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Teen Pregnancy, Abortion Pill, Eugenics

College Student Faces Being Pregnant

I was that girl, you know, a pregnant teen. I was carrying the weight of the shame of my sin. I knew from an early age that I had been given the gift of athleticism, so my dream was to be a college athlete. As a 19-year-old, that dream became reality with a basketball scholarship. At that time in my life, I thought I had finally made it.

One of my deepest yearnings was to be loved by my peers, authority figures, and especially men. My heart was consumed with the search for a relationship, my symbol of acceptance & worth, until I eventually gave in to the temptation **70% of college students engage in — the temporary comfort of hookup culture**. I knew it wasn't right, and each time I promised myself it wouldn't happen again. But when it happened again, the precautions we took weren't enough. The next morning, I took an emergency contraception.

I found myself in a Wendy's bathroom staring at a positive pregnancy test. I immediately told the guy I had been seeing, and his first response was that I needed to get an abortion. Up until that very moment, I would have told you with full conviction that **I would never consider an abortion. Now it seemed like the only option**. I talked to my friends. They didn't pressure me at all, but did agree that this would be the best and quickest way to not be pregnant anymore. I learned about the abortion pill, the fastest route.

I scheduled an appointment at a Planned Parenthood clinic. My last basketball game before Christmas break was Dec. 16. "My" plan was simple, a least in my head. I would tell my parents I had to stay an extra day for basketball, go to the clinic, take the pill, and be done. "I" planned to go back to my scholarship and to my school. I would reset again and start over. When I visited Zoey's room, she said "Gwyn, as your sister in Christ, no matter what you decide, you'll always have a friendship here. But I can't support the decision you are about to make. The Lord has chosen you to be a mother, and even if you follow through with this abortion, you will forever be one." That was the last thing I wanted to hear.

The next 48 hours, I wrestled with the idea of going to the appointment or going home to tell my parents. I'm blessed to say that, by God's grace, I went home and broke the news to **my parents**. "Devastated" doesn't even begin to describe how they felt in that moment. I'll never forget the way they responded. One of the biggest reasons I had even considered abortion, aside from the fear of losing my scholarship, was the belief that my parents would never forgive me. I was convinced they'd hate me, kick me out, maybe even disown me. But their response was nothing like I imagined.

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7,000 Babies Saved by Reversal Drug

The abortion pill reversal (APR) drug supplied by Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN) has saved the lives of more than 7,000 unborn children since 2007, according to estimates from Heartbeat International. Approximately **1,000 unborn lives** have been saved over the **last seven months alone**, according to the organization's numbers.

Mifepristone, which is the first drug taken for a chemical abortion, attempts to kill the unborn child by blocking the hormone progesterone, which cuts off the child's supply of oxygen and nutrients. A second pill, misoprostol, induces contractions to expel the child from the mother. If a woman has only taken mifepristone but has not yet taken misoprostol, the reversal drug could save her unborn child's life by restoring the hormone progesterone. APR is often offered at pro-life pregnancy centers, also known as pregnancy resource centers. [excerpt, Tyler Arnold, Catholic News Agency, 6/18/25]

Man Slips Abortion Pill to Girlfriend

A North Texas man, Justin Banta, faces capital murder charges after slipping abortion drugs into his pregnant girlfriend's drink, resulting in the **death of her unborn child** and her hospitalization. According to the sheriff, Banta intentionally added mifepristone to his girlfriend's drink without her knowledge or consent. She was six weeks pregnant. If convicted, he could face life in prison or the death penalty, reflecting Texas' legal recognition of the unborn as victims in cases of intentional harm. Pro-life advocates point to this case as evidence of the risks posed by **mifepristone**, an unregulated abortion drug. The drug is accessible online with minimal oversight, and can be misused to harm women, ending unborn lives against a mother's will. [excerpt, Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, 6/10/25]

June 26, 2025: In *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, the **U.S. Supreme Court** ruled in favor of South Carolina's right to defund giant abortion provider Planned Parenthood from its Medicaid program due to its involvement with abortions. States are now "free and clear" to defund **Planned Parenthood of any and all state taxpayer funding**.

Top UN Expert Blasts Gender Ideology

The top UN human rights official for women told nations to define gender based on biological sex and **stop using gender-neutral language when referring to women**. "You cannot protect what you cannot define," said Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls. The report, submitted at the 59th Session of the UN Human Rights Council, criticized governments for erasing references to "mothers", "women," and "girls" in policies & programs. These have "devastating" consequences for women by ignoring their unique vulnerabilities, exposing them to increased violence and discrimination. Gender-neutral terms promoted by Western governments and UN agencies in recent years include referring to **mothers as "pregnant or birthing persons"** and referring to women as "bleeders" and "persons who menstruate."

Most UN nation representatives rejected the report's findings. Alsalem has also received pushback at the UN and beyond for her stance against prostitution, and conversion therapies, and for defending women-only sports. [Stefano Gennarini, & Iulia-Elena Cazan, www.C-Fam.org 6/27/25]



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It's something that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Instead of shaming me, **my parents embraced me.** They held me. They prayed over me. They cared for me. I'm sure they were disappointed, even heartbroken — but they met me with mercy and grace.

After weighing what to do next, my parents and I decided the best option was for me to come home. The weeks that followed were some of the hardest my family and I have ever faced. I had chosen early on not to make my pregnancy public, which meant leaving my scholarship and the sport I had poured my life into without giving anyone a reason.

Dear Reader: the rest of this lengthy and heartfelt story with its fulfilling conclusion may be read online at Gwyn Andrews, *Breaking the Silence: Redemption through Open Adoption*, *The Washington Stand*, 6/18/25.

Camp Exempt From Gender Policy

A Christian summer camp in Colorado can now operate according to its beliefs after a settlement **exempted it from state rules on “gender identity.”** Operating with a range of outdoor activities since 1948, the camp hosts thousands of children ages 6-17. According to Alliance Defending Freedom, the camp is open to children from all backgrounds, and parents are required to agree to its policies during sign-up.

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood had demanded that resident camps allow campers to use restrooms and sleeping areas based on “gender identity” rather than biological sex. The settlement now allows the camp to maintain sex-specific spaces and retain its license without altering its long-standing practices. Colorado also updated its public guidance affirming that facilities “principally used for religious purposes” including churches and faith-based camps fall outside its enforcement scope. [excerpt, Rachel Quackenbush, *Christian camp wins exemption*, www.CatholicVote.org, 6/25/25]

Ideological Zealotry in Preschool

In the 2022-23 school year, nearly 100 primary school children, including a 4-year old, were suspended or expelled from UK schools for “homophobia” or “transphobia.” After saying pupils should never face violence or abuse, a UK Department for Education representative didn't comment on whether it was abusive to suspend a toddler for bigotry. Harry Potter author J K. Rowling said: “This is **totalitarian insanity.** If you think small children should be punished for being able to recognize sex, you are a dangerous zealot who should be nowhere near kids in any position of authority over them.” [blog excerpt, www.lifesitenews.com]

Fighting for the Right to Speak

Pro-life advocate Roger Lopez who has been sidewalk counseling outside abortion facilities in San Diego for 15 years is fighting for the right to practice free speech inside “buffer zones” after a district court dismissed his lawsuit. Represented by legal nonprofit Thomas More Society, he has appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit).

The ordinance restricts speech on public sidewalks within 100 feet of every health care facility, school ground, and place of worship in San



Diego, but also imposes eight-foot “bubble zones” around each person within the 100-foot zone. The ordinance also bans “disturbing, excessive, or offensive noise” & harassment within the 100-foot zone. But employees and others affiliated with **abortion facilities are exempted** from the no-speech requirement and bubble zone, allowing them to approach & harass anyone. [excerpt, Hannah Hiester, Pro-Life Advocate Fights Back, www.LifeNews.com, 6/23/25]

Getting Rid of the Poor

To most 21st-century ears, “eugenics” is a dreadful word, calling to mind racism, sterilization, and the horrors of Nazi extermination programs. But is it gone from society?

Eugenics (meaning “good in birth”) originated with the work of Francis Galton, a 19th-century British anthropologist and cousin of Charles Darwin. In the U.S., it gained popularity in the late 19th–early 20th century. According to its tenets, most of society's problems, including poverty, criminality, alcoholism, sexual deviance, certain diseases, and “feeble-mindedness” (a catch-all term for mental illness, low intelligence, and diseases such as epilepsy) were caused by inferior genes. To certain moral reformers the problems of poverty and vice could be solved by improving the human gene pool. Simply aiding individuals who were of lower intelligence or trapped in poverty did not get to the root of the problem, defective genes.

The American eugenics movement wanted to prevent the “wrong” types of people from reproducing, such as through requiring a health certificate before two people could marry – passed in many states including Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. More extreme measures included sterilizing the infirm, criminals, racial minorities, or the feeble-minded. The 1927 Supreme Court case *Buck v. Bell* upheld the right of states to sterilize individuals deemed unfit for reproduction; an estimated **70,000 Americans were forcibly sterilized.**

Evangelical Christians, Catholics and others opposed efforts to control human evolution as immoral, perhaps impossible. This dehumanizing system of thought saw its logical conclusion reached in the Nazi extermination programs. Yet today, through birth control, abortion, and prenatal genetic testing, as well as commercialized IVF and other reproductive technologies, our society continues to attempt human improvement through the elimination of the weak. IVF frequently encourages prospective parents to try to select for certain desirable traits in embryos created during the process.

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, wrote that birth control “is nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit, of preventing the birth of defectives or those who will become defectives.” Today, many claim that the best way to lift families out of poverty is to enable them to stop having children, through birth control or abortion on demand. Though it's never stated, the implication is that **it is better not to exist than to be born into poverty.**

The idea that we humans can become masters of our own destiny through eugenics has been appealing for the past 150 years. Yet its legacy, from forced sterilization to mass murder to the systematic elimination of the disabled through abortion, has consistently been one of **coercion and suffering.** The great irony of eugenics is that, in supposedly promoting humanity, it consistently dehumanizes people, ranking them against one another and declaring some unfit to be counted among the human family. [excerpt, Bryan Just, *Inhuman Designs: Eugenics Old & New*, *Salvo*, Summer 2025]