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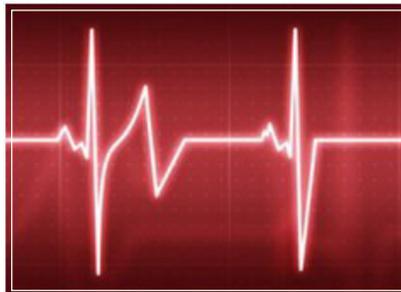
## Pro-Abort Advocate: “...abortion stops a beating heart.”

by Lucy LeFever

“You don’t have to argue that abortion stops a beating heart. It does.”

Would you be surprised if I told you **this quote came from a pro-abortion advocate**? Well, it did. Here is the quote in its context from *Salon*’s interview with Choices Women’s Medical Center President Merle Hoffman:

“Interestingly, although the standard pro-choice line is essentially to let the woman define the embryo or fetus for herself, Hoffman has a more controversial stance: ‘In the beginning they were calling it a baby. We were saying it was only blood and tissue. **Let’s agree this is a life form, a potential life; you’re terminating it. You don’t have to argue that abortion stops a beating heart. It does.**’ She adds, ‘I can’t say it’s just like an appendectomy. It isn’t. It’s a very powerful and loaded decision.’



But it’s a decision that she believes is irrevocably the woman’s, which in turn informs the rabid opposition to it: ‘The act of abortion positions women at their most powerful, and that’s why it is so strongly opposed by so many in society,’ she writes in *Intimate Wars*.”

As the *Salon* article acknowledges, this is not the standard pro-choice stance. Often the abortion debate boils down to a disagreement on the humanity of the unborn child. But here Hoffman **agrees with the typical pro-life view that abortion is not like other medical procedures, as it takes a life and stops a beating heart.**

I am pro-life *because* of the humanity of the unborn child. Hoffman is pro-choice *despite* the humanity of the unborn child. Though more medically honest, this stance on abortion is far more frightening than the average pro-choice stance.

Admitting that abortion ends the life of a human being and still advocating for it sets a very dangerous precedent for our society. Who are we to determine whose heart is allowed to beat and whose is not? Every major social injustice, be it genocide, slavery, or oppression, starts with **this terrible assumption, this belief that some hu-**

**mans are less deserving of fundamental rights than others.** Even if abortion “positions women at their most powerful,” taking innocent human life is a power that none of us should have or desire.

Though she initially acknowledged abortion for what it is, Hoffman followed her honesty about abortion in the interview with euphemistic language about abortion. Below are two of the descriptions that she used:

“You know how many women have had abortions?” Hoffman says. ‘**Abortion is as American as apple pie.** I think it’s one in three.’”

So because abortion is common, it’s American? Abortion is popular in nations across the globe, so clearly popularity alone does not determine what is an American trait. Actually, when one looks to the common definitions of “American,” one sees abortion goes against everything that is truly American.

American ideals include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, whereas **abortion takes away life**, thus, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. American’s pledge to a nation with “liberty and justice for all,” while **abortion denies liberty and justice for some.** America is constantly defined by freedom, but **abortion takes away all freedom from a very tiny American** — an American who will never vote, never watch fireworks on the Fourth of July, and never taste apple pie.

“With my choice I was fighting for **the right of all women to define abortion as an act of love:** love for the family one already has, and just as important, love for oneself. I was fighting to reclaim abortion as a mother’s act,” she said. **An act of love?**

Hoffman clarifies that she is speaking about love for oneself and other family members, while **love for the aborted child is completely overlooked.** She already conceded that abortion stops a beating heart — which definitely is not loving the child. Love is sacrificial. Love puts the needs of others first, rather than focusing on personal convenience. Calling abortion “love” is the literal enactment of loving someone (oneself) to death.

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## Gender Selection Abortions: The REAL War on (Pre-born) Women

by Theresa Blake

Let's look at this from a secular point of view for a moment, shall we? After all, they will argue, "**Why is it your problem if I want to have a boy?**"

We are all familiar with the "one-child policy" enacted in China in 1979, which resulted in 13 million abortions in 2008 alone. This policy was not designed to create gender selection, but rather as a population control measure by its atheistic Communist government. So in 2005, sex-selection abortion was officially outlawed in China. Yet killing pre-born baby girls was a very natural and logical byproduct in a society with a **strong son preference and a one-child government policy**.



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Before the ultrasound became easily accessible, son-preference societies simply **did not medically care for infant girls** as well as they did the boys. The practice of **abandonment or even female infanticide was common**, as girls were deemed of less value than boys. Now, with the abundance of ultrasound machines making pre-born sex determination possible, these son-preference societies have turned to **gender selection abortions**.

Sadly, this gruesome practice is not isolated to China. In India, the outlawed but still heavily-practiced "bridal dowry" places an **enormous financial pressure on women to give birth only to boys**. In fact, it is reported by United Kingdom officials that half a million girls a year are being aborted in India, equal to the total number of girls born annually in the UK. This extraordinary scale of sex selection abortions in Asia, **this age of "missing women" — an estimated 30 to 70 million of them** — has not attracted the attention it deserves in the west. That is, until recent developments here in America.

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But let's look at the two kinds of love that were addressed: love for one's born family and love for oneself.

For oneself, Hoffman **ignores the large number of women who feel pain and regret following an abortion**. Whether their symptoms are nightmares, depression, or just the feeling of someone missing from their life, none of these common symptoms are evidence that abortion was an act of love toward the women who aborted.

As for love toward one's born family, abortion still is not the answer. Let's put this into perspective: If a parent killed one of their *born* children so they could better take care of another, would the living child consider that an act

Several shocking undercover videos from LiveAction.com opened our eyes to the fact that **Planned Parenthood abortion facilities willingly counsel women who wish to abort an unwanted female child**. (Upon learning of these abortions, our own Congress recently tried unsuccessfully to outlaw gender-selection abortion.)

The specific reasoning for sex selection abortions varies from country to country, but it all centers around the "son preference." In China, if a family is forced to only have one child, they want a boy. In many cases, these women do not want to abort, but **government forces them to do so**, with the family planning police beating men and sterilizing women who disobey the "one child policy." In India, it is **financial pressure**. And here in the USA, it's the **fantasy of what a "perfect" family** should comprise.

The natural ratio across human societies for male to female births is 105 to 100. It is estimated that in places like China and India, the **male to female ratio is now 125 to 100 or even greater**. In 2005 in China, the *Science Daily* estimates that 1.1 million excess males were born across the country and that the number of **males under the age of 20 years exceeded the number of females by around 32 million**. This then is the real War on Women.

Now that we have established some of the raw statistics and reasons for these gender-driven abortions, our next article on this topic will focus on **the ramifications of sex selection abortions in the years to come**. We will explore the expected psychology of these female under-populated societies as the first generations mature. Watch for this next installment of the Real War on Women in an upcoming **Report**.

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of love? **It is not loving to end the life of one's brother, sister, son or daughter — born or unborn.**

**Abortion stops a beating heart.** Once that is admitted, it is neither "American" nor an "act of love." It should not be permitted in our society.

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## Post Obamacare Ruling: What Happens Next?

by U.S. Representative Michael Burgess, M.D.

Calling the President's signature health care law a tax bill, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in late June that it would remain in place. So what are the next steps to unfold in this, our long national nightmare of State controlled healthcare? To be sure, the House of Representatives has once again put down a marker that the entire law must be repealed. This is important. We cannot expect business, large or small, to risk hiring employees if they do not know what their future obligations to those employees will be. But such a vote, while symbolic, also must serve to remind the Country that the future is in their hands, literally, when they mark their ballots in November. **If November voters do not change both the make-up of the Senate and the occupant of the White House, then the nightmare continues, our Nation is forever changed, and not in a positive way.**

Insurance companies will receive **billions of taxpayer dollars for plans that cover abortion**. Millions of Americans will be forced to **violate their religious beliefs** by paying for insurance plans that cover abortion and pay the monthly abortion surcharge.

The Contraceptive Mandate controversy is but a small part of the uneven landscape ahead. Remember, the so-called Affordable Care Act transferred unprecedented power from the legislative to the executive branch of government — and the judicial branch has just checked out. So in very practical terms, this means the **two most important people in your health picture are not your doctor or nurse, but rather the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the IRS.**

Secretary Sebelius has already shown that her agency, through its rulemaking process, is prepared to dictate to you more of how you should live your life, and considers the **First Amendment to be optional**. Just as concerning should be the proposed rules delineating what are referred to as "Essential Health Benefits" which under the law will dictate to insurance companies what they **MUST** cover. **For anyone who is pro-life, it does not require much imagination to envision what could hide in this innocuous sounding phrase, "Essential Health Benefits."** Perhaps recognizing this potential political peril, the Secretary has postponed these rules until after the election.

And what has to date been conspicuously ignored by the Administration is the **staggering cost of this law**. Expect the Congressional Budget Office to revisit the cost and coverage numbers in the months ahead; just do not

expect that office to share much detail with us until after the first week in November.

It has been said that this President cannot ask to be re-elected on the basis of his record, and yes, the Affordable Care Act is part of that record. So expect the discussion to be about everything else, to keep scrutiny off of these unfortunate facts. But here is the simple truth: This law does not work, was not drafted with any intention of working, but if not stopped may well destroy an essential part of our freedom at a cost so massive that it threatens the very fabric of our Republic. **The stakes are so high that every one of us, man woman and child, should be focused on Repeal and Replace, as in Repeal Obamacare, and Replace Obama.**

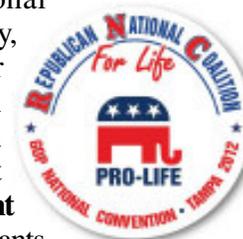
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## Upcoming GOP Convention

The 2012 Republican National Convention is only a few weeks away, and **RNC for Life** is preparing for our presence to be a **powerful influence as the National Platform is written**. President Obama is not only the **most pro-abortion President** in the history of our nation, he also wants to **repeal the Defense of Marriage Act** and he adamantly supports continued **funding of Planned Parenthood** to the tune of more than \$1 million every day!

**RNC for Life** is coordinating with pro-life, pro-family delegates from across the country, strategizing about **platform language to address these issues**. We also are planning our traditional **"Life of the Party"** event to celebrate our Platform successes and honor some stalwart heroes of the pro-life movement. Those honorees who have confirmed their attendance include former **Sen. Rick Santorum, Gov. Rick Perry, and members of Congress Michele Bachmann, Louis Gohmert and Virginia Foxx**. These activities lead up to our efforts to **unite pro-life, pro-family voters throughout America** to be sure that in November, the most anti-life, anti-marriage President in the history of our country will be removed from the White House.



## Three Republican R's: *Retain, Retake, Retire*

As the "ObamaTax" Supreme Court ruling demonstrates, the Republic established 236 years ago by our founders is under attack, and perhaps this latest battle represents the final seige.

What can we do? What should we do? **What MUST we do?**

The answer is simple — but not easy.

Holding the GOP House is important, but without taking at least 4 U.S. Senate seats and retaining the 47 seats we now hold, we cannot repeal Obamacare, we cannot defund Planned Parenthood and we cannot pass a single pro-life bill. Yet, even if we achieve that Senate goal, **without replacing President Obama with a Republican president, those measures would be vetoed every time they passed the Congress.** And we are nowhere near a veto-proof majority in either chamber.

Thus our goal is clear: *Retain* the House. *Retake* the Senate. *Retire* the President.

**RNC for Life** is carefully screening U.S. Senate candidates in the **21 Democrat seats up for election this year**, and especially key races in the swing states which will determine the winner of the Presidency.

*Retain the House.*

*Retake the Senate.*

*Retire the President.*

We urge you to **support those candidates who will help us meet our goal** and to **unite with other pro-lifers behind the Republican slate** for President and Vice President. This is no time for half-hearted efforts. Your first choice candidate didn't get the nomination? Neither did mine! But **my new choice will be whomever is selected at the Tampa convention**, because that Republican will be infinitely better for our country than the current resident of the White House. Don't you agree?

Then let's get united, let's get prepared and let's roll! Truly our country's future is at stake.



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