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The Abortion Tide Is Turning in Favor of Life

By Ken Blackwell, *The Washington Times*, 8/2/15

A new Facebook profile photo is beginning to spread on the Internet, especially among members of the rising millennial generation. It's a picture of a baby within the womb. Superimposed on the baby is an equal sign. Equal rights for the unborn. Now there's

an idea whose time has come.

America is undergoing a major cultural shift in favor of life. While the abortion rate has been falling for more than 20 years, the trend is accelerating sharply; according to an Associated Press survey last month, the abortion rate dropped by 12 percent since 2010.

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The shift is seen most clearly when you look at statistics by generation. While pro-abortion sentiment is dropping in all age groups, the strongest pro-life generation is seniors, born before 1948, who came of age before the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. The next generation in line, the baby boomers, born between 1949 and 1964, is more pro-abortion than the seniors. Generation X, born between 1965 and 1980, is the most pro-abortion generation of all. But the trend has reversed among millennials, people born after 1981, who are more pro-life than generation X, and roughly as pro-life as the boomers.

More to the point, a 2010 National Abortion Rights Action League study found a huge “intensity gap” between pro-life and pro-abortion millennials, with pro-lifers considering the abortion issue “very important” by a 25 percent margin over pro-choicers. Leaders of pro-abortion organizations tend to be graying boomers, while many vibrant new pro-life groups have been founded by millennials, and pro-life rallies are populated disproportionately by the young.

So why has the pro-abortion cultural momentum been reversed? Jeanne Monahan, president of the March for Life, offered the *Christian Post* two reasons: advances in technology—ultrasound—and the human side, the stories of people who’ve been harmed by abortion.

The millennials are the generation that has been most damaged. Kathryn Brown, a college student who traveled from Kansas to Washington D.C. to lead the 2014 March for Life demonstration, told the *Christian Post*, “I think one big reason is because our generation is the one that’s missing so many people because of abortion. There are many people, college aged, who have siblings who were aborted. There are people missing in our lives because they were never given the chance to live.”

Then there is the damage done directly to women, who were given the false promise that abortion would solve their problems only to suffer lifelong regret and in some cases severe physical complications.

The only reason the abortion movement was able to turn terminating pregnancies into a profitable business in the first place is because they made us callous to the human dimension of life in the womb. This task is far more difficult in the age of sonograms and ultrasound. Thanks to ultrasound, the humanity of babies in the womb, and the unspeakable pain they endure while they’re being put to death, can no longer be denied. People have been confronted with how grotesque and horrible abortion really is, especially the late-term ones.

I would add one more reason: the abortion battle has a spiritual dimension. The “pro-choice” movement has reduced

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abortion to a political and economic proposition. What they don’t understand is that they’re also engaged in a spiritual battle, and that’s why we’re winning. Conscience is a powerful thing. Folks know in their souls that killing a child is morally wrong. It’s inhuman.

The ongoing Planned Parenthood baby parts scandal is revealing the spiritual dimension of the battle in all its power. Planned Parenthood has worked doggedly over the years to cultivate its PR image as a provider and defender of women’s health, but the toxic videos of top Planned Parenthood officials haggling over the price of babies’ kidneys has laid Planned Parenthood’s benign image permanently to rest. The horror of watching “health professionals” pick through a baby’s remains to “harvest” prized organs casts Planned Parenthood permanently as victimizers, the moral descendants of Nazi physician, Dr. Josef Mengele.

What does it profit a woman if she gains a Lamborghini, but loses her soul? Planned Parenthood’s pathetic denials and justifications are being drowned out by angry protesters demanding the defunding of the organization, which receives hundreds of millions in taxpayer subsidies every year. More ominously, Republican lawmakers are demanding investigations—selling fetal body parts is illegal, and Planned Parenthood has been exposed as being up to its elbows in the grisly business.

The new movement to recognize the equality of the unborn is the one silver lining in this dark, dark cloud. Perhaps if we acknowledge that unborn babies are fully human, we’ll all become a little more human ourselves.

NOTE: January 22 is the 42nd anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court’s decision legalizing the killing of unborn babies in the womb. Pray that the hearts and minds of pro-abortion Americans will see the tragedy behind this terrible decision and join us in the fight to protect LIFE. *All LIFE matters!*

Climate Change Conference Is an Attack on Capitalism

By Phyllis Schlafly, 12/8/15

If President Obama has his way, the 140-nation conference on global warming—excuse me, climate change—will be the most consequential event of his presidency. If Obama’s plans to reduce America’s energy use are allowed to go forward, it would go a long way toward fulfilling his 2008 promise of “fundamentally transforming the United States of America.”

The meeting of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change was held near Paris at a secure conference center overlooking Le Bourget airport. That’s where the great American hero, Charles Lindbergh, landed his “Spirit of St. Louis” on May 21, 1927. Lindbergh was greeted by over 100,000 cheering Frenchmen who carried him off the field on their shoulders and delivered him to the president of France, where he was awarded the prestigious French Legion of Honor medal.

Obama’s tedious keynote speech at Le Bourget was somewhat less warmly received, as he kept droning on for many minutes beyond his allotted time, ignoring the chimes that repeatedly signaled his time was up.

It was another stop on his apology tour: “I’ve come here personally, as the leader of the world’s largest economy and the second-largest emitter, to say that the United States of America not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it.”

Obama flattered the delegates that “this is the moment we finally determined we would save our planet.” He claimed “our nations share a sense of urgency about this challenge and a growing realization that it is within our power to do something about it.” That silly statement evoked his 2008 campaign boast: “I am absolutely certain that generations from now, we will be able to look back and tell our children that ... this was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal.”

Obama also bragged about his three-day tour of Alaska in September, where he personally inspected one of the melting glaciers that entertain tourists on cruise ships. Of course, those glaciers have been melting in the summertime ever since we bought Alaska from Russia in 1867.

Although glaciers may be melting in Alaska and the Arctic, ice has been expanding at the other end of the planet, in Antarctica. In any case, UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres recently admitted that climate change “is not about the temperature. That is just a proxy. The discussion is about the de-carbonization of the economy.”

At a UNFCCC meeting three years ago in Doha, Qatar, Figueres let the cat out of the bag when she revealed that the goal of the whole process is a “complete transformation of the economic structure of the world.”

Earlier this year she said “this is probably the most difficult task we have given ourselves, which is to intentionally



MerryLynn, Pat and Cathie at the Climate Change Conference in Paris

transform the economic development model, for the first time in human history.”

That kind of dictatorial attitude is why climate change fanatics are called watermelons—green on the outside, red (for Marxism) on the inside. The climate change movement is where many communists found a new home after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Obama knows that Congress will never approve any of the specific proposals that come out of the Paris conference, so he plans to double down on executive action by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. EPA Administrator, Gina McCarthy, and Energy Secretary, Ernest Moniz, both attended the Paris meeting with a large contingent of aides and officials.

The EPA’s Clean Power Plan, which would basically eliminate coal-fired electric utilities and cause all Americans to pay much higher electricity bills, is currently pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. That court was stacked with four new Obama judges in the last two years, after then-Majority Leader, Harry Reid, invoked the “nuclear option” to change Senate rules by a simple majority vote.

Congress still has the power of the purse, and should use that power to block, delay, or defund Obama’s assault on the production of energy that powers the American way of life. It should refuse to provide the \$100 billion a year Obama has promised to the Green Climate Fund starting in 2020.

NOTE: President Obama is using taxpayers to buy popularity for himself at the UN. In response, we must find our voices to proclaim that the Creator is sovereign over all the earth. And that we must be good stewards of it.

Putting Military Women at Risk

In a move that reeks of political correctness, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced recently that all combat positions in the U.S. military will now be open to women, with no exceptions. Carter declared, “They’ll be able to serve as Army rangers and green berets, Navy SEALs, Marine Corps infantry, Air Force parajumpers and everything else that was previously open only to men.” The Marine Corps had requested some exceptions to the policy, but Carter declined to honor them. “The important factor in making my decision was to have access to every American who could add strength to the joint force,” he insisted, further stating the decision to do so was based on empirical analysis of the data following a three-year review by all armed services branches. But Center for Military Readiness president, Elaine Donnelly, disputes that assertion, noting that Carter promised to base his decision on “the analytic underpinnings and the data supporting them.” On that basis, Donnelly added, “Secretary Carter must assign greater weight to Marine Corps empirical evidence than he does to wishful thinking, unsupported speculations, and ‘mitigation myths.’”

SOURCE: Arnold Ahlert, “Putting Military Women’s Lives On The Line,” canadafreepress.com, 12/7/15

Muslims Fastest Growing Religious Group in the World

Muslims are the fastest-growing religious group in the world, with 23 percent of the global population, and will take over Christianity as the top religion by the end of the century, according to the Pew Research Center. A review of Muslims by the nonpartisan organization also found that Muslims comprise a growing share of the immigrants granted permanent residency in the United States each year. Their share doubled from 5 percent of the annual permanent residency flow in 1992 to 10 percent in 2012, representing 100,000 Muslim immigrants granted permanent residency in the U.S. each year. Pew also found that Muslim immigrants prefer more government services and that 70 percent lean Democratic. Just 11 percent identify with Republicans.

SOURCE: *The Washington Examiner*, 12/11/15

Angry Atheists Demand That Hotels Ban the Bible

The radical anti-Christian Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) has launched a crusade to ban the Bible in hotel rooms. It all began when FFRF founder and co-presidents stayed in a university owned hotel room at Northern Illinois University (NIU). They were shocked to find a copy of the Bible—placed by the Gideons—in their hotel room. Calling the Holy Scriptures “obnoxious,” FFRF sent NIU a letter claiming the presence of the Bible was “inappropriate and unconstitutional.” NIU quickly caved, removing all Bibles from their hotel rooms. FFRF has reportedly convinced the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa to do the same. Now FFRF is demanding that *all* hotels remove the Bible from bedside tables. The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) is taking action. In letters to the universities, ACLJ says that the Bible isn’t a constitutional crisis, and even public universities are free to allow groups like the Gideons to place Bibles in hotel rooms. It’s called free speech, and it is protected by the Constitution.

SOURCE: redstate.com, 12/1/15

Quote of the Month

“How can we condemn ISIS and not even defund Planned Parenthood? How can we demand the world rid itself of ISIS while paying Planned Parenthood to do the same? How is what ISIS is doing evil—but what Planned Parenthood does, a service?”

Joseph Parker, “Selective Outrage?” onenewsnow.com, 12/3/15

Famous American Quote

“The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally ... enable the people to resist and triumph over them.”

Joseph Story, *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*, 1833

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