



State Heartbeat Bills Gain Momentum

Could this wave of legislation lead to *Roe*'s overturn?

BY JONATHAN ABBAMONTE

With a new conservative majority on the Supreme Court, several states this year have seized on the opportunity to advance pro-life legislation aiming to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

One type of pro-life legislation in particular is increasingly gaining momentum on the state level—heartbeat bills that ban abortion from the moment an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected.

Because heartbeat laws ban abortion prior to “viability,” a heartbeat ban could provide the basis for a case before the Supreme Court that could see *Roe v. Wade* overturned.

Currently, Supreme Court precedent under *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* prohibits states



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from banning abortion prior to “viability.” According to the Supreme Court's definition of the term, “viability” is the point at which the unborn child has the ability to survive outside its mother's womb.

Heartbeat laws, however, ban abortion as early as six weeks gestation, far earlier than the Court's “viability” benchmark. As a result,

heartbeat laws directly challenge the Supreme Court's viability standard.

So far this year, heartbeat bills have been introduced in 15 states. Three states—**Kentucky, Mississippi, and Ohio**—have passed heartbeat bills into law, although a federal judge has temporarily blocked the

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AOC Warns Millennials Against Having Children

by Steven W. Mosher

Freshman Representative Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, who at this point in her political career is all mouth and no accomplishments, has done it again.

After claiming that the world as we know it is about to end in 12 years, she is now advising millennials not to have children.

“Our planet is going to face disaster if we don’t turn this ship around,” said AOC, touting her Green New Deal on Instagram recently.

No matter that there is zero evidence that the world is facing an imminent climate-driven catastrophe. And whatever gradual rise in global temperatures does occur over the next century can surely be dealt with in a measured, rational way without wrecking the U.S. economy.

I grant you that AOC seems to experience real angst over the prospect of global warming. I mean, why else would she go around saying things like, “When it comes to climate in particular, we’re actually screwed” and “Hurricanes, storms, wildfires, we are dying now.”

Might it be because she knows that saying, “the end is near,” and implying that “only I know how to save you,” is a great way to scare millennials into voting for her?

Now that she’s in Washington, however, she’s taking matters one step farther. She seems to want to scare millennials into not having children.

“There’s scientific consensus that the lives of children are going to be very difficult,” she warned in the same talk. “And it does lead young people to have a legitimate question: Is it okay to still have children?”

Of course, no one would want to bring a child into the world that AOC describes, namely, one teetering on the brink of climate chaos and societal anarchy. And it is certainly true that parts of the planet already resemble such a “Mad Max” dystopia. In such places conditions really are so bad that thoughtful people might well want to postpone childbearing.

Those who live in socialist “paradises” like Venezuela, North Korea and Zimbabwe, for example, might reasonably take a pause from procreation. Who wants to watch their child eat out of garbage cans, or even starve to death, because of socialist mismanagement of the economy?

Or consider the plight of children in China, where the lack of environmental controls means that the air in major cities is often barely breathable. Who wants to watch their child choke on smog?

But in America? We live in the most stable, prosperous, and—yes—environmentally conscious democracy the world has ever seen. For AOC to advise young American women that “global warming” means going barren makes no sense.

Yet such will be the corrosive effect of her climate change propaganda on the minds of millennials that some will probably do just that.

It’s happened before.

Back in the late ’60s and early ’70s, Paul Ehrlich’s *The Population Bomb* (1968) traumatized an entire generation of college students. “The battle to feed humanity is over,” Ehrlich breathlessly informed his readers on the very first page. “Hundreds

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of millions of people will starve to death in the 1970s." It only got scarier from there.

Reading Ehrlich, many of the '60s generation decided that the only responsible thing to do was not to have children.

The Mills University valedictorian of 1969, for example, was so shocked by Ehrlich's apocalyptic message that she devoted her entire address to the dangers of overpopulation.

"Our days as a race on this planet are numbered," she declared. "I am terribly saddened by the fact that the most humane thing for me to do is to have no children at all."

She entitled her address, "The Future is a Cruel Hoax."

But the only hoax in question was Ehrlich's, which robbed her of her future children.

It was not until 2000, by which time our one-time valedictorian—along with the rest of her generation--would have been long past menopause, that the media finally acknowledged the truth: overpopulation was a 20th century myth.

Will AOC's climate change alarmism now morph into the kind of anti-people, anti-baby attitudes found in the radical environmental movement? Will another generation of young people be robbed of their progeny?

Environmental radicals in the U.S., Europe, and at the U.N. certainly hope so. In order to discourage childbearing, some have even been known to refer to babies as little "carbon emitters."

This is surely the least charming way to refer to newborns ever invented.

But now AOC, too, thinks that maybe it's not okay to have children.

In her view the planet—not people—must come first.



Letters

Dear Steven,

Some of our mail has gone astray—so I wanted to make sure that you know how grateful we are for the recent box of books you sent! We appreciate all these new additions to our library and your generosity in thinking of us.

I was especially delighted to see Cardinal Zen's book. We've been praying especially for those being persecuted in China.

A blessed Lent to you and all your family!

In Christ,

Sr. M. Paul, O.P.

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Steve responds: "We, too, are praying for the suffering Church in China, as the persecution intensifies from day to day. I will be in Rome in May to meet with Cardinal Parolin to discuss their plight."

We received this comment on www.pop.org in response to the article "The Party of Abortion and..... Infanticide?":

As a nurse psychotherapist for over 40 years I have treated mothers who, many years before, had an abortion. They truly suffer from the experience. Some say that not a day goes by that they do not think of that aborted child.

They also tell me that seeing someone they presume to be the age of the child they aborted fills them with painful thoughts.

Some come to therapy with a primary constellation of symptoms such as alcohol addiction, depression, suicidal ideation, and other harmful ways to try to forget that memory.

I only discovered this when a woman told me that she was particularly depressed on that day because it was the anniversary of her abortion 18 years before. At the time no one asked about an abortion that might influence the woman's current condition.

Instead she was dismissed with a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder—a diagnosis that stigmatizes the woman.

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This Book Reveals the Spiritual Plot Behind Today's Toxic Feminism: *The Anti-Mary*

Have you noticed how many stories in the news, or programs or even commercials on television all seem dominated by women? I rarely see ads that depict an intact family, with a father. And if he's there, he's no man you or I'd want to know! It's clear that this is no accident.

You also see women like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez promoted as the new "positive" version of this toxic femininity. This is no accident either....

...but have you ever thought of this as Anti-Mary? You surely will, once you read this eye-opening book, *Anti-Mary Exposed: Rescuing the Culture from Toxic Femininity*.

Written by Carri Gress, Ph.D., author of *The Marian Option*, this new title from TAN exposes the explicit plot to undermine true femininity with the lies that undergirded the women's movement from the very beginning!

Dr. Gress has interviewed women who know firsthand about what the early feminist organizers did in the name of promoting equality... and *how they determined to change what passes for femininity by attacking motherhood and virginity*.

(They even took inspiration from the Russian Revolution!)

Know what 'coincidence' startles me even more? Ms. Ocasio-Cortez's birthday is...October 13! The date of the Miracle of Fatima! Really!

You may be thinking, Steve, why would I want to read *The Anti-Mary Exposed: Rescuing the Culture from Toxic Femininity*? Well, it's certainly not easy, but I promise you it's worthwhile. I'm giving this book to my wife and daughters, and I think you'll want to do the same!

You see, in addition to researching and explaining the history and the grave errors of feminism, Dr. Gress also points to the solutions...

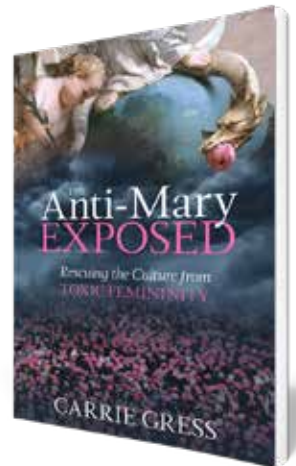
The second half of this book looks with hope at Mary, the antidote...The True Mother...understanding Mary's beauty...and gives us an action plan, including:

- **Imitating Mary**
- **Six Ways to Combat the Anti-Mary**
- **Helping the Walking Wounded**

Best of all, the book provides an appendix with prayers that are known to be effective in combating the Anti-Mary. You'll want to join me in making them part of my daily prayers!

(In fact, let's all pray a *Memorarae* each day for Alexandria that on her birthday she experiences a profound return to her Catholic faith.)

Now you see why this book is so important; we are at war for the preservation of our culture, and the very lives of millions! So, I hope you'll get at least one copy, since a \$50 donation to PRI will have me send it right away. But I think you'll also want a couple extra copies for your loved ones. We need to build up a Marian Army! Please join the army, and as you do so, support PRI in our life-saving work.



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Kentucky law from going into effect until a hearing can be held.

So far, heartbeat bills have also passed at least one house of the state legislatures in **Georgia, Missouri, and Tennessee**.¹

Heartbeat bills have also been introduced in **Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia**. States which introduced heartbeat legislation for the first time this year include **Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland and West Virginia**.

Already, more heartbeat bills have been introduced this year than in any other year since the first heartbeat bill was proposed in the Ohio General Assembly back in 2011.

A project page maintained by the Population Research Institute (PRI) tracks the status and history of heartbeat legislation in every state where bills have been introduced.²

The **Kentucky, Mississippi, and Ohio** heartbeat laws passed this month would ban abortion from the moment an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected except in cases to save the life of the mother or to prevent "a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman."^{3,4}

"We think this is showing the profound respect and desire of Mis-

issippians to protect the sanctity of that unborn life whenever possible," Gov. Phil Bryant said upon signing the Mississippi heartbeat bill into law last Thursday, according to the *Clarion Ledger*.⁵

Doctors who violate the new Mississippi heartbeat law would be liable to \$1,000 fine, up to six months in prison, and a suspension of their medical license. The Kentucky heartbeat law would make aborting an unborn child with a detectable heartbeat a Class D felony, punishable in that state with one to five years in prison.

More heartbeat bills in other states are expected to be signed into law before the end of the year.

A heartbeat bill in **Georgia**, called the *Living Infants Fairness and Equality Act* (HB 481), has passed both houses of the state legislature.⁶ Recently the Senate passed HB 481 with several amendments strengthening the bill's original language.

The House is expected to vote on the amended version of the bill soon and Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp has indicated strong support for the bill.⁷

However, unlike the Kentucky and Mississippi laws, the Georgia heartbeat bill would allow abortion in cases of rape, incest, and when the unborn child is "incompatible with sustaining life after birth."

In **Ohio**, heartbeat bills had passed both houses of the state legislature in 2016 and again in 2018, but both bills were vetoed by then-Gov. John Kasich who argued that the pro-life measures were likely be struck down by the courts. Ohio's current Gov. Mike DeWine, however, has just signed heartbeat bill (SB23) into law on April 11.⁸

"Government's role should be to protect life from the beginning to the end," Gov. DeWine said at the bill's signing, according to Cleveland.com. In **Tennessee**, Gov. Bill Lee has said that he will also sign his state's heartbeat bill (HB 77) if sent to his desk.^{9,10} In **Missouri**, a heartbeat bill (HB 126) also passed the state House on February 27, with a companion bill currently under consideration in the state Senate. Heartbeat bills in other states where pro-life lawmakers have majorities in the state legislature are also working their way through the legislative process.¹¹

The more heartbeat bills are passed into law, the more likely the Supreme Court will be forced to take a position on the constitutionality of these laws.

And in doing so, the Supreme Court will likely have to dismantle its viability standard, a crucial step that could allow states to finally adopt significant abortion bans.

^{1,2} <https://www.pop.org/project/heartbeat/>

³ <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB9/2019>

⁴ <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2019/pdf/SB/2100-2199/SB2116SG.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/21/mississippi-abortion-heartbeat-ban-phil-bryant-law/3232408002/>

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⁸ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/ohios-new-pro-life-governor-vows-to-absolutely-sign-heartbeat-bill>

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PRI's Mosher Joins Distinguished Team In New Mission to Counter China Threat

Committee Forms To Defend America in New Cold War

BY PRI STAFF

PRI President Steven Mosher has joined a distinguished team of China experts, national security practitioners, business leaders, human rights and religious freedom activists, and others, to found "The Committee on the Present Danger: China" (CPDC).

The United States is in a new cold war. The Chinese Communist Party poses the greatest threat to both the United States and the world since the fall of the Soviet Union. Then, as now, the threat of a totalitarian regime with an evil ideology—one that is willing to kill 400 million of its own unborn children—must be stopped.

The CPDC's mission statement states:

"The mission of the "Committee on the Present Danger: China" is to help defend America through public education and advocacy against the full array of conventional and non-conventional dangers posed by the People's Republic of China.

As with the Soviet Union in the past, Communist China represents an existential and ideological threat to the United States and to the idea of freedom—one that requires a new American consensus regarding the policies and priorities required to defeat this threat.

And for this purpose, it is necessary to bring to bear the collective skills, ex-

pertise and energies of a diverse group of experts on China, national security practitioners, human rights and religious freedom activists and others who have joined forces under the umbrella of the 'Committee on Present Danger: China.'"

Other founding members of the committee include: Brian Kennedy, chairman; Frank Gaffney, vice chairman; Hon. R. James Woolsey; Dr. William Bennett; Kyle Bass; Steve Bannon; Mark Helprin; Pastor Bob Fu; Kevin Freeman; Dr. Peter Pry; Dr. Sasha Gong; LTG William Boykin; Hon. Ed Timperlake; Dr. Mark Schneider; Richard Fisher; Amb. Hank Cooper; Lianchao Han; Dr. Michael Waller; Capt. James Fanell, USN (Ret.); Col./Dr. Lawrence Sellin, USA (Ret.); Dr. Dan Blumenthal; and Dr. Bradley Thayer.

Guiding principles of the committee include the following:

- Global hegemony has been the longstanding goal of the Chinese Communist Party the pursuit of which has become, under the leadership of Xi Jinping, increasingly brazen, blatant, and aggressive.
- The Chinese Communist Party (CCP), especially the party-controlled Chinese military, regards the United States as the only real impediment to its aspirations.
- For decades, the PRC has used an array of asymmetric financial, economic, cyber, information, influence, espionage, political warfare and other techniques (including unconventional ones) to weaken and ultimately defeat America.



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- Increasingly, China can also project power globally and decisively using a combination of: stolen, purchased and indigenously developed hardware; a growing collection of strategically located overseas ports, airfields and bases; denial of access to strategic minerals and other resources; space and space-related capabilities; predatory investment and finance for global strategic gain; modernized and probably clandestine nuclear forces; state and non-state proxies; and a new way of warfare based on cyber operations and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) to neutralize others' defense capabilities.
- The United States is likely to face in the foreseeable future a determined and aggressive superpower adversary, prepared and willing to use force, as well as non-military forms of warfare, to defeat this country decisively. The PRC's aggressive actions are increasingly putting at risk its own people and environment and that of the rest of the world.



HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

Socialism and Millennials: A New Pro-Life Challenge

by Dr. Christopher Manion

The Democrat presidential candidates are moving ever further left, and they're dragging their party with them. Surprisingly, their radical legislative proposals have struck a resonance with millennials. Gallup reports that a startling 51 percent of young Americans (between 18 and 29) polled in both 2010 and 2018 say they are "positive" about socialism.

It gets worse. Every candidate running for president on the socialist Left supports abortion on demand—many of them advocating even infanticide. Their proposals regarding the life of the unborn are worse than many adopted by countries around the world that have been socialist for years.

Given this radical agenda, why would half of America's young people be "positive" about socialism? And does it mean they're pro-abortion?

Trained to Feel, Not Taught to Think

In recent years, what was once education has been hijacked by ideologies. Hannah Arendt saw the trend long ago, "The aim of totalitarian education has never been to instill convictions but to destroy the capacity to form any," she wrote.

This trend has produced a culture of feeling. Instead of painstakingly teaching pupils to think, modern education trains them to feel.

The desire that all children be "equal" has led to the elimination of standards of performance. Pupils are forbidden to

compete in many ways – in academics ("Abolish grades! No class rankings!"), sports ("Everybody gets a prize!"), and, in general, any challenge requiring hard work ("Great job!").

But what about "thinking"? Not so fast. Some folks can think better than others because they're smarter—but wait, that's offensive. On the other hand, even the least intelligent pupil can "feel" just as well as the next guy. So the equality espoused by the Left begins in the schoolroom, where every pupil is urged to "feel good about himself." Of course, that boils down to "feeling good."

Once the "feel good" habit settles in, the pupil's next step comes almost naturally. If he can do whatever "feels good," why not have opinions that "feel good" too?

It's a hard habit to break. In fact, many college students today prefer feeling to thinking. And why shouldn't they? After all, to have an intelligent conversation they'd have to learn the basics of logic, rhetoric, language, even grammar—and then learn about the subject at hand as well. That's hard!

But if they tell you how they "feel"—about Aristotle, about abortion, about life—how do you argue with a feeling? Today's "feeling" college student can proudly proclaim superiority because, after all, he not only "feels strongly" about his opinions, but he has also been cleverly indoctrinated with the proper opinions to feel strongly *about*.

And in most cases they're the wrong ones. That's the way it is with

abortion. When it comes to feeling good, support for abortion comes naturally. One can slap all sorts of fancy labels on it—"rights," "it's my body," "freedom"—but rational conversation isn't permitted. It's too hard. Say "it's a baby" and they flee to "safe spaces."

Life Is Real. Fight For It!

Socialism avoids real life. It promises relief from demanding tasks like work, and then promises release from responsibility altogether. When it comes to sex, love and relationships, the young become pro-life when they don't deny responsibility but instead embrace it. Reality. Real life. Real love. Real hard work. Real baby.

Few young Americans have personally experienced socialism. But all of them know what a baby is. They love babies. And that's the secret ingredient: that's how we can break through the "feeling façade" and bring even more young people into the pro-life movement. When they see that abortion is a feel-good lie, they'll take a harder look at socialism too.

While it's easy for someone to feel his way through life, it's exhilarating to take on the responsibility of thinking, acting and living responsibly. Young people today are longing for a challenge that will break the bonds of the "feel-good" culture that envelops them. In the United States and abroad, pro-life kids are responding to that call by the millions. Let's help them every way we can.



Sharing Digital Tools for a Culture of Life

by Carlos Polo

This spring the PRI Office in Latin America offered an unprecedented conference.

We decided to leave behind the traditional—a passive audience, transmission of unidirectional content, and enclosed within the four walls of the auditorium.

Instead, we invited participants to be present through the immense possibilities of digital media. Livestreaming through Facebook Live allowed us to extend this invitation to hundreds more virtual conference participants all over the region.

This initiative began with a request of the bishop of Callao, José Luis del Palacio, for a conventional conference. He asked that we explain the reach and scope of gender ideology to key members of the apostolate in the dioceses, especially the young people and teachers.

At PRI we saw the possibility of transforming a group of listeners into an army of digital activists.

At 7:00 pm when the in-person participants began arriving, we invited them to add our line to their contacts in WhatsApp, a smartphone messaging application used worldwide, to create a distribution list for sharing the conference material.

We replaced the customary opening of “please, turn off your cell phones” with a “please, do *not* turn off your cell phones, because we will be using them throughout the meeting.”

The conference was divided into two parts. The first centered on giving

an example of content creation for use in digital media. The topic was “Totalitarianism of Gender” to fulfill the bishop’s request. A selection of videos already published on the internet, several of them humorous, summarized the topic of gender in three ideas.

Everyone received the links to the videos and a summary sheet instantly via WhatsApp. All the attendees, now new members of PRI’s social media and communications team, were ready to share these resources.

The second part was more dynamic still. We shared the links of main pro-life and pro-family Facebook pages so that the attendees could “like” and share them with family and friends. Then we explained the opportunities made available through alerts on the CitizenGo platform which describe what we are currently promoting in Peru in opposition to the pro-abortion ombudsman.

Perhaps the most intense moment of the entire night was when we communicated with Alejandro Geyer, the organizer of the March for Life in Argentina.

The Twitter messages were projected on a big screen and all the participants were able to see how the fight for life is creating a very articulate citizen’s movement throughout Latin America. In this case, we were Peruvians asking to join the #OlaCeleste, the pro-life movement in Argentina.

Through a tweet, Geyer invited us to support the March for Life that was going to take place the following

day. Our response received hundreds of re-tweets and comments.

It was without a doubt a different kind of night. The Bishop of Callao, present during the whole event, joined in this festive event partaking in the pro-life fight. And as no festive gathering is complete without pictures, we ended up taking a selfie with the bishop who was seated in the front row.

An experience to replicate

It is time to move from exclusively theoretical training to training for action where our message is properly presented.

Young people want to learn and act immediately. Arguments for our side must be given using the dynamism and power of the tools that the digital world offers us. WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, petitions on digital platforms like CitizenGo, etc. are not simply means of communication, but also spaces to evangelize.

Many people “live” on social media, and from their social networks they are able to collaborate effectively to change the world.

We hope that we will see many people from all over the continent who want to unite themselves to the growing citizen’s movement to face what Pope Francis has called “ideological colonialism.” The tools of the digital world give us the power to do it anytime from our smart phones wherever we are.

Translated by Jonathan Abbamonte

Vox and the Rise of Conservatism in Spain

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At press time, Spain was approaching an important election. The country was facing the change of all elected representatives in the national legislature, in both the lower house (Congress of Deputies) and the upper house (Senate).

Of the two, those elected to Congress of Deputies are the most important because they will choose the next president of Spain, whose office is equivalent to that of a prime minister in countries like England.

This election is so significant because, for the first time in 20 years, Spain has a party that defends the interests of conservatives, promoting such positions as eliminating the country's current permissive abortion law (Spanish law allows abortion for any reason through almost all of pregnancy), eliminating "gender ideology" laws, and empowering parents who oppose comprehensive sex education in the classrooms.

This new party is called the Vox party. And in part, the policies of conservatives and pro-lifers in the United States have a lot to do with its success, in an indirect but real way.

In Spain, the radical left has gone too far with its arrogant and insulting attitude toward those who do not think like them. Many conservative people have become tired of this and are no longer afraid to speak out in public to defend their ideas.

What happened in the United States with the election of Trump has been a good example for the Spanish people. Even though most of the press in Europe is determined to speak ill of the president at all times, the people



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have come realize that it is one thing for something to be reported by the press while reality itself is something different.

The electoral victory of President Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil has confirmed that the path for this new international conservative movement was initiated by the United States.

It has been the pro-life, pro-family NGO HazteOír, led by Ignacio Arsuaga, that is largely responsible for raising up this movement in Spain.

In early 2018, the group took to the streets with a bus publicly opposing gender ideology and criticizing LGBTI laws.

Municipal leaders and political parties on the left violently attacked the bus, and this was the first time that the Spanish people saw on their televisions, on their social media, and in the streets of their cities that behind their preaching of "love and peace" and tolerance, in reality the left is dangerous.

What HazteOír did is known as "breaking the spiral of silence." It is not easy to achieve, but today we are

seeing examples of this in different countries.

In the same week as International Women's Day—March 8—they launched a bus tour to denounce present-day radical feminism as profoundly anti-democratic.

The side of the bus carried the message that gender ideology laws undermine the equality of men and women, and it called on the most important politicians in Spain to eliminate these laws.

They used an expression increasingly being used on social media in Spain and around the world: #Stop-FemiNazis, a word which combines the words "feminists" and "Nazis" to denounce the attitude of radical feminism that faces everyone who thinks differently. And to accompany it they put a caricature of Hitler with lipstick and, on his cap, the symbol of feminism as a way to appeal to humor while denouncing something serious.

The effect was immediate. All the left-leaning television stations put the

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bus on primetime coverage trying to attack it. Violent leftist groups tried to destroy the bus while police watched and did nothing. But the result was that millions of Spaniards came to see that HazteOír showed to what extent the left is intolerant, and this is beginning to have an effect on the electoral race.

Now, Vox is not the only party proposing to include the defense of the right to life in their electoral platform. The Popular Party as well, which in recent years had betrayed their voters on the right to support laws liberalizing abortion, now is beginning to talk about ending abortion.

Until a few months ago, the majority of the Spanish people thought that the issue of abortion was a closed topic and no longer open for discussion. Today, thanks to HazteOír, two important parties raise it as a topic to debate.

In all of this, HazteOír has had the help of the Population Research Institute (PRI) through its new division, RELEASE. This division is training HazteOír's strategists and activists on Scenario Analysis and the use of the Maximus tool.

Thanks to this assistance, they are able to better understand the social and political realities in Spain and planning effective actions to make the most of the few resources they have to achieve an ambitious goal: to end abortion in Spain and to end gender ideology.

Now HazteOír is more politically relevant than ever, during an important electoral period. And with RELEASE, we will do everything for Spain to also join the international trend of change that began in the U.S. and that can return common sense to many countries around the world.

■ China Lawmakers Propose Reversal Of Family Planning

REUTERS – PRI President Steven Mosher was quoted in an article about proposals by delegates to China's to support childbearing and eliminate controversial family planning rules in order to reverse a decline in births and shrinking workforce.¹

"China has set up a deadly demographic trap for itself, condemning itself to low or no growth for years to come, regardless of how many babies they can, using persuasion or compulsion, get young women to bear," he said in the article.

In proposals submitted at the National People's Congress, delegates from across the country urged leaders to give tax breaks for families, improve healthcare and maternity benefits, and increase free education, according to the *Reuters* report. Some proposed that China cease efforts to control births and even remove references to family planning from the constitution.

■ Mass Shooter Not 'Right Wing'

LIFESITENEWS – PRI President Steve Mosher wrote an opinion piece recently in *LifeSiteNews* to respond to descriptions of New Zealand shooter Brenton Tarrant as a "right-winger"—when the opposite is true.²

"When a terrorist shouts 'Allahu akbar' while running over pedestrians with a truck, it is reasonable to assume that he is engaging in an act of Islamic terrorism," he wrote. "And when Brenton Tarrant, the man who shot up two mosques in Christchurch, writes of his admiration for Communist China and calls himself an 'eco-fascist,' one should take him at his word.

"Most of the media isn't, preferring to label him a 'right-wing extremist' or 'white nationalist,'" wrote Mosher.

"But this characterization bears almost no resemblance to Tarrant's twisted thoughts, which we know in some detail from his 73-page 'manifesto.' In those pages, written only weeks before his deadly rampage, he summed up his political philosophy by saying:

"Conservatism is corporatism in disguise. I want no part of it. ... The nation with the closest political and social values to my own is the People's Republic of China."

"Does that sound like something a 'right-wing extremist' would say?"

¹ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-parliament-population-idUSKBN1QT0SM>

² https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/new-zealandshooters-worldview-has-shocking-similarities?fbclid=IwAR1-yJR_T4m-ukdnDbKvdqp9_U-FcdWxItfAe7GS3Q8Y-hB812Ehk9raWi8I

³ https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/chinese-president-will-likely-snob-the-holy-see-pope-francis-while-in-rome?fbclid=IwAR2VY1QpKkbRjPV6qg4F7MFHXY-JUh7GLAVAmNeOELtZqbtU2AaxZ_xkmoP0

Plan to Put People First for Future Generations!

It is important to review and update your will on a regular basis.

I don't know about you, but the joy of Easter and our transition from spring to summer makes me forget this piece of wisdom.

As the saying goes, "Life is what happens when we are busy making other plans."

For this reason, summer can actually be the best time to review important documents, such as your will or estate plan, and your 401(k) and life insurance policies. By reviewing these regularly, you are always prepared.

Our lives are always changing—your will or documents need to be updated periodically to reflect such life changes as:

- Marriage
- The birth of a child or grandchild
- The death of a beneficiary
- Divorce or remarriage
- An inheritance
- The purchase of a new asset such as life insurance or a new home.
- A bequest to an organization to commemorate someone you love or to provide support and recognize the work of your favorite charity

If you have included the Population Research Institute as a beneficiary of your estate plans, please let us know.

Tips for updating your will:

- Consider all of your assets. Remember to include any new investments, real estate, business assets, retirement plans, insurance and personal property. Then, decide if you have



changes to what you want to do with these assets and to whom you wish to leave them.

- Meet with your attorney. Your attorney will advise you on which assets are best left to family, friends or charity from a tax and legal perspective.
- If you chose to leave part or all of your estate or assets to the charity of your choice, make sure you have the correct language in your will. If you would like to remember the Population Research Institute in your will, please call **1-888-774-1531** and ask for **Karen Shannon**.
- Make sure someone knows where your original will or trust is located and has access to that location. Also give this person a copy of your will or trust.
- Destroy invalid wills or trusts as directed by your attorney.

We hope this helps you have a great summer, with the peace of mind that you are prepared!

From the Countries



INDIA

India's Fertility Future

INDIA—Even as India is expected to become the world's most-populous country by 2024, surpassing China, Indian fertility rates are declining quickly, according to an article in Observer Research Foundation.¹

China's population will peak at 1.44 billion in 2029 and then start declining, according to the report. Because of higher life expectancy and so-called population momentum—a higher proportion of people in the reproductive age group—India's population will peak in the 2060s, before it starts to decline.

However, Indian fertility rates are declining quickly, said the report, and some estimates are being revised constantly. For example, according to earlier UN estimates, India was to overtake China in 2022.

Ten years ago, India had a total fertility rate (TFR) of 2.68; today, according to the National Family Health Survey, just four out of 36 states and union territories have a TFR more than or equal to 2.68.

The current TFR, at 2.2, is close to the replacement-level fertility rate of 2.1. TFR has declined considerably and between 1992-93 and 2015-16.



ITALY

Life and Family Conference on World Order

ROME—The sixth Rome Life Forum, titled “City of God vs. City of Man — Global One World Order vs. Christendom” will be held at the Angelicum in Rome May 16-17.²

The highly anticipated annual event, hosted by Voice of the Family, will feature three cardinals and many top Catholic leaders from around the world, including PRI's Steven Mosher.

Registration for the Rome Life Forum is currently open. In-person attendance costs 100 Euros, or approximately 112 U.S. dollars or 150 Canadian dollars.

LifeSiteNews announced last month that it will be on location and providing streaming video to those who purchase a 1-day or 2-day video pass for the conference.

¹ <https://www.orfonline.org/research/why-india-must-move-policy-away-from-population-control-50032/>

² <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/special-announcement-about-2019-rome-life-forum-dont-miss>

Puerto Ricans Fight for Life

Dear PRI:

Many thanks for all the support that you, Steven W. Mosher, and your organization have given us, Puerto Rico pro-lifers, regarding Senate Bill 950.

Sadly, the Legislature-approved Bill 950 substantially weakened the original measure. As you rightly point out in your recent article, the approved Bill eliminated the protection of pain-capable unborn babies and the 48-hour waiting period, among other major changes. Unlike the original Bill, it does not acknowledge that abortion ends the “life of a whole, separate, and unique human being.”

Even the article regarding the provision of medical care to abortion survivors was amended to cover only those deemed to be “viable.” That is, Article 13 of the approved Bill states:

“If after a legal abortion procedure, a child is born alive, **and is viable according to the criteria of medicine, the doctor, and all the clinical staff**, they will be obliged to provide all the clinical care necessary for the survival of the child.

If not viable, the child should be treated with the minimum medical care required for this type of case. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section will be penalized according to the provisions of the Penal Code of Puerto Rico” (Senate Bill 950, pp. 9-10, our translation, emphasis added).

At *Fieles a la Verdad*, we challenged this new viability requirement for its subjective, arbitrary nature.

All said, however, the legislature-approved Bill is a step forward. Puerto Rico's legal state of unlimited abortion on demand up to the moment of birth is indefensible.

The Governor's decision to veto the measure is unconscionable and should be overridden. He has shown his true colors as a Democrat, already evident by his public, unflinching support of Hillary Clinton, since the 2008 Democratic Party primaries, and, later on, of Barack Obama.

In the recent mid-term elections, he campaigned for Democratic candidates in Florida. His affiliation to the Democratic Party has been disclosed by the media.

On behalf of all pro-life Puerto Ricans, many thanks, again, for all your outstanding support.

You, Steven Mosher, and your mission are in our prayers.

God Bless,

Philip Pennance, Ph.D.,
President, *Fieles a la Verdad*