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Colorado Personhood Amendment # 48

This amendment will be on the November ballot. It is making history in Colorado and across our nation.

Amendment 48 is supported by numerous churches and organizations such as Focus on the Family, Human Life International and PPCFL.

Colorado for Equal Rights (CEF) needs each of us to step forward to assist the passage of this amendment in every way.

All our friends, family and neighbors must be registered to vote so they can support this cause.

Volunteer to speak out, carry information, solicit other volunteers, donate funds, and pray! **All** are essential to a November victory.

The key point in education is: “Amendment 48 will allow citizens to guide their courts and elected officials in making decisions about the sanctity of life.” Voters should have a say in how such important issues are handled.”

Go to: www.personhoodcolorado.org or call 749-2164 to learn how you can help protect our preborn babies in Colorado.

Excerpts of comments received by CER:

“As a recent college graduate, WOOHOO! Just donated \$25.” Ryan, Pharmacist, Ohio

“Awesome is all I can say! I have contributed and am passing the word.” Marc, Nevada

“You are truly great Americans. God bless you all.” Dan, Rhode Island

“On behalf of the members of Alabama Physicians for Life, I want to thank you for all you have done...” Sue Turner, Alabama

“I am Antonio, a young Italian college student...I am grateful to God because people like you still do exist.” Antonio, Italy

Roses for Life



This annual campaign will take place in pro-life churches during the month of October.

It is our major fundraiser each year, with proceeds used to raise awareness and educate on pro-life issues in the Pikes Peak area.

Live, red roses (symbol of life of the pre-born) are provided to churches that participate, and specify the number of roses they desire.

The church may then offer the roses to the members of their congregation for a donation; or give the roses away, sending PPCFL a tithe or other donation.

If you are a pastor or an interested member of a church, please call Bernadette or Jack at 576-1140 to make arrangements for roses for your preferred weekend – or simply for more information.

National Prayer Life Chain

This annual event will be held on **Sunday, October 5th**, in cities through out the United States and Canada.

In Colorado Springs, the Life Chain will be located along North Academy Blvd. starting at the corner of Austin Bluffs and extending northward as far as we can stretch. It will be held from 2:30 to 3:30pm.

Please come to Austin Bluffs & Academy to pick up pro-life signs at 2pm, they will be available in the parking lot behind the Old Chicago restaurant.

This is a peaceful, quiet, prayerful, legal and compassionate public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of abortion.

Call 447-1170 for information.

Global Warming & Population

Last spring, billionaire Ted Turner gave an interview on PBS, during which he asserted: **“We’re too many people. That’s why we have global warming.”**

A few weeks later, an editorial by Oliver Thomas in USA Today suggested that large families are **destroying** the planet.

Barry McLerran, producer of the film, “Demographic Winter – the Decline of the Human Family” rebutted such statements.

“While man-made Global Warming is a **theory, plummeting birth rates – which will eventually lead to population decline – is an incontrovertible reality.”**

According to the United Nations Population Division, by 2050, if current trends continue, there will be **248 million fewer children under 5** in the world than there are today.

Since 1970, birth rates have declined over 50%. Currently, 59 nations are below replacement birthrates of 2.1. The European Union’s birthrate is just 1.3. By 2030, study groups estimate Europe to have a shortfall of 20 million workers.

Russia is expected to lose one-third of its current population by 2050, after decades of using abortion as birth control.

The Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, D.C., published “The Graying of the Great Powers: Demography and Geopolitics in the 21st Century.”

This report warns of a global security crisis if birthrates continue to drop. The study shows that no country that sinks to a 1.5 fertility rate for more than a few years has ever recovered.

Meanwhile, managing population **not only** means birthrate levels, **but also** the promotion of “assisted suicide” and “euthanasia.” According to Ron Panzer of Hospice Patients Alliance, this promotion has the agenda of managing population, much as ranchers manage their herds. See www.hospicepatients.org for more information.

Chinese Babies – and Children – for Sale

In 1979, China established its Single Child Policy to stem population growth. Instead of a solution, it created a bigger problem. Last year, a UK director, Jezza Neumann, secretly filmed the documentary, China’s Stolen Babies.

Over the years, couples desperate for a male child to look after them in their old age have caused an estimated 40 million girl babies to be aborted. Buying children on the black market is now their answer.

To meet the demand, child traffickers have resorted to snatching little boys off the streets – and 70,000 disappear each year. It is not against the law to buy a child and Chinese officials can be bribed to register those children. “Babies for sale: The scandal of China’s brutal single child policy”, Claudia Joseph, UK Daily Mail, 10/6/07

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Point of Clarification

Re: the “groups” mentioned in “The Hidden Pro-life Crisis” last month include...

Women on Waves, the Dutch abortion group, and Gynuity Health Projects, a United Nations NGO (non-governmental organization) dedicated to abortion in Latin American countries.

Wish List

The Maternity of Mary provides homes for mothers in crisis. Their wish list includes:

Grocery Certificates
Cribs & Bassinets
New-born clothing
Strollers

Infant car seats

Diapers: newborn to size 4-5

If you can help, call 683-4831.

Post-Abortion Clearinghouse

The Elliot Institute has set up www.AbortionRisks.org to provide information on post-abortion complications and to allow post-abortive women who have experienced problems to share them.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS OF PHYSICIANS AND NURSES ARE UNDER ATTACK!

The freedom to practice healthcare in accordance with your deeply held religious, moral or ethical convictions, known as the *right of conscience*, is being threatened. [again]

Opponents of conscience rights are contending that as long as a procedure or prescription is legal, then you and everyone else are obligated to provide it whether or not you consider it ethical.

There is no alternative offered – either comply or get out of medicine.

The right of conscience is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights and the Hippocratic Oath. Professional Organizations endorse it as well.

At the present time, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Leavitt is considering a more defined proposal in which facilities receiving federal funds would be required to sign written certifications that ‘they don’t force staff to be involved in abortions as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds’.

This proposal re-enforces protection for pro-life doctors, nurses and other medical professional who don’t want to be involved in abortions. It also protects medical centers that don’t want abortions done on site.

However, abortion advocates, such as Planned Parenthood, have mounted a mass campaign to flood the (HHS) blog of Secretary Leavitt with negative comments that reveal their intolerance for moral convictions based on faith or ethical codes.

Action: please go to Secretary Leavitt’s web page and leave a pro-life comment urging strong support for the policy to protect pro-life doctors and medical centers from being forced to be involved in abortions. You can leave a comment at:

<http://secretarysblog.hhs.gov>

Our pro-life, supportive comments will be in strong opposition to the numerous comments from the pro-aborts that are filling his blog now. Thank you.

Excerpts from: LifeNews.com August 6, 2008

INDIA WILL FOCUS ON ABSTINENCE AND FIDELITY

One of the only national programs ever to effectively combat HIV/AIDS was the Ugandan ABC program, which focused on abstinence and being faithful to one partner. Uganda reduced its HIV transmission rates from 18% to 5-7%. No other nation in the world has achieved such success.

Now the Indian national AIDS committee is adopting this same approach in their effort to curb HIV/AIDS rates. [Thanks, India!]

A spokesperson for India’s National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) said,

“There will be no mention of condom or safe sex in the revised module of the life-skill education program. We will be focusing on the aspirations of the youngsters and will also talk about being faithful to one’s partner and abstinence. There should be no hypocrisy on the subject.

“The youngsters need to get the right information, as children are growing up in an unsafe environment.”

The original module, formulated under the direction of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), introduced sex education into Indian schools to fight the spread of AIDS. [Remember this at Halloween when they appear at your front door.]

It promoted condoms and “safer” sex techniques. The module included a flipchart with graphic illustrations of the human anatomy. This resulted in a nationwide uproar that led to seven states and many educationalists’ rejecting it.

The Indian decision, rejecting the usual intense pressures to adopt failed UN and other international agency strategies, could have major international repercussions on AIDS programs in other nations.

India’s international influence on AIDS and many other issues is becoming substantial, as India is expected to eventually surpass China as the most populated nation in the world. Their economy is rapidly becoming one of the world’s largest.

It is apparent the UN approach has failed, as HIV rates keep rising. Two decades of pornographic sex ed and massive shipments of condoms have sent millions of young people to early graves.

Excerpts from: LifeSiteNews.com 7/31/2008, & 10/14/2005



This fall, from September 24 to November 2, our community will be uniting with dozens of other cities across America – and around the world – for the largest and longest coordinated prolife mobilization in history, the **40 Days for Life** campaign.

People of faith are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused prolife campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 130 cities where it has been held.

Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts.

The campaign has three key components:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people of faith throughout the city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
- **Peaceful Vigil:** standing for Life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local Planned Parenthood, 1330 W. Colorado Ave.
- **Community Outreach:** taking a positive, upbeat prolife message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives and public visibility.

Learn how you can “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” here in Colorado Springs by contacting Michele Mason, 659-2097, or visiting:
www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings