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COMMENTARY FROM THE EDITOR

By Dauneen Dolce

Having just returned from the National Right to Life Committee's national convention, I am filled with a mixture of feelings. I learned much, some of which is very good and some that is very disturbing.

Obviously we have made progress in educating on the issue of abortion, as there is a decrease in the number of abortions and in the number of teen pregnancies. The fact that youth are responding to the pro-life cause is very good. We are also grateful for a mainly pro-life political agenda that is winning, especially in abortion.

The disturbing part is we are not gaining ground with the anti-life science agenda. The United States is not prepared for these changes; thus, life is under attack not only in the womb of 1.3 million abortions a year but now also in the Petri dish, the hospital bed, and doctors' offices where decisions are made to "kill", not cure.

The brave new world is neither brave nor new. In the course of history, scientific activities have taken place that never asked the question "should we do this" but rather "can we do this". Many activities can take place and have in the past as far back as Socrates and Adolph Hitler who "used" human beings for a "can" we and not a "should" we agenda. Human life was treated cavalierly with no respect or protection. Today's society is accepting the same attitude. This is not brave, rather it is cowardly, in my estimation.

Too many people, even people of faith, will use human life to expedite science for personal use (i.e. cures for diabetes, Parkinson's disease, etc.). We don't analyze what is lost in the process of making life better for ourselves or someone we love. We have bought into the saying "you can make something good out of something bad", but THIS IS NOT ALWAYS TRUE!

There are also those who proclaim to be "pro-life" and consider themselves the defense wall protecting human life against the evils of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, and a host of even greater evils on the path to fruition. This is not the time to be a "saying", but we must be a reality in thought, word, and deed. We must not just talk the talk but walk the walk. This defensive wall has many holes in it, as was proven by those "pro-life" U.S. representatives who voted to use embryos from invitro fertilization for stem cell research. Just as you can't be a little pregnant, you cannot be a little pro-life. Either all human life from fertilization until natural death has value, or none does. Our conditions of being created or what happens to us in life such as Terrie Schiavo or those with physical and mental disabilities or those with chronic or even terminal illnesses aren't the underlying factors that decide our value. WE ARE. WE'RE ALIVE. WE ARE UNIQUE. THAT IS THE ONLY VALUE THAT COUNTS AND DEFINES US!

We can't be pro-life only when it is convenient; it is a constant demand to be involved. We must be learning and imparting what

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Coming Events

→ **SEPTEMBER 9-25, 2005: STATE FAIR IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** RTL's booth in the Manuel Lujan Building during the New Mexico State Fair is a wonderful time to educate the public on the issues of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. Being the third largest state fair in the country, we have the opportunity to reach many people. They can learn and become involved, and educated people can move mountains and hearts. A volunteer form will be going out the end of July; however, you can sign up now by calling the State Office. This is especially important when there is a group wanting to work on a particular day or during a certain period. You can call now so that all can register at the same time to work together. Call 505-881-4563 if you have questions or want to register.

→ **SEPTEMBER 24, 2005: BORN TO RUN - KIT CARSON PARK - ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** The 4th Annual Born To Run event will have even more runners and more fun for one and all. You can run, you can walk, or you can listen to music and watch the others. There will be a 5/K and a 10/K run/walk and a 1 mile run/walk. We are currently seeking sponsors for the run, so if you know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please call the state office at 505-881-4563. Forms for runners/walkers will come later in the summer.

→ **OCTOBER 8, 2005: DINNER - ROE vs. Wade and YOU!! SPEAKER: DENISE MACKURA, ATTORNEY AND EXECUTIVE DIR. OF OHIO RTL.** In the next few years, there may be the needed changes on the U.S. Supreme Court that would allow the review of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allowed abortion on demand (any reason) for all nine months. It then could be overturned. However, this does not mean that abortion will become illegal. Most likely, the decision will be returned to the states. In that case, all the states around New Mexico would likely outlaw abortions in most cases. However, as things stand now, the legislature of New Mexico is likely to keep abortion legal. Thus, New Mexico would become the "abortion mill" of the Southwest. Plan to come and see what each one of us can do to stop this from happening. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** More information will be coming by the end of summer.

→ **JANUARY 14, 2005 - DINNER - ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO - "STEM CELL RESEARCH/CLONING: WHAT IS IT? SPEAKER DR. DAVID PRENTICE.** This subject is really heating up, and, in the process, a great deal of confusion and misinformation has been created. Dr. Prentice, who gave a workshop at our conference in 2003, has become world renown on the subject and will update us and instruct us on the current information for this topic. Again, we must be knowledgeable to help others know the truth.

→ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** More information will come in the fall.

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we have learned to others. We must support other pro-lifers and pro-life organizations that are providing education and activities that promote efforts to change hearts and minds or who are working legislatively to invoke protections. We support them with donations, volunteer time, and doing what is requested of us - be it in our families, schools, churches, or wherever activity can make positive changes.

I am too busy, I do not have much money, I don't know what to do, or I "can't" are the holes in the wall of defense that is to protect our children, our grandchildren, and future generations. There is a very long path of "good intentions" but a much shorter path of those who are actually doing something that brings about changes for the good. What path do you wish to be on? For those of faith, you know where that path is leading. You know you will be accountable. **YOU KNOW THIS TRUTH!**

You are reading this newsletter. That is a good start, but it is not enough! Your donations and some of your time are as essential to our society as clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and military defense to keep us from terrorists. We can have all that and still die as a nation and as a culture. The onus is on us who are living today. We who take up the challenge will be greatly rewarded in getting the outcome we are fighting for and having a sense of peace and purpose in obtaining it.

What can you do?

FIRST, BE A MEMBER OF RTLCNM.

Use the enclosed form to become a member or to recruit a member. If your address label on this newsletter says on the top corner "non member", you are not a member.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS
EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT!**

ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENT: Become a director on an established chapter. Use the form provided in the June Viva Life. Or get a volunteer form from that chapter and give them aid in their efforts. Call the president:

Albuquerque RTL - Betty Eichenseer	821-9101
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Estancia Valley RTL - Chris Dolce	832-4516
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Lea County RTL - Gary Jones	392-7724
San Juan County RTL - Jessica Booten	334-5550
Sandoval County RTL - John Lombardo	896-4602
San Miguel County RTL - Carlos Lopez	426-9816
Santa Fe RTL - Sarah Wilson	690-6856
Valencia County RTL - Jackie Farnsworth	865-6160
Los Alamos RTL - Liz Laemmle	662-5522
Quay County RTL - Arlene Frey	461-3662

Where there is no chapter (if it is not listed above), START one. A simple call to the State Office can make this happen. Call 505-881-4563 and ask for Dauneen. The people in your county who do not have the facts will not always do what is RIGHT; they may say or do what is WRONG! Then all of New Mexico will pay the consequences for the truth not being provided to them.

BE A VOLUNTEER AND GIVE TIME! Right now, a

handful of people in New Mexico are being asked to be that defensive wall - the ones to fight evil. As we send the best to defend a nation, we need to send more in the arena to fight the evil in our society. Tired people with families of their own cannot do it without YOU! In some way, with some time, you can do something - and you must before it is too late. We have many wonderful young people coming up, but we need people of all ages, races, and faiths to reinforce the wall and bring more of our people behind these walls of justice and truth until the enemy does not have the numbers to attack. We can do that today, or we can wait until the enemy is stronger and able to defeat us more easily. IT IS ALL UP TO YOU!

A SETBACK FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

On Tuesday, May 24, 2005, the U. S. House of Representatives approved a bill to provide federal funds for stem cell research that would require killing human embryos - but if the bill survives its uncertain future in the Senate, the President's promised veto will be sustained, according to the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) who opposes the bill.

"Under this bill, human embryos would be killed by the very act of harvesting their stem cells for government-funded research," commented NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson.

The House passed the bill by a margin of 238 to 194, which was 50 votes short of the two-thirds majority that would be required to override a veto.

The White House issued an official statement of administration policy that said in part, "The bill would compel all American taxpayers to pay for research that relies on the intentional destruction of human embryos for the derivation of stem cells, overturning the President's policy that supports research without promoting such ongoing destruction. If H.R. 810 were presented to the President, he would veto the bill."

In addition, President Bush spoke to a group at the White House that included many children who were adopted when they were still embryos. The President said, "The children here today remind us that there is no such thing as a spare embryo. Every embryo is unique and genetically complete, like every other human being. And each of us started out our like this. These lives are not raw material to be exploited, but gifts."

Doug Johnson commented: "The biotechnology industry will not be satisfied with exploiting only embryos donated by parents - in fact, they are already seeking to create human embryos by cloning, for the specific purpose of harvesting their parts for research. Unless Congress acts promptly to ban human cloning, as many other nations have already done, biotech labs will establish what President Bush in the past has called 'human embryo farms.'"

Congressman Steve Pearce voted against the bill. Congresswoman Heather Wilson and Tom Udall voted for the bill. PLEASE WRITE AND GIVE PRAISE TO REP. PEARCE AND DISAPPOINTMENT TO REPS. WILSON AND UDALL. Pearce is at: 1408 Longworth House Office Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20515. Wilson is at 318 Cannon House Office Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20515. Udall is at 1414 Longworth House Office Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20515.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO SENS. BINGAMAN AND DOMENICI AND ASK THEM TO VOTE AGAINST HB 810 WHEN IT COMES TO THE SENATE. Bingaman is at: 702 Hart Sen. Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20510 and Domenici is at 328 Hart Sen. Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20510.

GOOD NEWS IN CONGRESS

By a vote of 431 to 1, the House, on May 24, 2005, also approved the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act (H.R. 2520) sponsored by Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ), a bill to establish a new federal program to make stem cells from umbilical cord blood available to patients who need them. The bill was endorsed by President Bush and by NRLC. In a statement by the Administration, the White House said, "Cord-blood stem cells, collected from the placenta and umbilical cord after birth without doing harm to mother or child, have been used in the treatment of thousands of patients suffering from more than 60 different diseases, including leukemia, Fanconi anemia, sickle cell disease, and thalassemia. Researchers also believe cord-blood stem cells may have the capacity to be differentiated into other cell types, making them useful in the exploration of ethical stem cell therapies for regenerative medicine."

Information provided from NRLC

GETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

There are many statements made by the press with their pro-death agenda, and anti-life politicians, as well as uninformed friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers and yes, even those who sit next to us in church that are just plain wrong! We must not sit by and let these remarks go without clarifying them. Otherwise, these remarks, like a bad apple in a barrel, will soon rot society and take away sensibility, compassion, and essential truth.

TERRI SCHIAVO: Once Terri's autopsy report was released, the press proceeded to push their pro-euthanasia agenda. Long before her death, Terri's family knew she was brain damaged - that was not new. They also knew she was not given care that was to be provided to help make progress in restoring her brain function. The report said she was in a vegetative state. I hate that description. We are and never will be vegetables. We are unique, never to be duplicated human beings. I have seen too many videos and have heard from actual doctors who saw Terri (unlike all of the judges and most of those who gave opinions on the pro-death side) and know she recognized different people in different ways. She was able to follow some instructions, and she was not blind; blindness came as she was dehydrated/starved to death. However, even if she was all they said, she was murdered by judicial decree, and that was WRONG! WRONG! WRONG!

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH: The argument has been made that using the stem cells from embryos that were created from invitro fertilization is morally all right. THIS IS INCORRECT. It is morally WRONG to create human life and then prevent it from coming to full term and birth. THIS HAS TO BE CHANGED. In the meantime, allow loving couples to adopt those stem cells already created and allow these unique **human beings to have a full life.**

CLONING: Trying to establish a "truth" that there is a difference between therapeutic cloning and reproductive cloning is a lie. Both have the same process; only what is done after the process makes a difference. The procedure calls for nuclear transplantation or somatic cell nuclear transfer. If the procedure is successful, the cell will divide several times to produce a pre-implantation embryo - "blastocyst" -that is composed of about 150 cells. If the blastocyst is placed in the uterus, it can implant and form a fetus, which then may develop further and result in a newborn. Unlike reproductive cloning, the creation of embryonic stem cells by nuclear transplantation does not involve implantation of a blastocyst in a uterus. Instead, cells are isolated from a blastocyst about five days after the nuclear transplantation procedure and used to make stem cell lines.

Although human research cloning does not involve fertilization by sperm, the product is still a human embryo and is indistinguishable from embryos created by fertilization.

More information will be given in the coming months on this issue, as there is a real battle going on with an unlimited number of humans being created and destroyed.

ABORTION AND THE LINK TO BREAST CANCER: The media, some politicians, and, unfortunately, the American Cancer Society and many other cancer organizations are saying there is no connection between a woman having an abortion and getting cancer later in her life. There have been more than 25 reports given in the U.S. and more than that world wide. Seventy-five percent of these studies have shown the link between a woman having an abortion on her first pregnancy and the increased risk of getting breast cancer.

One study paid for by abortion supporters and done by a pro-choice scientist has received worldwide publicity. Janet Daling's study showed an induced abortion increased the risk of breast cancer before age 45 by 50%. If done before 18 years of age, it increases 150%. If done after 30 years of age, it increases by 110%. If the woman had a family member with breast cancer and aborted after 30 years of age, her risk increases 270%.

The same breast cancer risk is not present in women who experience miscarriages because the same amount of estrogen produced in a normal pregnancy is not present in her body.

In 1990, it is estimated that one in every four U. S. women under the age of 45 years had an induced abortion. Look at the increase of breast cancer. Here are the facts:

1962-63,000	1972-90,000	1982-120,000
	1992-180,000	2001-182,800

Breast cancer kills approximately 40,800 women in the U. S. each year. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women between the ages of 40-59.

We can ignore the proven facts, and we can keep on misleading the women of the United States so that they not only kill an innocent human life but can kill or damage themselves. We now kill 12 out of 100 women. How many more have to die before cancer researchers and their pro-abortion donors decide to face the truth and stop another wrong?

POST ABORTION SYNDROME: The other great lie is that there are no emotional repercussions from those women who have an abortion. Again, the media, pro-aborts, politicians and The American Psychological Association have proclaimed this lie. We have many studies that have shown that this is so inaccurate - so wrong!

The most recent study published in the Journal of Anxiety Disorders reveals that women seeking an abortion of an unintended pregnancy are 30% more likely to experience anxiety problems than those who carry their pregnancies to term. Using data from the National Survey of Family Growth produced by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), researchers examined 11,000 women between 15 and 34 with no prior anxiety symptoms. "Our study suggests that clinicians treating women with anxiety problems may find it useful to inquire about their clients' reproductive histories," said Jess Cougle, M.S., the lead author of the study.

I personally have heard the tearful, aching stories of not only women but men who have been involved in providing, encouraging, or having an abortion. **ABORTION HAS CREATED GREAT PAIN IN MANY PEOPLE!** Women know they are killing, and they are killing their own. They know when they have the abortion or come to that conclusion later. Many find healing, but they NEVER forget.

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Getting the Record Straight ...

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To deny this fact is to ignore women, their psyche, and their innate nature.

Fortunately, legislators around our country have heard and believed the testimony from those in the mental health community. They have inserted into their states' informed consent laws the facts about abortion and post-abortion syndrome. Hopefully, that changes the minds of many and prevents the illness that can lead to drug use, alcoholism, damaged relationships, and many other side effects. The truth must be told.

AGAIN, WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW CANNOT ONLY HURT YOU, BUT IT CAN DESTROY A SOCIETY THAT REVERES LIFE AT ALL STAGES.

ABORTION HOT LINE IS GOING NATIONAL

by Lisa Leff – Associated Press

OAKLAND, CA: After she had an abortion at 23, Aspen Baker longed to talk with other women about the well of emotions she was going through – the relief, the regret, the feeling of foolishness for getting pregnant in the first place.

“To want that and not find it made me feel I must be outside the norm, that I was crazy or weird,” said Baker, now 29.

Funneling her frustration into action, Baker banded together with four other women who share her support for abortion rights and founded Exhale, a post-abortion telephone counseling service that has carved out a place of its own in a field often marked by extremes.

Launched in 2002 and staffed by more than two dozen volunteer counselors on an annual budget of \$200,000, the confidential talk line 1-866-4-EXHALE has until now been available only in the San Francisco Bay area. It is going nationwide.

Unlike some call-in counseling services sponsored by churches that regard abortion immoral or pre-abortion programs offered by abortion rights groups, Exhale says its approach is non-judgmental.

“It’s not about turning someone pro-choice or anti-abortion,” Baker said. “It’s about listening and valuing and respecting.”

About 700 people called the service last year. Baker said she expects to hear from about 3,000 callers a year once the service goes national.

“We get calls from people within a day after their abortion and a year later. We’ve gotten calls from people 30 years after their abortion,” said Program Director Carolina De Robertis, 29.

Organizers said the young women who call are often sad and ashamed but also relieved, angry, proud, numb, or confused about their feelings.

Monica Lois, 27, contacted Exhale nine months after having an abortion.

“I started feeling this huge amount of grief and feelings like I killed my baby, and it was very difficult for me because I’m like, I’m pro-choice, why do I feel like this?” Lois said.

Note: How dare we deny these women and their feelings! We must stop the lying. Abortion is WRONG! WRONG! WRONG!

There is help for women who have an abortion in New Mexico. Please call the State RTL Office for information.

**Praise makes a wise man more modest
and a foolish man more ignorant.**

POPULATION – THE FACTS

One of the time-old arguments given in support of abortion is “overpopulation.” Indeed, groups such as Zero Population, many environmentalists, and those groups that actively support birth control as the major answer with abortion as the back up are the people who use this argument.

Here are several articles that address this subject.

CENSUS BUREAU: WORLD POPULATION SLOWING TO DANGEROUS LEVELS

A report released in 2004 by the Census Bureau shows the world population growth is slowing to dangerous levels. In its report, “Global Population Profile:2002,” the Census Bureau notes that the 74 million people added to the world’s population in 2002 were significantly fewer than the high of 87 million people added in 1989. The growth rate was a meager 1.2%, down from the high of 2.2% in 1963. Census projections suggest that the level of fertility will drop below replacement level before 2050. “It’s time for the population control movement to call off the dogs,” responded Steven Mosher, President of Population Research Institute (PRI). “The population explosion it predicted never happened. As birth rates fall into the cellar, it’s time for the U. S. Government to stop spending hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars each year on programs designed to lower the number of babies born even further,” said Mosher.

POPULATION PROBLEM: EXPLOSION OR IMPLOSION? PRESBYTERIANS FOR LIFE

Population control advocates within the Christian Church face at least two challenges. One is the challenge of accuracy and the implications of information on population. The other is the challenge of how much support there is from scriptures for efforts to deplete population to save environment.

Overture 04-48 from Baltimore Presbytery wants the Presbyterian Church (USA) to urge a worldwide goal of fewer births than deaths by 2030. Even without consideration of biblical teaching, the overture aims for disaster.

Population decline is already on a course that will yield a dramatic rise in the median age of the world’s populations. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the fertility level for the world as a whole will drop below replacement level before the year 2050. In the 1990s, women worldwide were giving birth to 3.3 children over their lifetimes. By 2002 the average was 2.6, only a little more than required to replace a population.

A DRAMATICALLY AGING POPULATION WORLDWIDE

The implications of the reduction in fertility rates mean not only a dramatic reduction in population – the U.N. Population Division projects a drop from 6.3 billion worldwide to 2.3 billion by 2300 - but also a dramatically aging population. Nicolas Eberstadt, in a congressional briefing, pointed out that the median age of the world’s population was roughly 20 years old until the year 1900. By 1995 the median age had reached 25 years. By the year 2050, the median age is projected to be over 42 years, and much higher in some countries. Even today there is a population boom among the elderly. The fastest growing age group of Americans is those over age 85.

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THE MYTH OF OVERPOPULATION AND THE FOLKS WHO BROUGHT IT TO YOU – AUSTIN RUSE

PART 1: HISTORY AND POLICY

The claim that the world will become dangerously overpopulated has never been true. It was false when first postulated in the 19th century. It was false when *The Population Bomb* was first published in the 1960s. It is false now. That this theory is still taught in grade schools all over the world even today does not make it any truer. It remains a false theory.

In this essay I will briefly trace the development through time of the oddly utopian idea that human misery can end with the end of humanity, or at least the end of a good portion of it. I will address the work of one of the theory's most important proponents, the United Nations Population Fund. I will discuss the differences between the feminist wing and the pure population control wing of the movement. And finally, I will explain more fully how and why the theory of overpopulation is not true.

This war on the concept of people is now more than a century old. It has moved through four distinct but closely related stages: Malthusianism, eugenics, the population bomb, and now in the stage known as "reproductive rights."

Malthusianism, named for the early 19th century scientist Thomas Malthus, posited that having too many people in the world is the inevitable cause of many maladies - among them hunger, starvation, disease, and war. The theory suggests that the population of the world grows exponentially while food production doesn't, with the inevitable result of massive starvation. Not thoroughly discredited until the advent of modern farming techniques in the 20th century, Malthusianism has provided the intellectual underpinnings of all the iterations of population theory.

The next step in the movement came with the advent of eugenics, the theory that not all races are the same and that the "bad" races must die out to make room for the "good" ones. The "bad" races generally corresponded with those who were poorer and darker than the proponents of eugenics. Early proponents of this theory included Margaret Sanger, the found of Planned Parenthood, who openly expressed racist beliefs and who was admired by the Nazi regime (these facts are ignored by Sanger's ideological and biological heirs).

Of course, the Nazi regime gave eugenics its properly bad name so population theory went underground, gussied itself up and reemerged in the 1950s with the imprimatur of the American political and academic establishment. It came with a new name – the population explosion – which harkened back to the work of Malthus but still targeted darker skinned populations in the developing world. Instead of simply saying the world would run out of food, it now posited that the world would run out of nearly everything including food, natural resources, and eventually room to walk around in. This "population bomb" theory drove the movement through the 1960s and even beyond.

The chief feature of the population bomb scare has been coercion. If, as proponents suggested, overpopulation was a dire threat to the entire planet, then policy makers believed that some populations must be forced to reduce their numbers.

Almost always, coercion comes from the hands of governments directed at their own people. The most famous examples of coercion occur in developing world countries like China and Peru. The cases of coercion there are well documented and very obvious. Women in these countries were given abortions against their will. Others were sterilized without their knowledge. Still

others were bribed with food and medicine in exchange for abortion and sterilization. These instances occur mostly in the developing world, but even in the United States there are well publicized cases in which poor, drug addicted women are paid cash by private groups for getting sterilized.

While coercion occurs mostly at the hands of poor governments on their own poor people, the impetus comes from rich western countries, chiefly the United States and those in the European Union, but also from various international institutions, most notably the United Nations.

The United States government helped to found the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) in 1969 to be a nonpartisan clearinghouse for population and demographic information. UNFPA, however, quickly evolved into an advocacy group that has had a hand in more than one coercive population control program. Within ten years of its founding, for instance, UNFPA assisted in the establishment of the most brutal population control program the world has ever seen.

With the direct help of UNFPA, the Chinese government instituted a policy that forbade women from having more than one child in their lifetime. Some women who tried to have more than one child were forced to have abortions. Others were fined to such a high degree for a second pregnancy they had no choice but to have an abortion. Indeed, according to *The Washington Post*, in just the first six years of the program 50 million forced abortions occurred in China.

Under threat of losing U. S. financial assistance, UNFPA eventually promised to limit its activities to only 32 Chinese counties and promised that all forms of coercion in those counties would end (this even though UNFPA denied that any coercion existed at all). UNFPA further promised that if coercion still existed in any of those 32 counties, they would leave China altogether. In 2002 the U.S. government determined that coercion still existed in those 32 counties, that UNFPA was complicit in providing technical assistance, and promptly withdrew financial support. UNFPA still denies coercion exists in the 32 counties, and UNFPA continues to publicly praise the Chinese one-child policy.

China is not the only place where UNFPA has been proven to assist in coercion. Not long ago the Peruvian government led by former President Fujimori pursued a very aggressive population control program against native peasant women. U. S. Government investigators found that these women were tricked into sterilizations under the guise of other procedures. Other women were withheld food until they agreed to sterilizations. UNFPA was a financier of the Peruvian program, and the forced and coerced sterilizations occurred in UNFPA facilities. Though UNFPA denied coercion existed in the Peruvian program, they commissioned a study that confirmed for them that coercion did exist in the program. UNFPA's response to its own negative report was to bury it and lie about it. As recently as the summer of 2002, UNFPA denied the existence of the report, which had been unearthed by a Peruvian journalist.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF POPULATION DECLINE

In some parts of the world, aging populations are already of notable concern. Eberstadt reports world fertility levels down by nearly half since the early 1950s. Europe, Japan, and China are at sub-replacement levels. The economic implications are fairly obvious. Along with severe declines in child populations and

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growing elderly populations, there comes a decline in industry and productivity, a drop in the number of taxpayers, and significantly fewer workers to support the costs of an increasingly gray population.

The reality is that population decline has negative implications for world stability, not only economically but also in terms of family life. The church ought to give serious consideration to the negative effects of encouraging further population decline.

CHRISTIAN FAITH LIKES PEOPLE AND IS NOT ADVERSE TO POPULATION GROWTH

Scripture's overwhelming message is the value of human beings to God. People are intended by God to be both blessings and resources. When God gives the blessing of children, He adds the blessing of "crops and flocks" (Deut.7:13). Any theological discussion of population and resources ought to stem both from our concern for stewardship and from our understanding of God's sovereignty over the whole of His creation.

The premises on which the Baltimore overture are based should be subjected to careful scrutiny. The assertion that we are headed towards an overpopulation disaster is simply not supported by the evidence.

TO BE CONTINUED:

**POPULATION CONTROLLERS
CHANGE THEIR TERMS**

OLDER WOMEN HAVE INCREASING ABORTION RATES COMPARED TO TEENAGERS

New research shows that the abortion rates for older women are on the rise, as pro-life groups and pregnancy centers focus on providing pregnancy help and assistance to teenagers and college students. The Beverly LaHaye Institute, a think tank sponsored by Concerned Women for America, shows that women over the age of 25 are having a larger share of abortions. The data shows that such women are also having repeat abortions at a much higher rate – some having four or more abortions. Abortions on women who have already had at least one child are also more common. This data reveals that abortion is being used as birth control. Nearly half of all the abortions today are repeat abortions, and 60% of all abortions are to women who have previously had a live birth, according to this report.

**FOR THE
LOVE OF LIFE,
BE A MEMBER
OF RTLCNM!**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTLCNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTLCNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

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