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HERE COMES THE FAIR – WILL YOU HELP?

The New Mexico State Fair held in Albuquerque is one of the largest state fairs in the nation that draws many visitors.

This gives The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico a great opportunity to educate the public on pro-life issues, and this particular year, share information on our state endorsements for the state legislature.

The Fair is from September 8th through the 18th, 2016. The hours are 10:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.

We will need a supervisor and one worker during the weekdays, and a supervisor and two workers on Saturday and Sunday. The worker shifts are two hours with exception of the 10:00 a.m. which goes to 1:00 p.m.; all other shifts are 2 hours. Supervisor shifts are six hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (with breaks which allows you to visit the fair).

We have enclosed a volunteer form which you can use to sign up as a volunteer. Of course, those who sign up first get first choice of day(s) and hours desired. **FOR THIS REASON, DO NOT SIGN UP AND CHANGE YOUR DATE LATER, AS WE WILL HAVE ALREADY TURNED AWAY PEOPLE WHO ALSO WANTED THAT TIME. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS BEFORE PICKING YOUR DATE(S).**

The same goes for picking a training date, as all need to have training, or review training no matter whether they previously worked in the booth or not. If you are out of town, you can skip the training but would need to be at the booth a half hour earlier than your assigned time so that the supervisor can review what you should be doing, and not be doing. Instructions will be mailed to you before your time in the booth.

This event requires many people to do what RTLNM is all about-to educate and to involve the people of New Mexico in the solutions to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. YOU ARE NEEDED. So please fill out the form and send it in. If you want to work with someone else, send in both forms at the same time. Teenagers are welcome to help.

There is a lot of standing so those who have trouble doing that, may want to volunteer to do something else.

If you have questions, please call the office at 505-881-4563.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE HAS MADE ITS ENDORSEMENTS.

NEW MEXICO STATE HOUSE CONTESTS:

Dist. 2: James Strickler (R)
 Dist. 4: Sharon Clahchischilliage (R)
 Dist. 23: Paul Pacheco (R)
 Dist. 24: Christina Marie Hall (R)
 Dist. 27: Lorenzo (Larry) Larranaga (R)
 Dist. 29: David Adkins (R)
 Dist. 32: Vicki Chavez (R)
 Dist. 36: Andy Nunez (R)
 Dist. 37: Terry McMillan (R)
 Dist. 38: Rebecca Dow (R)
 Dist. 39: John Zimmerman (R)

WELCOME BACK ANDRA AS SECRETARY OF RTLNM

After a year's leave, Andra Bosiljevack has returned as secretary of the office, and we are very pleased to have her back. She is very pro-life, competent and will do an excellent job in that capacity.

Dist. 51: Yvette Herrell (R)

Dist. 53: Rick Little (R)

Dist. 57: Jason Harper (R)

Dist. 59: Greg Nibert (R)

NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE:

Dist.1: William Sharer (R)

Dist. 9: Diego Espinoza (R)

Dist. 13: Aubrey Dunn (R)

Dist. 15: Eric Burton (R)

Dist. 18 Lisa Torracco (R)

Dist. 19: James White (R)

Dist. 21: Mark Moore (R)

Dist. 29: Gregory Baca (R)

Dist. 37: Cecilia Levatino (R)

Dist.39: Theodore (Ted) Barela (R)

Dist. 40 Craig Brandt (R)

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE GOOD WOMEN AND MEN WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR DONATIONS, AND WHEN POSSIBLE YOUR VOTE. WE MUST HAVE A PRO-LIFE LEGISLATURE TO PASS PRO-LIFE LAWS.

A VICTORY FOR NEW MEXICO - BUT THE WAR CONTINUES THE NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS THE ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW!

In a surprising move FIVE JUSTICES ON THE STATE SUPREME COURT HEARING THE CASE REAFFIRMED THE STATE'S ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS FOR MANY YEARS. All five are Democrat Justices. The one Republican, Justice Judy Nakamura, had to recuse herself having been a judge on a lower court when a ruling was made to overturn the old law.

A case was brought to Judge Nan Nash, 2nd Judicial District judge, that requested that a physician be able to provide medication that would allow the woman to commit suicide. The case was about Aja Riggs who was told she had terminal cancer. Aja Riggs is now in remission and is not dying. A point we have made previously as to the many times one is declared to be "terminally ill" and that proves to be wrong.

With an Assisted Suicide law in place, where no one is required to get a second opinion, or to get psychological counseling, often people may be killing themselves when they really aren't dying.

But it is true that our elderly are being coerced and mentally abused and encouraged to kill themselves.

These people who are weak and confused and make choices from

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fear, or a desire not to be a burden both monetarily and other ways, often make the decision to kill themselves.

The case went to the Court of Appeals which found no right to aid in dying and overturned Judge Nash's ruling. The final ruling was with the Supreme Court's ruling which upheld the Court of Appeals ruling.

Hopefully, more reviews will be made on cases labeled "terminal" will be taking place, especially for the elderly and those who are disabled.

BUT THE FIGHT CONTINUES AND THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE WILL DEAL WITH IT IN 2017.

Representative Bill McCamley, District 33 in Las Cruces, has formed a working group to look at legislation to allow the practice of assisted suicide and expects to have a bill ready for the January 2017 60-day session.

HE CAN BE STOPPED! His opponent, Republican Neal Hooks who is pro-life needs your help to stop this anti-life legislator from being elected, and to continue to protect people from being pushed to take their own lives. **YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED!**

The Assisted Suicide legislation introduced in the past has failed three times. We hope to maintain that record.

This ruling in New Mexico will give aid to those states fighting against these laws who are being targeted by the pro-death organizations in support of assisted suicide. It was a good decision.

For New Mexico, those previous defeats in the legislature had the support of the American Medical Association, a powerful voice in this issue.

HOWEVER, THERE IS AN EFFORT IN THE AMA TO ABANDON ITS LONG STANDING POSITION OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE, TO NOW TAKE A NEUTRAL STAND.

Following the national AMA meeting several weeks ago, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs has been instructed to "study aid-in-dying as an end-of-life option." Moreover, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs has been directed to develop a recommendation "regarding the AMA taking a neutral stance on physician aid-in dying." The Council is only slated to talk with physicians who have participated in suicides. This sets the debate for a full debate on doctor-prescribed suicide by the AMA House of Delegates next summer. Absent a grassroots groundswell from within its ranks, it seems likely that the AMA will adopt a neutral stance. **PLEASE ASK YOUR DOCTORS TO OPPOSE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED ASSISTED SUICIDE.**

Depending upon the results of the General Election, this issue WILL COME TO THE SUPREME COURT ONCE AGAIN, AND DEPENDING UPON THE MAKE-UP OF THE COURT, THE DECISION CAN AFFECT MANY INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES. We could have what took place in Canada, which declared doctor prescribed suicide a constitutional right but also authorized "surrogates" to "choose" euthanasia for patients who are not mentally capable of making health care decisions, like children born with disabilities or those with Alzheimer's disease. We will all be at risk.

(AMA information provided by National RTL.)

THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES – WHAT A COMPARISON!

MIKE PENCE: His record on pro-life issues as a Congressman from 2001-2012 couldn't have been better. He served on the House Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on the Constitution. Under both he participated actively in hearings and subcommittee action on a number of major pro-life bills. This included the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act which was enacted in 2003 and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 2004. He was one of the early leaders of efforts to defund Planned Parenthood.

As governor of Indiana which he has been since 2012, he is

hugely popular with the Indiana Right to Life affiliate of National RTL. Mike Fichter, its president has this to say." Gov. Pence is devoted to protecting the unborn and their mothers. Gov. Pence's pro-life stance is more than a talking point: Gov. Pence has put his pro-life position into action time and time again. Indiana is a better state for the unborn and their mothers because of the Governor's pro-life leadership.

Fichter added, "Since becoming governor, Gov. Pence had advanced the pro-life cause through legislation and his administration. Under Gov. Pence, there are four fewer abortion facilities. The state abortion rate has been steadily declining every year. The state is enforcing health regulations that protect women's health, and abortion doctors know they don't have a free pass."

Governor Pence signed bills to: promote umbilical cord donation, an ethical alternative to embryonic stem cell research. He has increased positive support for parents of Down syndrome children. He has provided information on perinatal hospice to parents who receive an adverse prenatal diagnosis. He increased informed consent measures for women seeking abortions.

He also supported Real Alternatives program at pregnancy resource centers which offer life-affirming and compassionate care to women through pregnancy and as they begin parenting. He has also promoted adoption through the first ever state income tax credit for Hoosier families who adopt and by hosting an annual Adoption Fair highlighting this loving option,

Governor Pence brings all this experience and pro-life credentials to the Trump ticket. He will advance the cause of life on the campaign trail in this election campaign.

TIM KAINE: National Right to Life has compiled much information over the years on Tim Kaine.

"Like Hillary Clinton, Sen. Tim Kaine supports the current policy of abortion on demand," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **"Like Hillary Clinton, Sen. Kaine is so extreme on abortion he opposes even the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, legislation to protect unborn children from abortion after 20 weeks, when they are capable of feeling excruciating pain during dismemberment or other late term methods."**

As U.S. senator, Kaine has voted against the pro-life position every chance he got. Sen. Kaine voted to allow government funding of abortion providers, and he voted against legislation to require an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.

Kaine took his most extreme pro-abortion action yet with his recent co-sponsorship of the so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" (S-217), known to pro-lifers as the "Abortion Without Limits Until Birth Act." This bill would nullify nearly all existing state and federal limitations on regulation of abortion, and prohibit states from enacting meaningful pro-life laws in the future. This revamped version of the long-stalled "Freedom of Choice Act" is a priority of the pro-abortion forces in Washington. D.C.

Sen. Kaine is good at hiding behind his Catholic background – but one should not be fooled," Tobias said. **"His record, and his openly declared legislative goals, is as pro-abortion as they come."**

CATHOLIC BISHOP TO TIM KAINE: YOU CAN'T BE CATHOLIC AND PRO-ABORTION, By Steve Ertelt

Bishop Thomas Tobin of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island posted a message on Facebook: Democratic VP choice, Tim Kaine, has been widely identified as a Roman Catholic. It is also reported that he publicly supports "freedom of choice" for abortion, same-sex marriage, gay adoptions, and the ordination of women as priests. All of these positions are clearly contrary to well-established Catholic teachings; all of them have been opposed by Pope Francis as well.

Senator Kaine has said, "My Faith is central to everything I do." But apparently, and unfortunately, his faith isn't central to his public, political life.

HILLARY CLINTON PROMOTES FREE ABORTIONS: "LET'S GO OUT THERE AND MAKE IT HAPPEN"

During her keynote address to the Democratic convention on Thursday night, Hillary Clinton wasted no opportunity promoting abortion. She began her speech promoting the Democratic Platform that calls for forcing Americans to pay for abortions.

"We wrote it together – not let's go out there and make it happen," Clinton said. The proposed Democratic Platform this year is more extreme than it has ever been, calling for taxpayer funding of abortion and a repeal of the Hyde Amendment. The Democratic Party platform already support legalized abortion on demand for any reason until birth.

"We will continue to oppose ---and seek to overturn--- federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment," it reads, promoting free abortion for poor women paid for by the American taxpayers.

Later on during the speech, Hillary pushed abortion using the kind of euphemisms she always does.

"If you believe we should protect a woman's right to make her own health care decisions, then join with us," she said.

Clinton's speech was a contrast to Donald Trump's. He, in accepting the nomination of the party today, drove home the number one concern for pro-life voters this election – what will happen to the Supreme Court and its control over the fate of abortion.

"The basic duty of government is to defend the lives of its own citizens. Any government that fails to do this is a government unworthy to lead," Trump said.

We are also going to appoint justices to the United States Supreme Court who will uphold our laws and our Constitution," Trump said. "The replacement for Justice Scalia will be a person with similar views and principles. This will be one of the most important issues decided by this election. The politicians have talked about it; I'm going to do it.

Trump also specifically reached out to evangelicals and pro-life voters with a message about religious liberty and allowing pastors and priests the opportunity to preach pro-life political values from the pulpit.

"At this moment, I would like to thank the evangelical community who has been so good to me and so supportive. You have much to contribute to our politics, yet our laws prevent you from speaking your minds from your own pulpits," Trump said. "An Amendment, pushed by Lyndon Johnson, many years ago, threatens religious institutions with a loss of their tax-exempt status if they openly advocate their political views. I am going to work very hard to repeal that language and protect free speech for all Americans."

Clinton has a long history of promoting abortion.

Clinton activists at Planned Parenthood abortion business rally said that she would "have our back." Clinton went on to thank the Planned Parenthood abortion activists for helping women who are victims of sexual assault even though the abortion company has been found to cover up cases of statutory rape, allowing rapists to rape again.

Clinton praised Roe v. Wade for supposedly helping women avoid dangerous illegal abortions but ignored how the Planned Parenthood abortion corporation was responsible for killing a black woman in a botched legal abortion which cost them \$2 million in a settlement after killing the black teen in an abortion.

Later in the speech, Clinton touted equal pay for women at the Planned Parenthood speech but Clinton paid women 28% less than men.

In February, Clinton defended the gruesome partial-birth abortion procedure: "My husband vetoed a very restrictive legislation on late-term abortion, and he vetoed it at an event in the White House where we invited a lot of women who had faced this very difficult decision,

that ought to be made based on their own conscience, their family, their faith, in consultation with doctors.

During an interview on The View recently, Clinton said an unborn child just hours before delivery should have no Constitutional rights. Her comments came just days after Clinton said unborn children simply do not have any Constitutional rights, which would include the right to life.

At a presidential forum at Drake University, Clinton called ending the life of another human being a "fundamental human right."

In May, she also slammed a new Indiana law that protects unborn babies with Down syndrome from discriminatory abortions.

Clinton has said more taxpayer money needs to go to Planned Parenthood's abortion business and Clinton demonstrated her unyielding commitment to abortion and Planned Parenthood's abortion business, accepting their endorsement during a pro-abortion rally – saying she would be the abortion business' president. "I will always defend Planned Parenthood and I will say consistently and proudly, Planned Parenthood should be funded, supported and protected, not undermined, misrepresented and demonized," Clinton said. "As your president, I will always have your back."

At a speech to the Women in the World Conference in April 2015, Hillary Clinton argued, "Far too many women are denied access to reproductive health care (aka. Abortion) and safe childbirth, and laws don't count for much if they are not enforced," In order to expand worldwide access to abortion, she suggested that "deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."

In May 2015, the U. S. House passed the Pain – Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to protect unborn babies 20 weeks and older from excruciating late term abortions. In addition to a statement slamming House lawmakers for advancing the bill, Clinton tweeted, "When it comes to women's health, there are two kinds of experts: women and their doctors. True 40 years ago, true today."

The first order of business for Clinton and her friends at the abortion company is to force Americans to pay for abortions with their tax dollars by attempting to overturn the Hyde Amendment, which has protected Americans from funding most all abortions since the late 1970's. Upheld by the Supreme Court, the Hyde Amendment is now a target of abortion advocates who have moved from pro-choice to pro-abortion – forcing Americans not only to accept unlimited abortions before birth but to pay for them.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD TRASHES TRUMP FOR SAYING "ELECT ME PRESIDENT" TO BAN ABORTIONS

In an e-mail sent July 19, 2016, Planned Parenthood attacked Donald Trump in every way possible. They said "Donald Trump is the GOP's best hope to ban abortion and his list of Supreme Court nominees proves it."

The abortion business was referencing Trump's recent list of 11 potential Supreme Court nominees – a list of pro-life and conservative groups praised for potential judges who would be Constitutionalists

One of the key things concerning abortion activists and pro-lifers alike is the future of the U. S. Supreme Court and its decisions involving abortion.

Up to four of the nine seats on the high court could come open with the next president's term, meaning that the next president's appointees could sway the court's decisions for decades. That's a power that pro-abortion candidate Hillary Clinton and her abortion supporters would like to get their hands on. They also are "terrified" of what could happen if Clinton loses. "We've got to make sure to preserve Roe V. Wade, not let it be nibbled away or repealed," Clinton said in February.

Former pro-abortion Texas State Sen. Wendy David, now an abortion activist, recently emphasized to a pro-abortion blog broadly

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that a lot is at stake in the presidential election, and Roe. Wade could be overturned if the next president appoints pro-life judges.

In contrast, Clinton's radical abortion policies passed on through appointments to the U. S. Supreme Court could mean huge setbacks for unborn babies in America. Clinton supports complete, unrestricted abortion through all nine months of pregnancy and the abortion industry believes she will work to expand abortion if elected. Clinton's extreme abortion stance is out of touch with most Americans.

Information from Micaiah Bilger at National RTL News.

PLEASE NOTE:

Donald Trump presents a stark contrast to Clinton. In addition to his encouraging list of potential Supreme Court nominees, he has chosen a pro-life champion as his vice-president running mate and has promised to sign a bill as president to defund Planned Parenthood. Trump has consistently said he opposed Taxpayer funding for abortion

GARY JOHNSON RUNNING IN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY IS ALSO PRO-ABORTION, AND THOUGH THEY MAY BE FISCAL CONSERVATIVES, HE TOO WILL WANT JUDGES WHO SUPPORT ABORTION. A VOTE FOR GARY JOHNSON WHICH WILL NOT GET HIM ELECTED, IS A VOTE FOR HILLARY CLINTON.

OBAMACARE: HERE TODAY – GONE TOMORROW AND THEN WHAT?

Remember the Promise: "If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep it." We can't even keep the ones they forced us to buy.

As we see insurance companies, such as Presbyterian Health Care which affected 10,000 exchange members and United Health Care which left UNM with no insurance, drop out of Obamacare, we find many people either without insurance or continuing with the companies but paying the private fees. Others will go to the remaining carriers, New Mexico Health Connections, Christus and Molina and Blue Cross but at a price. New Mexico Health Connections is seeking a bump of 20-30% on its individual plans. It has also dropped its PPO plans; plans that generally offer a greater choice of providers than managed care plans, and will concentrate on plan designs that allow them to better control costs. Christus and Molina have asked for a 3-8% increase. While Blue Cross, coming back after a year's leave, is asking for a higher rate between 20- and 80%.

Across the nation a number of large carriers are dropping out of Obamacare. Humana has sent letters to insurance regulators in Alabama, Kansas, Wisconsin and Virginia, saying it would no longer offer individual products.

This is affecting thousands of people in New Mexico and elsewhere. It has cost tax payers \$1.2 billion and left 740,000 people trying to find other health care.

Meanwhile the state Human Services Department is cutting Medicaid with a meat cleaver to save \$33 million by slashing payments to physicians, dentists, hospitals and other medical providers.

Physicians are exiting the profession by the droves.

The pharmacy is a place to see the increased costs in medications costs. The amount of prescription costs can be limited in the future as the costs are up-60% since 2007 through 2014 from \$46 billion to \$76 billion. And they keep rising.

With so many people being uninsured and costs rising at a dramatic rate, here comes President Obama with a "solution" He calls for revisiting the public option. This is the plan to let Americans to buy insurance from the government. **THIS IS THE PLAN THAT WAS DESIRED FROM THE BEGINNING – A SINGLE PAYER PLAN WITH GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL OF ALL OUR HEALTH CARE!**

Although he touts that Obamacare is a success, he does recognize "too many Americans still strain to pay for their physician visits and

prescriptions, cover their deductibles or pay their monthly insurance bills," Obama wrote. Others struggle to navigate the "bewildering" health system. Too many lack insurance coverage, he added.

Now we know that Congress is not going to act on this proposal. But what happens if Hillary Clinton becomes president? She would start out working with interested governors (usually Democrats) to implement state-based versions of the public option.

In the September "Viva" we will explore her plan and intentions.

D.A. DISMISSES ALL BOGUS CHARGES AGAINST DAVID DALEIDEN FOR EXPOSING PLANNED PARENTHOOD – By Steve Ertelt

On the night the head of Planned Parenthood Abortion Company is slated to speak to the Democratic National Convention, the man behind the undercover videos has been vindicated. Again.

As Life News reported last month, a Harris County, Texas judge dismissed the bogus misdemeanor charge against David Daleiden for allegedly trying to buy body parts from the Planned Parenthood abortion business he was exposing for selling them as a part of the Center for Medical Progress' undercover investigation.

On July 26, 2016, the Harris County District Attorney's office dismissed all charges against Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, the pro-life advocate who worked with him on the ground breaking videos.

David Daleiden had been charged with tampering with a governmental record, for using fake identification to gain access to the facility. Daleiden has maintained from the beginning that he and the Center for Medical Progress followed all applicable laws in the course of its investigative journalism and that the indictments were politically motivated.

Upon hearing of the dismissal of the charges, he said. "It is a resounding vindication of the First Amendment rights of all citizen journalists, and also a clear warning to any of Planned Parenthood's political cronies who would attack whistle blowers to protect Planned Parenthood from scrutiny.

Planned Parenthood tried to collude with public officials to manipulate the legal process to their own benefit, and they failed. A year after the release of the undercover videos, the ongoing nationwide investigation of Planned Parenthood by the House Select Investigative Panel makes clear that Planned Parenthood is the guilty party in the harvesting and trafficking of baby body parts for profit."

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT FAILS TO PROTECT WOMEN

In the decision made June 27, 2016, we see that the abortion lobby is still very strong and that we need more help on that court.

In a 5-3 vote, the U. S. Supreme Court struck provisions of a Texas law requiring abortion clinics to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers and requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital in case of medical emergencies.

So now these women can have shabby abortion clinics that don't meet minimum standards that other medical facilities are required to have by law. We can again have what we had in Philadelphia with Kermit Gosnell. The abortion industry is not willing to police itself, and now the law won't be able to require it. So who is hurt in all this? **THE WOMEN!**

Should something go wrong in an abortion where the possibility of the woman having the abortion starts bleeding, she could die if there is no hospital close at hand. The chances of infection are great and the woman's life can be at risk because of these conditions.

I don't think this will be the last we will hear about this type of legislation. But the decision shows the need to pick a pro-life president, for the next president could have up to FOUR open seats for new justices on the Supreme Court. We have only three we can count on at this time, so that means we need all three of these justices to be constitutionally oriented to uphold what it stands for

and we must enforce under those standards.

NONE OF US SHOULD GIVE UP HOPE, THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR SO MUCH GOOD.

PLEASE NOTE BLACK LIVES MATTER: EACH DAY 266 UNARMED BLACK LIVES ARE KILLED, THEY ARE THE UNBORN YOU AREN'T PROTECTING. THIS IS 30% OF ALL ABORTIONS OF ALL ABORTIONS!

A SCANDAL IN THE EUTHANASIA ARCHIVES **–By Ian Dowbiggin**

Imagine for a moment that reporters broke the news that the Vatican had destroyed the bulk of its archival records. Researchers around the world justifiably might accuse the Roman Catholic Church of a deliberate cover-up.

Well, the Vatican had done no such thing. But it appears as if the right-to-die movement has. If so, one might well ask; why did people in the movement do it? Are they trying to hide something about their past?

One thing is clear: if the euthanasia movement's records have indeed been destroyed, a lot of history has vanished. Orwell-like, down a cavernous memory hole. And with it, information the right-to-die movement doesn't want you to know.

I should know, because I saw those records and I know what was in them. I wrote up my findings in my 2003 book on the history of the of the movement, published by Oxford University Press.

The story of my involvement in these valuable records begins about fifteen years ago when I was given permission to explore the archives of what used to be called Partnerships for Caring, Inc. PFC was a successor organization to the defunct Euthanasia Society of America (ESA). The ESA records, housed in a law firm in Baltimore, consisted of 15 large cardboard boxes holding correspondence, financial records, press releases, published materials and minutes of meeting, much of it uncatalogued.

There were literally thousands of items in these boxes documenting the entire 20th c. history of the U. S. and non-American activists who advocated the legalization of various forms of euthanasia. The ESA archive contained materials relating to the careers of noteworthy social activists such as Derek Humphry, the founder of the Hemlock Society (now called Compassion and Choices), Joseph Fletcher, the found of "situation ethics," Alan Guttmacher (after whom the population –control Guttmacher Institute in New York City is named), and the birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger who unbeknownst to all her biographers, was also a vocal proponent of legalized euthanasia.

Not only did these activists urge governments to permit voluntary mercy-killing and physician-assisted suicide, many also supported the involuntary mercy-killings of handicapped people. For example, despite his knowledge of widespread Nazi murder of people with disabilities, in 1943 the ESA's president thought it was a good idea to legalize euthanasia in time for returning veterans who suffered from mental and physical wounds.

As recently as 2000, Derek Humphry proclaimed that because of escalating health care costs the elderly had a "duty to die." There was a good deal else in my book which would cause eye brows to arch in this day and age. The picture that emerged from my account was of a movement which harbored many people like the infamous "Dr. Death" Jack Kevorkian, whose views on end-of-life care included the beliefs that experiments should be performed on dying persons and the mercy-killing of individuals whether or not they requested it was perfectly ethical.

The overlap between the eugenics and the euthanasia movements was particularly eye-opening. For much of the Twentieth century the same people who urged governments to permit mercy-killing and assisted suicide typically applauded the courts and elected officials

when they legalized the forced sterilization of people with disabilities.

My research did not always go smoothly. One right-to die activist warned me that if I included anything he said to me over the phone he would sue me and my publisher. Clearly, the right-to-die movement did not like the contents of my book. Some in the movement must have regretted that I had gained access to the archives in the first place.

But the story did not end there. About five years after the book's publication, I was contacted by a US graduate student researching the history of euthanasia. She told me that in trying to track down the ESA records she had been informed that the collection had been intentionally destroyed.

Just this year another US graduate student got in touch with me, also trying to locate the ESA archives. She too had been told the records no longer exist, although she is still investigating.

Of course, it might be that the ESA records are sitting somewhere safe and sound. Yet why do groups like Compassion and Choices ignore my own requests for information? Why, when a published scholar in the history of medicine inquires about the whereabouts of this important archive, is there a resounding silence?

Yet, if, as is highly likely, this magnificent archive is gone forever, one is perfectly entitled to call the right-to-die movement to account. What are they afraid of?

As a researcher, I am saddened and angry that such a treasure trove is likely gone forever. The scholarly community rightly protests when a similar destruction of historical records occurs. It's time that its outrage was directed against the people who today tell us mercy-killing and assisted suicide are the latest "freedoms" you and I ought to enjoy.

In light of the disappearance of the ESA archives, can they be trusted?

Ian Dowbiggin, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the author of *A Merciful End: the Euthanasia Movement in Modern America* (2003)

OUR TAXPAYERS DOLLARS ARE PAYING FOR FETAL EXPERIMENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO – By Dauneen Dolce

Despite breaking both a federal and state law, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Centers is receiving fetal parts from the late term abortion clinic Southwestern Women's Option. They are using 24-28 week fetus' for experimentation using their brains, stomachs, pancreas, as well as other fetal tissue.

The U. S. House Select Panel on Infant Lives has uncovered written proof of the activities. This investigation is ongoing.

It confuses me as to why our own Governor or Attorney General hasn't taken action in regards to the largest university in New Mexico which does receive tax funding. We have a state law that prohibits such experimentation.

The blood money off of these innocent human beings must be stopped and respect for them and all human life must be restored in our state and our nation.

THIS IS THE TYPE OF LAW HILLARY CLINTON, WITH A PRO-ABORTION SUPREME COURT AND CONGRESS COULD GET PASSED

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL FORCING CHRISTIAN DOCTORS AND PREGNANCY CENTERS TO PROMOTE ABORTION

Abortion is now the official state-preferred choice for Illinois women in unexpected pregnancies, after Gov. Bruce Rauner signed Senate Bill 1564 into law July 29, 2016.

Rauner, a Republican, held veto power over the legislation –which Democrats pushed through on a strictly party line vote and put on his desk May 31, 2016. –but he went against the grain of his own party in

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approving the legislation.

"We are extremely disappointed in Gov. Rauner for siding with pro-abortion Democrats by signing SB 1564 and expanding abortions in Illinois," Emily Zender, executive director of Illinois Right to Life said in a press release. "This radical bill is a direct assault on the consciences of medical professionals and the mission of community supported pregnancy help centers.

"Science tells us that abortion ends the life of a pre-born child, and for Illinoisans to be forced to participate in any in abortion is a tremendous injustice."

The bill enacts changes to Illinois' Health Care Right of Conscience Act, once considered the gold standard of state-level First Amendment protective laws.

Effective Jan 1, 2017, the law requires medical professionals in all capacities to go against deeply held religious conscience by referring patients for abortions and counseling patients on what the legislation calls the "benefits" of abortion.

*"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer,
it sings because it has a song." -Maya Angelou*

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