

National and Local Groups Protest

“On July 28, 2015, about 200 pro-life supporters met in front of the Birmingham Planned Parenthood Abortion Center in Birmingham to protest tax-payer funding of Planned Parenthood. They joined other groups of protesters around the nation at Planned Parenthood locations. Such events have increased after videos were released by the Center for Medical Progress detailing the selling of the tissue of aborted babies. The event was sponsored by CEC for Life and Alabama Eagle Forum. One of the major speakers at this event was Deborah Garrett, Executive Director of Alabama Eagle Forum. As reported by *Yellowhammer.com*:



It is critical that the State of Alabama immediately open an investigation into Planned Parenthood in light of recent and past discoveries about the disturbing practices of this organization, said Deborah Garrett, Executive Director of Eagle Forum of Alabama. Our state leaders at all levels of government should call for immediate defunding of this organization. Selling human tissue and body parts of aborted babies is a clear human rights violation. It is in violation of federal law, Alabama State law, and public policy. She added: The essence of human rights is the right to life, and each day our government funds Planned Parenthood it is rejecting basic human rights for women in Alabama and our nation.

Again on August 22, 2015, another nationwide protest of Planned Parenthood was held at about 300 Planned Parenthood locations all across the nation. Between 300-400 people gathered at Planned Parenthood in Birmingham. The Birmingham event was sponsored by CEC for Life.

Speakers included Bishop Emeritus David Foley, Diocese of Birmingham, Jim Pinto, Her Choice of Birmingham, Terri Lapoint, Pro-life Journalist & Abortion Survivor, Rev. Terry Gensemer, CEC For Life, Alabama State Representative Matt Fridy, former State Senator Scott Beason, with Jane Ohlman leading songs of worship.

Videos continue to be released by the Center for Medical Progress that show further evidence of Planned Parenthood selling organs and intact babies for profit to tissue procurers such as Stem Express, Inc. We continue to insist that this evil be stopped.

Senate Majority Leader McConnell has announced that he won't allow a vote to stop federal funding because President Obama will veto.



Anchor Babies Case Filed in Texas

An article by Phyllis Schlafly posted on *TownHall.com* on September 1, 2015, detailed a federal case in Texas involving the practice of giving automatic U.S. citizenship to children born to illegal aliens.

Schlafly wrote: “The Pew Research Center estimated that 340,000 children are born annually to citizens of Mexico and other foreign countries who are living illegally in the United States, and that doesn’t include children born to ‘birth tourists,’ primarily from Asian countries, which the Center for Immigration Studies estimates could be as high as 36,000. These children are called ‘anchor babies’ because their presumed citizenship enables their parents to access a variety of benefit programs intended for U.S. citizens, and makes it so much easier for the entire family to continue living here illegally.”

According to the article, the case was filed by a group called the South Texas Civil Right Project, a spin off of the ACLU, on behalf of some two dozen mothers who are citizens of Mexico living illegally in Texas. Their complaint is that they cannot get birth certificates for their Texas born children because they don't have proper identification.

According to the article, Texas issues a birth certificate to a close relative only if they have a valid ID issued by a U. S. federal or state agency. The mothers claim that by refusing to accept the Mexican issued matricula consular, issued by the Mexican consu-

late, that Texas is in violation of the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

As part of the case filing, the plaintiffs have entered a brief by Mexico’s consul general for Texas, Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, that openly admits that Mexico’s official policy is to encourage its citizens to come to the U. S. illegally to access our welfare system.

The 14th Amendment states that: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof” are citizens. The brief filed by the plaintiff attorneys states that “Mexico is responsible to protect its nationals wherever they may be residing” and also that “Mexican nationality is granted to children born abroad to a Mexican born parent.” These statements plainly show that such illegal persons and their children are Mexican citizens and that they remain “under the jurisdiction” of Mexico. If not, they could not give Mexican citizenship to the children born here to Mexican parents.

The case is new and it will take time for it to work its way through the court system, but it could be the case that clarifies this issue. It would seem from the briefs mentioned that Mexico is proving the case against the anchor babies.

Thanks to Phyllis Schlafly for making this important information available.

Transgender is “Mental Disorder”

Dr. Paul R. McHugh, former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital and Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, wrote a commentary in the *Wall Street Journal* where he stated that transgender surgery is not the solution for people who suffer a disorder of assumption — the notion that their maleness or femaleness is different than what nature assigned to them biologically.

An article by Michael W. Chapman posted at *CNSNews.com* on June 2, 2015, says that Dr. McHugh reported that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. He further noted studies from Vanderbilt University and London’s Portman Clinic that of children who had expressed transgender feelings, over time, 70%-80% “spontaneously lost those feelings.”

Dr. McHugh also said that this disorder is similar to “dangerously thin” people suffering from anorexia who look in the mirror and think they are “overweight.” Dr. McHugh said there are “misguided doctors” who, working with very young children who seem to imitate the opposite sex, will administer “puberty-delaying hormones to render later sex-change surgeries less onerous.” He said such action comes “close to child abuse” in his opinion.

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Support for Common Core is Down Among Teachers

Excerpts from an article published in the *Alabama Political Reporter* by Brandon Moseley entitled [Support for Common Core is Plummeting Among Teachers](#) :

“On Tuesday, August 18, the 2015 Education Next Poll was released by ‘Education Next’ and the Program on Education Policy and Governance at Harvard Kennedy School showing that while the majority of the general public is still behind Common Core, as it has been implemented in the schools, support for Common Core State Standards has plummeted among the education professionals who see the results of this new curriculum every day.”

“The majority of teachers now oppose some part of the Common Core standards. Only 40 percent of the teachers surveyed still support the experimental standards that they have been ordered to implement over the last three years. In 2013, 76 percent of education professionals supported the initiative. That percentage plummeted to just 46 percent in 2014 and has fallen another 6 points to only 40 percent in 2015. The percentage of teachers expressing opposition rose to 50 percentage points leaving just 10 percent undecided. Thirty-one percent of teachers answered that they were strongly opposed, while only 11 percent still strongly support the controversial standards. Support for Common Core among the general public dropped another 4 percentage points to just 49 percent. 35 percent of the public

consider themselves Common Core opponents.”

“While Common Core is under assault in many states, in Alabama, Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh (R) from Anniston and the Republican controlled state school board have both defied nearly unanimous resolutions by the Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee demanding that Alabama also opt out of the unproven and untested Common Core educational standards. Bills to repeal the unpopular Common Core aligned Alabama College and Career Ready Standards were introduced in the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Alabama legislative sessions; but they lacked the support of the Republican leadership and did not pass, because the leadership would not bring repeal legislation to the floor. Sen. Rusty Glover (R from Semmes) carried the repeal legislation in 2015. Common Core opponents are hopeful that the legislature will take up repeal legislation in the next special session.” Gov. Bentley has not put Common Core legislation on the call for any special session.

Note: Two members of the State Board of Education have strongly and consistently opposed Common Core and the whole liberal education agenda, Stephanie Bell representing District 2 and Betty Peters who represents District 3 on the Board. We are proud that they are both long time members of Eagle Forum.

Hilton Hotel Chain Removes Porn Channels From Hotels

According to a post at *LifeSiteNews.com* on August 20, 2015, the worldwide Hilton hotel chain has removed all porn channels from its hotels in 85 countries after a campaign that saw top executives each getting as many as 1000 emails a week opposing the presence of porn in the hotels.

Pat Truman, president and CEO of the National Center of Sexual Exploitation, was quoted as saying, “Partly it was the public pressure. But to give Hilton credit, they thanked us in the end.” He added, “They realized it didn’t make sense to be against that (sexual exploitation) while promoting pornography, which is so closely connected to it. Sex traffickers use pornography to sell prostitution. It’s all connected.”

While they have removed the porn channels, they still provide free Wi-Fi connections which allow access to porn sites for those who insist. But such connections also serve useful purposes for the general public.

The article closed with the notation that other chains have already dropped pornography channels and should be commended for that. They include: Omni, Drury, Ritz-Carlton, Nordic Choice Hotels and Marriott.

Source: LifeSiteNews.com

“When the righteous rule, the people rejoice: when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2

The Obama administration doesn't know whether billions in subsidies it paid out to insurers were appropriate.

The Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General audited Obamacare subsidy payments from January through April of last year and found that HHS basically couldn't verify if the payment amounts were correct, because it lacked internal controls to do so.

As the IG report put it, HHS "did not have systems in place to ensure that financial assistance payments were made on behalf of confirmed enrollee and in the correct amounts. The government still does not have a complete system for approving subsidies distributed through Obamacare. They used an "interim process" for 2014 and is planning a "permanent process" to be finished by late 2015.

Without effective internal control for ensuring that advance CSR payments are reconciled in a timely manner, a significant amount of Federal funds are at risk.

AMAC Advantage Summer 2015

According to a poll by Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup in their annual poll of Americans on education issues released on Aug. 23, 2015, only 1 in 4 public school parents approve of Common Core. Across party lines, more people oppose Common Core than favor it. 69% of Republicans oppose Common Core while 38% of Democrats oppose Common Core. 50% of independents oppose Common Core. 64% said there was too much emphasis on standardized testing.

Truth in American Education, 8/24/2015

Today I swung my front door open and placed my Remington 12 gauge semi-auto shotgun right in the doorway. I left 9 shells beside it, then left it alone and went about my business. While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the neighbor boy across the street mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign near the front of my house.

After about an hour, I checked on the gun. It was still sitting there, right where I had left it. It hadn't moved itself. It certainly hadn't killed anyone, even with the numerous opportunities it had presented to do so. In fact, it hadn't even loaded itself.

Well you can imagine my surprise, with all the hype by the Left and the Media about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people. Either the media is wrong, or I am in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

The United States is third in the world in murders throughout the world. But if you take out just four cities— Chicago, Detroit, Washington DC, and New Orleans, the United States is fourth from the bottom in the entire world for murders! These four cities also have the toughest gun control laws in the U. S. All four of these cities are controlled by Democrats. It would be absurd to draw any conclusions from these data-right?"

Well, I'm off to check my spoons. I hear they're making people fat.

Anonymous

"The problem with political jokes is that they get elected."
-Henry Cate, VII

"If we got one -tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven." -Will Rogers

"Politics in the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other."- Oscar Ameringer

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians."
-Charles de Gaulle

"Man, fearfully and wonderfully made, is the workmanship of his all perfect Creator..."
Justice James Wilson wrote in Chisholm v. State of Ga., 2 U.S. 419 (1793), 453-466

You have no enemies, you say?
Alas, my friend, the boast is poor;
He who has mingled in the fray
Of duty, that the brave endure,
Must have made foes!
If you have none,
Small is the work that you have done.
You've hit no traitor on the hip,
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,
You've never turned the wrong to right,
You've been a coward in the fight.

~ Charles MacKay (1814-1889)

Promotion of Homosexuality in Schools

On the website of the *American College of Pediatrics* is a report of their study on the harm of promoting homosexuality in schools. The main author of the study, Michelle Cretella, MD, FCP, wrote the report in 2008.

The report reads in part:

One of the most coordinated efforts to convince school officials to embrace this position was launched by a coalition of 13 organizations which produced a brochure entitled, *Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth*. This coalition, which includes the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychiatric Association, and the National Education Association, mailed the brochure in January 2008 to all 16,000 public school superintendents in the United States. The purpose of the brochure was to:

- Promote the notion that all forms of sexual attraction among students (regardless of age) are equally and entirely normal, including heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality.
- Inform educators that all sexual-reorientation therapy may be harmful and should be prohibited.
- Warn school officials that student clubs advocating the practice of homosexuality must be allowed on campus.

The American College of Pediatricians disagrees with the coalition and presents this scientific response:

- The etiology of homosexual attraction is determined by a combination of familial, environmental, and social influences. For some individuals,

the inheritance of predisposing personality traits may also play a role.

- While homosexual attraction may not be a conscious choice, it is changeable for many individuals.
- Declaring and validating a student's same-sex attraction during the adolescent years is premature and may be harmful.
- Many youth with homosexual attractions have experienced a troubled upbringing, including sexual abuse, and are in need of therapy.
- The homosexual lifestyle carries grave health risks.
- Sexual reorientation therapy can be effective. Students and parents should be aware of all therapeutic options.
- There is no evidence that pro-homosexual programs, such as on-campus student clubs, ease the health disorders of homosexual youth.
- The *Just the Facts* brochure is based upon statements of endorsement of adolescent homosexuality by coalition organizations, and not upon citations of evidence-based research.

Regardless of an individual's sexual orientation, sexual activity is conscious choice. Any sexual activity outside of a monogamous, heterosexual, married relationship is unhealthy and ill-advised.

Source: <http://www.acpeds.org/the-college-speaks/position-statements/parenting-issues/on-the-promotion-of-homosexuality-in-the-schools>

Book Review *Nullification*

How to Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century

This powerful book by historian and New York Times bestselling author Thomas E. Woods, Jr. explains not only why nullification is the constitutional tool the Founders envisioned to control an overreaching federal government, but how it works—and has already been employed in cases ranging from upholding the First Amendment to knocking down slave laws before the War between the U. S. and the Confederate States.

In *Nullification*, Woods shows:

- How the states were meant to be checks against federal tyranny and how a growing roster of governors and state attorneys general are recognizing they need to address such tyranny again
- Why the 10th Amendment to the Constitution reinforces the rights of states to nullify unconstitutional laws
- Why it was left to the states to uphold the simple principle that an unconstitutional law is no law at all
- Why, without nullification, ordinary Americans will continue to suffer the oppression of unjust, unconstitutional laws

By refusing to conform to the Real ID Act, states “nullified” that Act to the point that while it is still on the books, it is unenforceable. States refusing to set up Obamacare state exchanges is an act of nullification of that part of Obamacare.

Thomas Jefferson said that a “rightful remedy” to federal power grabs is nullification.

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Religious Liberty Under Attack in America

On the day the five justices ruled that the ban on same sex marriage was unconstitutional using an very stretched interpretation of the 14th amendment, Chief Justice John Roberts warned in his dissent that the ruling would lead to the loss of religious liberty in America. He was right on target since that was already fact in states that had legalized same sex marriage.

After Massachusetts redefined marriage to include same sex marriage, Catholic Charities of Boston faced a mandate to place children with same sex couples. Rather than go against its principles, Catholic Charities decided to get out of the adoption business. Of course, this was a move that helps neither the orphans nor society.

In an article in *National Review* written by Ryan T. Anderson on July 30, 2013, Anderson wrote about Massachusetts public schools teaching grade school students about same sex marriage. He quoted the Lexington school superintendent Paul Ash who defended the decision to the *Boston Globe* who said: “Lexington is committed to teaching children about the world they live in, and in Massachusetts same sex marriage in legal.” A Massachusetts appellate court ruled that parents have no right to exempt their children from these classes.

In that same article Anderson wrote about the New Mexico Human Rights Commission prosecuted a photographer for declining to photograph a same sex “commitment ceremony.” And

that doctors in California were successfully sued for declining to perform an artificial insemination on a woman in a same sex relationship.

All this and more was before the Supreme Court ruling that undefined marriage for the entire nation.

Now we come to the first time in our history that an American citizen is put in jail because of her deeply held religious beliefs. Kentucky’s Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis was ordered to jail on September 3, 2015 for her continued refusal to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. She has argued that her Christian faith should exempt her from having to issue and sign the licenses, since that implied her condoning the “marriage.”

On that same day, national Eagle Forum issued a press release that said:

“Today, a federal judge in Kentucky has imprisoned a woman for adhering to the Bible rather than to judicial supremacy. Liberals pretended this wouldn’t happen, but barely two months after the Supreme Court invented a new constitutional right to same-sex marriage a Christian has been sent to jail for refusing to issue a same-sex marriage license. Courts do not properly make law, and the clerk has not violated any law.”

“This imprisonment is a gross injustice, and a terrible abuse of

power by the federal courts. Judicial supremacists should not be picking on a rural woman in Kentucky to try to assert federal authority.”

“All Americans, including the Republican Party presidential candidates, must stand up now against the tyranny of judicial supremacy. We need legislation to rein in the overreach by federal courts, such as defunding enforcement of unconstitutional orders of imprisonment. Judge David Bunning, who has also issued other liberal decisions in the past, should be impeached by Congress.”

“Under our federal system of government, only the state of Kentucky would have the authority to order Kim Davis to resume issuing marriage licenses in Rowan County. No federal law requires Kim Davis to issue marriage licenses, and the federal district judge, David Bunning, had no jurisdiction to rule on a question of state law.”

Mrs. Davis said in an interview with Todd Starnes of Fox News, “This has never been a gay or lesbian issue for me. This is about upholding the word of God. This is a heaven or hell issue for me and for every other Christian that believes, This is a fight worth fighting.”

Liberty Counsel attorney Matt Staver, who is representing Davis said: “If this country has come to this point where a judge jails someone like Kim Davis for their religious convictions—then we have lost our religious liberty.”

Alabama Eagle Forum Collegians Attend National Collegians Summit

We are proud of our Alabama Eagle Forum Collegians who received full scholarships to attend National Eagle Forum Collegians Summit. The Summit was held on July 23-24 in Washington D. C. The collegians had the opportunity to hear and interact with Senator Rand Paul, Senator Jeff Sessions and other conservative leaders from around the country. The purpose of the Summit is to promote conservative thought and activism on college campuses around the nation. College students from around the country met at The Heritage Founda-

tion for this wonderful summit focused on young leadership. Our state matched Texas with the number of scholarships we received.

Alabama Collegians attending the conference included Anna Katherine Clarke, who served as an intern in our Alabama office this summer and did a wonderful job! She will be attending Covenant College in this fall. Also attending were Nicolette Kilgo, who is attending the University of North Alabama currently and working as a

Conservative leader on her campus; Zachary Egan Gramstad, who is attending Rice University this fall on scholarship and has volunteered at Alabama Eagle Forum events; and Sabrina Marie Garrett who is attending the University of South Alabama on a full scholarship and who plans to be a conservative leader in her school of business. Again congratulations to this group of young leaders! We appreciate you all and are excited about each of you!





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