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PRACTICALITY, PRAGMATISM AND POLLS

by Lori Hoye

As the great-great-granddaughter of former slaves, I am ETERNALLY grateful that Abraham Lincoln DID risk the Union, fought the Civil War, and abolished slavery.

It is very easy to talk about practicality, pragmatism and polls when you are not the one wearing chains and being beaten on a daily basis. It's easy to be patient when you are free. It's another thing entirely when you're the slave. The nearly 240 years that passed until the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution officially ended slavery in 1865 were an eternity for the slave. The past 37 years have been an eternity for the preborn child.

In the black community, every 72 seconds, a preborn baby is being brutally murdered in the womb of his or her mother. The baby wants to live and expects those who have the power to save him or her to do it RIGHT NOW. Abortion has taken more lives in the African-American community in 37 years (over 14 million) than slavery took from Africa in more than 400 years (12 to 13 million Africans ripped from their homes and forcibly transported to the Americas in a massive slave trade dating from the 1400's).

From the American Revolutionary War in 1775 to the Iraq and Afghanistan War today—235 years—America has lost over 2.5 million lives. In the past 37 years, abortion has taken over 50 million American lives, more than 20 times the total number of lives lost in ALL the wars America has ever fought, in 1/6th of the time. In fact, according to AGI, abortion took over 2.6 million lives in its first three (3) years of legalization: 1973 (744,600 abortions), 1974 (898,600 abortions), and 1975 (1.03 million abortions).

From 1608 to 2007—400 years—7,451 blacks were executed by the death penalty (48% of the total executions) out of a total of 15,576 executions (all races including blacks). Abortion in the black community surpasses that number (7,451) in 6 days, and abortion in the United States surpasses the total number (15,576) in less than 4 days.

Abortion is the number one killer in the African-American community (452,000 deaths due to abortion, 292,808 deaths from all other causes combined excluding abortion) and America (1.21 million deaths due to abortion, 631,636 deaths due to heart disease, 559,888 deaths due to cancer). As a people and as a nation we cannot afford hundreds of years of abortion—there will be no one left. There is no better time than right now to fight for life on EVERY front.

The Declaration of Independence states ... “We hold these TRUTHS to be self-evident, that ALL men are CREATED EQUAL, that they are endowed by their CREATOR with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness [emphases added].”

Do we hold these truths?

The U.S. Constitution states, “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our POSTERITY [emphasis added]...”

Are we securing blessings for our posterity?

Personhood was the answer to abolishing slavery. The slave is a person not property. Personhood was the answer to abolishing segregation. Blacks and all minorities are persons worthy of equal treatment. Personhood IS the answer to abolishing abortion. The preborn are persons.

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:27)

There's NOTHING too hard for the God I serve. The time to declare the personhood of the unborn is NOW!

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Ten Ways Obamacare Funds Abortion

There are still people claiming that Obamacare does not fund abortion. Obamacare does fund and subsidize abortion and represents a dramatic departure from the longstanding, widely accepted policy of not covering abortion with government funds. Listed below are ten ways that it funds abortion. For more detailed information, see "The List" in National Right to Life's [Media Backgrounder: Abortion Policy and "Health Care Reform"](http://www.nrlc.org/ahc/AbortionPolicyHCRBackgrounder.html) available at

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1. Obamacare will directly fund community health care centers, of which Planned Parenthood would be a beneficiary. \$11 billion has been set aside for community health care centers with no restrictions to prevent abortion coverage. Abortion advocates are already discussing how these centers can pay for abortion.

2. Obamacare will subsidize health care plans which provide abortion for tens of millions of people. Plans may not be required to do so, but they are NOT prohibited from doing so. This is a departure from the longstanding, widely accepted policy of not covering abortion with government funds. Claims that women would have to pay for them with personal funds through a convoluted book keeping scheme can argue with Barbara Boxer and Kathleen Sebelius who say it's only an accounting procedure and of no consequence.

3. Obamacare contains an abortion mandate. At least one government subsidized health care plan in every area will be required to cover abortion.

4. Enrollees in these government subsidized insurance plans will be **required to pay an abortion surcharge** whether or not they agree with abortion. To the argument that people do not have to choose an abortion covering plan: if the employer CHOOSES that plan, you'll take it or else not have health care.

5. Obamacare gives bureaucrats authority to force health care plans to cover abortion. It does not mandate that they do so, but it gives them the authority. It's hard to see how a president like Barack Obama would not appoint someone to mandate abortion coverage. The Mikulski amendment would require insurers to cover any

preventative service. Look for abortion to be defined as a preventative service and private health care plans to be forced to cover abortions.

6. Obamacare allows states to opt out of abortion covering plans, but even where that may happen, residents of those states will still be required to pay for abortions in other states.

7. There are other massive pools of money with no abortion restrictions. National Right to Life says that Obamacare contains additional pools of directly appropriated funds that are not covered by any limitations regarding abortion, including \$5 billion for a temporary high-risk health insurance pool program (Sec. 1101 on pages 45-52) that will cover people with pre-existing conditions until the actual health care exchanges start in 2014. This money goes straight to the states and is

administered by them. Without abortion restrictions, the states are free to use this money to fund abortions if they feel like it. And in fact, some of them tried to do just that ... until National Right to Life discovered that three states applying for funds under this provision were exactly this and forced the Obama administration to enforce the president's executive order and to deny those funds. However, the administration said its decision "is

not a precedent for other programs or policies...". This will last only as long as it takes to file a court challenge. An executive order is not law and cannot amend legislation. The courts will throw out the President's piece of paper as soon as it is challenged. There is also \$6 billion in grants for health co-ops (Sec. 1322, pp. 169-180).

8. Obamacare allows plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program to cover abortion. This is a dramatic departure from long-standing, widely supported policy of not funding abortion with government funds.

9. There is no restriction on abortion in the Indian Health program. This provision negates Reid's previous vote to stop funding of abortion through the Indian health program.

10. Language in the Reid-Pelosi-Obamacare that restricts direct funding (not to be confused with subsidies) of abortion would be attached to the status of the Hyde amendment. That is, if the Hyde amendment-which only covers Medicaid abortions-

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continues to be reauthorized every year, direct funding restrictions in the health care reform law will remain in place. If the yearly approved Hyde amendment were to not pass, those restrictions of direct funding of abortion through health care will vanish.

In his debate with Sharron Angle, Reid tried once more to fool people into thinking that the Hyde Amendment prevents government funding of abortion through Reid-Pelosi-Obamacare. Reid knows **that the Hyde amendment only prevents public funding of abortion through Medicaid but will have NO impact on preventing abortion from being funded through this health care law.** He knows that Hyde is not a permanent law but a yearly amendment attached every year for the last thirty three years to the Health and Human Services bill.

<http://www.nevadalife.org/mvlnews/Reidhealthcarefundsabortion.html>

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?
Make sure they get the facts first!
A LIFE depends on it...
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Ella, the Latest Assault on Women and Their Babies

by Susan E. Wills

The recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the sale of Ella (ulipristal acetate) as an “emergency contraceptive” was practically a foregone conclusion. I can’t recall the last time the FDA rejected an application for any new “reproductive health” drug or device—no matter how risky it proved to be for mothers or unborn children.

The agency routinely approves drugs and devices to block reproduction that are later found unacceptably dangerous for women—the high-dose estrogen pill, the Dalkon Shield intra-uterine device, Norplant rods, Depo-Provera shots, nonoxynol-9, and the Ortho Evra patch, to name just a few. As evidence of the level of risk the FDA tolerates in the reproductive health pharmacopoeia, FDA has not recalled the patch, despite its link to the deaths of at least 29 apparently healthy young women due to blood clots. While some at the FDA may believe their deaths to be an acceptable trade-off so that others can avoid pregnancy, the victims’ families no doubt feel differently.

But the yet-unquantified risk to mothers is only part of the problem with Ella. It is simply false and deceptive to promote Ella as an “emergency contraceptive” like Preven and Plan B. Depending when they are taken relative to ovulation and intercourse, Preven and Plan B may act primarily as contraceptives (by disrupting ovulation, for example), or sometimes as very early abortifacients (by modes of action that interfere with the embryo’s movement to the womb or ability to implant there).

The reason Ella is far more effective than Preven and Plan-B (complete failures at the population level!), and the reason Ella keeps working five days (or more) after “unprotected intercourse,” is that Ella—like its close chemical cousin RU-486—blocks progesterone receptors in the uterine lining. This destroys the capacity of the mother’s reproductive organs to produce the progesterone necessary to support the embryo through the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Because Ella is formulated precisely to prevent a newly conceived human being from implanting in and receiving nutrition from the uterine lining, or to disrupt the process if it has begun, the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists properly calls Ella an embryocidal drug.

And, as Cardinal Daniel DiNardo pointed out in his June 17 letter to the FDA: “Millions of American women, even those willing to use a contraceptive to prevent fertilization in various circumstances, would personally never choose to have an abortion. They would be ill served by a misleading campaign to present [Ella] simply as a ‘contraceptive.’”

As used in animal studies, Ella killed rat, rabbit, and monkey embryos, and caused severe congenital defects in embryos whose gestational age was advanced when Ella was administered. This is an important point. In all three major clinical trials in women, some women were later found to have been pregnant before the intercourse for which they sought “emergency contraception.” In addition, trials have shown that Ella fails to kill the newly conceived human embryos in about 2% of cases. The survivors may then face severe congenital anomalies. Lastly, Ella has been detected in maternal tissues 14 days after taking the drug, so children conceived during that period also could be deformed or killed by the drug.

The FDA must drop the fantasy that Ella is contraception, and reject Ella in order to safeguard the lives and health of children exposed to this poison pill.

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. To learn more about
the U.S. Catholic bishops' pro-life activities, go to
www.usccb.org/prolife.*

Calendar of Events

December 9, 2010 7PM to 9PM - Kabuki Sundance Cinema Theatre #2 Japantown

Please join us For an Evening at the Movies - The Center for Bioethics and Culture in cooperation with San Francisco Archdiocesan Office of Public Policy and Social Concerns' Respect Life Program presents the San Francisco Premier of the shocking new documentary film "**eggsploitation**" Thursday. Film to be followed by a Q&A with Producer, Jennifer Lahl. Admission at the door \$20---Validated parking

For film information, visit www.eggsploitation.com

For advance tickets & group rates, contact Vicki Evans at 415-614-5533 or vevans1438@att.net

Saturday - January 22, 2011 – 7th Annual Walk for Life. Mark your calendars now (if you haven't already) for the largest gathering of Pro-Lifers on the West Coast. For further information visit: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

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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.