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"Life is worth defending, regardless of whether in the womb or in the nursing home."

Alliance Defending Freedom

2021 LICL and LICL Educational Trust Events

Thanks to the many who answer the call, the many who join LICL in presenting a constant, visible, pro-life message through Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Please join us in our 2022 activities as well. Events will be posted in future issues of *Life News*.



Independence Day Face the Truth in Lake Grove 7/3/21



Good Friday Face the Truth NUMC Center 3/2/21 Next year's date: 4/15/22



Stand Up for Life 10/4/21 Next year's date: 10/3/22



LICL Table at March for Life NY event 10/9/21

Dear Defenders of Life,

There are many ways you can support the pro-life cause - by prayer, by peaceful witnessing at abortion mills, by writing letters to the editors, by political action and by financial support. As Chair of the Long Island Coalition for Life, I am asking for your financial support at this time. The LICL is a completely voluntary organization. Its Board of Directors and committee members receive no financial compensation. All of your contributions go directly for pro-life work.

Education is the first and foremost purpose of the LICL. We have provided pro-life speakers at Long Island high schools and colleges. We have pro-life displays at street fairs. We have a presence at abortion mills where we distribute business-size cards in English and Spanish that provide crisis pregnancy help phone numbers and websites. Our biggest expense is the publication of Life News, an essential educational tool.

This past summer, our Educational Trust sponsored pro-life fly over banners seen on Long Island beaches with the message **"Have Courage, Carry Hope, Say No to Abortion."** The LICL has also sponsored lobby-bus trips to Albany to stop anti-life legislation such as abortion and assisted suicide bills. Sadly, the Abortion on Demand Bill was passed in January 2019, but we are still fighting doctor-prescribed suicide bills, with the false, harmless sounding title, "Medical Aid in Dying." Like abortion, which was only supposed to be for the so called "hard cases," but has been expanded to abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy, so will it be for doctor-prescribed suicide. First like the proposed NYS bill, it will be for patients with a terminal illness predicted to die within six months. However, like Belgium and the Netherlands, it will be expanded to the mentally and physically disabled, who feel they have a "duty to die" in order to spare their family emotional and financial costs. The slippery slope is real.

The historian, Hannah Arendt, once described Nazism as "the banality of evil." By this, she meant that evil had been normalized in Nazi Germany. And of course, in our own country the evil of slavery had once been normalized. In the United States today, we average over 2,500 abortions a day, more than 60 million since the Supreme Court legalized abortion through all nine-months of pregnancy with its Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton decisions in January 1973.

We in the pro-life movement are fighting against this normalization of the killing of pre-born babies through abortion and the killing of the elderly, the depressed, and disabled through doctor-prescribed suicide which will turn doctors into killers.

Please help us to continue our educational efforts to end this killing by contributing whatever you can afford so that together we can win this fight for all those who cannot defend themselves.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

For His Innocents,



George E. Frost
LICL Chairman

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**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next meeting is **Mon., Dec. 27 at 7:30 PM** at the Joseph Barry K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. We will have refreshments after the meeting to celebrate the Christmas season.

Please join us! All are welcome! For information call 631-243-1435.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The US Supreme Court hears oral arguments Dec. 1 in *Dobbs v Jackson*, Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban. Pundits disagree whether the case is about allowing a "pre-viability" abortion ban to stand, or if the Court is being asked to rule that *Roe*, *Doe* & *Casey* were constitutionally unsupportable, and strike them down. A ruling is expected in June 2022. [See Nov. 2021 LN, pg. 3]

The Court heard oral arguments Nov. 1 in *US v Texas*, re **SB.8**, the Texas 'heartbeat' (6-week) abortion ban. The law bans abortions after six weeks but bars State officials from enforcing it, instead vesting enforcement power in private citizens, allowing them to sue abortionists who violate the law, or any person who aids a woman to get an abortion in violation of the law. *US v Texas* asks the Court if the Federal Govt. may bring suit against the State of Texas in federal court to block citizens from enforcement action and/or ban Texas courts from hearing the citizen lawsuits. The Federal Govt. also wants SCOTUS to consider the constitutionality of the entire **SB.8** law.

Justices Kavanaugh and Coney Barrett are seen as the 'swing- votes' in this case. On Nov. 1, clearly concerned about the enforcement powers given to private citizens, they asked if the citizen-lawsuit enforcement structure might be used in state laws implicating rights explicitly in the Constitution (e.g., Speech, Religion), or how one would defend against such a suit in state courts. Ed Mechmann (NY Archdiocese) asks if SCOTUS will, in reaching its determination, see the citizen-lawsuit enforcement structure as disrespectful to Courts, and also asks 'what if these tactics are used against us?'

At present, Texas **SB.8** continues in force. Currently, no actual case using **SB.8** against a defendant in a specific Texas court is pending, making the law (by design) difficult to attack. [See <https://humanlifereview.com/questions-and-concerns-about-the-Texas-abortion-statute/>] Note: **SB.8** has no "rape exception". Live Action explains <https://www.liveaction.org/news/texas-abortion-law-rape/> (Note: Thank you to Tom Renker, Esq, for his assistance with the **SB.8** information.)

As of Nov. 4, 'moderate' & 'progressive' Congressional Democrats are still fighting over multi-trillion-dollar Infra-structure and Stimulus Bills - crafted outside the traditional budget process. Election day results in NJ and Virginia may work against these bills, making it more likely the (more traditional) **HR.4375** and **HR.4502** Appropriation bills will now see action. Both pairs of bills lack Hyde protection. Also awaiting action are:

S.1975 (HR.3755) – negates almost all pro-life laws
S.J.Res.1 - resurrects the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment
S.J.Res.9 - fixes Supreme Court at nine justices

On Nov. 3, the *John Lewis Act [HR.4/S.4]*, to increase federal control of elections, failed to get the necessary 60 Senate votes. Sen. Murkowski was the only GOP 'Yes' vote.

On Nov. 1, the US State Department announced an inaugural \$5 million contribution to the Supplies Fund of the UN Population Fund to purchase maternal health supplies, including abortion-inducing drugs and devices. No prior US administration has funded UNFPA supplies. The fund distributes portable abortion devices - manual

vacuum aspirator (MVA) kits as well as the abortion pills misoprostol and mifepristone. International Planned Parenthood and MSI (formerly Marie Stopes International) receive these materials from UNFPA supplies.

In mid-October, the *Pennsylvania Family Council* hosted a meeting to discuss fetal tissue experiments at the University of Pittsburgh, funded by Dr. Fauci's National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases. U of Pittsburgh's application for the grant touted itself as the best place for aborted kidney research. It noted that labor was induced at 24 weeks, fetal body temperature was then tracked, so that kidneys were removed from the living unborn child as soon as blood flow ceased. Speaker David Daleiden said these are clear cases of illegal partial-birth abortions, or infanticide. There was also a racial quota for the abortions: 50% white, 25% black, 25% other minorities. The vice chair of the U of Pittsburgh's Institutional Review Board is also Medical Director for PP of Western PA and oversees PP abortionist training at U of Pittsburgh. (See *The Federalist* 10/13/21)

At least four incidents of vandalism or harassment of proliferators on college campuses were reported in October. At the University of N. Texas, Antifa members shouted obscenities at students, and followed some to their cars. Posters advertising Kristan Hawkins were defaced at Wellesley College in MA. Fliers for a pro-life event at Dartmouth, in N. H. were torn up, and a pro-life display at Xavier University in Ohio was destroyed.

ACTION ITEM

Urge your House member to vote NO on any bills or budget items that lack Hyde Amendment protection. For contact information, go to: <https://www.prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative>



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Ballot proposals 1, 3, and 4 which concerned redistricting and would have compromised election integrity were defeated on Election Day. They were opposed by NYS Right to Life. Proposal 2 creates a right to clean air, water and an undefined "healthful environment." It passed and there is concern that it could be used to push anti-life regulations. Six other states (HI, IL, MA, MT, PA, and RI) already have similar rules.

There are several bills floating in Albany, awaiting action during the upcoming session starting in January 2022. These include placing undue burdens on Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Aid in Dying bills, redefining what an embryo is, protecting abortion survivors, etc. A full list is available on the NYSRTL website: <https://nysrighttolife.org/legislative-summary/>

In 2017, NY mandated all employee medical insurance must cover abortion. The Albany Catholic Diocese sued (*Diocese of Albany v Emami*). On Nov. 1, the US Supreme Court declined to hear the suit, but sent the case back to NY's top Court (NY Court of Appeals) for a re-hearing, in light of *Fulton v. Philadelphia*. In that case, earlier this year, SCOTUS made a pro-religious liberty ruling regarding a Catholic adoption agency in PA. Justices Alito, Gorsuch & Thomas said they would have heard Albany's case.

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HEALTH & SCIENCE

In Vitro Gametogenesis



Antonio Regalado posted an article on 10/28/21 at TechnologyReview.com on the process of in vitro gametogenesis – “turning adult cells into gametes – sperm or egg cells.” Matt Krisiloff started Ovid Research, now called Conception, which is “the largest commercial venture pursuing in vitro gametogenesis.” The company has “around 16 scientists and has raised \$20 million from well-known tech figures.” Their goal is to “produce a human egg and a patented process for making them.”

Regalado reported that the company is currently working on making replacement eggs for women, because it is “scientifically easier than making eggs from male cells, and it has an obvious market.” Although the process of creating eggs from male cells will be harder, it is part of the company’s business plan.

The company uses blood cells from female donors to attempt to create a “proof-of-concept human egg” in the lab. It has not been successful yet. There are ethical issues involved in the process. Regalado wrote, “Conception’s process for making eggs from stem cells has required human fetal tissue...because the technology could turn eggs into a manufactured resource, it could supercharge the path to designer children. If doctors can make a thousand eggs for a patient, they’ll also be able to fertilize all of them and test to find the best resulting embryos, scoring their genes for future health or intelligence. Such a laboratory process would also permit unfettered genetic editing with DNA engineering tools such as CRISPR.” The company “anticipates that artificial eggs could allow “wide-scale genomic selection and editing in embryos.”

The process involves taking a cell such as a white blood cell from an adult and converting it into a stem cell using reprogramming - inducing a cell to become pluripotent – able to form any type of tissue. Then the induced stem cells must be steered into becoming eggs having the genetic makeup of the donor. As Regalado noted, the last step is the challenge. In 2016, Japanese scientists took skin cells from mice, induced them into stem cells, “directed them partway along the path to becoming eggs...incubated these proto-eggs alongside tissue collected from ovaries of mouse fetuses. In effect, they had to construct mini ovaries.”

The Japanese scientists noted that applying the technology in humans requires follicle cells from aborted embryos and fetuses. Conception “tweeted at abortion providers directly...[but Krisiloff] declined to say where Conception gets its tissue donations currently.” Krisiloff would like to avoid the controversy and eventually move to all stem cell-derived research.

The Japanese researchers are concerned that applying the technique to humans is “premature”. Although the mice produced from artificial eggs seem to be healthy, they could have “cryptic anomalies”. At the recent annual meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, presentations were given on artificial gametogenesis and genetic editing. Some

scientists and bioethicists are urging researchers to slow down the research by using animals first.

Polygenic Risk Scoring Carey Goldberg reported on a new type of DNA testing at Bloomberg News on 9/17/21. She stated, “It’s based on multiple common gene variations that could each have tiny effects; together they create higher or lower odds for many common diseases.” Recently a child was born after her parents had 4 IVF embryos analyzed by Genomic Prediction to determine which embryo had “the best genetic odds of avoiding heart disease, diabetes, and cancer in adulthood.” The father, a neurologist, said parents have a duty to give their children a healthy start in life, and compared polygenic testing to vaccinations – “It’s just another way of preventing disease.”

However, the New England Journal of Medicine recently published a report calling for an “urgent society-wide conversation” on this test, stating, “The benefits are real, and the risks are real.” Since most of the genetic data is currently “Eurocentric,” parents with other ancestry “can’t benefit as much.” Since it is so new, there are many unknowns. It could also increase health disparities among races and classes.

Genomic Prediction originally offered scores on height and intellectual ability but stopped when media noted the possibility of eugenics. Now the company focuses on “disease risks”. According to Goldberg, Michelle Meyer, a legal scholar and bioethicist stated that “it is legal in the US for a company to offer polygenic risk scores on intelligence, height, weight, or other dimensions, and the risk scores are arguably a new type of the largely unregulated embryo testing for single-gene diseases that clinics have offered for many years.” Steven Hyman, director of the Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard stated, “This is liberal eugenics...It’s important to put an ethical stake in the ground because over many, many years, these technologies might become much more accessible, scalable, cheaper.”

Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT): Michael Cook reported at Bioedge.org (10/28/21) that NIPT is “one of the world’s fastest-spreading genetic technologies. It is non-invasive, safe and reliable, although it is only a screening test and results should ideally be followed by a diagnostic test.” It currently can screen for Down Syndrome, Edwards Syndrome, Patau Syndrome, Turner Syndrome, Klinefelter Syndrome and Triple X Syndrome.

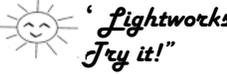
Cook noted that it is expensive. He also noted that often women are aborting after the screening test without confirming the results. Cook wrote, “from an ethical point of view, the most controversial feature of NIPT is that many women will abort their child after learning of the abnormality. A cynic might even argue that NIPT is basically a marketing tool for abortion clinics.”

A recent article in *Annual Reviews* (August 2021) stated, “Additional challenges will emerge from the gradual expanded use of NIPT to generate an increasing amount of genetic information, potentially toward less severe conditions and even nonmedical characteristics. Nuanced and contextualized discussion of socio-ethical implications is indispensable as countries cope with decisions regarding what uses of NIPT they wish to allow or fund.”

How many children will be sacrificed in abortion for this research, and how many will die as a result of these “search and destroy tests?”

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