was so novel and complex, the architects got a special ruling from the IRS, to make sure it was legal. The NCF has multiple overlapping legal entities and holding companies, but at the core is a huge donor-advised fund. The NCF is now the 12th biggest charitable foundation in America that raises money from private sources. Since its founding, the NCF has given away over \$4.3 billion, \$2.5 billion of it in the last three years. The NCF gave away \$601,841,675 in 2012—and is estimated to have given out \$670 million in 2013.” [Daily Beast, [9/25/14](#)]

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- **Inside Philanthropy: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are “Deceptive Pseudo-Health Clinics That Seek To Persuade Women Seeking Abortions To Bring Their Pregnancies To Term.”** According to Inside Philanthropy, “The NCF gives much of its money to support churches, evangelism initiatives, Christian education (including college), and religious camps for children. Most of the NCF's grants are not large—often a few hundred or a few thousand dollars each—meaning the more than \$1 billion the NCF has given away since its inception is relatively spread out among organizations. With respect to crisis pregnancy centers in particular—those deceptive pseudo-health clinics that seek to persuade women seeking abortions to bring their pregnancies to term—NCF's attitude appears to be ‘the more, the better,’ and it has been a reliable friend to such centers, no matter where they operate.” [Inside Philanthropy, [1/16/15](#)]

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- **Rose Was The President Of Live Action, A Group She Started At Fifteen Years Old That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman’s Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, “Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry’s threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media.” [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

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- **Raymond Ruddy Was “A Media-Shy 63-Year-Old Catholic Multimillionaire, Welfare Privatizer And Republican Donor.”** According to The Nation, “One of the chief cooks is a media-shy 63-year-old Catholic multimillionaire, welfare privatizer and Republican donor named Raymond Ruddy. With close ties to the White House, federal health officials and Republican power brokers that date back to W.’s days as Texas governor, Ruddy has leveraged his generous wallet and insider muscle to push an ultraconservative social agenda, enrich a preferred network of abstinence-only and antiabortion groups, boost profits for his company and line the pockets of his cronies—all with taxpayer dollars.” [The Nation, [5/31/07](#)]
- **“Ruddy Sits On The Board Of Maximus, A Giant Government Services Provider In Reston, Virginia, That Pioneered Welfare Privatization.”** According to The Nation, “Raymond Ruddy sits on the board of Maximus, a giant government services provider in Reston, Virginia, that pioneered welfare privatization. As one securities analyst observed, ‘Maximus was in this segment before there was a segment.’ In 1995 Maximus was a \$50 million-a-year enterprise. With passage of the Welfare Reform Act the following year, Maximus’s earnings jumped to \$105 million. Three years later its revenues tripled. Today it’s a \$700 million publicly traded global giant with more than 5,000 employees deployed across the nation and in Canada, Israel, Argentina and Egypt. It contracts with state governments to handle child-support collections, implement welfare-to-work and oversee managed care. For the Feds, Maximus handles collections on student loans and Medicaid appeals, manages the Social Security Ticket to Work program for the disabled and provides biometric ‘smart card’ technology to the Secret Service, the Treasury, the IRS.” [The Nation, [5/31/07](#)]

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AAPLOG Opposed Abortion Even For Victims Of Rape Or Incest

AAPLOG Criticized South Dakota’s Ballot Measure 11 For Including Exceptions For Rape And Incest. According to an archived post by AAPLOG on the Vote Yes for Life website in support of South Dakota’s Ballot Measure 11, “The American Association of ProLife Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) represents 2000 ObGyns and associated members from across America. We support the South Dakota initiative to attempt to save approximately 99% of babies who would otherwise be killed by abortions done for reasons other than rape, incest, and life threatening maternal conditions. In so supporting the initiative, AAPLOG wishes to make clear that we are opposed to abortions done for reasons of rape or incest. These women deserve excellent and ompassionate [sic] prenatal care. And their babies are innocent human beings who have done nothing to deserve the death penalty. As physicians, we realize that there are instances where treatment of certain life-threatening conditions in pregnancy may result in adverse outcomes, even death, for the baby. In this context we accept the 3rd exception, ‘to save the life of the mother,’ but would make clear that our intent would be to preserve the life of both mother and baby, if at all possible. And finally, we realize that legislation seeking significant change often must be done in incremental fashion.” [VoteYesForLife.com via Archive.org, accessed [1/26/16](#)]

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- **The Texas Sonogram Law Required The Abortion Provider To “Verbally Describe The Sonogram Result – Even If The Woman Doesn’t Want To Hear It.”** According to NBC News, “Fewer abortions? Better-informed patients? Insulted women? The impact of a controversial new Texas law that requires women to have a sonogram – and listen to a description of the fetus as well as its heartbeat – at least 24 hours before they can get an abortion is far from clear. Texas state health officials began enforcing the sonogram provision – which critics say is the most extreme sonogram-related law in the nation – on Tuesday. [...] The law requires doctors who perform abortions to conduct a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure, display the images of the fetus and make the heartbeat audible. The woman can decline to view the images and listen to the heartbeat. The doctor must also verbally describe the sonogram result – even if the woman doesn’t want to hear it.” [NBC News, [2/8/12](#)]

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The Hippocratic Registry Claims It Is For Physicians Who Want To “Preserve Their Moral Conscience” Because “There Is No Possibility Of Agreement About Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia” And “We Are On The Brink Of Needing Two Separate Systems Of Medical Care.” According to the Hippocratic Registry website, “The Need for a Hippocratic Registry For 2000 years the medical world had a moral consensus through the Hippocratic tradition, but, sadly, today there is no possibility of agreement about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia. For some, these things are services, for others they constitute murder. We are on the brink of needing two separate systems of medical care. We have no longer a moral consensus as the basis for professional conduct. There is an urgent need for physicians wanting to practice Hippocratic medicine to establish a national and international identity in order to preserve their moral conscience and integrity as physicians.” [HippocraticRegistry.com, accessed [1/21/16](#)]

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Vincent Rue, An “Activist Who Helps Officials Across The Country Defend Anti-Abortion Lawsuits,” Collaborated With Doctors Testifying In Favor Of HB 2. According to the Houston Chronicle, “Nearly half of the roughly 40 abortion facilities in Texas operating before House Bill 2 was passed by the Legislature have closed because of the admitting privileges requirement, including all but one south or west of San Antonio. That one and more than a dozen other facilities are expected to close when the ambulatory surgical center requirement takes effect. On Wednesday, an attorney for the providers asked Yeakel to throw out written testimonies from [Drs.] Thompson and Anderson because of evidence showing they were at least partially written by someone else. Emails entered into evidence showed that both doctors collaborated on the written testimonies with Vincent Rue, a psychotherapist and activist who helps officials across the country defend anti-abortion lawsuits.” [Houston Chronicle, [8/6/14](#)]

Austin Chronicle: Rue Was “A Behind-The-Scenes Fixer For Other States That Are Imposing Anti-Abortion Laws.” According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Vincent] Rue isn’t just lending a hand to the Texas case; he’s a behind-the-scenes fixer for other states that are imposing anti-abortion laws, including Alabama and Wisconsin. Rue coined the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged disorder thoroughly discredited by major medical groups, including the American Psychological Association, yet still endorsed by anti-choice activists. Rue’s testimony in previous cases, including the landmark Planned Parenthood v Casey, was rejected for lack of credibility. It’s reported that for his services in other states, Rue has received nearly \$50,000.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

Austin Chronicle: Rue Has Been “Consistently Discredited” By Courts Of Law. According to the Austin Chronicle, “Courts of law have consistently discredited [Vincent] Rue. In the historic Planned Parenthood v. Casey case, the presiding federal judge described Rue’s testimony as ‘devoid of ... analytical force and scientific rigor,’ and wrote that ‘his admitted personal opposition to abortion ... suggests a possible personal bias.’ In a similar Minnesota case, the district judge concluded that Rue ‘possesses neither the academic qualifications nor the professional experience of plaintiffs’ expert witnesses,’ and that his testimony ‘lacked ... analytical force.’” [Austin Chronicle, [8/22/14](#)]

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Dr. Mayra Thompson Testified In Support Of Texas’s “Stringent” Restrictions On Abortion Providers. According to the Houston Chronicle, “State lawyers on Wednesday summoned a doctor who has testified about abortion laws in five states, launching their defense of Texas’ stringent new restrictions with physicians discussing how important it is for those performing the procedure to be heavily regulated and to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. Mayra Thompson, a Dallas obstetrician and gynecologist, testified that abortions can be performed more safely in facilities that meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers.” [Houston Chronicle, [8/6/14](#)]

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bringing the lawsuit argue that the law's restrictions on abortion facilities and providers make it more onerous for women seeking to end their pregnancies and provide no medical benefits. [...] In an unusual turn of events at the Texas trial now under appeal, the state was caught red-handed: Four of the state's five expert witnesses were forced to change their testimony on the stand when confronted with emails showing they had lied about who had written their reports. [...] Mayra Thompson, an OB-GYN, failed to review the sources she purported to rebut. Thompson admitted that she was unfamiliar with eight of the nine studies relied upon by the expert she claimed to critique, and she could not identify a single published study to support the opinions expressed in her own report." [Slate, [1/23/15](#)]

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- **Austin Chronicle: Thompson Received "Constant Assistance In Drafting And Modifying" Her Testimony Report From Rue.** According to the Austin Chronicle, "On Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Mayra Jimenez Thompson, a Dallas-based OB-GYN testified, and it was clear from the outset that Thompson was anti-choice; she said had not performed an abortion in 20 years because of her 'religious' beliefs. In cross-examination, plaintiffs repeatedly asked Thompson if the Attorney General's office and specifically, Dr. Vincent Rue, a representative of the office, had provided guidance or advice in her expert testimony report. Initially, Thompson steadfastly denied any involvement from the OAG, saying she alone had drafted the document. However, in hopes of 'refreshing her recollection,' plaintiffs produced several damning e-mail exchanges between her and Rue indicating constant assistance in drafting and modifying versions of the report. (Correspondence from Rue included: 'I'm still drafting, will keep you posted'; 'Tried to use as much of your material as I could, but time ran out'; 'Just want you to review, I'll keep working on the draft.') Thompson defended the assistance, saying she was a medical doctor, not trained in legalese and the proper 'wordage' of court testimony." [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

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Anderson Was An "Emergency Physician, But Not An Ob/Gyn" And Chairman Of Virginia Physicians For Life. According to The Daily Beast, "Texas's leading expert was Virginia doctor James Anderson, who has similarly testified in Alabama, Alaska, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Anderson is a board-certified emergency physician, but not an ob/gyn. He is also a longtime pro-life activist, chairman of Virginia Physicians for Life, and adviser to the far-right Virginia Christian Alliance, which believes in creationism, women 'obeying' their husbands, and the usual far-right issues." [Daily Beast, [11/30/15](#)]

- **Anderson Was The Chairman Of Virginia Physicians For The Unborn Child.** According to James Anderson's bio on the Virginia Christian Alliance website, "James C. Anderson was born in Newport News, Virginia in 1952. He received his B. S. from the University of Virginia in 1974 and his M. D. in 1978. He is Board Certified in both Family Practice and Emergency Medicine. He is in the process of writing 'How Family Dysfunction has Impacted Adolescent Emergency Room Medical Care'. He has served as Chairman of Dove Christian School, Virginia Physicians for the Unborn Child, The Family Policy Counsel (now Bless RVA Inc.), the U-TurnPeakPerformanceAcademy and other organizations and events. He organized and serves on the Executive Board of the Richmond Christian Medical & Dental Association." [VAChristian.org, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

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Anderson's Testimony In Defense Of An Alabama Law Similar To The Texas Restrictions, Was Discredited By The Presiding Judge, "Due To Concerns About His Judgment Or Honesty." According to the Houston Chronicle, "State lawyers on Wednesday summoned a doctor who has testified about abortion laws in five states, launching their defense of Texas' stringent new restrictions with physicians discussing how important it is for those performing the procedure to be heavily regulated and to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. [...] [Attorney Stephanie] Toti also made Anderson read aloud an excerpt from a ruling issued Monday by a federal judge striking down a similar law in Alabama. Anderson had testified in that case, and the judge had written that 'the court discredits Dr. Anderson's testimony on this point due to concerns about his judgment or honesty.'" [Houston Chronicle, [8/6/14](#)]

- **Alabama District Court Judge Myron H. Thompson: Anderson Either "Has Extremely Impaired Judgment; He Lied To The Court...Or He Is So Biased Against Abortion That He Would Endorse Any Opinion That Supports Increased Regulation."** According to an opinion by Judge Myron H. Thompson in the District Court for the Middle District of Alabama in Planned Parenthood Southeast Inc v. Luther Strange, "The court was struck by the flimsiness of [Dr. James] Anderson's basis for reliance on [Vincent] Rue and by his failure to obtain basic information about the affiliations, credentials, or employment of the consultant whose report he submitted as Case 2:13-cv-00405-MHT-TFM Document 259 Filed 10/20/14 Page 11 of 40 12 his own. It can only describe how inexplicable it was by reproducing the exchange at trial here: [...] The court believes that there are three explanations for Anderson's willingness to sign his name to a report written by a man about whom he knows so little, to do so without even checking its contents, and then to represent the opinions in it as his own: either he has extremely impaired judgment; he lied to the court as to his familiarity with Rue; or he is so biased against abortion that he would endorse any opinion that supports increased regulation on abortion providers. Any of these explanations severely undermines Anderson's credibility as an expert witness." [Judge Myron Thompson opinion, [10/20/14](#)]

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According to Slate, "James Anderson, another state witness, also was confronted on the stand with his correspondence with Rue and was forced to admit that he had not read a number of the sources he cited in his expert report. This was not the first time Anderson was willing to let Rue put words in his mouth. In a recent Alabama case, District Court Judge Myron Thompson explained he had not credited Anderson's testimony due to 'concerns about his judgment or honesty' and in a supplemental opinion found 'inexplicable' that Anderson had submitted a report to the court as his own that had been drafted entirely by Rue without even verifying its accuracy or learning whether Rue had any qualifications." [Slate, [1/23/15](#)]

Anderson's Testimony Included "Material From The Susan B. Anthony List, A National Anti-Choice Group."

According to the Austin Chronicle, "The next witness, Dr. James Anderson, an emergency room and family practice physician, also received aid from [Vincent] Rue, or as he phrased it, 'wordsmithing.' In fact, Anderson holds a prior professional relationship with Rue, assisting him with reproductive rights and anti-abortion legislation in other state cases since 1997, including some concerning parental consent laws. When questioned about Rue's influence on his testimony, Anderson downplayed the degree of involvement, saying the legal draft was a 'team effort' and 'a collaboration.' Anderson said Rue provided sources for his testimony, including material from the Susan B. Anthony List, a national anti-choice group. When asked about the group's ideological motivations, Anderson conceded the source 'risks bias, but still validates the need for the law.'" [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

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According to Mother Jones, "[Judge Lee] Yeakel ultimately discarded the testimony of four expert witnesses because of Rue's 'considerable editorial and discretionary control' over their written reports and testimony: James C. Anderson, the chair of Virginia Physicians for Life; Deborah Kitz, a health care consultant from Pennsylvania; Peter Uhlenberg, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and Dr. Mayra Jimenez Thompson, an OB-GYN and University of Texas-Southwestern professor. [...] Rue has tapped Anderson as an expert witness in four other states that paid Anderson more than \$110,000." [Mother Jones, [9/3/14](#)]

- **Rue Recruited Anderson, To Testify In Wisconsin, Alabama, Alaska, And North Dakota.** According to Mother Jones, "[John] Thorp is one of several witnesses [Vincent] Rue has tapped repeatedly. Rue engaged James C. Anderson, a Virginia emergency room physician, to testify not only in Wisconsin, but also in Alabama, Alaska, North Dakota, and Texas. Thorp testified in the Wisconsin, Alabama, and North Dakota lawsuits. (Thorp, when he testified in Wisconsin, said he didn't remember whether or not Rue enlisted him.) In addition to paying Rue his fees, Alabama, Wisconsin, and North Dakota paid Thorp and Anderson more than \$100,000. The Wisconsin DOJ paid Thorp \$30,000: \$500 per hour for his prep work and \$5,000 per day for time spent testifying. It paid Anderson \$20,000. Rue often drafts written testimony for his star witnesses. In Alabama, Anderson testified that Rue had written his supplemental report to the court—Anderson had merely signed his name to it. When pressed by the judge, Anderson revealed that Rue had provided most of the research for his main report, too." [Mother Jones, [1/12/14](#)]

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Austin Chronicle: Kitz "Had Not Visited A Single Abortion Clinic In Texas Prior To Giving Testimony" And "Did Not Have Information Regarding The Facilities' Physical Details." According to the Austin Chronicle, "During cross-examination, plaintiffs showed that while Kitz provided opinions that minimized the high expense of ambulatory surgical center construction costs, she had not visited a single abortion clinic in Texas (or Pennsylvania) prior to giving testimony. Additionally, she did not have information regarding the facilities' physical details (floor and architectural plans, square footage, etc.) and relied on sources pulled from an Internet search for her argument." [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

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Slate: Uhlenberg Was “The Author Of A Book Claiming That Scientific Material Must Be Tested Against The Bible And ‘Some Findings Must Be Rejected As Contrary To A Christian Understanding Of Reality.’” According to Slate, “Sociologist Peter Uhlenberg, the author of a book claiming that scientific material must be tested against the Bible and ‘some findings must be rejected as contrary to a Christian understanding of reality,’ denied ever discussing his opinions with Rue. Yet emails show him asking Rue what he should do about contradictory evidence. Rue helpfully suggested leaving the most recent data out of Uhlenberg’s report.” [Slate, [1/23/15](#)]

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According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Peter] Uhlenberg – whose testimony disputed the difficulty of accessing hospital admitting privileges and complying with ASC standards – said he did not request help from [Vincent] Rue. Yet in another e-mail, he wrote to Rue, ‘I need your critical suggestions.’ In another message, Rue recommended that Uhlenberg omit data on the share of abortions performed at ambulatory surgical centers because it undermined their argument.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

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- **Thorp Was A Member Of The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists.** According to a transcript of testimony of Dr. John Thorpe before the United States District Court for the Western District Of Wisconsin, “Cross-Examination By Ms. Flaxman: Q. ‘Doctor, this is Carrie Flaxman. I represent Planned Parenthood. We met before at your deposition in North Carolina. The binder that –’ A. ‘I can’t see you to know whether I ever met you or not.’ [...] Q: ‘And you’re a member of the American Association of Pro-Life OB/GYNs; isn’t that correct?’ A. ‘Yes, ma’am, I am.’ Q. ‘And can I refer to that as AAPLOG?’ A. ‘If you so desire. Q. But you understand that that’s what I’m referring to if I state -- if I use the term AAPLOG?’ A. ‘We can agree for you to call it that.’” [John Thorpe Testimony, [5/30/14](#)]

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Capital Times: Thorp Testified That “To His Belief That The Fetus And Embryo Have Ethical Rights Over The Mother,” In Support Of A Wisconsin Admitting Privilege Requirement For Abortion Providers. According to the Capital Times, “The doctor chosen by the federal judge as an impartial expert in the trial over Wisconsin’s law that requires abortion providers have admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles of their clinic said Thursday the law will lead to an ‘unacceptable experiment.’ ‘I think it is an unacceptable experiment to see if you decrease access (to abortion clinics) and see if more women die,’ said Dr. Serdar Bulun, chair of Northwestern University’s department of obstetrics and gynecology. [...] The state picked Dr. John Thorp, University of North Carolina obstetrician, and a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Thorp testified Thursday to his belief that the fetus and embryo have ethical rights over the mother. ‘I reject the premise that a law like this will harm Wisconsin women,’ Thorp said.” [Capital Times, [5/29/14](#)]

Thorp Based His Testimony Defending Wisconsin’s Clinic Restrictions On A Study He Wrote Claiming 2 To 10 Percent Of Abortions “Result In Complications.” According to Mother Jones, “In the past few weeks, witnesses selected by [Vincent] Rue appeared in federal court to defend Wisconsin’s new admitting privileges law. [...] A third witness, John M. Thorp, an OB-GYN at the University of North Carolina Hospital, based his testimony on a study he wrote for a pay-to-publish journal, rather than a traditional academic journal, which doesn’t charge its authors to print their work. Thorp’s report to the court claimed that a small but significant percentage of abortions, 2 to 10 percent, result in complications. On cross-examination, Thorp admitted that he misplaced a decimal point—the report should have read .2 to 10 percent. Thorp’s method for reaching 10 percent was also dubious. He explained that he arrived at 10 percent by adding up the highest rates of complication in abortions found in several other studies—which added up to 7 percent. He then inflated 7 percent to 10 percent because he suspected that abortion providers underreport complications. When the cross-examining attorney noted that he hadn’t accounted for the fact that some patients may experience several complications, Thorp said, ‘So make it to account for overlap, and knock a point off.’” [Mother Jones, [1/12/14](#)]

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Thorp Was “One Of Several Witnesses Rue Has Tapped Repeatedly,” To Testify In Defense Of Anti-Choice Laws. According to Mother Jones, “But [Vincent] Rue’s history hasn’t prevented Republican administrations in Alabama, North Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin from giving him lucrative work as a legal consultant. These days, though, he rarely testifies himself. Instead, he works behind the scenes to handpick expert witnesses, write reports, and guide states’ legal strategies for defending abortion restrictions. [...] [John] Thorp is one of several witnesses Rue has tapped repeatedly. Rue engaged James C. Anderson, a Virginia emergency room physician, to testify not only in Wisconsin, but also in Alabama, Alaska, North Dakota, and Texas. Thorp testified in the Wisconsin, Alabama, and North Dakota lawsuits. (Thorp, when he testified in Wisconsin, said he didn’t remember whether or not Rue enlisted him.) In addition to paying Rue his fees, Alabama, Wisconsin, and North Dakota paid Thorp and Anderson more than \$100,000. The Wisconsin DOJ paid Thorp \$30,000: \$500 per hour for his prep work and \$5,000 per day for time spent testifying. It paid Anderson \$20,000.” [Mother Jones, [1/12/14](#)]

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Austin Chronicle: Rue Was “A Behind-The-Scenes Fixer For Other States That Are Imposing Anti-Abortion Laws.” According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Vincent] Rue isn’t just lending a hand to the Texas case; he’s a behind-the-scenes fixer for other states that are imposing anti-abortion laws, including Alabama and Wisconsin. Rue coined the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged disorder thoroughly discredited by major medical groups, including the American Psychological Association, yet still endorsed by anti-choice activists. Rue’s testimony in previous cases, including the landmark Planned Parenthood v Casey, was rejected for lack of credibility. It’s reported that for his services in other states, Rue has received nearly \$50,000.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

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Rue Was “Formally Discredited By Peer Review” And Had Previous Testimony “Expressly Dismissed By The Supreme Court.” According to The Daily Beast, “Since 1997, Anderson has worked with Vincent Rue, a non-physician who has been working in the pro-life movement since at least 1981. Rue’s research has been formally discredited by peer-review and his testimony was expressly dismissed by the Supreme Court in Casey as being ‘not credible.’” [Daily Beast, [11/30/15](#)]

Mother Jones: “Rue Testified About The Harms Of Abortion In Two Landmark Abortion Cases In The Early 1990s, The Judges In Those Cases Dismissed His Testimony As Personally Biased And Lacking Expertise.” According to Mother Jones, “Although [Vincent] Rue testified about the harms of abortion in two landmark abortion cases in the early 1990s, the judges in those cases dismissed his testimony as personally biased and lacking expertise. Rue has pushed the medical mainstream to recognize ‘post-abortive syndrome’—a mental illness that supposedly results from abortion—only to have organizations such as the National Center for Health Statistics pan his research. In 1981, he claimed in a report to the US Senate that ‘abortion re-escalates the battle between the sexes’ and ‘abortion increases bitterness toward men.’” [Mother Jones, [8/13/14](#)]

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Rue Was Paid \$42,000 By The State Of Texas To Help Defend Their Anti-Abortion Laws. According to Mother Jones, “Texas has paid Vincent Rue, a Florida marriage therapist best known for his discredited theories about how abortion causes mental illness, more than \$42,000 in less than six months to aid its legal defense of a new law that would close all but a handful of the state’s abortion clinics.” [Mother Jones, [8/13/14](#)]

- **Rue “Has Earned At Least \$195,000 In Taxpayer Money” From His Work In Support Of Anti-Choice Legislation.** According to RH Reality Check, “Rue plays a central role in the anti-choice universe by coordinating so-

called expert witnesses for state legislative and court hearings in at least five states in recent years, our research found. Many of those witnesses are part of the False Witnesses group—many have been caught lying or misleading the public or the court, have had their scholarship debunked or retracted, and have specious credentials to speak about reproductive health. Yet, Rue and his roster of experts continue to influence public debate, court cases, and legislation, all while collectively earning hundreds of thousands of dollars. Rue himself has earned at least \$195,000 in taxpayer money from his work in these states over the last few years, according to public records obtained by RH Reality Check.”

[RHRealityCheck.org, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

Rue’s Contract With Texas Stipulated A “Confidential Relationship” With Governor Greg Abbott’s Office. According to the Austin American-Statesman, “The Texas attorney general’s office paid Vincent Rue, a prominent abortion opponent, \$500 an hour to coordinate expert witnesses as the state prepared to defend the House Bill 2 abortion law in court, according to a contract that the agency had sought to keep confidential. The American-Statesman had requested a copy of Rue’s litigation-consultant contract in early August, when the Florida psychotherapist’s work for Attorney General Greg Abbott’s office became a major point of contention during a five-day federal court trial over HB 2. [...] The document specifies that Rue had a ‘confidential relationship’ with Abbott’s office in connection with the court case.” [Austin American-Statesman, 11/1/14]

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New York Times Editorial: Four Of The Five Witnesses Called By Texas To Defend HB 2 In The Federal District Court in Austin “Denied, And Then Conceded...That Their Written Testimony Was Written By Vincent Rue.”

According to an editorial by the New York Times, “The deception behind the wave of state-level abortion restrictions now threatening women’s access to safe and legal abortions was strikingly revealed during a trial that ended last week in Texas. The trial, held before Judge Lee Yeakel of Federal District Court in Austin, offered an opportunity to examine evidence and hear arguments in a challenge to crucial portions of Texas’ sweeping 2013 package of abortion restrictions [HB 2]. [...] The state’s defense of the rules was a bizarre and unconvincing show. Four of its five witnesses denied, and then conceded (when confronted with incriminating emails) that their written testimony was crafted by Vincent Rue, an opponent of women’s reproductive freedom best known for promoting kooky claims, like the existence of an abortion-related mental illness he calls ‘post-abortive syndrome.’ Mr. Rue does brisk business these days orchestrating testimony from pliable witnesses willing to supply ‘expert’ support for state abortion restrictions, a task for which he has been paid \$42,000, so far, by Texas. That his guidance is relied upon is incredible given that his own past court testimony and theories have been discredited by judges and others.” [Editorial – New York Times, [8/20/14](#)]

Texas “Brought In Rue” To Help “Draft, Edit, And Find Citations” For Their Expert Witnesses’ Reports. According to Mother Jones, “To defend its abortion restrictions, Texas brought in [Vincent] Rue, who helped draft, edit, and find citations for the reports its experts [*sic*] witnesses submit to the court. But Rue, who holds a doctorate in family relations from the University of North Carolina School of Home Economics, is an odd choice for the job — ‘a long-discredited quack,’ in the view of one state representative from Wisconsin, where Rue performed similar defense work. Although Rue testified about the harms of abortion in two landmark abortion cases in the early 1990s, the judges in those cases dismissed his testimony as personally biased and lacking expertise.” [Mother Jones, [8/13/14](#)]

- **Austin Chronicle: “At Least Four State Witnesses Received Editorial Coaching From Rue.”** According to the Austin Chronicle, “As a hired consultant for the Attorney General’s office, [Vincent] Rue assisted defendant testimony in the HB 2 case. It remains unclear whether he merely lent a helping hand, or worked unethically to direct testimony. At least four state witnesses received editorial coaching from Rue – ‘wordsmithing,’ as one witness put it. For example, Rue suggested a witness omit data on abortion that contradicted the state’s argument; provided research from a national anti-abortion group; and suggested several revisions to drafted witness reports that even troubled the witnesses.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/22/14](#)]

Four Witnesses Had Their Testimony Discarded Because Of Rue’s “Considerable Editorial And Discretionary Control.” According to Mother Jones, “[Judge Lee] Yeakel ultimately discarded the testimony of four expert witnesses because of [Vincent] Rue’s ‘considerable editorial and discretionary control’ over their written reports and testimony: James C. Anderson, the chair of Virginia Physicians for Life; Deborah Kitz, a health care consultant from Pennsylvania; Peter Uhlenberg, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and Dr. Mayra Jimenez Thompson, an OB-GYN and University of Texas-Southwestern professor.” [Mother Jones, [9/3/14](#)]

- **US District Judge Lee Yeakel: “The Level Of Input By Rue Undermines The Appearance Of Objectivity And Reliability Of The Experts’ Opinions” In Texas’ Defense Of Its Anti-Abortion Legislation.** According to Mother Jones, “In the first six months of 2014, Texas paid a controversial marriage therapist named Vincent Rue \$42,000 to prepare the state’s defense of a draconian anti-abortion law. It turns out that wasn’t such a great idea. On Friday, when US District Judge Lee Yeakel struck down part of that law, he slammed the state for hiring Rue—and for trying to hide Rue’s involvement. ‘The level of input exerted by Rue undermines the appearance of objectivity and reliability of the experts’ opinions,’ Yeakel wrote in his decision. ‘Further, the court is dismayed by the considerable efforts the State took to obscure Rue’s level of involvement with the experts’ contributions.’” [Mother Jones, [9/3/14](#)]

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- **The Alliance For Post-Abortion Research And Training Claimed To Be “In The Forefront Of Research On The Psychological Aftermath Of Induced Abortion,” Including Work By Vincent Rue.** According to the Alliance for Post-Abortion Research and Training website, “A primary goal of the Alliance for Post-Abortion Research and Training is to conduct objective, scientific research concerning the relationship between mental health and elective abortion. Past, ongoing, and future projects are summarized below: [...] APART has been in the forefront of research on the psychological aftermath of induced abortion. In 2009, Drs. Catherine Coyle & Vincent Rue, in collaboration with Dr. Priscilla Coleman published the first research study on the population attributable mental health risks of abortion in the U.S.” [StandAPART.org, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

Rue “Coined The Term ‘Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome,’” Which Has Been “Thoroughly Discredited By Major Medical Groups.” According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Vincent] Rue isn’t just lending a hand to the Texas case; he’s a behind-the-scenes fixer for other states that are imposing anti-abortion laws, including Alabama and Wisconsin. Rue coined the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged disorder thoroughly discredited by major medical groups, including the American Psychological Association, yet still endorsed by anti-choice activists. Rue’s testimony in previous cases, including the landmark Planned Parenthood v Casey, was rejected for lack of credibility.” [Austin Chronicle, [8/7/14](#)]

- **Rue “Originated The Concept Of ‘Post-Abortion Syndrome,’ Which Claims That The Procedure Triggers Symptoms Similar To Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.”** According to MSNBC, “Vincent Rue wasn’t officially a witness at either of two recent abortion-related trials in Alabama and Wisconsin. But his fingerprints were everywhere. Rue, who is not a physician but holds a Ph.D., originated the concept of ‘post-abortion syndrome,’ which claims that the procedure triggers symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. His research has repeatedly been discredited by major medical research institutions and his testimony was thrown out in two landmark abortion cases as being ‘not credible.’” [MSNBC, [6/10/14](#)]

Austin Chronicle: “Even The Reagan-Nominated And Anti-Abortion U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop Couldn’t Accept Rue’s Theory” Of “Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome.” According to the Austin Chronicle, “[Vincent] Rue is no reproductive health expert, nor a physician, nor impartial adviser. The marriage therapist holds a doctorate in family relations from the School of Home Economics at the University of North Carolina, and led the now-defunct Florida-based Institute for Pregnancy Loss. Rue is also a longtime and extreme anti-abortion advocate; he reportedly opposes abortions even in cases of rape or incest. He’s best known for coining the term ‘post-abortion stress syndrome’ – an alleged mental disorder, unrecognized by either the American Psychological Association or the American Psychiatric Association, nevertheless endorsed by anti-choice activists and cited by legislators in defense of anti-abortion laws. (Even the Reagan-nominated and anti-abortion U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop couldn’t accept Rue’s theory, rejecting a white paper on the supposed ‘syndrome’ in 1989.)” [Austin Chronicle, [8/22/14](#)]

“Rue Has Pushed The Medical Mainstream To Recognize ‘Post-Abortive Syndrome’ ... Only To Have Organizations Such As The National Center For Health Statistics Pan His Research.” According to Mother Jones, “Although Rue testified about the harms of abortion in two landmark abortion cases in the early 1990s, the judges in those cases dismissed his testimony as personally biased and lacking expertise. Rue has pushed the medical mainstream to recognize

‘post-abortive syndrome’—a mental illness that supposedly results from abortion—only to have organizations such as the National Center for Health Statistics pan his research. In 1981, he claimed in a report to the US Senate that ‘abortion re-escalates the battle between the sexes’ and ‘abortion increases bitterness toward men.’” [Mother Jones, [8/13/14](#)]

Rue Claimed That “Abortion Emasculates Males” And “Reescalates The Battle Between The Sexes” In Testimony Before The Senate Rue Claimed That “Abortion Emasculates Males” And “Reescalates The Battle Between The Sexes.” According to the 2007 Brainerd Currie Lecture at Duke Law School presented by Yale University law professor Reva Siegel and published in Duke Law Journal, “The concept of ‘post-abortion syndrome’ on which so much of the South Dakota Task Force Report is based was first proposed in the early 1980s by Vincent Rue, who has since become an international authority in the antiabortion movement whose work is cited nine times in the Report. In 1981, Rue—then a professor of family relations who directed the Sir Thomas More Clinics of Southern California—testified before the Senate about abortion’s social effects. His testimony, which described abortion as ‘antifamily,’ elaborated that charge in a bill of particulars culminating in the claims that ‘abortion emasculates males,’ ‘abortion reescalates the battle between the sexes,’ and ‘abortion is a psychological Trojan Horse for women’—a claim Rue advanced by attacking the pervasive clinical view within psychology that the procedure had ‘only temporary, nonpathological, and limited adverse emotional sequelae.’ In Rue’s view, ‘guilt and abortion have virtually become synonymous. It is superfluous to ask whether patients experience guilt; it is axiomatic that they will.” [Reva Siegel - Duke Law Journal, [2008](#)]

Rue: When Men Are Recognized As Victims Of Abortion, “That Will Change Society.” According to the Los Angeles Times, “Therapist Vincent M. Rue, who helped develop the concept of post-abortion trauma, runs an online study that asks men to check off symptoms (such as irritability, insomnia and impotence) that they feel they have suffered as a result of an abortion. When men are widely recognized as victims, Rue said, ‘that will change society.’” [Los Angeles Times, [11/7/08](#)]

Rue Supported The Idea Of A Partner Notification Law For Abortions Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. According to MSNBC, “[Vincent] Rue testified in a 1989 Minnesota case challenging a parental notification law that wound up before the Supreme Court. On the stand, he affirmed that he also supported the state forcing women to notify their partners that they are having an abortion. Asked, ‘Would you also support such partner notification in the case of rape or incest?’ Rue replied, ‘Yes, I would.’” [MSNBC, [6/11/14](#)]

Rue: A Woman Who Had An Abortion “Did Not Understand What The Abortion Did To Her Pregnancy.” According to The Morning Call, “[Vincent] Rue said he's been involved in helping women recover from what he described as the painful abortion experience. He said he's witnessed repeated grieving. He said the woman feels she didn't receive sufficient information during counseling before the abortion. ‘She feels regret at what occurred. She did not understand what the abortion did to her pregnancy,’ Rue said.” [Morning Call, [8/1/90](#)]

Rue Was Listed As A Resource For The Reclaiming Fatherhood Website For “Men Dealing With Abortion.” According to the Reclaiming Fatherhood website, “The following people are pioneers in the field of men dealing with abortion. Here is information on who they are and how to contact them. Vincent M. Rue, Ph.D. Dr. Rue is the Director of the Institute for Pregnancy Loss in Jacksonville, Florida, an independent non-profit research & treatment center. Dr. Rue received his Ph.D. in Human Development & Family Studies from the University of North Carolina in 1975. For 30 years Dr. Rue has been a practicing psychotherapist and has served on the faculty of California State University at Los Angeles and United States International University in San Diego. In 1981 Dr. Rue provided the first clinical evidence of postabortion trauma, identifying this psychological condition as Postabortion Syndrome in testimony before the U.S. Congress. In 1984, he published one of the first articles on abortion’s impact on men and relationships and over the years has treated numerous women and men who have been traumatized by their abortion experience.” [MenAndAbortion.info, accessed [1/19/16](#)]

- **Reclaiming Fatherhood Called Itself “A Safe Space” For Men “Who Have Been Involved In Abortion Experiences.”** According to the Reclaiming Fatherhood website, “This website contains information that will be helpful to those who have been involved in abortion experiences and to those who care for them. This web site is an outgrowth of a conference entitled ‘Reclaiming Fatherhood: A Multifaceted Examination of Men Dealing With Abortion’, held in San Francisco November 28-29, 2007. The conference was organized by the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing and was co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This conference is the first to ever explore the issue of men dealing with abortion. [...] Men often say ‘I don't feel entitled to my grief. It was her choice. Why do I feel so badly?’ This site is for you. It’s a safe space to examine information and resources. It is honestly, only a beginning. As more men begin to recognize the issue and as more caregivers see more men, we will refine a process of healing and be able to provide more resources.” [MenAndAbortion.info, accessed [1/19/16](#)]