

## FOCA & President-elect Barack Obama

"The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. That's the first thing that I'd do." – Senator Barack Obama, speaking to the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, July 17, 2007

What is the Freedom of Choice Act? The actual language is:

- (a) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.** - It is the policy of the United States that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child, to terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability, or to terminate a pregnancy after fetal viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman.\*
- (b) **PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE. – A government may not—**
- (1) deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose-
    - (A) to bear a child;
    - (B) to terminate a pregnancy prior to viability; or
    - (C) to terminate a pregnancy after viability where termination is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman; or
  - (2) discriminate against the exercise of the rights set forth in paragraph (1) in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information.

This Act applies to every Federal, State, and local statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action enacted, adopted, or implemented before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act. [all emphases are added]

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**Please remember:** In *Doe v. Bolton*, the companion decision of *Roe v. Wade*, "health" allows abortion during the full nine months of pregnancy.

"...all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age..."  
Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court ruling, 23 Jan 1973

**Take Action** – Sign the **Fight FOCA** Petition.  
Go to: <http://www.fightfoca.com/>

## Washington State Approves Assisted Suicide Initiative I-1000

Washington follows Oregon in its siren song of death. However, Life is still supported in the state.

Thankfully, the Washington State Medical Association statement said that doctors have no obligation to participate in killing patients.

Also, the largest medical system in eastern Washington, Providence Health and Services, announced that it will prohibit doctors from killing patients at its medical centers, nursing homes and other facilities.

Following those statements, euthanasia opponents developed the website, <http://www.take-the-pledge.com>, urging three different categories of people – doctors, medical care-givers and citizens – to sign an online pledge affirming they will help patients, not urge their death.

For doctors, the pledge reads:

"I will treat the sick according to my best ability and judgment, always striving to do no harm. Whenever I care for a terminally-ill patient, I will provide optimal comfort care until natural death.

"I will also support my patients' wishes not to prolong the dying process with futile treatment. I will never give a deadly drug to anyone even if asked, nor will I suggest suicide.

"I will always affirm and guard these ethical principles with integrity, recognizing that every human life is inherently valuable."

Hopefully, this will assist pro-lifers in Washington to locate and maintain the medical services of good pro-life physicians and medical care-givers.

"Website Encourages Doctors..." LifeNews, 14 Nov 08

See some results of the Michigan Law Review's study of the ramifications of Oregon's assisted suicide law in... "Washington..." [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com), 5 Nov 08

## America's Problem: Our President or Our Pulpits?

"God's people could not survive weak preaching and weak preachers! Israel suffered [yet] survived the bad kings, but they totally self-destructed when the prophets and preachers compromised their message.

"The evangelical community succumbed to compromise and a sort of "justice" that no one can define. Pulpits that once held high the banner of the gospel, standing strong for life and the family, started preaching equality and "common good".

"The Kool-Aid of "Social-Justice" was dispensed freely from fountains installed in Evangelical churches across America.

"The result? Hundreds of thousands of [bible-believing] Christians marched into voting booths and pulled the lever for increased abortions, homosexual unions, socialism, loss of religious freedom and Marxism –

" ...the pulpit told them that it was okay because in doing so they would be ending poverty, homelessness and AIDS – not to mention the end of racial division and the beginning of world peace!

"America can survive a bad president. America cannot survive continued compromise in her pulpits. The solution to America's greatest need is not in the next election – but in next Sunday's sermon."

Bob Burney, Salem Communications, 6 Nov 08

## Points Made Against Sex Education

"I am a retired professor of psychiatry, having taught in five universities in different parts of Canada, Hong Kong and New Zealand. I have also run child and adolescent psychiatric units. I have been on school boards. It is from a review of the literature and from my experience that I write this brief opinion."

*Dr. Philip Ney*

1. There is no particular need for "sex education." For many centuries there was no sex education, yet children were conceived and their parents enjoyed the process. Discovery of each other and what is pleasant in bed, on the wedding night and thereafter, is an important part of the exciting and unique pleasure that bonds the couple.
2. Sex education inhibits pair bonding. To educate young people about something that comes naturally robs them of the spontaneity and joy of sex that is vitally important for pair bonding and, thus, family stability.
3. The more sex education, the more sexual self-consciousness. There is substantial evidence that the more sex education, especially on technique, the more the couple is sexually inhibited. The greater the emphasis on sexual performance, the less communication and interpersonal intimacy there is.

"Prominent Psychiatrist...", Dr. Philip Ney, LifeSiteNews, 4 Sept 08

[To be continued in following newsletters. Ed.]

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## Action not Taken

Recently, we received a phone message, asking us to call a couple who were considering abortion and try to talk them out of that choice.

The caller left the phone number of the couple, but no other phone number.

We would have preferred to visit with the caller and explain what could be said by that person as a friend of the couple.

Under the circumstances, we were advised we'd do more harm than good by calling without verifying that the information we'd received was valid.

We regret being unable to respond as requested.

## Good News from the Election

Kristen Day, director of Democrats for Life, reports that 26 incumbent pro-life Democrats kept their seats in Congress.

Five pro-life Democrats will join them as freshmen in Congress.

According to Day, "This will be only the second time in 30 years that the number of pro-life Democrats will increase.

To stand courageously for Life will be a big challenge for them. We wish them success in so doing!

## *Final Thanks to President Bush*

Our **outgoing President**, without much fanfare, supported **Life!** His position was always clear and unequivocal.

He **restored Reagan's Mexico City Policy** requiring non-governmental organizations, in order to receive federal funds, to neither perform nor actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other nations.

He blocked by a threatened veto 1) an appropriations bill, until the provision overturning the Mexico City policy was removed; 2) the inclusion of abortion under the insurance coverage of federal employees; 3) abortions at U.S. military medical facilities; 4) federal funding of embryonic stem cell research;

He strongly backed a U.S. ban on human cloning and helped defeat a "clone and kill" proposal in 2001.

He supported and signed into law:

The **Child Custody Protection Act** to end the practice of circumventing state laws by transporting a minor to another state without parental consent or notification requirements.

The **Abortion Non-Discrimination Act**, a federal law protecting individual physicians and other healthcare professionals should they conscientiously object to performing abortions.

The **Born-Alive Infants Protection Act**, protecting all infants born alive, including those who survive abortion.

The **Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act**.

The **Unborn Victims of Violence Act**, recognizing pre-born babies as victims of violent federal crimes.

The Bush Administration ruled that federally controlled substances cannot be used to assist suicides. When the decision was overturned in federal district court, the Administration appealed the case.

The Bush Administration's representatives to the United Nations and to UN meetings and conferences have **fought repeated efforts to establish an international "right" to abortion**.

God bless you, President Bush.... You will be missed by the pro-life community!

## **PLANNED PARENTHOOD INTERNATIONAL SET TO GUARANTEE "SWEEPING" SEXUAL RIGHTS!!**

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has issued a new document declaring that governments are **obligated** to guarantee a sweeping definition of "sexual rights," including abortion, "sexual freedom" and "comprehensive sexuality education," as an integral component of "**human** rights".

The IPPF document is broken into 10 articles, each listing a series of demands..."no woman shall be **condemned to forced maternity** resulting from 'exercising her sexuality'... and that all women have **a right** to safe abortion services "independent of the objection of health service providers." [This would destroy all conscientious objector rights.]

Other articles include demands for all persons in custody [jail/prison]... the right "**to explore their sexuality and fantasies** free from fear, shame, guilt, false beliefs and other impediments to the free expression of their desires."

The demand for the "right to accountability and redress" is also included. Governments must establish mechanisms to ensure that "sexual rights" are "**fully upheld.**"

The document links "sexual" rights to long-established **human rights**, such as the right to life, equality, non-discrimination, freedom of thought, education, and to marry and found a family.

The term "sexual rights" has never been included in any binding UN document, **thus far**.

Proponents tried to get it included in the Platform for Action of the Beijing Women's Conference (1995) but 65 governments objected and it was removed. It was tried again at the Hague Forum leading into the five-year review of the Cairo Conference and was rejected there, also.

IPPF is determined that it will do everything it can to safeguard "sexual rights" at future UN conferences.

This document will enable members of the "sexual, reproductive health" and human rights communities to **create change**, in preparation for the next International Conference on Population and Development in 2015.

U.S. leadership has heretofore kept our tax dollars from funding the efforts of IPPF. Will that continue? ...we can only hope.

Excerpts: [www.c-fam.org](http://www.c-fam.org) article by Samantha Singson, 11/13/08

**JANUARY 2009 EVENT +++ March 4 Life Rocky Mountains +++ MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!**

Zack Goodman, a 10-year-old homeschooler, is organizing the first-ever March 4 Life Rocky Mountains.

To honor our country's great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. it will be on his holiday, **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in downtown Colorado Springs at 10:00 a.m.**

The march will be modeled after the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco.

Since it is a pro-life march, Zack asks that all people of goodwill come to stand up for those who have no voice – the preborn.

Zack requests that people bring only **positive** signs to carry. "So many people have been hurt by abortion that ugly signs will only hurt them more and that is not what we should do."

"[Let us] tell God's truths in LOVE and reach out to those who don't know His truths to [move] our "Culture of Death" onto the path to Life."

One of Zack's main goals is to have the March educate, empower and energize youth to put their pro-life plans in action.

"We have formed an Ecumenical Youth Group called "Youth 4 Truth" to help guide the youth in pro-life efforts. Please pray for our success and recruit your church members!"

The website for this event is still in progress, and more specific details will be forthcoming.

The January *LifeLine* will report further details.

Since January 19 is a national holiday – "Kids should be off school...so, Kids, bring your parents!! God Bless!" *Zack*

