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Republican State Legislatures Pass Many Pro-Life Bills

Congressional Republicans are trying to enact their pro-life values in various pieces of legislation such as defunding Planned Parenthood and codifying anti-abortion language in several pieces of legislation, including federal tax code. But **they are stymied in virtually every attempt by the liberal Democrat-controlled Senate**

where Harry Reid and Company refuse to compromise their pro-abortion positions.

Thus, the **real pro-life advances in this legislative year will be coming through the states.**

Indeed, “Ninety-five percent of what happens in any sort of laws or regulations on abortion happens at the state level,” claims Dan McConchie, vice president of government affairs at Americans United for Life (AUL).

According to the *New York Times*, a Guttmacher Institute employee reported that **more than half of the states have introduced legislation** which either restricts health insurance coverage for abortion, requires an ultrasound, or that bars abortion after 20 weeks.

Indeed, according to a map AUL published, every state except LA and WI had some form of pro-life legislation introduced this year, ranging from abortion to end of life to embryonic stem cell research. Thankfully, much of this legislation has a **good chance of passing since Republicans currently control both chambers in 25 states**, and one chamber in 6 more states. Even more significantly, Republicans now hold a trifecta (controlling the state house, senate, and governorship) in 20 states. Democrats hold a trifecta in only 11 states.

Since the Republican Party **IS** the party of Life, thanks to 20 years of effective work by RNC for Life, **most Republicans can be counted upon** to vote in favor of pro-life legislation.



As this Report was being prepared, the following states have successfully legislated for Life and their pro-life Republican governors have signed the bills:

ARIZONA

Governor Jan Brewer has signed into law several pro-life bills, including these measures: the first state ban on race-based or sex-selection abortions in the United States; a bill protecting women by requiring abortion centers to meet certain health and safety regulations which also promotes sonograms; legislation outlawing “telemed” abortions where abortion-causing drugs are dispensed without a physician personally seeing the patient, and ObamaCare “opt out” legislation.

KANSAS

Governor Sam Brownback is expected to sign a recently-passed bill in Kansas which bans most abortions after the 21st week of pregnancy based on fetal pain evidence.

NEBRASKA

In October 2010, a Nebraska law went into effect barring abortions after 20 weeks on the premise that the fetus could feel pain at that point. Passed in April 2010, it was signed by Governor Dave Heineman and has yet to face any legal challenge, thus encouraging at least a dozen other states to consider similar legislation. (See *Nebraska Fetal Pain Law* on page 3.)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Governor Dennis Daugaard has signed into law a measure that makes SD the first state to require that a woman considering an abortion must receive counseling at a pregnancy help center prior the abortion, as well as meet in person with a doctor who will determine if she is voluntarily seeking an abortion. The law also establishes that a woman must wait three days after an initial visit with an abortion provider before

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Planned Parenthood, Eugenics, & the Black Abortion Rate

by Pastor Stephen Broden

The scourge of abortion is having a direct impact on the demographics of our nation. Most demographers tell us that it takes 2.1 children for a family to replace itself. The 2000 census reported 1.86 children per family, **below replacement** when the numbers of immigrants (both legal and illegal) are not included. (2010 replacement population data is not yet available.)

America is trending toward depopulation, most dramatically among black Americans. This is readily apparent upon examining abortion and demographics in the black community. **Black Americans represent 12% of the total population of the United States but currently account for 36% of all abortions.**

The percentage has been even higher in the past. The Alan Guttmacher Institute January 2008 *Facts on Induced Abortion in United States* reports that 1.21 million abortions were performed in 2005. It further shows that **black women were nearly 5 times as likely** as non-Hispanic white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women were nearly 3 times as likely to abort their pre-born babies. This equates to **683,294 black babies aborted in 2005, or 56% of all legal abortions that year.**

According to population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, aborting those nearly 700,000 black babies is the **equivalent of killing more than five times the entire black population of Oakland, CA**, or killing more than the entire black population of Washington, D.C., Atlanta, GA, and Oakland combined!

In total, since 1973, there have been **more than 15 million black children aborted in America** among the 53 million who will never be born.

More Black Abortions Than Live Births

These statistics are simply breath-taking, and indicative of the success the abortion industry has had with messaging its culture of death into the black community. Recently released 2008 numbers paint an even grimmer trend for the black community in New York City, revealing that there are more abortions than live births. **For every 1,000 births, there are 1,489 abortions.** It seems that abortion is now birth control in the black community. But abortion at this rate also spells genocide for the black community.

Why is the Black Abortion Rate so High?

There are many reasons to answer that question, but the most sinister is rarely discussed: the specter of the **Eugenics Movement**. Eugenics is the study of methods to improve the human race by controlling population. Francis Galton coined the word in 1883, believing that the “proper” evolution of the human race was thwarted by philanthropic outreach to the poor and “inferior.”

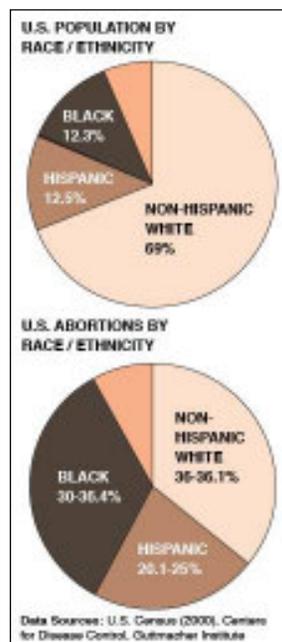
Galton and his first cousin, **Charles Darwin**, were heavily influenced by the writings of Thomas Malthus, an 18th century economist, who advocated population control by controlling agricultural production and **cutting off charity to the poor and “inferior races.”** In 1859, Darwin, who admired Malthus, wrote “On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the **Preservation of Favored Races** in the Struggle for Life.” (title emphasis added)

But the most notorious eugenicist is **Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood and the mother of the abortion industry in America.** Sanger’s views suggest that her efforts to promote birth control demonstrate a desire to “purify” the human race through eugenics, perhaps even to eliminate minority races by placing birth control clinics in minority neighborhoods.

The mentality of Sanger, Malthus, Galton, and Darwin is **still alive today in Planned Parenthood and the American Eugenic Society.** In 1970, the Society defined eugenics in this way: “The essence of evolution is natural selection, the essence of eugenics is the replacement of natural selection by **conscious, premeditated**, or artificial selection in the hope of speeding up the evolution of desirable characteristics and the **“elimination of undesirable ones.”** (quotation emphasis added)

Obama Advisors Promote Eugenics

These ideas are dangerous for those who may be **designated as “undesirable” or “no longer economically viable.”** Indeed, within the Obama administration, bureaucrats like Health Care Policy Advisor Ezekiel Emanuel (who resigned in January 2011) and John Holdren, the Administration’s Science Advisor, **advocate population control using the rationale originated by Malthus.** In 1977, Holdren authored a book entitled *EcoScience* in which he advocates **ex-**



treme measures including forced abortions and sterilization to control population.

The connection of abortion with the philosophy of eugenics is also evident in **Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 2009 revealing statement**. In a *New York Times* interview, Justice Ginsburg said, "Frankly I had thought that at the time *Roe* was decided there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in **population that we don't want to have too many of.**" (quotation emphasis added) WOW! Ginsburg really revealed her heart. It seems *Roe* was not passed for a woman's right to choose after all, but rather for the purpose of **population control**, at least in the mind of Justice Ginsburg. And **who is the "we"** in Ginsburg's quote? Could "we" be the eugenicists who are hidden away in high places making policy decisions that impact society and our culture? Or perhaps in government-run health care with death panels?

Is it any wonder that with **70% of all Planned Parenthood facilities located in black communities** with slick marketing and sophisticated messaging the black abortion rate is through the roof? It seems obvious that Planned Parenthood's presence is deliberate targeting within the black community to carry out the eugenic plot encompassed in the distorted de-

sires of Malthus, Galton, Darwin, and Sanger to "control population in order to purify the human race."

Remember, **government funding provides about one-third of Planned Parenthood's** budget. Is population control through the prism of eugenics how you want your tax dollars to be spent?

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Nebraska Fetal Pain Law and the Supreme Court

It's virtually impossible to overstate the importance to the pro-life cause of the **Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act** passed last year by Nebraska's unicameral legislature. Not only will it save thousands of Nebraska babies who currently are aborted at 20 – 24 weeks gestation and many more thousands in other states who have or will soon pass similar legislation, it may well be a **game-changer in the pro-life** cause.

From a legal standpoint, the Nebraska law is a **direct challenge** to the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling's recognition of a state's **compelling interest in the unborn child only after viability**, which is commonly recognized at 24 weeks. That state interest is what allows the various states to regulate, to a limited extent, the business of abortion within their borders.

Interestingly, although **Planned Parenthood and other abortion advocates have threatened** to challenge the Nebraska law in court, **no such challenge has yet been filed**. Part of the reason may well be the solid legislative record in both committee and floor debate which the bill's sponsor, Speaker Mike Flood, shepherded. But it also probably is due in part to the **reluctance of the pro-aborts to have the documented evidence of the brutal-**

ity of abortion producing real torture to many of its victims spotlighted even further.

Additionally, if the fetal pain law is challenged and goes to the Supreme Court, the Justice may well recognize a state's interest in the unborn child's capacity to experience pain, which numerous scientific studies have shown to begin at 20 weeks. Therefore, **states could legally ban abortions from that developmental point** forward.

If the Fetal Pain law is challenged and the Court decides its constitutionality, one Justice in particular may be the key to that decision.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, widely thought to be the **"swing vote"** on the Court regarding abortion, may well be influenced by this pain capability, as evidenced by his graphic descriptions of abortion procedures in the 2007 case of *Gonzales v. Carhart*, which upheld the federal ban on partial-birth abortions. He also wrote authoritatively concerning the **lack of true informed consent**, especially concerning the actual abortion procedures. Fetal pain capability well may become the next standard available in the struggle to limit — and finally eliminate — the slaughter of the unborn in America.



the procedure can be done, the longest waiting period in the nation. (Twenty-four states require either an 18- or 24-hour wait. Some states mandate a 72-hour period if required materials are mailed rather than being presented personally to a woman considering abortion.)

VIRGINIA

Governor Bob McDonnell has signed legislation mandating stricter regulation of abortion clinics. The new regulations require “facilities in which five or more first-trimester abortions per month are performed” to comply with the medically-appropriate health and safety standards currently applied to outpatient surgical centers. For the last 20 years, the less stringent standards for non-surgical doctors’ offices were all that abortion clinics had to meet. Final regulations will be fast-tracked and, according to media reports, could be in effect early this fall.

ObamaCare “Opt Out” Legislation

In 2010, Arizona, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, and Louisiana passed “opt out” bills that prohibit abortion coverage through state exchanges created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). These bills have already been signed into law by Republican governors in those states, and several other states are considering similar legislation. Idaho’s legislature has passed the measure and pro-life Republican Governor “Butch” Otter is expected to sign it. Democrat governors in Oklahoma and Florida vetoed that legislation last year, but as pro-life Republican governors took office in 2011, the bills are expected to be re-filed, passed and signed.

Other Pro-Life State Legislation

In many other states — MO, OH, OK, PA, TX, to name a few — bills are moving forward to require sonograms and a waiting period prior to abortions; to require that an abortionist have hospital privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortuary; to prohibit an abortion after a heart-beat can be detected; to prohibit any state tax monies from funding Planned Parenthood; and other pro-life measures. You can receive timely updates on both state and federal pro-life legislation by subscribing to **RNC for Life’s FREE weekly E-Notes**. Sign up at our website: www.rnclife.org.



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