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Pro-Life Values To Be Reflected In New Congress

Following a spectacular nationwide sweep by Republicans in the Nov. 2, 2010 election, the 112th Congress is **the most pro-life in history!** With more than half of Americans now calling themselves pro-life and the pro-life position of candidates being very important to a quarter of the voters in the last election, pro-life Republicans came into their own.

Comprising the **96 new House members are 87 Republicans and 9 Democrats**, giving the **GOP a 242 to 193 majority** in the House via our gain of 63 seats. And of those 87 GOP freshmen, at least **80 are self-proclaimed pro-life advocates**. We are proud to report that of those incoming GOP Representatives, **50 were endorsed by RNC for Life**.

In the Senate, 37 seats were up for election, and **Republicans grabbed 6 of the 19 Democrat-held seats, while holding onto every one of the 18 GOP seats**. That success was the largest gain in Senate seats for the GOP since 1994 and also the first time that the GOP successfully defended all of its Senate holdings since that banner year. The rout of the liberal Democratic agenda and presidency is the worst in 50 years, and clearly reflects the national mood that our country is headed in the wrong direction, giving Republicans a **strong 47 — 53 minority** which can block bad legislation if they hold together. The majority of those six new Senators are pro-life, and **three were endorsed by RNC for Life**.

Strongly Pro-Life House

The breakdown of the Congress **concerning life issues is very encouraging**. Eighty of the new Republican members are expected to vote consistently pro-life, while six are unknown in their abortion views, or are expected to have a mixed pro-life vote based on their records. One Republican freshman, Charlie Bass (NH-2), is considered to be pro-abortion. No incoming new Democrat is viewed as pro-life. The net impact of these

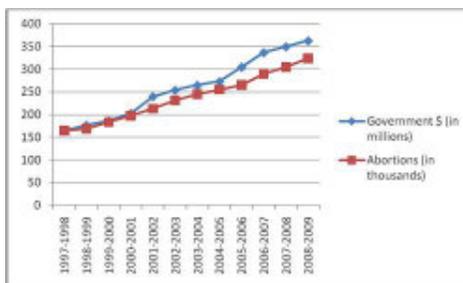
elections is that the **pro-life cause lost only 3 seats with another 6 uncertain, while picking up 55 seats**, resulting in an anticipated majority of pro-life votes in the 435-member House on most pro-life legislation.

That legislation is sure to include Rep. Chris Smith's (R-NJ) **NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT (H.R. 3)** which would create a **government-wide**

ban on abortion funding. Pro-life Congressmen Joe Pitts (PA-16) and Dr. Michael Burgess (TX-26) have been named as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the important Health Subcommittee of the important Energy and Commerce Committee in the House, which oversees the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. We now should expect hearings on pro-life topics from

this Subcommittee. Combine the freshmen and the Committee leaders with our staunchly pro-life Majority Leader John Boehner, and we have pretty impressive odds for our anticipated pro-life legislation!

Another important pro-life bill is the **TITLE X ABORTION PROVIDER PROHIBITION ACT (H.R. 217)** sponsored by Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) which will ensure that abortion providers, including organizations like **Planned Parenthood, will not receive any federal dollars** under the Title X federal family planning assistance program. The Omnibus Spending Bill which the Democrats tried to ram through the lame duck session would have spent **\$327 million for that program, a \$10 million increase over last year and a \$44 million increase over the last four years**. Republicans correctly balked at those and other spending increases in this economic climate, so Rep. Pence's bill should fare well in the new Congress.



Abortions rise as government funding increases. It is crucial that our tax money NOT be used to pay for abortions.

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The Abortion-Breast Cancer Link: Time to Stop the Denial

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Evidence supporting the abortion-breast cancer link (ABC link) dates back to 1957, when a Japanese study showed that abortion almost triples a woman's risk of subsequent breast cancer. By 1996, when I and colleagues at the Penn State College of Medicine published our worldwide review of the medical literature, 23 out of 28 published, peer-reviewed studies showed the link, averaging about a 30% risk increase for women with any abortions. Importantly, the standard for comparison in such studies is the non-pregnant state, it being universally acknowledged that a full-term pregnancy lowers a woman's long-term risk. Hence, a woman already pregnant unarguably increases her long-term risk by choosing to have an abortion, compared to her choosing *not* to have an abortion.

We know a lot more now about breast biology, and the biology supports the epidemiology completely. The breasts really do not develop much at puberty, but basically just grow. The lactational apparatus — breast lobules — remain in their immature Type 1 and Type 2 states — where almost all cancers arise — until well into the third trimester (32 weeks) of a normal pregnancy. Mature Type 3 and 4 lobules, which can actually produce milk, are permanently resistant to cancer formation. Therefore, childbirth reduces a young woman's long-term risk because there is less time for the immature lobules to collect carcinogenic mutations that could later cause cancer. But abortion — especially of the first pregnancy — leaves a woman with two factors which increase her future cancer risk: 1) The type 1 and 2 lobules still predominate in her breasts, and 2) She has more of them due to the growth spurt caused by the pregnancy hormones until the time of the abortion.

But legal abortion is supposed to be safe, and that is the party line parroted by medical authorities worldwide. Unfortunately, the abortion culture infects the GOP as well as the Democrat Party. That's why a 2002 letter from 28 pro-life congressmen to Pres. Bush's HHS, asking the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to re-examine its denial of the ABC link, resulted merely in a phony "workshop" in early 2003, the conclusion of which was a reinforcement of the claim that the lack of an ABC link had been "established." This false

claim was further reinforced by a stream of largely fraudulent epidemiological studies in prestigious medical journals which showed no such link. So politically powerful is the NCI that even conservative GOP Governor Pawlenty caved in to pro-abortion pressure based on the NCI's "workshop" from the Minnesota Medical Association later in 2003, and removed a newly mandated ABC link warning from the state's website. Unfortunately, even politically savvy pro-life Republicans tend not to doubt the good intentions of "mainstream" cancer researchers, who work mostly under NCI grants (*our* tax money).



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In truth, the NCI is run by a cadre of lifetime-appointed radical feminist ideologues who defend the reputation of legal abortion as "safe" despite all the evidence to the contrary. Their denial is based largely on two false arguments: 1) Induced abortion and spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) are essentially the same, and should have the same effect on future breast cancer risk. In fact, they are very different events, with miscarriages usually missing the hormonally generated growth spurt early in the pregnancy. 2) Studies based on women's recall of medical history are unreliable, because healthy women more often deny past abortions while breast cancer patients more often admit them. This so-called "response bias" hypothesis has been repeatedly disproved in the medical literature (which, ironically, continues to accrue evidence for the ABC link from unlikely nations like China and Iran!)

For details regarding the facts and arguments articulated here, the reader is referred to our institute's website: www.bcpinstitute.org. It is this writer's hope that the congressional changes caused by the recent GOP landslide will soon provide the opportunity to make the case for the ABC link on the record in public hearings.

Dr. Joel Brind is a biochemist who has specialized in reproductive steroid hormones and their links to human diseases since 1972. Since coming across the link between abortion and breast cancer in 1992, Dr. Brind has devoted most of his research effort to studying and promoting awareness of what has come to be known as the "ABC link."

Pro-Life Triumphs and Defeats Around The World

January 22, 2011 marks the 38th Anniversary of the Supreme Court’s infamous decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

While we in the pro-life movement are most keenly aware of the abortion industry here in the U.S. which snuffs out the lives of approximately **3,700 pre-born babies each day**, an even larger-scale tragedy takes place throughout the world where more than 30 times as many abortions — **about 115,000** — are performed in each 24-hour span.

Recent events throughout the world have impacted the legality of abortion in disparate locations, such as **AFRICA, ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND.**

Kenya

The nation of **KENYA** is overwhelmingly pro-life. According to recent surveys, 69% of Kenya residents are against legalizing abortions and 9% support it. Yet late last summer, by a 2-1 margin, Kenyans revamped their constitution to, among other things, legalize abortion in that country.

Of even greater concern is that some **\$23 million of American tax dollars were used illegally in Kenya to promote ratifying the new constitution.** Vice President Biden has promised that even more U.S. funds would come if the proposed constitution were approved. Leaders of the “Vote No” camp are seeking amendments that would nullify the clause legalizing abortions.



Ireland

A major blow to abortion “rights” was delivered recently by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, which ruled 11 to 6 that **abortion is NOT a human right for women.** The case involved 3 Irish women who traveled to England for abortions, claiming they were denied their rights under Irish law which bans abortions, except for the life of the mother, thus requiring them to leave **IRELAND** for the procedures.

This ruling affects not only Irish abortion law but also **could have an effect on the rest of Europe**, as 46 other European countries are under the same Court’s jurisdiction. Only in member nations Andorra, Malta and San Marino, where all abortions are illegal, are laws stricter than in Ireland.

The United Kingdom

United Kingdom statistics show that **abortion numbers** across all age groups, for the first time in six years, have fallen in **SCOTLAND, ENGLAND** and **WALES.** Recent statistics even indicate that for the 8th consecutive year, fewer Irish women headed to England and Wales seeking abortions

But the British government may be **misinterpreting these statistics** as proving a need for more abortion access rather than a reflection of greater respect for life. While **abortion is readily available** in the U.K., the government believes it should be even more widespread with “easy access,” according to a recently published white paper, “*Healthy Lives, Healthy People.*” This “easy access” position appears to be in direct contradiction to Public Health Minister Anne Milton’s claim that reducing the abortion rate is an “absolute priority” both for herself personally and for the government.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, a British pro-life group, will intensify its campaign to inform both physicians and women concerning the dangers of abortions.

In yet another victory for life, **legalized assisted suicide** for anyone over the age of 16 who was “terminally ill” **has been defeated** a second time in **SCOTLAND.** Had it passed, Scotland would be the only portion of the United Kingdom to legalize assisted suicide.

Although some assisted suicide backers claimed a majority of people favor the controversial bill, it was defeated in an 85-16 Holyrood vote. Members of the Scottish Parliament were allowed a free vote without having to conform to the position of their respective political parties. Its sponsor promises to re-introduce the bill if she is re-elected.

Critics of the legislation argued that the **bill would undermine the rights of the disabled and that it lacked a strong conscience clause for physicians** who don’t want to be pressured into participating in assisted suicides.

Next Goal: The Senate

While we are jubilant at our victory in the House, **THE JOB'S NOT YET FINISHED.** In 2012, **thirty-three Senate seats will be up for election: 21 Democrats, 2 Independents (who caucus with the Democrats) and 10 Republicans.** (One of those is Olympia Snowe (ME) who is reliably a pro-abortion vote.) The other nine Republicans range from solidly pro-life to mostly pro-life to occasionally pro-life supporters. While there are a few occasionally pro-life Democrat senators in the group, the vast majority are dependably pro-abortion in their voting records.

Some of these senators will be **retiring prior** to the primaries; others will need to be **retired in** the primaries. In some states where a Senate seat will come up in 2012, candidates are already emerging for the GOP nomination. As they announce, we will provide them with our RNC for Life Questionnaire so that we can see who the strong pro-life candidates are. We will keep you posted on how you can help us achieve **our goal to**

Senate Seats up in 2012

10 GOP, 21 Dems, 2 Ind.

Akaka, Daniel K. (D-HI) <i>Barrasso, John (R-WY)</i>	Kohl, Herb (D-WI) <i>Kyl, Jon (R-AZ)</i>
Bingaman, Jeff (D-NM) <i>Brown, Scott P. (R-MA)</i>	Lieberman, Joseph I. (I-CT) <i>Lugar, Richard G. (R-IN)</i>
Brown, Sherrod (D-OH)	Manchin, Joe, III (D-WV)
Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)	McCaskill, Claire (D-MO)
Cardin, Benjamin L. (D-MD)	Menendez, Robert (D-NJ)
Carper, Thomas R. (D-DE)	Nelson, Ben (D-NE)
Casey, Robert P., Jr. (D-PA)	Nelson, Bill (D-FL)
Conrad, Kent (D-ND) <i>Corker, Bob (R-TN)</i>	Sanders, Bernard (I-VT) <i>Snowe, Olympia J. (R-ME)</i>
<i>Ensign, John (R-NV)</i>	Stabenow, Debbie (D-MI)
Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA)	Tester, Jon (D-MT)
Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (D-NY) <i>Hatch, Orrin G. (R-UT)</i>	Webb, Jim (D-VA)
<i>Hutchison, Kay Bailey (R-TX)</i>	Whitehouse, Sheldon (D-RI) <i>Wicker, Roger F. (R-MS)</i>
Klobuchar, Amy (D-MN)	

have at least 51 pro-life Republicans in the U.S. Senate in 2013. We also must be vigilant to ensure that the Republicans who were sent to Washington in the historic 2010 election keep their promises and uphold our pro-life Republican platform.



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