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## We Are Aborting Our Future

From a speech by Columnist Don Feder, “The Sexual Revolution and The Demographic Winter,” to the International Forum: Large Family And The Future of Humanity, Moscow, 9/14

If current trends continue, we won't run out of energy or other natural resources in the foreseeable future. We will run out of people. This global catastrophe will be the result of rapidly declining fertility, known as demographic winter.

In 1960, worldwide, the average woman had 5 children. Now, that number is 2.6 and falling – in other words, a decline of almost 50 percent in a little more than 50 years. Today, 59 countries

with 44 percent of the world's population have below-replacement fertility. Many developed nations have fertility rates of 1.5 or lower, with 2.1 needed just to replace current population.

This didn't happen spontaneously. Demographic Winter is the direct result of the Sexual Revolution – which first became noticeable in the late 1960s, not coincidentally, about the time birth rates began to fall.

The dogma of the Sexual Revolution—which

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has become ingrained social wisdom in the West—might be summarized as follows: 1. Sex is the most important aspect of existence. 2. When sex is consensual, it's always good. 3. The primary purpose of sex is pleasure, not procreation or the physical expression of love. 4. The primary purpose of life is pleasure. 5. Inhibitions lead to neuroses and must be overcome. 6. Sex has nothing to do with morality and 7. Sex should not only be guilt-free, but free of consequences—hence contraception, hence abortion, hence abandonment of marriage.

The prophets of the Sexual Revolution include Sigmund Freud, “researchers” like Alfred Kinsey and Masters and Johnson, pornographers like Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and feminists like Margaret Sanger and Betty Freidan. In the U.S., the Sexual Revolution is spearheaded by groups like Planned Parenthood, the National Organization for Women (NOW), the (homosexual) Human Rights Campaign and the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS).

The impact of the Sexual Revolution on fertility can not be overstated. For the first time in history, just under half the world's population of child-bearing age uses some form of birth control. By 2015, the global contraceptives market will generate an estimated \$17.2 billion annually. Overwhelmingly, this is financed by governments, businesses or international aid agencies. Other species have become extinct. Ours may be the first to finance its own extinction.

**Worldwide, there are approximately 42 million abortions a year.** That's more than twice the number of military deaths in

World War II. From a demographic perspective, we're not just losing 42 million people annually, but also their children, grandchildren and other descendants down through the ages. We are, quite literally, aborting our future.

The flight from marriage has affected fertility even more profoundly than contraceptives. In the U. S., in 1960, 59 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds (those in their prime childbearing years) were married, compared to only 20 percent today. Once a central reality of existence, marriage is increasingly optional. In its place have come cohabitation, casual liaisons and out-of-wedlock births. Not surprisingly, fewer marriages—especially early marriages—result in fewer children.

**Ultimately, the Sexual Revolution is about death** – abortion, contraception, sexually-transmitted disease, pornography and promiscuity, in place of marriage, fidelity, procreation, and responsibility.

To combat both the Sexual Revolution and Demographic Winter, we must embrace a philosophy of life. For does not the Bible tell us: *“I have set before you this day life and death, blessing and curses. Therefore, choose life so that you may live – you and your children.”*

SOURCE: [GrasstopsUSA.com](http://GrasstopsUSA.com), 9/30/14.

**NOTE:** The 42nd anniversary of legalized abortion in the U.S. is January 22. Pray for an end to this American Holocaust and continue to stand up for LIFE! For encouraging pro-life news, see “Cliff Notes” on page 4.

## The Con Of A Con Con

By Pat Carlson, former TEF President and EF Environmental Chairman

Imagine if you were invited to a political event in which you were assured, even guaranteed, that the other guests would be like-minded, but when you arrived, the event was filled with people of polar opposite views. In fact, because of your conservatism, you weren't even allowed inside!

The media outside the event were interviewing protesters supporting everything from removing free speech from the public arena to taking control of guns held by private citizens; never mind that the abortion and gay rights advocates were also picketing. The whole event had been

taken over by liberal-progressives.

What I have described is the worse case scenario of a planned event gone wrong. Yet we have leaders in the conservative movement, including radio talk show host, Mark Levin, and National Home School Legal Defense chairman, Michael Farris, encouraging conservative activists and legislators to work toward a disastrous convention to amend the U.S. Constitution. They believe all the problems of a runaway government can be solved by amending our Constitution since Congress has been too slow in cutting government spending (i.e. balancing the budget).

There are two ways to amend the Constitution, and they are spelled out in Article V of the U.S. Constitution. Article V is

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one very long sentence making up one paragraph with very specific instructions. The first way, and historically the only way, our Constitution has ever been amended is when two-thirds of both houses of Congress approve an amendment, followed by ratification of three-fourths of the states. The second way is for two-thirds of the states to make application to Congress to convene a convention again to be followed by ratification of three-fourths of the states.

Farris and Levin are promising conservatives this convention will be controlled on content limiting amendments and attended only by conservatives. In an article entitled “Why Liberals Cannot Realistically Hijack the Convention of States,” Mr. Farris writes that the left can “absolutely not” hijack this process and obtain constitutional amendments that will grow the power of federal government.

Mr. Levin says, “There can be no runaway convention because three-fourths of the states still need to ratify [the amendments a convention proposes].”

These men have no way to back up their guarantees. Article V leaves all authority to the Congress. It does not stipulate rules, delegates, or limitations on the number of amendments offered. Once it is convened, our Constitution is up for open heart surgery.

In fact, precedent backs this up with the first and only Constitutional Convention held in 1787 to ratify the Articles of Confederation. However, once convened, rules and even the document to be ratified were changed: the Articles of Confederation were replaced with the Constitution. It originally took 100 percent of states to amend the Articles of Confederation, but they had constant problems with absences, plus they did not have the votes to ratify the new Constitution, so the number was changed to three-fourths of the states.

Mr. Levin claims if the convention gets out of hand with amendments, ratification by state legislatures will keep things in check. But he is forgetting that Article V stipulates ratification can also be done through state conventions. So ratification would be done by the populous not by elected officials. This was done in 1933 to bypass conservative legislative bodies when the 21st Amendment was ratified repealing the 18th Prohibition Amendment.

This is not a new idea. There have been over 400 applications made by states in our history asking Congress to call a convention. The idea that conservatives are offering this up as a solution is new.

Our founding fathers and notable others have offered warnings of convening a Constitutional Convention. James Madison said,

*“If a convention were to take place for the avowed and sole purpose of revising the Constitution, it would naturally consider itself as having a greater latitude than the Congress appointed to administer and support as well as to amend the system; ... an election into it would*

*be courted by the most violent partisans on both sides; it would... no doubt contain individuals of insidious views, who under the mask of seeking alterations popular in some parts but inadmissible in other parts of the Union might have a dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundation of the fabric.”*

The late U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote:

*“There is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like it's agenda.”*

In 1972, Robert Huber, a former Congressman from Michigan, asked the Library of Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court if there was any precedent or provision that could restrict to one issue, a convention called under Article V and petitioned by the states. The amendment being considered at the time would prohibit cross-district busing. The reply was in 1796 Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson asked the Supreme Court the same question, but the issue was dealing with Indian treaties. The Court refused to consider the issue until it became a contest at law. In other words, once a convention is convened and you do not like what happens, file a lawsuit to limit it. Only then would the Court consider the matter. Jefferson determined the risk was too great and did not proceed.

Phyllis Schlafly has written extensively on the dangers of calling a Constitutional Convention, and subsequently dubbed it the “con con.” Ferris and Levin, knowing her position against a con con is widely held by most conservatives, decided to rename the convention. Farris calls it the “Convention of the States,” and other groups are calling it an “Article V Convention.” Both men contend this convention is different from a constitutional convention.

This has created such confusion within these groups that instead of trying to repeal a plank already in the Texas Republican Platform opposing a Constitutional Convention, a group added a plank calling for the legislature to petition the Congress to convene an Article V Convention. This created opposing planks in the Platform.

Call it what you will, Article V is very specific about the process to convene a convention to amend the Constitution. If ever convened, it will, without a doubt, open the possibility of the most profound document ever written by man to be re-written.

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## Pro-Life Women Will Make History In 114th Congress

An historic 21 women who define themselves as pro-life will be serving in the 114th Congress, beating the previous high of 18. The four new pro-life women joining the U.S. House of Representatives include Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Mia Love (R-UT), Barbara Comstock (R-VA) and Mimi Walters (R-CA). As for the Senate, it will gain pro-life fighter Joni Ernst (R-Iowa). The influx of pro-lifers in Congress parallels the country's shift on abortion. In 2012, a record low of Americans (47 percent) defined themselves as "pro-choice" and millennials have been referred to as the pro-life generation. One reason for this may be advances in technology, such as ultrasound machines, which lets us peek into the womb and witness an unborn baby's growth. SOURCE: Courtney O'Brien, [Townhall.com](http://Townhall.com), 11/15/14

## American Abortionists Shocked & Dismayed

Abortionists in the U.S. cannot understand why they have not won over the culture, according to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute. They thought they were being social pioneers, but they are finding they are still social pariahs. It has now been over 40 years since the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973—more than a Biblical generation. It is a world that doesn't seem right to the abortionists. A *UK Guardian* article quotes abortionist Curtis Boyd: "We thought it would be available in every family practice, that there would be no resistance. Every medical school would be teaching it." Now Boyd says, "We wake up and think, 'My God, what has happened?'" It seems shocking to these people that the American populace is not made up of sheep who will allow the Federal courts to mold their values and morals. It was assumed that, once the Federal government had eviscerated the power of states to outlaw abortion, we would all fall into line behind our national masters of baby bloodshed. Didn't happen. SOURCE: Mark Horne, [politicast.com](http://politicast.com), 12/2/14

## Record Number Of Early Bills Filed In Austin

With 443 bills already filed, the count going into the 2015 Legislative Session in Austin well exceeds that of the same period in 2012, and with potential state revenues projected to be in excess of the official estimates forecast by outgoing Comptroller Susan Combs, tax relief proposals loom large in the measures filed to date. The state's main business tax, a modified gross receipts tax pushed through the legislature during a 2004 Legislative Session, continues to be a subject of widespread interest, attracting close to a dozen pre-filed bills so far during the "early filing" period that precedes the 2015 Texas Legislative Session. SOURCE: [texasinsider.org](http://texasinsider.org), 11/26/14

## Americans More Religious Than Thought

With much talk circulated by the mainstream media that faith is becoming less and less a part of Americans' lives and that church attendance is dwindling, a recent Gallup Poll asserts that religion continues to be an essential ingredient of their private and public lives. It is reported that a significant percentage of American society is plugged into its faith in a variety of ways. "In an average week, one-in-five Americans share their religious faith online, about the same percentage that tune in to religious talk radio, watch religious TV programs or listen to Christian rock music," Pew researchers declare. "And nearly half of U.S. adults see someone else share their religious faith online in a typical week." Apparently, Christians—who overwhelmingly constitute the religious majority in the United States—are less bashful about their faith than previously thought. SOURCE: [onewsnw.com](http://onewsnw.com), 12/3/2014

### Quote of the Month

*"If life is not a continuum, from conception to natural death, then all of us are potential victims if we fall out of favor with a ruling elite."*

Columnist Cal Thomas,  
11/15/13

### Great American Quote

*"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."*

Thomas Jefferson, 1809

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