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## Human Life Supersedes Everything

by Kelley Wilson

In August, my husband and I, along with our two children, voted in the primary election. We all went to the polls together to cast our ballots. This was the first election that my daughter was able to vote.

Afterward, our discussion turned to voting pro-life. Even though so many friends think abortion is bad, we knew they would never vote solely on that criterion. Most of our Christian friends thought there were just too many other issues to consider.

It reminded me of a sermon our pastor gave many years ago. He spoke about the realities of abortion. He explained that abortion was the intentional killing of a baby, and he encouraged us to look at specific websites to see the physical horror of abortion. He did not want there to be any confusion as to what happens to the unborn baby. The images clearly showed how a baby was butchered during an abortion.

Graphic images can tell a powerful, heart-wrenching story.

In 1955, Emmett Till's mother advocated for people to see her son's body at his funeral. Emmett, a 14-year-old black boy, allegedly whistled at a white woman. The woman's husband and half-brother then abducted Emmett, brutally beat him, shot him in the head, and dumped his body in a river. Emmett's beaten, swollen body was so disfigured that he was only identifiable by the initials on a ring on his finger.

The image of this young boy's dead body, which was published in newspapers and magazines, was a reminder of the cruelty and savagery of racism.

After seeing such a horrific image, how could anyone vote for a candidate who supported racism?

After seeing the bloody remains of a pre-born baby ripped from her mother's womb, how could anyone vote for a candidate who advocated for abortion?

Our pastor was very passionate about the need to truly understand what abortion is. But in our racially diverse church, many were offended. They hoped his sermon wasn't a call to vote a certain way.

But in the hierarchy of issues to consider when going to the ballot box, how can taking the life of an innocent human being not supersede everything else?

## Abort Corrupt Planned Parenthood's Medicaid Funding

by Ryan Bomberger

Numerous whistleblowers have accused Planned Parenthood of stealing from Medicaid to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The abortion giant had to pay back the state of Texas $4.9 million for "allegations of medically unnecessary care." The Office of Inspector General of HHS announced in another case in North Carolina that: "Planned Parenthood agreed to pay $1.5 million for allegedly violating the Civil Monetary Penalties Law by submitting claims for Medicaid services not provided."

If they're defrauding Medicaid, aren't they stealing from the very low-income people they claim comprise the majority of their clients?

In 2021, South Carolina moved to defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid funding. A federal district court wrongly forced the state to restore that funding. Despite the fact South Carolina has banned abortion beyond 6 weeks and bars the state from funding abortion, whether directly or indirectly, the corrupt activist organization thinks taxpayers must be forced to fund its political agenda. Notice I didn't say "medical" practice.

If Planned Parenthood is defunded in South Carolina, pro-abortion allies claim these folks will have nowhere to go. Really? There are two Planned Parenthood abortion centers in South Carolina. There are over 200 taxpayer-funded community health centers throughout the state that provide a far-wider scope of real healthcare.

Across the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, their customer base has dwindled by hundreds of thousands even though they continue to increase their storehouse of taxpayer dollars by the hundreds of millions annually.

Even the radically leftist *New York Times* shockingly reported, "Over the last five years, the national office has distributed more than $899 million to affiliates to help them deliver care, but none of it went directly to medical services." It did go to politics, though.

According to their own annual report, Planned Parenthood spent $263.5 million in lobbying, fundraising, and advertising in 2023. Taxpayers are paying for their propaganda.

Planned Parenthood killed 392,715 unrepeatable human beings in that same year. Americans don't want their hard-earned dollars used to exploit women and snuff out defenseless human lives.

## Ryan Bomberger

"Some say that I should have been aborted. I am the 1% that is used 100% of the time to justify abortion. My birth mom was a victim of the violence of rape, but I'm so grateful that she didn't make me a victim of the violence of abortion."

## People of Color Do Not Support Assisted Suicide

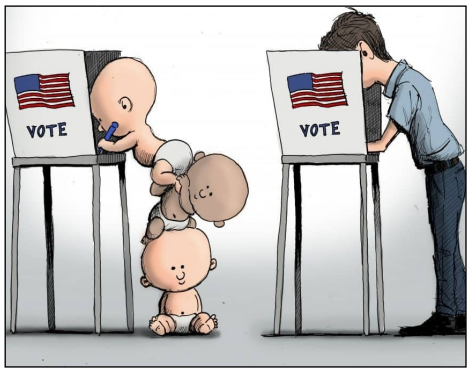
It is generally white, wealthy individuals who insist on access to lethal drugs, imposing the cheaper assisted suicide "option" on people who already must fight to overcome healthcare inequalities.

Black People
65% opposed; 29% support

Hispanic People
65% opposed; 32% support

Rising prices and cost-cutting pressure from insurance companies threaten access to quality healthcare. Inject a cheap, lethal option, and the pressure to choose the more "economic" lethal option threatens access to quality healthcare.

*Source: Advocates for Better Care*

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