



# TORCH



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## How Abortion Has Changed America

By Star Parker, Townhall.com, 4/29/13

**The trial of Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell, facing the death penalty for the deaths of four infants and one woman in his clinic, is over. America has moved on.**

It's exactly what the pro-abortion contingent wants. They want Gosnell out of the news because they want abortion out of the news. Ongoing discussion provokes

thought about the status quo. And pro-  
aborts want to keep things as they are.

And, they have reason to be confident.

Our president, whom no one can  
accuse of not being politically astute,  
showed up, despite the Gosnell story, as  
the first sitting president ever to address  
Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest  
abortion provider.

When Kirsten Powers brought attention  
to Gosnell, with her USA Today column, she  
said it wasn't about abortion. "This is not  
about being pro-choice or pro-life," she  
wrote. "It is about human rights."

For Powers, the story was about lack of  
supervision. And, of course, where

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*Progress Through Preservation of Traditional Values*

# How Abortion Has Changed America

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abortions are carried out legally, clinics should be supervised and inspected.

But to leave the story there is to be content with the tip of the iceberg. And the whole iceberg is a huge story that all of America should be looking at.

The whole iceberg is bigger than abortion itself. It is about how profoundly America has changed since Roe v Wade, in 1973, made abortion an accepted part of American life.

**Let's be clear that pro-aborts and pro-lifers differ on far more than technicalities about when life begins. They differ about what life is.**

In the state of Pennsylvania, where Gosnell was doing his dirty business, abortion is legal until the developing child is 24 weeks - 6 months - old. Among Gosnell's many transgressions was performing abortions after 24 weeks.

But Planned Parenthood, and their guest speaker, our president, oppose that 24-week limit. They believe abortion should be legal until the child is born.

In 2007, shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which banned a brutal abortion procedure most commonly used to destroy infants from 15 to 26 weeks old, then-Senator Obama spoke at a Planned Parenthood event and decried the decision. He called it part of a "concerted effort to steadily roll back" access to abortion.

Justice Kennedy, who wrote the decision, included a description of one of these procedures on a 26-week-old infant. It takes a certain deadening of the heart, of the soul to read the description of the little baby clasp his fingers and toes as the doctor jams his scissors into his skull, and still believe this should be permitted.

**Since Roe v Wade, we've given birth to a new materialistic culture of narcissism where reverence for life itself is gone.** Life has become a commodity and people use each other as cavalierly as they destroy innocent young life.

As our reverence for life has diminished, so has our reverence for the institutions that surround and support it.

Scholars at the Brookings Institution observed in 1996 that Roe v Wade contributed to the collapse of marriage and the dramatic increase in out-of-wedlock births. The idea that children were part of a sacred institution called marriage started disappearing.

The sense of honor, the sense of shame disappears in this culture of self.

In 1965, seven years before Roe v Wade, less than 10 percent of American babies were born to unwed mothers—24 percent to unwed black women and 3.1 percent to unwed white women. As of 2010, this was up to 41 percent of our babies born to unwed mothers—73 percent to black women and 29 percent to white women.

Sixty percent of our out-of-wedlock births are to women in their 20's.

Soon, as our resources diminish to care for our growing aging population, we will start dealing with our elderly as we do our unborn.

But if everything is meaningless, who cares?

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** As we remember the 40th anniversary of Roe v Wade on January 22, pray for an end to this American holocaust.

## Wendy Davis and Abortion

"Wendy Davis is this year's Sandra Fluke, the Georgetown law student who last year asserted that contraceptives should be provided her by her Catholic university as a right.

"Davis, portrayed by the *Washington Post* as a woman who lifted herself up from hardscrabble conditions to make something of herself, ceased being hard scrabble after receiving her law degree from Harvard. The Texas state senator...who went to bat for late-term abortion under the cover of 'protecting women's health' is by virtue of school and degree an elite. Her trailer park days are long, long, gone.

"Davis is a soldier—now a lieutenant—in the longstanding, broadening war waged by the left against traditional morality, virtues, and values; extending abortion's mandate is one front on the war to 'transform' (read: demolish) America. Eliminating unborn babies is just a means to a very grim end."

**Source:** Columnist J. Robert Smith, "A Baby in the Womb at Five Months, and Then There's Wendy Davis," *The American Thinker*, 6/30/13

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Democrat Sen. Wendy Davis is running for Governor of Texas, and Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, her pro-abort Democrat comrade, is a candidate for Lt. Governor. They and the Democrat Party represent a culture of death and *must* be defeated! Please get involved. The Texas Primary is March 4.

# Forget Science, It's The Economy, Stupid!



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By Cathie Adams, TEF President, 12/4/13

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## The U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the same year it was created in 1992. The backbone of the treaty is the *unproven* theory that burning fossil fuels causes climate change.

With a laser-like focus on the *unproven* theory, the UN created its own agency called the International Panel on Climate Change. The IPCC does no research and ignores the fact that the earth has not warmed since 1998. Timothy Wirth, President of Ted Turner's UN Foundation put it this way, "We've got to ride this global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic and environmental policy."

What is the "right thing in terms of economic and environmental policy?" According to UNFCCC Executive Director Christiana Figueres, it is a "*complete transformation of the economic structure of the world.*" Here's how it works:

- Convince persons in both rich and poor nations that burning fossil fuels causes climate change, while ignoring ocean currents, winds and sun activity that are the main factors affecting climate change.
- Convince nations that dependable alternative energy sources are readily available, even though they are not. Convince poor nations that rich nations that burn fossil fuels are to blame for global warming, more severe and frequent storms, melting glaciers and rising sea levels, even though NASA's Terra Satellite proves that *none of it is occurring.*

- Convince nations that they must cap greenhouse gas emissions emitted when fossil fuels are burned and eventually eliminate coal, natural gas and nuclear energy production even though alternatives are undependable, grossly inadequate and would cause a severe decline in our standard of living.
- Convince poor nations that rich nations owe them reparations, also called loss and damages, and a Green Climate Fund that could mean a tax on carbon or international monetary transactions, among other things to raise a minimum of \$100 billion a year to build green economies in poor countries. When asked in Warsaw how much it would cost to complete the task, World Bank VP for Sustainable Development Rachel Kyte had no clue.
- Create a perfect psychological storm by scaring every schoolchild with Al Gore's nonscientific film, "An Inconvenient Truth," then task the children with convincing their parents and grandparents that global warming is real and caused by their selfish energy usage.

At its annual meeting in Warsaw, Poland, the UNFCCC took two more big steps toward its economic and environmental agenda. First, it created the "Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage" with funding to begin in 2014. Secondly, it decided to begin resource mobilization for its Green Climate Fund Board as soon as possible.

**The U.S. is one of the "rich" countries that will announce how much it will "contribute" by next December when the UN meets in Lima, Peru.** The U.S. will also prepare biennial submissions on updated strategies and approaches for scaling up finance between 2014 and 2020, when a new treaty that will likely include a "cap and tax" scheme is to go into effect.

**The UNFCCC is key to socialism's global march.** Former Czech President Vaclav Klaus put it this way, "This ideology preaches earth and nature and under the slogans of their protection – similarly to the old Marxists – wants to replace the free and spontaneous evolution of mankind by a sort of central, now global, planning of the whole world."

Australian Nick Minchin called it a religion stating, "For the extreme left it [climate change] provides the opportunity to do what they've always wanted to do, to sort of deindustrialize the western world. You know the collapse of communism was a disaster for the left...and really they embraced environmentalism as their new religion."

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** At the UN headquarters in September, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will host a meeting of heads of state who are expected to announce their commitments to the two new UNFCCC funding schemes. Let's pray that the U.S. Senate will intercede as it did in 1997 with a unanimously passed resolution calling for *no* U.S. signature on this new treaty that is to replace the Kyoto Protocol in 2015.



# Eagle Cliff Notes

## PP Opens Abortion Clinic Next To Adoption Center

In November, Planned Parenthood officially opened a new abortion clinic in Fort Worth located next to the Gladney Adoption Center. The \$6.5 million facility was privately funded by North Texans. LifeNews reported in November of 2011 that PP had a capital campaign goal of \$21.5 million for its new abortion mega-center. In addition, the location of the new center, was originally kept quiet, likely due to its proximity to the Gladney Center for Adoption. The abortion center has since been described as a “state-of-the-art” abortion facility that “will include a larger family planning center, an ambulatory surgical care center and offices.”

**Source:** BigHealthReport.com, 11/21/13

## SBOE Delays OK Of Biology Book For “Errors” On Evolution

The Texas State Board of Education has refused to approve a biology book by one of the nation’s largest publishers, pending an expert review of supposed “errors” on evolution. The board gave preliminary approval to new science books for use in classrooms statewide on 11/23/13. But it held off approving a biology book by Pearson to have outside experts check concerns raised by a volunteer review panel. The objections questioned the theory of evolution as an explanation for development of life on earth. Some creationists—who see God’s hand in the creation of the universe—have long sought edits to de-emphasize evolution in science lessons. Three board members will appoint experts to check the book. The board will vote again in January.

**Source:** foxnews.com, 11/22/13

## Houston Mayor Violates Texas Constitution

Mayor Annise Parker, a lesbian, issued a directive to Houston’s Human Resources Department in November to pay benefits to same-gender employees and their spouses if they were married in a state where homosexual marriage is legal. Parker said she and the city attorney’s office have concluded that the city’s prohibition against providing such benefits “may no longer be considered constitutionally valid.” But Jonathan Saenz, president of Texas Values, says that Parker is ignoring the voice of her constituents and the Texas Constitution, which does not recognize same-sex marriages. Houston voters in 2001 approved a change in the city charter forbidding benefits for same-gender couples. “So it is outrageous that Mayor Parker and the city of Houston think they have the authority to not only rewrite the Texas Constitution on marriage, but blatantly ignore a citizen-approved measure on this issue,” he states.

**Source:** OneNewsNow, 11/22/13

## Fort Worth Police Unlawfully Stop Motorists

Last November, off-duty Fort Worth police officers pulled drivers to the side of the road where they were met by technicians in lab coats asking them for breath, blood, and saliva samples for a federal research project on driving while impaired. Under fire from motorists and civil rights activists, Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead issued an apology, saying, “Any future federal survey of this nature, which jeopardizes the public’s trust, will not be approved for the use of Fort Worth police.” But the \$7.9 million project, headed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is far from over, with similar police stops slated next year at about 300 sites in 60 cities around the nation. The ACLU of Texas said the searches “are among the most invasive police can conduct.”

**Source:** Newsmax.com, 12/4/13

## Quote of the Month

*“My faith in God, in Christ, is everything to me. With it, life makes sense; you can see a meaning, order and purpose to it. Without it, nothing would work or seem whole. My thoughts on the value of and right to human life flow from this. We are the sons and daughters of a King, all of us, even little babies not yet born. We have to protect each other and show tenderness to each other.”*

Peggy Noonan,  
Columnist and author, 11/13

## Great American Quotes

*“Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”*

Patrick Henry, American Revolutionary leader, in a fiery speech to the Second Virginia Convention, as tensions mounted between the Colonists and the British Crown, March 25, 1775

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