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TAXPAYER FUNDING OF THE ENEMY

Pro-family organizations are not unified on much, but when it comes to taxpayer funding of the pro-abortion advocacy group known as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), they all agree—it must end. Take a look at UNFPA's funding history from American tax dollars: 1993 – \$14.5 million (Bush's last fiscal year); 1994 – \$40 million (Clinton's first fiscal year); 1995 – \$35 million; 1996 – \$22.8 million (Republicans control Congress); 1997 – \$25 million; 1998 – \$20 million; 1999 – \$0; 2000 – \$25 million; 2001 – \$25 million; 2002 – \$25 million (House bill), \$40 million (Senate bill), \$37.5 million (compromise pushed by some conference committee members).

UNFPA has been in the news recently for distributing abortion devices and chemicals among starved Afghan refugees. A survey conducted at a refugee camp revealed they are disguised in kits marked for safe delivery. The survey was endorsed by the Population Research Institute (PRI), which confirmed the distribution of abortion-related items.

According to Steven Mosher, president of PRI, UNFPA's efforts are showing little success. This is largely due to the unmet need for food, shelter, water and basic health supplies, as well as strong opposition to abortion throughout the Islamic world.

Early reports confirm that war-traumatized refugees, approached by UNFPA workers pushing abortion "services," wander away quickly. A few brave refugees, in an attempt to protect their female population and progeny, have confiscated abortion pills provided by UNFPA. "I have informed the authorities concerned about the distribution of pills among the women, but no action has so far been taken in this regard," said Malik Khan, an elderly Afghan refugee.

Mosher complains that the UNFPA offers only abortion and "family planning" services to Afghan women. Infant and maternal mortality rates rank among the highest in the world for these refugees, yet basic aid from UNFPA remains in want. "As the Taliban's reign of terror slowly comes to an end, Afghan refugee women face a new reign of terror designed to violate their right to bear children," Mosher wrote in a letter to pro-life leaders. "War trauma and Taliban atrocities now provide the UNFPA with the opportunity to engage in coercive family planning programs in Afghanistan, under the guise of women's health."

UNFPA's immediate goal is to break down cultural resistance to abortion and birth control within the refugee camps. Its long-term goal is to establish permanent operations in Afghanistan. In conjunction with international abortion providers Marie Stopes and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), UNFPA plans to spend an estimated \$20 million for abortion "services" in Afghanistan over the next few years, Mosher said.

Meanwhile, a report by the General Accounting Office concluded that Planned Parenthood and its affiliated groups received \$143,812,177 from American taxpayers on the Federal level in Fiscal Year 1999 alone. In 2000, they received \$154,219,764. The report was prepared at the request of two key pro-life members of Congress, Christopher H. Smith, R-New Jersey, and Joseph R. Pitts, R-Pennsylvania.

“Members of Congress need to remember something,” said Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI. “Unless a majority agrees, the money cannot be spent. Opponents of UNFPA funding need to hold their ground. The same is true of funding for other government programs that promote abortion or other anti-family, anti-human being programs.” Scott said he includes the Title X program in this category.

ACTION: Tell your lawmakers at every level how you feel about taxpayer funding of groups that advocate abortion.

COMPARING PRO-LIFERS TO TERRORISTS

Readers of *The Caleb Report* will recall that LDI was compared to the Taliban by the chief executive officer of Small Dog Electronics Inc., because of our boycott against his Planned Parenthood-funding company. In an advertisement published by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), pro-life advocates are labeled “domestic religious terrorists” and compared to Osama bin Laden and the Taliban. The ad blames pro-life advocates for letters containing anthrax threats sent to abortion facilities over the last several weeks—despite nonexistent evidence that any credible pro-life organizations or people were involved.

“Like other extremists who cloak themselves in religion,” states RCRC’s Carlton Veazey, “antiabortion zealots are certain God wants them to terrorize and even kill for their beliefs. Tragically, America is now feeling the kind of fear abortion providers and women have long known.”

The ad, which ran in two political newspapers geared toward members of Congress, their staffs and other political and media elite, was entitled “Bombs, Bullets and Anthrax.” It states that “[t]errorism in any form has no place in a nation that values tolerance, pluralism and individual conscience,” adding that those who attack abortion facilities “blaspheme the very religions they claim to represent.”

The ad discusses acts of violence against abortionists and abortion facilities but makes no mention of acts of violence against pro-life organizations, pro-life people or crisis pregnancy centers. Moreover, it is not mentioned that countless credible pro-life organizations have strongly condemned abortion-related violence over the years. The ad concludes that Americans must “intensify” the “struggle against those—whatever their ideology, theology and geographic origin—who would deprive us of our rights and freedoms.”

The RCRC describes itself as a “national interfaith pro-choice” group composed of 40 religious entities from 16 different denominations and faith traditions. Other abortion advocates fund it—even atheist ones.

FIGHTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A spokesman for The Hemlock Society, a small but vocal group pushing legislation to legalize assisted suicide, has launched a campaign urging President George W. Bush to block a federal order undercutting assisted suicide in Oregon. “If this ruling were to take effect, every physician would have to factor in what would happen if their patient died, and whether the Drug Enforcement Agency would come knocking,” said Ryan Ross, spokesman for the group. However, medical experts and public officials dispute the scare tactic, reports the Associated Press. Doctors are free to prescribe pain relief to patients as necessary so long as their intent is to relieve pain rather than to overdose a patient and cause death.

Attorney General John Ashcroft issued an order late last year that prohibits doctors from prescribing lethal doses of controlled drugs to terminally ill patients. He said doctors who use the drugs to help patients die, as permitted under Oregon law, face suspension or revocation of their licenses to prescribe those drugs.

The Hemlock Society has contacted members of the judiciary committees in both houses of the United States Congress, purchased newspaper advertisements, and created an online petition asking Bush to rescind the order. There is virtually no chance Bush will do so, but the courts may still intervene.

ACTION: Tell your members of Congress how you feel about the Attorney General's order.

KILLING JUST ONE

The *Melbourne Advertiser* reports that an Australian woman aborted one of her unborn twins because she feared she could not cope with raising both children. The woman, who already has another child, became pregnant with the twins using in-vitro fertilization (IVF). She had wanted just one more baby, but two frozen embryos implanted by doctors survived.

Monash IVF medical director Professor Gab Kovacs said the woman “decided she couldn’t cope. She was under psychological stress.” Kovacs said the woman had undergone a lot of counseling “and decided to reduce them to one.”

“The aim of this operation is to continue the pregnancy, and by reducing from two to one, to preserve the women’s psychological health, and also her physical health, so there’s a lower risk of premature birth and all of the risks associated with (multiple births),” said Professor David Healy, chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Monash University and Medical Centre. In an amazing example of verbal engineering, Healy argued that the act, more commonly known as “fetal reduction” or “selective reduction,” is not abortion, as that involves the complete termination of the pregnancy.

An American professor attending the fertility conference suggested that all parents of twins should consider aborting one. Mark Evans, chairman of obstetrics and gynaecology at MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, said “half abortions” are the way of the future. He said the procedure reduces the risks of prematurity and complications at birth. “Sometimes you have to do very unpleasant things in order to get a good outcome,” Evans said.

“Selective reduction” has been done in America for 15 years, mostly on women who have multiple pregnancies as a result of IVF, but women carrying twins increasingly request it. Evans, too, argued that this is not abortion because the pregnancy is not actually ended, reports *The Age*. Evans said he has done about 4,000 “fetal reductions,” in which the unborn child is injected with potassium chloride. The child dies and wastes in the womb. “I would be very happy not to do this any more but the reality is the need for this procedure will never disappear.”

Ethicists say “fetal reduction” has consequences for the mother and the surviving twin. “If she is in fact a psychologically vulnerable person it does raise questions that she will have a child with her that will constantly remind her of the abortion,” said John Flemming of the Southern Cross Bioethics Institute.

In a related story, an English mother who had an incomplete abortion and gave birth to a surviving twin has received compensation. Kim Nicholls says she does not know how she will explain to her surviving daughter that she may have had a brother or sister. (Nicholls believes a twin may have been killed in the abortion and the surviving daughter was missed.)

Nicholls said she was advised to have an abortion on medical grounds in 1999 after suffering serious health problems during the caesarean births of her previous three children. Three months later Nicholls felt the baby kicking inside her and she gave birth to a healthy girl, Darcy, now aged two. “I just thought I was imagining it,” Nicholls said. “Because I didn’t want to have the abortion in the first place, I thought my mind was playing tricks on me. When I found out I was still pregnant I was hysterical to be honest. But all the maternal instincts came back again.”

The person who committed the act, Sen Gupta, has agreed to pay Nicholls a five-figure sum after she sued for criminal negligence (which of course means Gupta should not have missed Darcy). Nicholls says the compensation is insufficient. “I am not coping at all. I feel angry, as though the decision was taken away from me,” she told BBC Radio.

DISPENSING CHEMICALS

Schoolchildren under 16 years of age will be offered easier access to birth control and abortions under plans put forward in the United Kingdom. *The Independent* reports that the recommendations, which were welcomed by government ministers, include “confidential health services” in secondary schools for pupils who seek advice about sex and relationships.

Under the plan, condoms would be available and, if a nurse or doctor runs the service, young girls could be given the “morning after” pill or long-term birth control without parent knowledge. The first report of the Independent Advisory Group on Teenage Pregnancy (IAG), which is led by Lady Winifred Tumim, called on doctors to make more use of birth control implants. The IAG was established last year as part of the Tony Blair government’s campaign to dramatically reduce the rate of teenage *births*.

The IAG report, which said that all young people should be able to make “positive and informed choices in their lives,” lists 49 recommendations to enhance the role of schools and support young people who have become parents. “We must also learn from neighboring countries in Europe, which have a much more pragmatic outlook on teaching young people about sex and contraception, and where teenage pregnancy rates are significantly lower than in England,” Tumim said.

The report said health and sex education, which is often regarded as a low priority in schools, should become part of the national curriculum. Research among parents suggested the vast majority would support it. Jacqui Smith, the Health Minister, said the report is a “valuable” contribution in dealing with the stated problem.

A spokesman for the Catholic Church said measures to help young mothers return to education were important. “But simply focusing on abortion and contraception provision without changing attitudes and behavior will not reduce teen pregnancy rates in the long term and can be harmful to young people,” he said.

Another battle in England involves two Catholic newspaper groups that are defying an edict from the country’s “advertising watchdog” by publishing an ad stating that the “morning after” pill induces abortion. Funded by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), the ads were found to violate national guidelines by the voluntary Advertising Standards Authority (ASA).

In late 2001, the ASA noted the Department of Health’s view that pregnancy begins when a fertilized egg is implanted in the lining of the uterus, rather than at the moment of fertilization. Regulators thus found a problem with SPUC’s assertion that the “morning after” pill, which prevents the implantation of the fertilized egg, induces abortion. Although the ASA does not have the power to ban an ad, it has asked publishers not to run similar claims by the SPUC regarding the “morning after” pill.

Two publishing groups, Catholic Herald Ltd. and Gabriel Communications Ltd., have declared that they will ignore ASA's ruling and continue to print the ads. Ignatius Kusiak, managing director of Catholic Herald, said that his company's opinion on the "morning after" pill was irreconcilable with the government and the ASA decision. "Our viewpoint is that life begins from conception," he said. "In most or all cases, we would adhere to the decisions of the ASA, but in this particular case it offends our concept of human rights and our religious freedom."

"The use of the morning after pill has far-reaching effects. It is dispensed over the counter, is dispensed to children and can be dispensed without informing their parents," Kusiak said. "Furthermore, dispensing the pill only requires one doctor, whereas abortions in the U.K. usually require the approval of two physicians. We see this as further stretching the boundaries of disrespect to life." Kusiak said two Catholic Herald-owned publications, the *Catholic Herald* and the *Scottish Catholic Observer*, would continue to publish the ads "until we are prevented to by legal injunction."

The debate over the "morning after" pill in the United Kingdom has been more intense over the past several months because of IAG's report. Health officials have already started trial programs to provide the pill without charge to girls *under* 16. Unfortunately, most of those people who really need to see the disputed ads do not read Catholic publications. The ASA ruling has made it difficult for British pro-life organizations to spread the truth to the general public.

In the United States, students at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) now have the option of using emergency birth control pills, reports the *Courier & Press*. The "morning after" is available at the Student Health Center, said Barry Schonberger, USI's dean of students. By virtue of a contract with the university, employees of an outside corporation staff the health center.

Schonberger made it clear that the university did not decide to offer the drug. University officials defer to the contracted health officials on medical decisions, he explained. "The university considers the relationship between the medical provider and our students to be a personal relationship," Schonberger said, "We really leave decisions of health care to those medical providers to meet the best interests of their patients." USI is the first area university to sanction use of the drug.

The Shield, the university's student newspaper, reported on the drug in November 2001. The article erroneously said the pill is "not an abortion method, but a form of emergency birth control."

MASTERCARD & U.N.I.C.E.F.

While MasterCard International did not specifically support pro-abortion UNICEF through the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" program last year, it appears the company is still a fan of the organization. In a letter from a corporate official, its funding of UNICEF is defended and there is no indication it will be terminated. In a phone call with an LDI official late last year, it was implied that funding of UNICEF would cease altogether. This is clearly not the case.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"All of a sudden, the courts are deciding what is law. How can we accept this in a democracy?"

— Roger Bessis, president of the French College of Echography, speaking about judicial activism in France (commonplace in North America)

BOYCOTT UPDATE

There is one update since the publication of the most recently released *Boycott List*. **RadioShack Corporation**, formerly known as Tandy Corporation, is no longer a boycott target, bringing to 79 the number of corporations that are no longer funding Planned Parenthood.

Despite the suggestion by **Small Dog Electronics Inc.**, that LDI's boycott has had no effect, we received the following e-mail:

Just to let you know that I used to be one of Small Dog's preferred customers, and the day that they hit your boycott list I e-mailed them to remove me with an explanation of why, so I certainly didn't get their notification of the [LDI] boycott. No doubt other people like me didn't either, because we'd already stopped being their customers.

I am a very active member of a Macintosh technical support list that gets around 100 e-mails daily, and I have noticed since the boycott began a substantial drop in the number of recommendations of them as a source for products people need. Keep the pressure up, as I am sure in the long run they will give in or go under. They think that because we're Macintosh people we think different meaning further left than liberal, and that may be true, but killing unborn people isn't at all liberal, much less further left than liberal.

Providing for the poor of the world, and giving support for women who are considering abortion so they don't have to choose between their children and their future; for me, that's what being liberal is all about. Keep it up, and may God bless your work.

Sue K.

IN THE (E-)MAIL

LDI recently received the following encouraging e-mails. The first is from a financial supporter. The second is from a pro-life leader and his wife:

Last month I completed the cancellation of all accounts at Bank of America. I explained [that] the people in the bank were great, but their corporate policy was unacceptable. The woman, who had become a friend over the years, said she understood and also informed the corporate office.

When people notice my new account and checks, it gives me a chance to explain. I was also able to explain when checking out prospective banks with my "list of requirements." My new bank even provides free checks, so I am sending the savings with my renewal.

Thank you for your hard work. Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Patricia L.

We wanted to encourage you and tell you to keep up the good work. We rely on your PP [Planned Parenthood] boycott information and encourage others to subscribe to your publications.

As fellow pro-lifers, we know how difficult our work can be much of the time. Yet we pray that you are finding satisfaction in serving God and saving His little ones. Here's a scripture passage along those lines:

"A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness, but to sinner He gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

Ecc. 2:24-26

God bless you!
Lois & Gregg

Thank you!

NEW REPUBLICAN LEADER

President George W. Bush has named former Montana Governor Mark Racicot as the new chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC). Press reports of reaction by pro-life leaders are mixed. The Republican National Coalition for Life published a sampling of reactions.

CNSNews.com reported that Dallas Erickson, president of the Montana-based group Help our Moral Environment, issued a statement asking all Americans to “e-mail the President requesting that Racicot’s selection be withdrawn.” The statement went on to say that, “While serving as governor, Racicot repeatedly worked to defeat conservative nominees of his own party.” On the other hand, Carol Tobias, director of the National Right to Life Committee Inc.’s, political action committee, praised the selection, calling Racicot “solidly pro-life.”

While Racicot signed three pro-life bills while he was governor (not exactly highly controversial legislation), it is clear that he was a “sideline” pro-lifer at best. “We cannot label Racicot pro-life,” said LDI’s Douglas R. Scott. “Racicot will only do for the unborn child that which he feels he must do in order to appease pro-life leaders. At the same time, pro-life Republicans will be expected to remember their place and speak when spoken to.” Scott said that signing a few pieces of pro-life legislation does not make you pro-life any more than preparing three meals makes you a chef.

A.M.A. SUPPORTS IGNORANCE

The American Medical Association (AMA) has voted overwhelmingly against a proposal to inform women about the potential for birth control pills to cause an early abortion, reports the Catholic News Service (CNS). “If [women] are using a method that can operate after fertilization as well as before fertilization, and they don’t know it, they are basically being deceived by lack of information into violating their own consciences,” said Walter Weber, senior litigation counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice.

Weber criticized the AMA for voting down the proposal at its annual meeting. He believes some AMA members opposed the measure because they are pro-abortion while others were simply skeptical and perhaps uninformed about the issue.

“The strongest argument against [the proposal] is to say that the evidence is unclear to what extent, if at all, certain methods of birth control can operate as abortifacients,” Weber said. “That’s [a] legitimate medical research, scientific debate. The question comes down to whether we want to let women know about it, so they can decide whether it’s important or not.”

The AMA has strong policies on informed consent, giving patients information about the risks associated with medical procedures and drugs, Weber noted. “So it would have been very consistent with that to adopt this policy. For them to reject this is really for them to say that, ‘we’re going to make an exception for abortifacients, we think patients have the right to know about procedures in general but not when it comes to abortions, at least in the early stages of pregnancy.’”

Common birth control devices and pills—such as estrogen/progestin birth control pills, Intrauterine Devices (IUDs), Norplant, and Depo-Provera—can cause an early abortion. These methods may not only work by

preventing conception but, sometimes, by preventing implantation of an unborn child, effectively killing him or her.

John C. Nelson, a member of the AMA's executive committee, said the doctor who put forward the proposal "believes that in the spirit of enhancing the patient/physician relationship, that information ought to be disclosed to patients to help them make choices. I couldn't agree more," Nelson said. "That's exactly what the AMA is about. It's a cornerstone of American medicine." However, according to Nelson, the proposal was voted down because "many people from the American Society of Reproductive Medicine...decided that they would testify, and their testimony was that there is not sufficient scientific evidence to suggest" that birth control substances can induce abortions.

"One of the foremost infertility doctors in the country [said] that's not the way it works," Nelson said. "I have no reason to doubt him." Yet even the makers of such birth control methods concede that the prevention of implantation is one mechanism of operation.

THE "RIGHT" NOT TO BE BORN

The right not to be born? We always thought that before birth a human being had no rights! As usual, those who still find it necessary to justify their disdain for and subsequent killing of the unborn child seek to have it both ways.

The first thing doctors asked Willemijn Forest after she gave birth last year to a baby boy diagnosed with Down Syndrome, reports the *Christian Science Monitor*, was whether she wanted to keep her child. "After the delivery, they took him away immediately, assuming I did not want to see him anymore," said the Dutch woman. "I said of course I want to keep him. I was so appalled by their attitude." Today, however, Forest and other parents like her would not be so shocked.

France's highest appeals court ruled in late November of last year that children with Down Syndrome have a legal right never to have been born and can sue doctors who cared for the mother and unborn child. "For parents like Forest," the newspaper reports, "the ruling demonstrates a view, which she says is widespread in French society, that a disabled life is not worth living."

In their ruling, three judges said that a doctor had negligently failed to warn a pregnant mother that pre-natal scans showed that her baby had the symptoms of Down Syndrome. The baby was born in 1995. His mother claimed she would have had an abortion if given a correct pre-natal diagnosis. The judges decided that the doctor was "100 percent" liable for the cost of care needed for the child, since the diagnostic error meant that the mother was not given the chance to abort. In 1996, the court awarded damages of nearly \$100,000. The November 2001 ruling ordered the sum substantially increased. The exact amount is to be announced at the end of January.

The ruling has outraged parents of mentally disabled children. "Certain judges still believe that it is better to be dead than to be handicapped," said Xavier Mirabel, spokesman for the Collective Against Handiphobia, a group that fights for rights for the disabled. Mirabel said the most worrying aspect is that the ruling confirmed a similar decision by the same court in 2000.

In the November 2000 decision the court ruled that another severely disabled child should receive damages from his mother's doctor, who had failed to warn her of the dangers of rubella during pregnancy. That case immediately caused widespread consternation, but many thought the ruling would prove to be an anomaly.

The newspaper reports that while 54 percent of the French consider themselves "Catholic," a nationwide poll last year showed that most respondents view abortion as justifiable. Legal abortion was introduced in 1975, with

abortion now allowed up to twelve weeks of pregnancy (later if there is a grave risk to the mother's health or if the unborn child is diagnosed as suffering from a condition such as Down Syndrome).

In Paris last year, 90 percent of prenatal genetic anomalies were detected, of which eight percent of the mothers decided against abortion. The court decision has alarmed doctors, who fear a growing number of lawsuits if they do not strongly advocate abortion.

"The courts said the doctor was 100 percent liable, but everyone knows that medicine can never be 100 percent accurate," Roger Bessis, president of the French College of Echography, told the *Christian Science Monitor*. "We do the best we can."

The Observer reports that the court hearings have caused tension within the governmental left-wing coalition. The leader of the Mouvement des Citoyens, Georges Sarre, raised the question of eugenics, but the Socialist former Health Minister, Claude Evin, said the court awards had been made "in recognition of a right to dignity." Evin said that speaking of eugenics is "completely out of place and puts into question the right of abortion established in 1975. The court was not awarding damages for being born but for the suffering that followed a medical error." The Minister for Families, Ségolène Royal, saw the ruling as acknowledging the right to justice of people with disabilities. (But it is those *without* disabilities who collect the checks.)

The Roman Catholic Church in France has called the rulings an insult to all families with disabled children. The bishop of Tours, Andre' Vingt-Trois, president of the church's family committee, said: "I think with great sadness of all families who have welcomed Down Syndrome children, who have showered them with love and received great love in return. This ruling amounts to a declaration that such love was worthless."

THIS CANDY ISN'T SWEET

Allow us to introduce you to The Candie's Foundation. Its mission is to "educate teens about the consequences of teenage pregnancy, bringing it into the national consciousness through a public awareness initiative, which aims to reduce teen pregnancy..."

The Foundation lists several links from its website, including Planned Parenthood, The Alan Guttmacher Institute, National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Advocates for Youth, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, Emergency Contraception World Wide Web server (operated by the Office of Population Research at Princeton University), National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, Population Action International, Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, and—steady yourself—Catholics for a Free Choice, among others.

The Candie's Foundation includes a few pro-family organizations on its list, but clearly emphasizes the Planned Parenthood approach to teen pregnancy prevention. In fact, its list of links under "Tips for Teens" includes www.teenwire.com (Planned Parenthood), and www.itsyoursexlife.org (operated by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and includes information on emergency birth control). Phone numbers are provided for pro-abortion groups.

The Foundation uses "teen icons" to spread its message, such as Destiny's Child, Jenny McCarthy, *NSYNC, 98 Degrees, Carl Thomas, Amanda Lewis, Eve, and Macy Gray. The celebrities are used to promote print advertising that target teenagers. A celebrity photograph accompanies Foundation statements. These include:

- **"be independent – don't depend on him.** Nearly 80% of fathers of babies born to teen mothers do not marry their babies mother's."

- **“be sexy – it doesn’t mean you have to have sex.** One million teenage girls will become pregnant this year.”
- **“be productive – not reproductive.** If you have unprotected sex, you have an 85% chance of getting pregnant or getting someone pregnant within one year.”
- **“be vocal – say no way.** Four in ten girls will experience at least one pregnancy before reaching age 20.”
- **“be strong – don’t be a statistic.** Nearly 80% of unmarried teen mothers end up on welfare.”

As usual, the overriding message is that being pregnant is evil. There is little emphasis on how one may get that way. What is the very best way to stop teenage pregnancy? Stop teenage sexual activity. And you do not have to be a genius to know it.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

The Prayer Project encourages prayer for those in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions. Join us in daily prayer for: January—Senator *Strom Thurmond*, R-S.C., February—*Marc Racicot*, newly appointed chairman of the Republican National Committee; and March—British Prime Minister *Tony Blair*.

LASTEST ASSAULT ON YOUTH

As if magazines like *Teen*, *Seventeen*, *YM*, and *Teen People* were not bad enough influences on children, along comes *Teenstyle*. Self-described as “the magazine for girls with attitude,” *Teenstyle* is published by H&S Media Inc.

The September 2001 issue of *Teenstyle* is full of sexual content. Consider these words from the magazine’s cover: “Let’s Talk About Sex: Make your school’s sex education stimulating.” Other articles are entitled, “10 Ways to Break the Rules...Without Getting Busted: Tired of being a good girl? Here’s how to be bad without suffering any consequences,” “How Aggressive Are You With Guys?”, and “Dr. Love.”

Teenstyle staff writes an introduction to the issue. “Our back to school issue will send you on your way with a sense of humor as you get stronger, smarter and sexier.” (Okay, now school is where you get “sexier.”) The staff continues: “Check out *Let’s Talk About Sex*...as we move sex out of your basement and into the classroom in a journey through lame sex-ed classes. We’re telling you how to turn stale sex talks into serious discussion by rocking the boat at your school.” We want to have another look at part of the preceding text, with emphasis: “we move sex *out of your basement* and into the classroom...”

In a book review for *Love & Sex: Ten Stories of Truth*, it is noted that the book’s editor, Michael Cart, alleges that “75 percent of teens have engaged in sexual intercourse by the time they are 20 years old.” This misleading and fraudulent assertion is presented as fact.

The magazine included one article on virginity. This is a common practice. Great emphasis is placed on sex throughout the magazine and one article gives the “other side.” This is an attempt to make it appear as though the publisher is taking a neutral position.

It is interesting to note two advertisements placed in the September 2001 issue of *Teenstyle*. One features the country-rock group Dixie Chicks for The Candie’s Foundation (see related article on page seven).

The second advertisement is entitled, “How To Be A Witch.” No, they are not talking about how to come across like an unfriendly person. It is literally an ad for a book that is “everything you need to know” about becoming an actual witch. “You’ve always known deep in your heart that witchcraft was real...,” the ad reads. “Want to be popular? To be able to unlock the doors leading to the in crowds, the best boy friends, to the life you’ve always wanted? Your chance is finally at hand.”

The book features “easy-to-complete rituals for anything you could possibly want—with its pages at your fingertips you will never be powerless again. You will always win, always be the center of attention, always have whatever it is you desire. Anything. Anytime. Anyone. Say goodbye to your enemies. Say hello to everything you want... This is your key to eternal happiness.” Anyone who does not see the danger in this kind of advertising is simply naïve.

<p>ACTION: Write to <i>Teenstyle</i>, c/o H&S Media Inc., 2121 Waukegan Rd., Suite 120, Bannockburn, IL 60015. Ask large pro-family groups to take an active role in exposing and fighting such junk!</p>
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WORLD WIDE WEB OF PORN

Most Americans believe that the invention of the Internet was a remarkable achievement, particularly when it comes to the free exchange of ideas on a worldwide basis. You can literally visit other lands—even other planets. But for what do most people use the Internet?

Yahoo is one of several companies operating a search engine (online Internet index). It allows users to find websites by typing in words or phrases. Sixty percent of the top 20 keywords are sexual in nature: 1) sex, 2) chat, 3) xxx, 4) Playboy; 5) Netscape (another search engine), 6) nude, 7) porno, 8) games, 9) porn, 10) weather, 11) Penthouse, 12) Pamela Anderson, 13) pornography, 14) [expletive], 15) Persian kitty; 16) maps, 17) Halloween, 18) music, 19) adult, and 20) chat rooms. We suspect this is not what the inventors of the Internet had in mind.

DESIGNER BABIES

The Electronic Telegraph reports that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority of the United Kingdom has cleared the way for the creation of “designer babies”—children selected while embryos to provide healthy cells to save the life of a seriously ill brother or sister. The program involves that selection of only healthy embryos that match the tissue type of a sibling. This essentially creates human “spare parts.”

Among the opponents is Lord Winston, the fertility expert who helped to develop the technique, preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), which allows embryo selection. The authority’s decision went “too far,” Winston said. “I fear that it is treating the offspring to be born as a commodity.” Winston asked how parents would regard the child if the technique failed. He also questioned whether it was fair to subject a child to a lifetime of donating cells to a sibling.

FEELING YOUNG

In February, LDI turns ten years old. Founded by Douglas R. Scott and Patricia Pitkus Bainbridge, LDI continues to play a unique role in the Pro-Life Movement. “We wanted to found an organization that emphasizes honesty,” said Scott, who serves as LDI’s president. “We concentrate on being effective and faithful. We never fail to tell the whole truth—even when it hurts. This is why people support LDI.”

“Being a huge organization with a lot of money does not necessarily make you effective. More importantly, it does not mean you are doing God’s will,” Scott said. “We’re happy to be where and what we are, and we thank God for it.”

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