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“Unplanned” Reminds Us... Mothers Are the First Line of Defense in the Fight for Life

By **Karen Vaughn**, Breitbart.com, 4/12/19

The longer I live, the more I realize that it is often the most unplanned of things that can be the most amazing of things.

The recent movie *Unplanned* is the perfect example of this, a phenomenon sweeping the nation that is nothing short of a miracle.

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This story of one woman's courageous change of heart from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life warrior is a success Hollywood and the media elites never expected. Decade after decade, the media have crushed pro-family films in favor of stories that degrade our culture and devalue human life. *Unplanned* faced obstacles that might have destroyed any chance of success. Most major networks refused to air its ads. It was given a questionable R rating by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), which ironically agrees with the premise of the movie that abortion is indeed violence.

Unsurprisingly, critics gave it a near uniform hostile reception. Hollywood elites bashed it, and operatives with bylines either ignored it or smeared it and everyone associated with it.

Yet, *Unplanned* inexplicably opened in the top four its opening weekend. It then opened on more than 700 screens the following weekend. And more the next. It has created a phenomenon in the very social media that tried to silence it.

Unplanned will not be silenced because it is right, and it comes at the right time.

Right now our nation is at a crossroads. States under the left's control are considering and even approving laws that allow infanticide—"abortion" up to the moment of birth, and even after birth—for babies born alive after botched abortion procedures. But the blatant disregard for life displayed in New York earlier this year proved to be a catalyst for change. While progressives in New York City lit up the One World Trade Center in pink to celebrate expanding abortion, the rest of America is experiencing an awakening for life. Since the beginning of the year, 250 pro-life bills have been filed in 41 states. This is the most critical moment for the unborn in America since 1973. This means there has been no more important time for mothers to speak up and defend life. And who is better, who is more qualified, who is closer to the truth about life than mothers?

No one.

And no one bears more responsibility to defend life than mothers. We bring life into this world. We nurture life. We guide our children toward eternal values. We have the future in our hands, playing on our laps, and making messes on our floors.

If you have ever even thought about getting off the sidelines and getting into the fight for life, now is the time. It's time to become the warrior mom that the next generation (and the generations after that) of Americans needs you to be.

Maybe getting active in culture and politics wasn't part of your plan. Maybe having a baby wasn't really part of your plan, either. I know it wasn't part of mine when I was 18 and found myself facing an incredibly difficult decision. But I decided to honor the life I was responsible for creating, and I worked hard to build a life that offered every opportunity to the precious child I was carrying. A child that would bring me immeasurable joy and pride. A boy who would grow into a man and become

Navy SEAL Aaron Carson Vaughn. A hero who would one day make the ultimate sacrifice for this nation, laying down his life for our freedom.

If I knew what pain, what heartbreak I would face on the day I received that phone call telling me the news of my son's death, would I have made a different choice? No, not on your life. A mother's journey is never an easy one, but it is the most rewarding journey I've ever been on, hands-down.

Our society tries to tell young women they aren't strong enough or capable enough of handling an unplanned pregnancy and that in order to "have a life" of their own, they have to end the life of their unborn child.

What a lie. What complete and utter lie.

Don't you believe it. If you are facing an unplanned pregnancy, try to see into the future. Try to see past the torrent of emotions you are experiencing right now, the mixed signals and pressure from those who don't know your worth or what you are capable of doing or being. Instead, close your eyes and try to see that there is a life growing inside of you: a person, a child, a human, a being created in God's image that was supposed to live. Life is never an accident. You and I, we are not accidents. And as sure I as I live and breathe, my son Aaron was no accident.

It is not an "it" inside of you. It is a life, a person, a future, a legacy. Your legacy. An amazing, miraculous, beautiful gift that has been given to you, and that you can one day offer to the world. Don't throw it away. (If you need help or resources, please call 855-801-HOPE.)

Mothers everywhere, I am speaking straight to you. You can make a difference right where you are, in your community, and across the country.

Choosing to sit on the sidelines is not an option. We have seen the consequences of silence for decades. **If we are silent—if we do not speak for these children—who will?** The media treat the radical women's groups on the left as if they represent the rest of us, when they don't. The media distort the voice of moms and families by promoting the progressive agenda freely on their air time, distorting the truth and creating false images in our culture.

This is our moment. What we choose to do—or not do—today will echo forward for generations. Do not be complicit by your silence. Do not let the media steal your voice any longer. Stand up, speak out for life and for liberty, for the love of your sons and daughters, and for the love of the ones who are killed every single day by abortion.

NOTE: The Texas Legislature has a chance to join other states in passing Texas' Born Alive Infant Protection Act (HB 16/SB 23). Life is not a bipartisan issue. Urge your legislators to pass this life-saving bill.

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The LGBT Lobby Has Been Trying to Exact Revenge on Chick-Fil-A for Seven Years. This Is Not Normal.

By **Matt Walsh**, dailywire.com, 4/19

San Jose, California's city council is focused on the important issues. In response to a new Chick-fil-A establishment opening near the city's airport, the council has officially passed a resolution to fly rainbow flags near the restaurant. What is the point of this effort? Other than to give folks some colorful scenery when they're waiting in the drive-through for a delicious chicken sandwich, I suppose the idea is just to troll the fast food joint in retribution for comments made by the company's [president] in 2012.

It has been seven years since Dan Cathy affirmed biblical marriage in an interview. Seven years. Almost a decade. And yet the LGBT lobby has not yet dropped the matter. Against all odds, they have remained obsessed with the chicken chain for these 80 or so months. Just recently, Chick-fil-A locations were blocked from opening at airports in Buffalo and **San Antonio**. Protests are still waged. Gay rights activists are still writing angry think pieces. We still are told that eating a Chick-fil-A chicken nugget is an act of bigotry against homosexuals. The chicken itself is labeled "hateful." All, again, because of views expressed by Dan Cathy during Obama's first term in office.

Chick-fil-A is not accused of actively discriminating against gay people. They serve gay people. They hire gay people. They do not take any discriminatory actions of any kind against gay people. But the [president] is a Christian who believes what the Bible says. And that has been reason enough to spend seven entire years trying (unsuccessfully, and often hilariously) to destroy the man's business.

I have often said that the LGBT lobby is the biggest bully in America. This is why. It is not just that their activists are aggressive, and often underhanded and deceitful—like when they seek out Christian business owners to entrap and sue—but that they are so unbelievably petty and vengeful. The militant gay left will not let any perceived slight go unpunished, no matter how long it takes to exact revenge. They require that every person conform to their expectations, and any outliers must be neutralized, at whatever cost, no matter how long it takes.

The LGBT lobby spent six long years trying to punish Jack Phillips for declining to make a cake for a gay wedding. For most people, the matter with the cake would not have lasted more than half an hour. If a baker doesn't want to bake your cake, you go somewhere else and that is the end of the matter. But this slighted gay couple, with the machinery of the gay lobby behind them, decided to spend half a decade seeking vengeance over a pastry. And when the case failed in the Supreme Court, they went back and tried again. No sooner did Phillips return to work than a "transgender" man came looking to ensnare him in



another legal battle.

This is not normal or healthy behavior. An adult should be able to cope with the fact that not every other adult in the world necessarily agrees with everything they do and think. There are many companies run by people who hold views I find abhorrent. I either choose to patronize those establishments or not, but I am not going to spend years of my life trying to penalize them for the crime of failing to abide by my every ideological whim. But that is how the LGBT lobby operates. And that's why all decent people—left or right, gay or straight—should oppose its aims.

NOTE: Attorney General Ken Paxton is opening an investigation into whether San Antonio violated state law by banning Chick-fil-A and asked Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to also open an investigation into the city over a potential violation of federal law and Transportation Department regulations when it banned the company over its religious beliefs. "The city's discriminatory decision is not only out of step with Texas values, but inconsistent with the Constitution and Texas law," states Mr. Paxton.

To prevent this blatant discrimination against Christian business owners, ask your legislators to support the Free to Believe Act (HB 1035) by Rep. Bill Zedler (R), and the First Amendment Defense Act (HB 3172) by Rep. Matt Krause (R).

Two-Thirds of Americans Disapprove of Slavery Reparations

Exactly two-thirds of Americans (66 percent) oppose paying reparations for slavery, while only 21 percent believe it to be a good idea, according to a Rasmussen poll. Rasmussen asked 1,000 likely voters if they agreed with a Democrat plan to use taxpayer dollars as a means to apologize for legalized slavery, which was outlawed 150 years ago and after a Civil War that resulted in the deaths of some 600,000 Americans. By a wide margin, Americans understandably oppose the absurd idea of paying a penalty for something they had nothing to do with. And the fact that those payments would go to people removed by generations from the abomination of legalized slavery is just as ludicrous. Voters also seem to grasp that this is all political posturing. Back in September, Rasmussen asked 1,000 likely voters if politicians raise the issue of race only to get elected, and 71 percent said yes. So, voters get it. Despite being one of those rare 70-30 issues in our divided country, the Democrat Party has still embraced the outrageous and divisive idea of slavery reparations, including the Party's top 2020 candidates for president.

SOURCE: Breitbart.com, 4/11/19

Atheism Becomes Largest Religion in U.S.

For the first time in history, atheists constitute the largest religious group in America. According to the General Social Survey, the number of Americans who have no religion has increased 266 percent over the past three decades and now accounts for 23.1 percent of the population, just barely edging out Catholics and Evangelicals as the Nation's dominant faith. Mainline Protestant churches have suffered the greatest collapse, declining 62.5 percent since 1982 and now comprising just 10.8 percent of the U.S. population. As religiosity has declined, social ills have abounded. A materialistic culture worships wealth; a licentious culture worships sex; a godly culture worships God. But "our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people," as John Adams wrote in 1798. "It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." A miserable politics awaits us when the irreligious rot flows downstream. Who but God can help us now?

SOURCE: The Ben Shapiro Report, 4/8/19

Obama Shatters His Own Record

Barack Obama's favorite topic for conversation continues to be himself, with the former president reaching a new level of narcissism: referring to himself 467 times in a single speech in Berlin last month. The transcript revealed that Obama used the "I" word 312 times, "Me" 33, "My" 43, "I'd" 9, "I'm" 61, and "Myself" 9 times. Here's a quick sample: "It's been over ten years since I spoke to a slightly larger crowd in front of the Victory Column when I was running for president. I had a little less gray hair then, and since then I've been back to Germany I think at least ten times. I've been to Europe countless times." No matter where he speaks, the topic always comes back to Barack Obama and how lucky we are to have him among us.

SOURCE: Conservative Alerts, 4/9/19

The Left's "No Crisis" Border Policy Is Unpopular

In spite of record border apprehensions, left-wing politicians insist there's no crisis at the border. The Left's radical agenda is deeply unpopular. For example, 76 percent of voters oppose open borders, 71 percent of voters oppose letting illegal immigrants vote in local elections, and 64 percent of voters oppose sanctuary cities. Only 25 percent of voters support abolishing ICE. President Trump is keeping the issue of illegal immigration front and center in the national debate.

SOURCE: Gary Bauer, American Values, 4/15/19

Quote of the Month

"I am convinced that western civilization is passing at present through a mortal crisis. It has reached the extreme of self-destructive hate... As a bishop, it is my duty to warn the West! The barbarians are already inside the city."

~ Cardinal Robert Sarah of Guinea issuing a clarion call to the West, 4/9/19

Great American Quote

"An elective despotism was not the government we fought for."

~ President James Madison, 1788

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