# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life

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#### **IN THE NEWS:**

September 3, 2012—Yuba City, CA
According to their website, Yuba City's Planned
Parenthood is doing "medication abortions". Side effects
of this type of abortion commonly include nausea, severe
pain, heavy bleeding, diarrhea, fever and chills. Other
side effects involve bleeding severe enough to require a
blood transfusion, infection and/or death.

"Medication abortions" are done using a drug called mifepristone, also known as RU-486. Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director, described her own medication abortion in her book "unPlanned". "I started to feel pain in my abdomen unlike anything I had ever experienced. Then the blood came. It was gushing out of me...I sat there for hours...bleeding, throwing up into the bathroom trashcan, crying and sweating." According to the FDA post-marketing report of adverse events associated with mifepristone, 2,200 cases of significant side effects including blood loss severe enough to require transfusions, serious infections, and death were (voluntarily) reported. And an article was published by Dr. Ralph P. Miech, Professor Emeritus at Brown University School of Medicine, which theorizes "that the mechanisms of mifepristone action favor the development of infection that leads to septic shock and intensifies the actions of multiple inflammatory cytokines, resulting in fulminant, lethal septic shock." (emphasis added)

Zhiejiang Province, China—July 30, 2012 (LifeSiteNews.com) Lou Xiaoying, an 88-year-old woman now close to death, is being hailed as a hero in her home city of Jinhua. The elderly woman whose meager living recycling trash did not stop her from bringing home and caring for all of the abandoned infants she came across—30 in all. "These children need love and care. They are all precious human lives. I do not understand how people can leave such a vulnerable baby on the streets." The woman says her rescue effort began in 1972, when she found a little girl "lying amongst the junk on the street, abandoned." Under China's one-child policy, some 35,000 abortions are committed per day in the country, many of them forced, and human rights abuses under the policy are rampant. "I realized if we had strength enough to collect garbage, how could we not recycle something as important as human lives," she said.

August 14, 2012—Excerpts from Rolley Haggard's sequel to his widely published article:

If every Sunday, in every pulpit, in every church across America, ministers would devote one minute—ONE MINUTE—to decrying the evil of abortion on demand, such universal solidarity within the ranks of Christian leadership would accomplish two things, maybe three.

First, it would dispel ambiguity and send a clear signal to every pew-sitting believer that this a top-line priority with God.

Second, it would foster unanimity amongst all believers—at least on this one all-important issue—and enable us together to render unto God what is God's (i.e., sufficient advocacy at the ballot box to get Roe overturned) while at the same time rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's—which, don't forget, includes the advice and consent of the governed.

And third, maybe, just maybe the voice of conscience would become less easily ignored by those outside the church and we would see abortion on demand outlawed, not only in America, but around the world—"overnight."

In the months since publication, the thing that has stunned me is not the article's near-universal vigorously enthusiastic embrace by thousands within the pro-life community. What has stunned me is the thunderous silence from evangelical pastors. I've gotten loads of feedback from lay evangelicals and Catholics—clergy and laypersons alike—but almost nothing from evangelical ministers. It has left me wondering, "Do they agree? Do they disagree?"

So this time I'm explicitly soliciting feedback. Help me understand. You who pastor an evangelical church, what do you think of this "One-Minute Strategy" to end abortion? It seems to me that to say nothing is to say everything. Actions, they say, speak louder than words. But here, in this thing, we are letting silence speak louder still. Rolley Haggard can be reached by writing to him:

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### You Fre Cordially Invited .... To our

meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

October 7th 2:00pm-3:30pm: Annual Life Chain which got its start right here in Yuba City in 1987! For more information, contact Royce Dunn at 674-5068 or visit the website.

October 20, 2012: A Woman's Friend banquet at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds Main Exhibit building. Bruce Wilkinson, best selling author, will be the guest speaker! Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10. For more information, contact A Woman's Friend at 741-9136 or visit their website.

#### **News Continued:**

August 21, 2012—College Station, Texas (LiveActionNews.org) In April, the Pro-Life Aggies in College Station, Texas held their bi-annual "Community Baby Shower" by standing outside a Walmart and asking shoppers to consider purchasing baby items to give to them so they could in turn donate everything to a local pregnancy and parenting resource center. By the end of one weekend, the front and back seats and trunk of a car were completely filled with wipes, diapers, formula, and other items, and over \$700 in monetary donations were received.

It was such a success that the group has joined forces with Stand True, Priests for Life, and Students for Life of America to begin an official Baby Shower movement. On the weekend of September 28, 2012, the first National Community Baby Shower Day will be held. Groups can register and receive step-by-step instructions and helpful tips and tricks for hosting a fruitful Baby Shower. Aside from receiving donations outside a local Target or Walmart, groups can also request permission from such stores as Bel-Air or K-Mart. Searching for gently used baby and maternity items on Craigslist or contacting local churches to ask parishioners to leave baby items in a box in the church office for donation are also viable options for hosting a Baby Shower.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked our fair booth: Helen Gomez; Kathleen Caldwell; Al & Diane Sawyer; Bill & Dianne Daugherty; Tina, Abraham & Andrea Velasco; Dieter & Fran Rex; Joe & Jan Caputo; Jennifer & Brian Hackney; Susan Burky; Mary Anne Brayton; John & Judi Mallen; Gregory Pugh; Elizabeth Duran; Jim Almond; Jena Walters, and Hope Ithurburn. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



September 26-November 4: 40 Days for Life Fall campaign in Sacramento at Pregnancy Consultation Center, 1750 Wright Street, Sacramento. A facility that performs abortions into the 6th month of pregnancy! Visit their website <a href="here">here</a> or call Maureen at 673-1437 or Heather at 751-9349.

Yuba City Planned
Parenthood is doing
abortions! Scan the
code with your smart
phone and see for
yourself.



August 15, 2012—London, England (HLIAmerica.org) Reese Hoffa, after winning the bronze medal in shot put at the 2012 Summer Olympics, took advantage of the situation when reporters put their microphones in his face seeking a comment after the medal ceremony to extol the virtues of adoption. Hoffa's life story has been told before he was placed in an orphanage when he was four years old. His mother was barely sixteen when she gave birth to him, her second child. She tried to raise the two children but had no money and no family support, so she did what she thought was best for her children and gave them up for adoption. When speaking of his biological mother, Reese says, "I have to say thank you very much...For her to make a decision to give the best life I could possibly have, I'm sure that took incredible courage on her part." The Hoffa family adopted Reese when he was five years old. They were a faithfully Catholic family who already had four children. They gave him love and nurtured him to success. He graduated from the University of Georgia and has participated in three Olympic games. The Washington Post reports on Hoffa's desire to encourage others to consider adoption: "I think that's very important to me, to show a lot of parents out there looking to give kids homes, that we are great people that we want to do great things but we just need a home to do that in. If you're a loving, caring mother or father, looking for a child, adoption is an incredible option. I'm definitely testament to that." Think about that. In his third Olympics he wins his first medal and the first thing he does is to urge parents to consider adoption. Most adoptive parents will not raise Olympians like Reese Hoffa or Scott Hamilton. Their child will very likely not be an innovator like Steve Jobs or a successful entrepreneur like Wendy's founder Dave Thomas—each of whom was adopted. But every child, no matter his potential for worldly greatness, is a precious gift made in the image of God and deserving of the unconditional love of a family.

## **WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE?**







#### TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment

"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."

The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

#### **ROE V. WADE &** ABORTION

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then

"I support the reversal of Roe v. Wade, because it is bad law and bad medicine. Roe was a misquided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

"I am pro-choice. I believe in Roe v. Wade."

"With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)

#### **FUNDING FOR** ABORTION PROVIDERS

Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.

#### OBAMACARE HEALTH CARE LAW

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

"Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm."

Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

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#### **RIGHTS OF** CONSCIENCE

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1467, H.R. 1179) would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

". . . on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.



#### An open letter to abortion clinic workers

by Abby Johnson
June 8, 2012 (LifeSiteNews.com)

I remember the meeting like it was yesterday. All of the clinic directors assembled in the main conference room. Sitting in a sort of squared-circle facing each other.

We were being told that we had all been guilty of fraudulent billing to the state and federal government. We did-



n't even know that we had been participating in the fraud. We were all sitting there in silence. What did this mean? Were we in trouble? Could we potentially get in trouble? So, I broke the silence. I simply asked, "What are we going to do about the money we shouldn't have received?" The response, "We are going to hope we don't get caught." But..."What if we do get caught? Can we be held responsible?" She then went into a long story about a similar situation she had once been in at a clinic where she once worked. The moral of the story was, yes, we could all be held responsible... but not to worry, "we" wouldn't get caught.

A couple years later, I left Planned Parenthood. I talked to several attorneys about that meeting. I knew what I had been involved in was wrong, and I knew Planned Parenthood needed to be held accountable. That meeting had nothing to do with pro-life or pro-choice issues; this was about our tax

dollars and fiscal responsibility. So, I decided to come forward with the information I knew and am now involved in a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood.

I often think about the people I worked with at Planned Parenthood. When this case goes to court, can they be held accountable? Yes. Can they be put in jail for this fraudulent activity? Yes. Is that a scary thought? Absolutely.

When I look back, I realize just how shocking and disrespectful Planned Parenthood was. You can see how much they value their personnel. "We are going to hope we don't get caught"...but if we do, we will throw you under the bus instead of correcting our mistake.

So, maybe you are currently a clinic worker. Maybe you are aware of fraudulent activity taking place at your facility. Maybe it is happening and you don't even know about it. We just recently saw videos exposed by Live Action that show clinic workers knowingly breaking the law. Has that been you? Can you really trust your employer, the abortion industry? This is the same industry that has multiple lawsuits pending (all brought on by former clinic workers) that allege fraud. This is the same industry that is currently under Congressional investigation because of suspected misdeeds. This is the same industry that has been caught again and again by Live Action and other groups breaking the law and deliberately lying to patients. These are the people you

trust? You think they are loyal to you? Think again. Just months before I left Planned Parenthood, I had received their "Employee of the Year" award. Three weeks after I left, I was sitting in a court fighting against the people I once called my closest friends. You've heard the saying, "There is no honor among thieves." Well, there is even less honor in the abortion industry.

You may hear things from your supervisors like, "Oh, those Live Action videos are a hoax." Why don't you check it out for yourself? We always post unedited video on our site, www.liveaction.org. If they are indeed a "hoax" then why do these clinics always fire the employees involved in the videos? I understand tolerance and acceptance, but those two things do not require law breaking...which is what we see over and over again.

I remember watching one video...I heard the clinic workers say, "We don't judge here. We accept people from all walks of life." I could almost hear my voice making that statement. The clinic worker was reassuring a pimp and a prostitute that their illegal sex trafficking ring was "safe" with Planned Parenthood. You see what we have done? We have forgotten who we are working to protect. We have allowed the idea of "tolerance" to cloud our judgment of right and wrong.

I suspect you have run into similar situations at your clinic...I know I did. Did you brush them off under the idea that 'you are a tolerant person' or did you do the right thing and stand up against what you saw? I bet you let "tolerance" and "acceptance" get the best of you.

Are you willing to take the fall for your job? Are you willing to go to prison for this industry? If not, then we can help. You don't have to feel trapped. There is a way out and it is called "And Then There Were None." It is an organization to help you leave the abortion industry. We provide 4 streams of assistance.

- Up to three months of financial support after a worker resigns and help with job placement
- Emotional support during the transition time
- A spiritual advisor of the former worker's choosing
- Free legal counsel to protect the worker's interests during transition

There is no reason to stay in the abortion field if you want out...and we have a strong desire to help you. You deserve better than the abortion industry. You deserve to work somewhere where you are valued and respected. Let us help. www.attwn.org.