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*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."*

*United States Declaration of Independence*

## ROE v. WADE ♦ JANUARY 22, 1973 - 2009

*Remember the more than 49,550,000 lives lost to abortion.*

*Remember the mothers, fathers, and families hurting.*

*Remember that we can not let the killing continue.*

*Pray for strength to continue the fight for all innocent human life.*



### "Freedom of Choice Act" No Real Choice

During a presentation to Planned Parenthood in the summer of 2007, Senator Obama stated "The first thing I'd do as President would be to sign the Freedom of Choice Act."

The federal Freedom of Choice Act **prohibits** virtually all state and federal pro-life laws. FOCA would also overturn all restrictions on public funding of abortion and require taxpayers to pay for elective abortions.

President-elect Obama and his supporters claim that he supports reducing the number of abortions. BUT, eliminating all restrictions on abortion and publicly funding it will increase abortions, rather than reduce them. A FOCA Factsheet is available from [www.cincinnatirighttolife.org](http://www.cincinnatirighttolife.org), or by calling our office.

**ACTION:** This is extremist legislation even many who call themselves "pro-choice" would not support. Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives and request that they **OPPOSE** the Freedom of Choice Act. (202/224-3121; [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov), [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov))

### Another Planned Parenthood Expose

According to its web site, Live Action is a youth led human rights movement dedicated to the respect and protection of all human life including the unborn. Live Action Films creates new media to educate the public and raise awareness about human rights issues. They monitor the abortion lobby and industry and challenges abuses within it.

YouTube has censored Live Action Film pro-life videos, the banned videos are now available on their web site. ([liveactionfilms.org](http://liveactionfilms.org))

In December, the group released a video reporting to be of a Planned Parenthood employee in Bloomington, IN advising a secret abortion to a minor. Because of this video's release, Planned Parenthood in Bloomington fired the employee in question, and as of this printing Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter says his office will investigate the PP affiliate under suspicions of covering up a potential case of statutory rape.

This is the same PP facility that offered gift certificates for sale.

### Ohio Safe Haven Law Expanded

S.B. 304 (Senator Gary Cates, R), increases the timeframe a parent can voluntarily deliver a newborn to a safe location from 72 hours to 30 days after birth. The bill also requires the state to develop a plan to educate "at-risk populations" about the Safe Haven law. Ohio Right to Life promoted and testified in support of this.

The bill provides immunity from criminal prosecution for parental abandonment of a newborn, who has not been abused, to a peace officer, a hospital worker, or an emergency medical service worker. "Safe Haven" laws, adopted in all 50 states, are to reduce infanticide and unsafe newborn abandonment.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services reports that, between April 2001, when Ohio's Safe Haven law went into effect, and June 30, 2007, 54 babies were safely surrendered under the law. The National Council for Adoption reports that over 1,000 newborns have been surrendered under such laws in the U.S. Most state Safe Haven laws have timeframes longer than 72 hours. As of this printing, the bill is to go to Governor Ted Strickland, who is expected to sign it. [Ohio Right to Life]

### Abortion Rates Drop

The Ohio Department of Health has released the latest abortion statistics, from 2007. According to the report, abortion numbers statewide are the lowest in 12 years at 28,921 for 2007.

Hamilton County still has the third highest abortion total after Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties, but in 2007 the numbers decreased to the lowest in 12 years at 2990. Butler County numbers are also the lowest in 12 years at 720, and Clermont County the lowest in 11 years at 289 in 2007 (263 in 1996). Warren County abortions are higher in 2007 than in the last five years at 272.

Every number means the death of a baby, and too many are still killed (even if one!), but we are grateful for every decrease—due to the vigilant work of so many to spread the pro-life truth. The full report is available from our office.

## Pro-Abortion Laws: Made to Order

[from Family Research Council, Tony Perkins' Washington Update, December 17, 2008]

... Like President Bush, President-elect Obama can accomplish a lot through Executive Orders, which do not require Congressional approval to take effect but have the same legal weight as laws passed by the House and Senate. Even if the 44th President puts the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) on the back-burner, as his transition team now insists he will do, Obama could still do plenty of damage to the sanctity of life.

By Executive Order, he could:

- Rescind the Mexico City policy, which would direct taxpayer dollars to groups that provide and promote abortion overseas;
- Restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which condones forced abortion and sterilization policies in countries like China;
- Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to change the conscience exemptions for health care workers who morally object to abortion and other practices;
- Change the Department of Justice Sexual Assault Protocol, Defense Department pharmaceutical formulary, and USAID's Commodities Program to encourage the use of "Plan B," which can act as an abortifacient;
- Create incentives to provide subsidized birth control at college health centers and other providers;
- Make "emergency contraception" available over-the-counter for girls of all ages;
- Rollback the abstinence-only education requirement for certain federal aid; and,
- Permit the use of taxpayer funds for the destruction of human embryos through unethical stem cell research.

## Area Pro-Life Events

**H.E.A.R.T. Abortion Recovery Sessions**, Begin Jan. 2009; uses "Forgiven and Set Free" study guide; dates, times, & location given to participants (513/985-9959, heart@evecenter.org)

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants' Prayer Vigil for Life**, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, & 24, 8 a.m. Holy Name Church (513/984-6742)

**First Saturday Rosary for Life**, Mass, Speaker, Jan. 3, 9 a.m.; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH (513/522-7247)

**Third Friday Pro-Life Mass**, Jan. 16, Noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

**March for Life 2009**, Jan. 22, Washington, DC

**25th Annual Pro-Life Rosary Procession**, Jan. 24, 11 a.m.; Meet at City Hall and process to Fountain Square for noon rally; speakers to be announced (513/731-8080)

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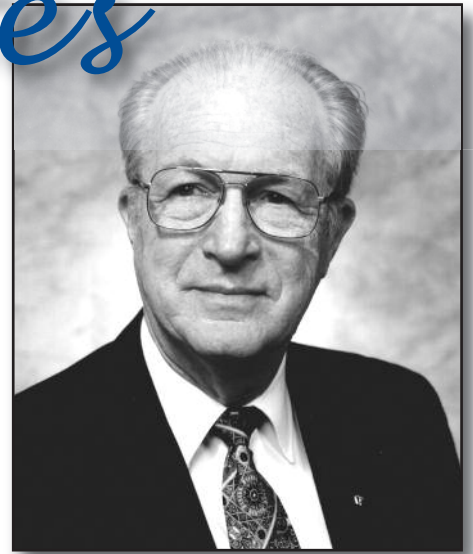
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# Dr. Willke Writes



**"FAIRNESS DOCTRINE" REALLY "CENSORSHIP DOCTRINE":** With this new administration there will be a push to re-impose this very controversial doctrine upon the air-waves. It would require any radio or TV program which favors one side of a controversial issue to also give a commentator equal time to present the other side. As things stand, CNN, ABC, CBS, PBS, and NBC have been heavily weighted in the leftist, anti-life direction, as is nearly every major daily newspaper. The popularity of the Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, James Dobson, etc. programs is because they alone offer conservative, religious, and pro-life opinion. If the misnamed "Fairness Doctrine" becomes law, Rush Limbaugh and compatriots will be forced off of the air. We must resist this more accurately termed "censorship doctrine" and never allow it to be imposed on us.

**FETAL CELLS STILL IN MOTHER'S BODY:** Fetal cells persist long after pregnancy in many women, and may give them an edge against developing breast cancer. According to the article, "Fetal Microchimerism in Women with Breast Cancer" (*Cancer Research*, October 1, 2007), this may be one of the reasons why women who have had babies have fewer cancers of the breast. Because these cells continue to keep the mother's immune system on alert for abnormal cells, and thereby help her destroy cancer cells in the future.

**AMNIOCENTESIS KILLS BABIES:** Dr. Hylton Meire, who has written texts on ultrasounds, has calculated that for every 50 children with Down syndrome, successfully identified and killed by abortion, 160 normal babies are lost by miscarriage after the amniocentesis test. And one in every 1,000 babies conceived has Down Syndrome. Using a very conservative estimate of one death per 200 amniocentesis, Dr. Meire writes in the *Journal of Ultrasound*, that if all pregnant women took

the test, 3,200 healthy babies would die by miscarriage every year.

**MORE PREEMIES AMONG BLACK WOMEN:** In the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*, Brent Rooney and colleagues, point to the fact that black women are 12½% of American females, but have 38% of all abortions. There is a correlation between this high number of abortions and high premature birth rate among black women. In the U.S. black women are three times more likely to have an early pre-term birth before 32 weeks, and four times more likely to have a very pre-term birth before 28 weeks than women of other ethnic groups.

**FIFTY MILLION PENNIES – FIFTY MILLION DEAD:** What do 50 million pennies look like? The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission collected 50 million pennies and stored them in a large glass display the size of a backyard storage shed. It is labeled "Memorial to the Missing," as each penny represents one dead baby. ([www.mbc.org/missing.aspx](http://www.mbc.org/missing.aspx))

**ABORTION LEADS TO MORE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE:** This study from the University of Queensland in New Zealand in the December *British Journal of Psychiatry* found that women who have an abortion or a miscarriage are three times more likely to experience a drug or alcohol problem in their lifetime.

**EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS FAIL AGAIN:** In a new report from Stanford University researchers, embryonic stem cells planted into mice are being resoundingly rejected by the immune system and destroyed. This is in direct contrast to the successes of the new pluripotent, embryonic-like stem cells.

**REPROGRAMMING CELLS MAKES EMBRYONIC RESEARCH IRRELEVANT:** Recently researchers at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute have announced their ability

to reprogram a cell and have it become a different type of tissue. This has been done *in vivo*, that is within the bodies of experimental animals. They announced that they have now isolated three molecular tags that control the nature of a cell. This enables the scientist to directly reprogram a cell to change it into a different type of tissue while it remains in the body. One result has been to change pancreatic cells in mice into insulin producing cells. Because this is done within the patient's own body, it eliminates the need to use embryonic or adult stem cells cultivated in a lab.

**APA STILL IGNORES STUDIES SHOWING ABORTION HURTS WOMEN:** Dr. Patricia Coleman in the *Journal of Psychiatric Research* criticizes the American Psychological Association for claiming that abortion poses no significant mental health concern, despite studies proving otherwise. Dr. Coleman stated that the APA must reverse its own misleading conclusion.

**U.S. MILITARY'S ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH:** The U.S. Pentagon has announced that it is investing a quarter of a billion dollars into research using adult stem cells. They plan to investigate their potential to stop scarring, rebuild tendons, and grow bones to aid injured military personnel. These cells are harvested from the patient's own skin, bones or wisdom teeth, and their use is entirely ethical.

# Membership 2009

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati exists to educate and inform the seven-county area of pro-life issues and concerns. Please renew or begin your membership today, as well as encourage others to do so. Membership levels start at \$10 individual, \$15 family, \$25 honorary, and \$100 patron. Your contribution will be used for Right to Life efforts, and all donors receive our monthly newsletter, all special mailings, and free use of the Right to Life resource libraries. Mail your membership today!

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He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Congratulations to local winners!

Ohio RTL Sweepstakes had only three prizes this year and the \$2000 grand prize winner was Mary Murphy of Cincinnati.

The winner of this year's **dollhouse** was Mr. Larry Geiger. Thanks to Joe Menke of Menke Hobbies for donating this wonderful treasure.

*Thank you to everyone who participated in both events!*