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## Pro-Abortion Group: Record Pro-Life Laws Passed in 2011

A national pro-abortion organization that tracks abortion statistics and is a former affiliate of the Planned Parenthood abortion business says 2011 has already set a record for the most number of pro-life laws approved by state legislatures.

Just halfway through the year, pro-life lawmakers have already exponentially increased the number of pro-life laws on the books, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which issued a report decrying the number of laws protecting women and unborn children — which will undoubtedly result in reducing abortions in the states where they have been adopted.

“In the first six months of 2011, states enacted 162 new provisions related to reproductive health and rights. Fully 49% of these new laws seek to restrict access to abortion services, a sharp increase from 2010, when 26% of new laws restricted abortion. The 80 abortion restrictions enacted this year are more than double the previous record of 34 abortion restrictions enacted in 2005—and more than triple the 23 enacted in 2010. All of these new provisions were enacted in just 19 states,” Guttmacher indicates. continued on page 2

### Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the September newsletter: August 21.
- Board meeting: Aug. 2, Sept. 6, 7pm.

### Clothing center report

We served 191 people during the month of June, of whom 64 received free items and 2 took literature.

### Remember RTL

Please remember the pro-life cause when planning your estate or making funeral arrangements for a loved one. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations to Right to Life are available at the office.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

## Pro-Life Conference: September 10

The eighth annual Pro-Life Science and Technology will be held at the Engineers Club in Dayton, Saturday, September 10, 9am-4pm. This is always an extraordinarily informative and rewarding event and the roster of speakers shows that this year will be no exception.

### Presentations include:

Rev. David J. Endres, PhD: The Dangers of Worldwide Population Decline;

Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, Ph.D., FAAP: Artificial Nutrition and Hydration in Children;

Rev. Larry Gearhart: Medical and Moral Ambiguity and the Dignity of the Human Person;

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## Remember Your Dues...

If there is a dues reminder stamp on the front of this newsletter, that means we have not yet received your dues and membership form for 2011. Please send them as soon as possible. If you've misplaced your form, you can renew your membership by simply sending a check for \$12 to Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH, 45365. Thank you!



## FDA: Abortion Drug Killed 14, Injured 2,200

The Food and Drug Administration has quietly released a new report about the deaths of and injuries to women from the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug and the Obama administration has done nothing to make the information available to women.

Following its approval during the Clinton administration, the FDA released a report in 2006 that received widespread attention for showing more than 1,100 women had been subjected to “adverse effects” resulting from their taking the abortion drug mifepristone, commonly known as RU 486. Pro-life advocates have waited five years for the FDA to come out with a new report of problems associated with the drug — despite mounting evidence that the abortion drug continues to kill and injure women across the globe.

The FDA, with no fanfare, has released a new report, dated April 30, 2011. The report indicates 14 women in the United States alone have died from using the mifepristone abortion drug and 2,207 women have been injured by it. Continued on page 4

### Record Pro-Life Laws in 2011 continued from page 1

From the report, states enacted laws informing women about abortion risks and alternatives and bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy based on the scientific evidence showing unborn children feel pain. (For more details of the legislation, see LifeNews.com.)

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### Dayton Pro-Life Conference continued from page 1

Maureen McDaniel: Impact of Ultrasound on the Abortion-Minded Patient;

John W. O'Neill: Building a Website Using Joomla!;

Michael Rose: Teaching Frankenstein and Brave New World in the Context of Contemporary Biotechnology and Medical Experimentation;

Dennis Michael Sullivan, MD: Changing Horizons of Stem Cell Research;

Rev. Mr. Royce Winters: Choosing Life While Living in the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

Registration fee is \$50 per person, \$25 per student and includes lunch. To find more information or to register, see [www.prolifetechnology.org](http://www.prolifetechnology.org). If you would like to attend but cost is an obstacle, please contact Right to Life; we may be able to assist.

Shelby County RTL is one of the sponsors of the conference, along with a number of other organizations and Right to Life chapters.

## Reminder: Ohio Right to Life Sweepstakes

You should have received a page of tickets for Ohio Right to Life's annual sweepstakes in July's newsletter. If it was missing, you've misplaced it, or you want additional tickets, they are available at the office or online at [www.ohiolife.org/sweepstakes](http://www.ohiolife.org/sweepstakes). This is a vital fundraiser for ORTL, which does important pro-life work at the state level. In addition, our local RTL chapter receives a portion of the proceeds. The requested contribution is \$1 per ticket or \$10 for the entire sheet of 12. Completed tickets and money should be returned to Shelby County Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365. (Checks may be made payable to Shelby County RTL.) They may be dropped off at the office, 102 E. Poplar, during open hours, or placed in the secure drop box to the left of the entrance door. All tickets must be received at our office by Monday, October 17. Thank you for your support of Right to Life.

## The Tragedy of Sex-Selection Abortion in Asia

On Sunday, June 26th, CNN aired a heart-breaking report, “Nepal’s Stolen Children.” The documentary, narrated by actress Demi Moore, told the story of Nepalese girls who were sold into slavery and turned into prostitutes in neighboring India. During the broadcast Moore broke down and cried and spoke about making sure this kind of thing never happens again.

While no one can disagree with that. The problem is that we are ignoring an important part of what is driving this inhumane traffic in innocence. That “part” was the subject of a New York Times column the day after the broadcast. The title, “160 Million and Counting,” referred to the number of “missing” women in the world. Not “missing” as in “disappeared,” rather, as in “never born in the first place.”

As Times columnist Ross Douthat reminded readers, twenty years ago the number of “missing” women was estimated by experts to be 100 million. They examined the skewed sex ratios in places like China and his native India and rightly concluded that something terrible was happening.

Twenty years later, the estimate has grown by 60 percent and now, as then, people who ostensibly are concerned about these sorts of things are still reluctant to name the cause: abortion.

Citing the work of social scientist Mara Hvistendahl, Douthat points out an uncomfortable truth: what Times readers would no doubt see as “female empowerment” lies behind the missing women. According to Hvistendahl, in places like India, “women use their increased autonomy” to abort their daughters and “select for sons,” who enhance their social status.

While the practice of sex-selection abortion originated among the more affluent, it eventually spread down the social ladder. And this brings us back to the tragedies in Nepal. The impact of selective abortion goes beyond the lives ended in the womb, horrid as that is, it affects society. A 2008 article by two Loyola Law School professors found that by reducing the number of potential brides, selective abortion in India increased the demand for sex workers.

And one way that “demand” is being filled is through the Nepalese girls featured in the CNN documentary. The “lucky” ones are “smuggled and purchased from poor countries like Nepal and Bhutan to be brides for Indian men.” The more unfortunate are sold into the Indian sex trade.

The social ills and the accompanying suffering caused by sex-selection abortion is why India and China have outlawed the practice. But the practice and suffering still continues. Cultural norms are hard to overcome.

That’s as true in the West as in Asia. Douthat notes that sex-selection abortion puts Western liberals “in a distinctly uncomfortable position.” They can’t deny the reality of the practice but, at the same time, their own worldview leaves them hanging in mid-air.

After all, they insist “that the unborn aren’t human beings yet, and that the right to an abortion is nearly absolute.” 160 million missing women and the suffering that radiates in all directions tells you where that kind of thinking inevitably leads.

It’s hard to imagine a better example of the poverty of modern thinking: faced with a great evil and unable to address the answer. That’s something more to cry about.

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In memory of  
Eileen Borchers,  
In whose name memorial donations were made.  
+May she rest in peace.+

## Abortion Drug RU-486 Harms Women continued from page 2

Of the women experiencing medical and physical problems resulting from the abortion drug, 612 women required hospitalizations, 339 experienced blood loss significant enough to require a transfusion, 256 experienced infections and 48 women experienced what the FDA labeled as “severe infections.” Given that the RU 486 abortion drug caused sepsis, a potentially lethal infection that resulted in the deaths of women from around the world, the “serious infections” were very likely life-threatening situations.

Jeanne Monahan of the Family Research Council commented on the new report. “Marketing the abortion drug as simple and painless, such as taking an aspirin, is dangerously misleading to women. RU-486 is in a class of drugs categorized as selective progesterone receptor modulators, which, in addition to blocking progesterone necessary for the developing baby, also suppresses a woman’s immune system. Additionally, it is sometimes the case that the remains of the pregnancy are not entirely expelled from a woman’s uterus, causing infection and other problems,” she said.

The report also indicated approximately 1.52 million women have used the dangerous abortion drug through the end of April 2001. “Despite the seriousness and intensity of adverse effects related to RU-486, use of this form of abortion is on the rise, and frequently the regimen is dispensed with less medical oversight than surgical abortion,” Monahan said. “Even more troubling, nationally and internationally, ‘telemed’ dissemination of RU-486 is increasing. Telemed abortions involved doctors proscribing RU-486 through Skype or over the Internet rather than during a patient visit.”

“The bottom line is that abortion drugs are not about improving women’s health but are more accurately about advancing a radical pro-abortion agenda regardless of the impact on women’s health, even when it proves deadly,” she concluded.

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