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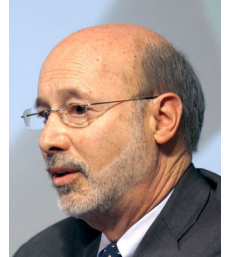


43 Abortion Centers Have Closed or Stopped Killing Babies So Far, 7 States are Abortion-Free

In the month since Roe v. Wade was overturned, 43 abortion clinics in 11 states have stopped offering abortions. Data from the Guttmacher Institute shows that in the seven states that are enforcing total abortion bans — Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas — there are no longer any clinics providing abortions.

Some of the abortion facilities that closed plan to re-open in states like New Mexico and Virginia where abortions are still legal, but others have stopped doing abortions for good. Pro-life laws do save lives, and even abortion activists admit it. <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/07/28/43-abortion-centers-have-closed-or-stopped-killing-babies-since-roe-7-states-are-abortion-free/>

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf Files Lawsuit to Declare There's a Right to Kill Babies in Abortions



Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf filed a lawsuit July 28 to thwart efforts to prevent state taxpayers from being forced to pay for the killing of unborn babies in abortions.

Fox 29 reports the Democrat governor's lawsuit challenges a proposed state constitutional amendment that would declare there is no right to an abortion or a taxpayer-funded abortion in the Pennsylvania Constitution.

<https://www.fox29.com/news/wolf-sues-to-stop-gop-backed-amendments-on-abortion-voting-1>



The Problem in Pennsylvania

The PA Constitution contains no right to an abortion, but PA's abortion industry is asking the PA Supreme Court (which now has a pro-abortion majority) to invent one in a case they filed, called Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pa Department of Human Services. The abortion industry is also arguing that the state constitution requires taxpayers to pay for abortions.

The Remedy: A constitutional amendment would protect current pro-life regulations and allow our legislature to enact future pro-life laws.

What Can You Do: Contact your State Senator and ask him/her to vote YES on Senate Bill 956, the Life Amendment. Share this news. Pray.

People Concerned for the Unborn Child Newsletter July/August 2022

Fact-check: Abortion Bans in US Will NOT Increase Maternal Mortality

How does maternal mortality in European countries with the most restrictive abortion laws compare with maternal mortality in countries with more permissive laws? The answer is clear. There is no significant difference in maternal mortality among countries in Europe on the basis of how restrictive their abortion laws are.

Indeed, if anything, more restrictive states seem to be safer for women. Poland, which has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in Europe, has the lowest rate of maternal mortality in Europe: only two deaths per 100,000 births.

Read the whole story at: <https://mercatornet.com/fact-check-abortion-bans-in-us-will-not-increase-maternal-mortality/80272/> Link from the August 28, 2022, St. Aidan Parish bulletin, Wexford, PA



New Movie About Pro-Life Champion Mother Teresa Opens in Theaters in October

A new film about Mother Teresa seeks to inspire Christians to continue her mission of honoring and valuing the lives of every human being, no matter how small.

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love," a project of the Catholic fraternal organization Knights of Columbus, is scheduled to air in theaters Oct. 3 and 4 in the U.S.

Filmed on five continents, the movie provides a new look at the saint's legacy 25 years after her death. Her organization, Missionaries of Charity, which she founded in India in 1950, now serves the poorest people in cities across the world. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9YbBzWaHvk>

THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN ABORTING BABIES



The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to offer to abort the babies of veterans and eligible dependents "in cases of rape, incest and pregnancies that endanger the life or health of an individual," the Military Times reported. "The move marks the first time VA physicians could perform abortions on federal property, even in states where it has been outlawed."

<https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2022/09/02/va-to-provide-abortion-in-cases-of-rape-danger-to-womans-life/>

PRO-LIFE NEWS UPDATES

Sixteen states have banned or nearly banned abortion in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's Dobbs v Jackson decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.: **Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin** have abortion bans currently in place while **Idaho, Georgia, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee** have heartbeat laws in place protecting babies from abortions starting at 6 weeks

Iowa, Utah, and Wyoming have strong pro-life laws on the books that are currently not being enforced. But, the states are defending their pro-life laws in the midst of court challenges.

Delaware did an outstanding job of stopping a bill that would've endangered children and kept them away from the watchful protection of their parents. The bill made it through the committee process, but once it reached the full floor for consideration, it was completely removed from the agenda.

Maine voters stopped a big effort to enshrine abortion and "gender identity rights" in the state constitution.

<https://familypolicyalliance.com/issues/2022/08/19/the-2022-craigs-list->

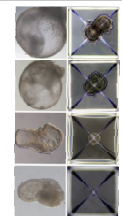


After Banning Abortions, Indiana Helps Moms and Babies by Removing Sales Tax for Diapers

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb (R) signed a bill into law August 5th that removes the sales tax for children's diapers. The sales tax exemption for diapers is part of the bill's wider effort to support new and expectant mothers, a significant pro-life initiative by the state.

Other measures include increasing the amount of tax credits people can receive for adopting, further encouraging couples to take in children. Adoption serves as a key alternative pro-life advocates offer to women considering an abortion.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/08/10/after-banning-abortions-indiana-helps-moms-and-babies-by-removing-sales-tax-for-diapers/>



Scientists Create Synthetic Mouse Embryos. Next Step: Making Synthetic Humans to Kill for Parts

Israeli scientists have created the world's first "synthetic embryos". They used mouse stem cells to create embryos, nurtured them in an artificial "womb", and grew them for 8½ days – roughly the equivalent of three weeks of a human pregnancy. The mouse embryos developed beating hearts, flowing blood, intestinal tracts and cranial folds in the brain – even though they were created from scratch in a Petri dish.

[https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674\(22\)00981-3](https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674(22)00981-3)

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/08/16/scientists-create-synthetic-mouse-embryos-next-step-making-synthetic-humans-to-kill-for-parts/>



Man Raises \$60,000 to Adopt Baby He Found Abandoned in Trash Can Covered in Ants

Jimmy Amisial, 27, a communications and electronic media student at Texas State University, found the child five years ago while visiting his family in Haiti. Amisial and his mother, Elicie, who still lives in Haiti, later became guardians of the boy, Emilio Angel Jeremiah, and they are raising money to adopt him.

This summer, news outlets across the world highlighted the family's story, their on-going financial struggles and their commitment to raising and adopting Emilio.

"When I was asked to raise him, I stayed awake for days tossing and turning, trying to make a decision," Amisial said. "I was already behind on my university fees, and my family has always struggled to make ends meet. But I didn't have a dad growing up, and this poor child was facing a lifetime of instability and uncertainty."

This week, the Houston Chronicle reported that more than 1,000 people have donated to the family's adoption fund, which currently has more than \$70,000. Amisial said they need about \$60,000 for the adoption, and the rest will be used for his and Emilio's education. <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/After-finding-an-abandoned-baby-in-the-trash-17372047.php>

Georgia HOV Lanes Now Open For Pregnant Mothers

Georgia is making sure unborn babies get treated as valuable human beings in all areas of the law, from banning abortions to including them in census data to recognizing them as second passengers in vehicles on the road.

The Georgia Department of Public Safety recently changed the description of its high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane requirements to allow pregnant mothers to use them. The lanes are reserved for vehicles with two or more passengers.

<https://www.wabe.org/georgia-hov-lanes-now-open-for-pregnant-people-state-officials-confirm/>

TEACHER WINS AFTER REFUSING TO USE PRONOUNS

Kansas teacher Pamela Ricard has been awarded \$95,000 in a settlement after she confronted her school district for trying to force her to use LGBT pronouns for children behind their parents' backs. "We're pleased to settle this case favorably on behalf of Pam, and we hope that it will encourage school districts across the country to support the constitutionally protected freedom of teachers to teach and communicate honestly with both children and parents," said Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Tyson Langhofer. <https://www.dailywire.com/news/kansas-teacher-receives-95k-settlement-after-suspension-for-refusing-to-use-students-preferred->

USA Gymnastics Will Boycott Pro-Life States: Our "Values" are Pro-Abortion

USA Gymnastics president Li Li Leung said her organization plans to avoid states with abortion restrictions and bans when considering where to host future events. According to its website, USA Gymnastics "is committed to creating a culture that encourages and supports its athletes and focuses on the safety and well-being of their athletes, the organization's highest priority." <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-sports-tampa-florida-gymnastics-4515a9a4cd1e99c3e3e558d829393972>