

In the News

- Lamar Advertising, the largest outdoor advertising company in the U.S., refuses to display Stanton Healthcare's billboard campaign offering abortion pill reversal for women. Stanton Healthcare has retained the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) to represent them to determine how best to proceed forward in pursuing all available options to ensure the billboards are displayed.
- Late on Friday (March 6), the U.S. Department of Justice [moved to dismiss](#) Missouri v. FDA, doubling down on its claim that pro-life states and women harmed by abortion drugs lack standing and are not suffering ongoing harm from the Food and Drug Administration's Covid-era policy of allowing deadly abortion drugs to be sent in the mail. Disappointing from an administration we were counting on to defend life.
- State Rep. James Talarico defeated Rep. Jasmine Crockett in Texas' Democratic primary. He is using a progressive brand of Christianity to gain support, along with illogical sentiments such as, "Our transgender community needs abortion care, too." Talarico has a 100% pro-abortion voting record.
- In Indiana, a Marion County Superior Court judge [issued a permanent injunction](#) March 5 blocking enforcement of Indiana's abortion ban on the outrageous claim that there is a so-called religious right to kill babies in abortions.

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Sometimes I think that I should write a book entitled, "Musings of a Mediocre Mind" because I tend to mull over random topics, quotes, dilemmas, etc. to gain a unique perspective or find a solution. Case in point: A few months ago, I was thinking about ways to resolve the abortion issue that would make everyone happy. (I was having a burst of optimism.). I imagined medical science advancing to the place that children could be removed at any point during gestation and incubated to the point of viability outside the womb. The mother would not be burdened by an unwanted pregnancy. The baby's health could be monitored directly. More families could adopt. I know this is the stuff of science fiction. Given the rate of abortion (see box below), many wonder, "Where would we put all these babies?"

However, not two weeks later, I ran across an NPR article touting the promise of artificial womb technology to help premature infants. I'm thinking, "Wow, this is amazing!" After all, if medical technology can save *wanted* babies, then why can't it save *unwanted* babies? At first glance, Vardit Ravitsky, president and CEO of The Hastings Center, a bioethics think tank, seems to agree. "I am absolutely pro the technology because I think it has great potential to save babies." He should have stopped there. He goes on to say, "My concern is that pregnant people will be forced to allow

fetuses to be taken out of their bodies and put into an artificial womb rather than being allowed to terminate their pregnancies—basically, a new way of taking away abortion rights.”

Well that just...crazy. Kelsey Hazzard of Secular Pro-Life astutely points out that Ravitsky shifts from “baby,” when it is wanted, to “fetus,” when it is not wanted. Also, he says that “pregnant people” would not be allowed to “terminate their pregnancies.” But that is exactly what this technology would do. What he really means is they would not be allowed to terminate the *baby*. Finally, he claims that women would be “forced” to allow fetuses to be taken out of their body. Isn’t that the point of an abortion? This way, the mother gets to end her pregnancy without taking a life. It’s a win-win, right?

Not so for the abortion enthusiast. Their bizarre lust for the “right” to “terminate” unborn life trumps all else. It seems completely resistant to compromise, compassion, and common sense. Abortion advocates love to follow the science until it leads them away from their agenda. The scientific fact that human life begins at conception pales in comparison to the conviction that no woman should have to carry an unwanted child. Abortion culture proclaims that how someone *feels* about a particular child in the womb determines its value, even humanity. I cannot decide if this is driven by delusion or selfishness. Even more disturbing is that those who perform abortions must know exactly how violent they are. Lisa Harris, second-trimester abortionist, writes in part, “Currently, the violence and, frankly, the gruesomeness of abortion is owned only by those who would like to see abortion disappear. The pro-choice movement has not owned or owned up to the reality of the fetus, or the reality of fetal parts. Acknowledging the violence of abortion risks admitting that the stereotypes that anti-abortion forces hold of us are true—that we are butchers, etc. (NRL News, 11/25).

Deliberately choosing to stick one’s head in the sand rather than facing reality shows either a lack of maturity or a lack of character. Sure, we may all digress at times, but this particular denial can be deadly. What reputation, livelihood or agenda is more valuable than human life? When does it justify duplicity? Even a child could answer correctly.

Partnering with You for Life,

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Are abortion “bans” extreme? No. In fact, did you know that the United States is one of only eight United Nations (UN) member countries without any federal laws or limits on abortion for gestational age? That means that 185 out of 193 UN member countries limit abortion at some point during pregnancy. Even 46 out of 50 European Union countries ban abortion after 15 weeks, some even earlier. In America, if you support any restrictions on abortion, you’re often attacked and called extreme when most of the countries in the world restrict abortion at some point during pregnancy.

With birthrates falling, maybe humanity shouldn’t be so cavalier about abortion. The World Health Organization reports that *29% of all pregnancies end in abortion, with a total of 73 million abortions worldwide each year. Many countries are facing a population crisis with birthrates well below the replacement rate of 2.2 per woman. (All sources at AChildNotAChoice.org/sources)

