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## ***The Pill Kills Day Sat. June 5***

*American Life League's annual Protest the Pill Day on June 5 seeks to educate women on the dangers of hormonal birth control – a class one carcinogen on the same level as tobacco – through protests and activism at birth control retailers nationwide. For further information contact this office or see: [www.ThePillKills.com](http://www.ThePillKills.com).*

“The birth control pill, patch, IUD, and similar birth control products can cause blood clots, heart attacks and pulmonary embolisms,” Marie Hahnenberg, Director of *The Pill Kills* said. “How many lawsuits, injuries and even deaths could be prevented if only women were properly warned, or better yet, if these dangerous drugs were taken off the market?” Below are some questions about birth control; familiarize yourself with these questions and answers and join us in educating others on the dangers of artificial birth control.

### **Q: How does the pill kill women?**

A: The birth control pill and other birth control products have a long list of dangerous side effects. Often times what can happen is that the pill can cause a woman to develop deep vein thrombosis, which is a blood clot that forms in a vein. The blood clot can block the blood supply to the heart or brain, which could result in heart attack, stroke or death. The clot could also travel to the lungs, which then could result in pulmonary embolism or death. Women have died as a direct result of taking the pill.

### **Q: The pill killed women back in the 1950s. Isn't the pill safer now?**

A: In 1956, large-scale clinical trials began for the express purpose of learning of the possible side effects of the pill. These trials were conducted so that the pill could gain approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Gregory Pincus, a biologist who worked closely with Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, chose Puerto Rico as the location of the human trials because it provided a large pool of

poor, uneducated women who could be easily monitored. These women were literally human guinea pigs. In fact, the local doctor in charge of the study told Pincus that the pill causes "too many side reactions to be generally acceptable." However, Pincus and his chief collaborator, Dr. John Rock, dismissed the doctor's findings and did not investigate the side effects or the underlying causes of those side effects. Further, they did not investigate the reasons why some women died during the trials. 1

Clearly since the pill was not safe even before it was approved by the FDA, it certainly is not safe now. Anyone claiming that the birth control pill is safe should explain this to Jennifer Gray. Jennifer was 25 years old when a blood clot almost took her life. The doctors told her she would have died within hours if she had not been persistent in finding out what was wrong with her. She had pulmonary emboli in both

lungs and the birth control pill triggered these clots. The pill is not safe. 2

### **Q: Even if the pill has contributed to the deaths of some women in recent years, it benefits more people than it kills.**

A: No one can know whether or not the pill has been a contributing factor in more deaths, since the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death does not include a section that asks whether or not the deceased was taking some form of birth control. The certificate asks if tobacco use contributed to death, but it does not ask whether the deceased female was using the pill, either currently or at any time during her life.

In the U.S. in 2004, 21,813 females died from cardiac arrest and heart failure. 3 How many of these women were on the pill, or at one point in their lives had been on the pill? The federal government has a moral obligation to conduct research on this question and to modify the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death so that the right questions are asked. It is well documented that the birth control pill contributes to many cardiovascular problems in women. As a matter of

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fact, women using oral contraceptives have **five times greater risk** of death from cardiovascular causes. 4

**Q: Is the pill really dangerous to MY health? I'm healthy!**

A: Even healthy women who were in their teens and twenties have died from the pill and other birth control products. These products are not safe. They can lead to several different cardiovascular problems as well as breast cancer, cervical cancer, infertility, birth defects, pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, shrinking of the womb, weight gain and much more 5,6,7

**Q: Why aren't we better informed about the fact that the pill can kill women?**

A: Good question! The fact is that millions of dollars are invested in birth control. Planned Parenthood enters into sweetheart deals with birth control companies so that they can sell these dangerous products at their 844+ facilities. Planned Parenthood is then able to make a profit from the sales. Instead of educating women on the healthy and natural way to "plan" their families, women only seem to be told to take the pill which is described as being "safe." Side effects are downplayed if they are even mentioned at all.

**Q: What if I have to take the pill for medical reasons?**

A: Since each woman and situation is different, you should talk this over with your doctor and find a safer alternative. In many cases, the pill does not treat or cure your medical condition, but is nothing but a band-aid, which can actually cause even more problems. If your doctor has no other alternative, then contact the Pope Paul VI Institute at (402) 390-6600 or visit their web site to learn more [www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com). There are trained professionals there that can help you find the real source and treatment for your medical condition and they may be able to make a referral to a trained physician in your area.

**Q: If women are dying and others becoming very ill, are the victims or victims' families filing lawsuits?**

A: Yes. A recent example of this happened just last year. Johnson and Johnson was forced to recall the Ortho Evra birth control patch because of the number of women who suffered blood clots, heart attacks, strokes and died. Johnson and Johnson spent at least \$68.7 MILLION to settle **hundreds** of lawsuits. 8

**Q: What are other alternatives to the pill?**

A: If you are married and for some serious reason you need to postpone having a child, there are safe, natural ways to doing this. Couples who learn Natural Family Planning as it is taught by the Couple to Couple League and/or the Pope Paul VI Institute, which teaches the Creighton Model, have an excellent success rate in spacing their children. Marriages have a much higher success rate and women feel better about themselves, are healthier and as a result, happier.

The obvious reason for this is that a woman is not ingesting chemicals that her body does not need, but rather she is learning along with her spouse how her body works and how her cycles can help plan their family. Another great resource is One More Soul at (800) 307-7685 or [www.omsoul.com](http://www.omsoul.com). They publish a list of alternatives to the pill that women have found to be very helpful.

**Q: The Supreme Court has ruled that I have a right to privacy, including my right to use the pill!**

A: On June 7, 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the *Griswold v. Connecticut* decision. The Supreme Court justices first presumed that previous Court decisions dealing with a citizen's right to liberty and security that prohibited invasion of one's home and acquisition of evidence that might later be used to convict him of a crime also addressed privacy within marriage in matters related to bearing children. In fact, the justices argued, "The concept of liberty is not so restricted... it embraces the right of marital privacy though that right is not mentioned explicitly in the Constitution" and is based on "...specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights [which] have penumbras, formed by emanations from those guarantees that help give them life and substance."

This confusing language, which has no relationship whatsoever to what the Founding Fathers intended, gave married women permission to use the birth control pill. The Supreme Court literally created the "right to privacy" as it applies to sexual matters out of thin air.

We now know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that not only did the Supreme Court literally create the right to privacy, but did so while ignoring the profound consequences that were suffered by those who used the pill. The medical facts played no part in the Supreme Court's decision. But that does not change reality.

## **The fact is the birth control pill can kill you... of that there is no doubt.**

<sup>1</sup>"People & Events: The Puerto Rico Pill Trials," [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/pill/peoplevents/e\\_puertorico.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/pill/peoplevents/e_puertorico.html) (accessed 3/24/08).

<sup>2</sup>"Jennifer Gray's Story," October 5, 2008, <http://www.stoptheclot.org/News/article112.htm>, (accessed 3/6/09).

<sup>3</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed through the Compressed Mortality Database. Use keywords cardiac arrest and heart failure.

<http://wonder.cdc.gov/mortSQL.html> (accessed 4/8/09).

<sup>4</sup>"Oestrogens and hypertension," November 1981, [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7047019?ordinalpos=570&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed\\_ResultsPanel.Pubmed\\_DefaultReportPanel.Pubmed\\_RVDocSum](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7047019?ordinalpos=570&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_DefaultReportPanel.Pubmed_RVDocSum) (accessed 3/30/09).

<sup>5</sup>"QuiverFull Pill Fact Sheet," [http://www.quiverfull.com/birth\\_control/fact\\_sheet\\_on\\_pill\\_side\\_effect.html](http://www.quiverfull.com/birth_control/fact_sheet_on_pill_side_effect.html) (accessed 3/25/08).

<sup>6</sup>Bogomir M. Kuhar, PharmD, FASCP, *Infant Homicides through Contraceptives*, 5th ed. (Bardstown, KY: Eternal Life, 2003).

<sup>7</sup>John Wilks, *A Consumer's Guide to the Pill and Other Drugs*, 3rd ed. (Mandaluyong, Philippines: National Book Store, Inc., 2000).

<sup>8</sup>"J&J Paid \$68 Million to Settle Birth-Control Cases (Update3)," Bloomberg.com, October 10, 2008, [http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601109&sid=amZTOX84\\_8zU&refer=home](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601109&sid=amZTOX84_8zU&refer=home) (accessed 3/6/09).

<sup>9</sup>*Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479 (1965), <http://supreme.justia.com/us/381/479/case.html> (accessed 3/25/08).

## **EPA Study Confirms Change Point in Autism Disorder Rate; Correlates with Aborted Fetal DNA introduced in Vaccines**

Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute is calling for a Fair Labeling and Informed Consent Act after a 2010 study by the Environmental Protection Agency confirmed 1988 as a "change point" in the rise of Autism Disorder rates.

The date confirms an increasing body of evidence implicating the use of aborted fetal cell material in the nationwide vaccinations impacting nearly every child born in the United States.

"For years the evidence has pointed toward the link between vaccines using DNA from aborted babies and the rise of Autism Disorder rates," said Jim Sedlak, vice president of American Life League. "Parents need and deserve to know the risks associated with vaccinations made from lines derived from the bodies of aborted children."

While the pharmaceutical industry ignores the evidence and continues to put our children at risk, Sound Choice is conducting studies on the impact of residual human fetal DNA in vaccines on the brain development and autism in children.

They will present their studies at the International Society for Autism Research in May 2010.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute can be reached at 206-906-9922.** <http://www.soundchoice.org/> and [http://www.soundchoice.org/Images/SCPINewsletter\\_April\\_2010.pdf](http://www.soundchoice.org/Images/SCPINewsletter_April_2010.pdf)

## **US Fertility Rate Drops Below Replacement Level**

The birthrate in the United States fell 2% in 2008 and is now below the population replacement level of 2.1 children per woman, according to a report released April 6 by the National Center for Health Statistics. The 2008 preliminary estimate of the total fertility rate (TFR) was 2,085.5 births per 1,000 women, 2 percent lower than the rate in 2007 (2,122.5). *For full report see: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58\\_16.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_16.pdf)*

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?  
Make sure they get the facts first!  
A LIFE depends on it...  
1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

## **Around the Office**

**Glad you Asked!** Several people have asked us why we enclose a donation envelope in their newsletter each month, when we know they are monthly donors via online banking. So we would like to take this opportunity to explain what on the surface may appear to be irrational behavior and a waste of resources. The

reason is that postal regulations require that each mailing packet/newsletter **MUST** weigh the same amount in order for us to be allowed to send at the bulk rate. So by enclosing an envelope that you will most likely just throw away, we actually reduce our costs, as bulk rate is less than half the normal \$.44 First Class rate. So now you know... and thanks for suggesting the cost savings. Keep sending your ideas!

Another suggestion, which we have implemented... Several people requested we not send them "Donation Thank You Letters." While we enjoy acknowledging you our donors with a small gift (usually a bookmark or recently a magnet) and an update of our recent activities, we respect your suggestion. If you would prefer to receive an acknowledgement via e-mail, let us know (and provide your e-mail, especially if we don't already have it.) As always, everyone who donates during the year will receive the annual donation recap letter in early January of the following year, as required by the Internal Revenue Service, for tax purposes, and any donation in excess of \$250 will receive the special IRS required acknowledgement letter.

## WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

This is the newsletter of **California Right to Life Education Fund**, a 501-c-3 organization established to educate the public about pro-life issues. Donations to the EDUCATION FUND are **tax-deductible** and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0343.

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same "no-exceptions, no excuses" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.