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Charlie Kirk's Death is a Reminder: Free Speech is Not Violence

Charlie Kirk was a force for good, a man of faith. He spoke the truth—about his faith, about the causes he embraced. He wanted his listeners to examine their beliefs, to think critically. He encouraged everyone to talk about differences and seek common ground. Whatever your faith belief, ask the Creator to embrace Charlie in heaven and bring peace and comfort to his wife and children. To his followers—never forget his courage and determination to work for good.

By Olivia Summers

Our nation remains shaken by the senseless assassination of Charlie Kirk. He was killed for having a voice—for daring to speak his convictions boldly in the public square. Charlie's death is the tragic result of a dangerous idea: labeling speech itself as violence. When voices are branded as dangerous or harmful, it becomes easier to justify silencing them—whether through physical violence or government suppression.

A similar mindset drives pro-abortion activists and state officials who are working to shut down Christian pro-life centers, or Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). Instead of bullets, they wield the weapons of law, regulation, and smear campaigns—accusing pro-life ministries of being a “threat to public health” simply because they operate from a faith-based, pro-life viewpoint.

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) believes that defending the unborn doesn't make you a “threat.” Take action and add your name to the petition, Stop Criminalizing Saving Unborn Babies: <https://aclj.org/pro-life/stop-criminalizing-saving-unborn-babies>.

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IT'S WRONG TO MURDER A BABY

—Excerpt from LifeNews.com, September 18, 2025

Online Abortion Pill Access Expands in Michigan

A New York-based online abortion provider has announced plans to expand services to Michigan. The pro-abortion business will now allow Michigan women to receive the abortion pill through the mail without ever seeing a physician in person and with no requirement for a follow-up consultation after the abortion.

The practice of mail-order abortion is dangerous for women as it leaves them without immediate medical care if something goes wrong, which according to the Ethics and Public Policy Center's report, The Abortion Pill Harms Women, happens in nearly 11% of abortion pill cases. The absence of an ultrasound also increases the chances a woman might be farther along in her pregnancy than she knows, significantly increasing the risks of harm to her.

Planned Parenthood recently said it will also be expanding its telehealth services by 40% in Michigan. This increasing access to the abortion pill through the mail is a hazardous, profit-driven danger to women.

**Abortion Pill Rescue Network
It May Not Be Too Late to Save That Baby
Call 24/7 Helpline: 1-877-558-0333**

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...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Diane Trombley, RN, BSN



Dear Colleagues,

In 1776, Thomas Paine (think back to your classes on American history) wrote the following, "These are the times that try men's souls."

The words were written many, many years ago, but they certainly ring true today. The past week has been marked by violence, sorrow and finger pointing at who said or did what, but they have not provided remedies for what has and is happening.

We must acknowledge that violence against another person is simply wrong and **MUST NOT CONTINUE**.

Whether it is violence from our mouths, from our spirit, at an abortion clinic, or from the end of a gun, it is time to acknowledge that our society will not prosper until we stop trying to solve our problems with violence.

I do not have any words of wisdom or solutions to what seems like an effort to justify killing people, young or old. I do know that I have some very young children in my family, and I do not want to leave the solutions to them. They should not have to bear the burden of fixing what my generation has broken—as they say in antique shops, "you broke it, you bought it."

I do know that the solutions start in our homes, with friends, with strangers, even with those who disagree with us. It starts with the simple notion that human life be recognized from the very beginning as special and worthy of our protection. It continues when we do not call names, point fingers of disrespect at others and when we recognize that someone needs support and help with emotional problems.

All human life is precious. All human life deserves protection. All human life deserves respect. Providing these things begins with me, and you, and everyone who seeks a more compassionate, safer, and saner world. And we need to do it now!

Love Life, Diane

UPCOMING EVENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, FALL CAMPAIGN

September 24 – November 2

Find a location, visit: 40daysforlife.com

CIDER WALK

Saturday, October 4 – 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

St. Rafka Maronite Church, Livonia; call 734-422-6230

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 5 – 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Call RTL - LIFESPAN 734-524-0162 for a Life Chain near you

RTL – LIFESPAN LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 18 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Activity Center
29015 Jamison St., Livonia

Call 734-422-6230; Topic: Human Trafficking

2025 MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE—LANSING

Thursday, November 6 - all day trip

Free charter buses - bring food and beverages for the day

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Bill Gates Funds Project to Embalm Newborn Babies, Harvest Their Organs

By Steve Ertelt

A new project pro-abortion activist billionaire Bill Gates is funding raises pro-life concerns.



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is funding a new project that involves embalming deceased newborn babies to harvest tissues and organs for artificial intelligence research, according to a report by *Modernity News*.

The initiative, which focuses on using the remains of infants who die in neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), could spark outrage among those who view it as a disturbing exploitation of vulnerable lives.

The project, detailed in the report, is a collaboration between the Gates Foundation and various research institutions. It aims to develop AI-driven forensic and surveillance technologies by studying tissues preserved through a process called plastination, which involves embalming bodies with polymers to maintain their structure.

"The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is funding a gruesome study that involves embalming dead babies with plastic to harvest their tissues for AI forensics and surveillance," the article stated, highlighting the controversial nature of the research.

The study specifically targets infants who die in NICUs, a setting where premature or critically ill newborns often face high mortality rates. While the report does not specify the exact number of babies involved, it notes that the tissues are being used to train AI systems, likely raising ethical concerns among pro-life groups who argue that such practices commodify human life, even after death.

The Gates Foundation's involvement is seen as particularly troubling given its history of funding abortion. Critics point to the lack of transparency regarding consent and the potential implications for families grieving the loss of their newborns.

The *Modernity News* article emphasized the project's macabre approach, noting that "the bodies are sliced into sections and preserved for analysis," a process that pro-life advocates may contend disrespects the dignity of the deceased.

No official statement from the Gates Foundation has been cited to address these specific concerns, leaving the ethical debate unresolved.

—*LifeNews.com*, August 26, 2025

Costco Says No to Selling Abortion Chemicals

The members-only retail store Costco announced its U.S. pharmacies will not sell the abortion pill mifepristone. With this decision, Costco is choosing to keep its stores focused on serving families and avoiding being a source for dangerous abortion drugs.

The abortion pill mifepristone has alarming safety concerns for women. The April 2025 study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center notes, "Simply stated, mifepristone, as used in real-world conditions, is not 'safe and effective.'" With one in 10 women who take the abortion pill having an adverse health event and 40% of those ending up in a hospital emergency room, Costco's decision is an important step toward safeguarding women and families.

—*Right to Life of Michigan*

Costco says it won't sell mifepristone abortion pill

By Megan Cerullo

Costco will not sell the abortion pill mifepristone at its pharmacy locations, the shopping club told CBS News. The wholesaler said its decision not to sell the prescription medication was based on a "lack of demand from our members and other patients."

"They generally have the drug dispensed by their medical providers."

Costco's position on the abortion pill, which was first reported by *Bloomberg*, was praised by a conservative religious coalition, called the Alliance Defending

Freedom (ADF), an anti-abortion advocacy group that had urged Costco not to sell mifepristone.

"We applaud Costco for doing the right thing by

its shareholders and resisting activist calls to sell abortion drugs," ADF's legal counsel Michael Ross said in a statement. "Retailers like Costco keep their doors open by selling a lifetime of purchases to families, both large and small. They have nothing to gain and much to lose by becoming abortion dispensaries."

Mifepristone, first approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000, is part of a two-step regimen with misoprostol used to end a pregnancy through 10 weeks. It is used in over half of all abortions in the U.S., according to research from the Guttmacher Institute. Megan Cerullo is a New York-based reporter for CBS MoneyWatch covering small business, workplace, health care, consumer spending and personal finance topics.

—*CBS News*, August 14, 2025



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**In God's hand is the soul of every living thing,
and the life breath of all mankind. —Job 12:10**

Planned Parenthood is Teaching Teens How to Secretly Get Trans Hormones

By Steven Ertelt |

Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion company, is expanding its reach into selling trans hormones by instructing teenagers on evading parental consent and medical safeguards.

That's according to a recent workshop exposed by critics who warn it endangers vulnerable youth. The abortion organization, which operates nearly 600 centers nationwide, has positioned itself as the leading seller of cross-sex hormones for so-called gender transitions, treating 40,000 patients last year alone, with 40% aged 18 to 22.

In a move critics decry as prioritizing ideology over safety, Planned Parenthood affiliates have begun offering explicit guidance to minors on obtaining hormones without parental knowledge, fueling concerns that the group is exploiting confused teens for profit.

A National Review investigation revealed that Planned Parenthood hosted a workshop titled "Queer 101: Introduction to Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation" at its clinic in Kalamazoo, Michigan, earlier this year. The session, aimed at teens as young as 13, included detailed instructions on "how to get around parental permission requirements" for hormone therapy and accessing gender-affirming care discreetly.

Participants were taught methods such as using online resources to locate sympathetic providers, navigating state laws that allow minors to consent independently in places like California, and even employing peer networks to secure medications without oversight.

This comes amid broader revelations that between 2017 and 2023, Planned Parenthood affiliates saw about 12,000 minors aged 12 to 17 for gender-related services, per insurance data analyzed by the Manhattan Institute. Some clinics prescribe hormones to 16-year-olds with parental consent, while others bypass it entirely in permissive states. The group's advertising openly promises same-day hormone prescriptions without requiring a mental health referral, a practice that has sparked malpractice lawsuits from former patients.

"You should be the one to decide what change you want to make to your body," Planned Parenthood posted on X, formerly Twitter, in a message aimed at encouraging youth autonomy in bodily decisions.

Personal accounts underscore the risks.

Helena Kirschner, now 24, received testosterone at her first Planned Parenthood visit at age 18, without blood work or psychological evaluation. Cristina Hineman, who sued the organization after a rapid prescription led to a double mastectomy, described being handed hormones in under 30 minutes, later facing severe side effects including vocal pain, joint issues, sexual dysfunction, and heightened cardiovascular risks.

Financial incentives appear to drive the expansion

With abortions facing increasing restrictions, gender services have become a lucrative pivot, with Planned Parenthood centers billing insurers for hormone therapies that can cost thousands annually. Critics argue this model commodifies youth distress, linking it to Planned Parenthood's core ethos of unchecked sexual autonomy.

The pattern extends to school partnerships that embed these messages directly into teen environments.

In March 2022, Pennsylvania's Reading School District inked a memorandum of understanding with Planned Parenthood Keystone to deliver "comprehensive sex education" inclusive of gender identities, starting in high schools and later expanding to middle schools at no cost to the district. The agreement also greenlit an after-school LGBTQ+ club, "The Spectrum," for ages 14-21, hosted partly at the local Planned Parenthood clinic—which offers gender-affirming care.

Club activities, detailed in leaked social media posts and emails, featured lessons on preferred pronouns, nonbinary identities, and practical sex education, including demonstrations of turning condoms into dental dams. Events celebrated "Transgender Day of Visibility" with activities like painting naked "trans" bodies and playing queer Jeopardy.

A youth program guide stressed confidentiality, barring discussions outside meetings and prohibiting sexual activity among participants.

Parents were provided opt-out forms for the curriculum but received scant details on club operations, prompting outrage from pro-family advocates. The district and Planned Parenthood Keystone declined comment on the partnership's scope.

—LifeNews.com, September 16, 2025

Did you know?

**October
is pregnancy
and infant loss
awareness month**
*We remember those who
were stillborn,
those who were carried
but never held,
those who could never
come home and
those who came home
but couldn't stay.*



A Conspiracy of Silence

What follows below is edited from an item that appeared in the September 2, 2025 issue of the *National Right to Life News*. As you will see, the issue being discussed by the author is abortion in NEW ZEALAND!

How often do you think about New Zealand? Probably not very often, but when I read the article, my first thought was, "we are not alone!!!!"

There is the old saying, "I can't see the forest for the trees." Many of us have been working to protect moms and babies for decades. It has often been a lonely effort and it is easy to get discouraged. But—there are others out there, in places we never think about, who are doing the same thing!! WE ARE NOT ALONE!! I wish Right to Life New Zealand great success in their effort. Moms and babies need protection EVERYWHERE.

—Diane Trombley

By Ken Orr, Right to Life New Zealand

Right to Life requests that the government amend the Abortion Legislation Act regulations, to require abortion providers to provide the reason for the abortion on the notification form.

Right to Life believes that the government seeks to withhold from the community, the knowledge that the overwhelming number of abortions inflicted on women in New Zealand, are on healthy babies in normal pregnancies.

In response to an Official Information Act request, Health NZ advised Right to Life that there was a provisional total of 17,123 abortions in New Zealand in 2024. There is a complete absence of any statistical information relating to the reason why these children were killed in their mother's wombs.

Why is this?

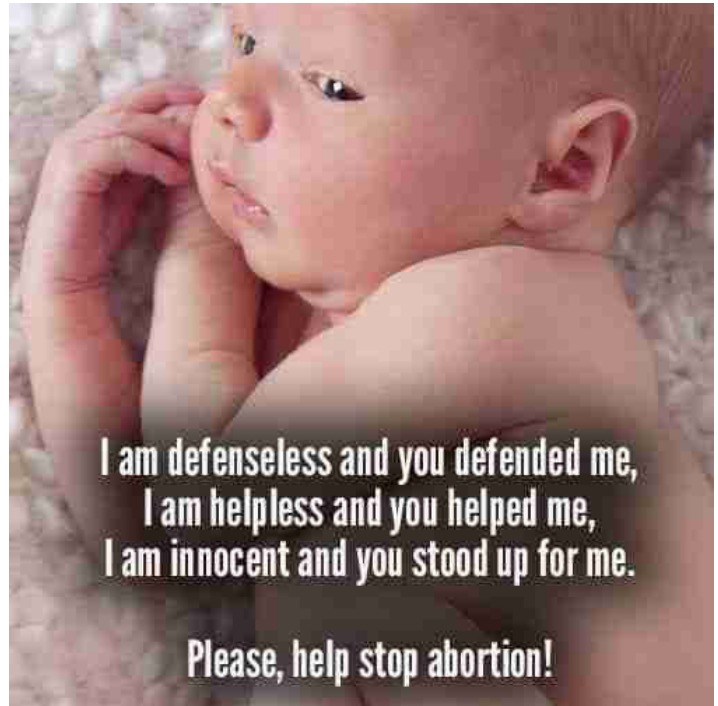
The Ministry of Health abortion notification form required to be completed by abortion providers, requires detailed information about the mother of the child killed but absolutely no information about the reason for the abortion.

Right to Life believes that by withholding information on the reasons for all abortions, that the government will be able to promote abortion as health care, to deny the humanity of the unborn child by promoting the lie that the unborn child is the "products of conception" and maintain the fiction that the unborn child is not a human being endowed with a right to life until it is born.

Right to Life questions the Ministry of Health on their following reasons for declining to request from abortion providers the reasons for abortions:

- Privacy concerns:

Asking individuals to disclose the specific reasons for their abortion can be seen as a violation of their privacy and personal autonomy.



- Sensitivity of the issue:

The decision to have an abortion is deeply personal and often involves complex emotional and social factors. Governments generally avoid collecting data that could be perceived as intrusive or judgmental.

- Focus on health services:

The primary focus of abortion data collection is on providing necessary health services and ensuring access to safe abortion care.

Right to Life believes that the government is committed to eliminating the births of Down syndrome children in New Zealand, by killing children with Down syndrome in their mother's womb up to birth.

According to the Down Syndrome Association, 71% of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome as a result of the government's search-and-destroy screening programme are killed before birth. As a consequence, on average, only 41 babies with Down syndrome are born in New Zealand each year.

Right to Life also believes that sex selection abortions are taking place in New Zealand.

According to the UNFPA there are more than 126 million women missing in the world due to abortions due to sex selection.

There is no law in New Zealand prohibiting sex selection abortions, nor is there any requirement for a woman to disclose that she seeks an abortion for sex selection purposes.

When will the government address this important human rights issue by amending the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 to outlaw sex selection abortions?

—Right to Life New Zealand, September 2, 2025

Viral statistic shows abortion has wiped out 28% of Gen Z generation

Stats not just from the US, but around the world, indicate that about 3-in-10 babies are killed by abortion.



By Emily Mangiaracina

According to Guttmacher estimates for the number of abortions performed each year in the U.S. from 1997 to 2011, the birth years of Gen Z, about 19.5 million conceived human beings of that generation, have been killed through abortion. There are currently an estimated 69.3 million Gen Z members in the U.S.

The most recent World Health Organization (WHO) data indicates the rate of abortion of Gen Z babies in the U.S. nearly matches the estimated percentage of preborn babies killed worldwide by abortion: 29 percent, or three out of every 10 pregnancies.

Statistics from England and Wales show very similar abortion rates. “The percentage of conceptions leading to abortion was 29.7 percent; this is a rise from 26.5 percent in 2021 and the highest proportion on record,” an Office of National Statistics (ONS) report from 2022 data found.

“I think that some things deserve to be said over and over and over again and in fact cannot be said often enough,” Dutch political commentator Eva Vlaardingerbroek remarked in response to the viral statistic. “Especially when it comes to abortion, which to me is such an unequivocal evil. We have to repeat these facts all the time.”

Vlaardingerbroek explained that the reason she always opposed abortion, even before converting to Catholicism and becoming a mother, is that “scientifically, intellectually, and morally speaking, the only valid, good faith, and consistent argument that one can make is that life begins at conception.”

“That means a separate human being has been formed in the womb. The stage in which that life finds itself, or whether it’s (dependent) on the mother, or any other person for that matter, is not decisive for whether or not it has the right to life.”

This means abortion kills “the most innocent being on the planet of the earth,” Vlaardingerbroek continued. “You kill something so fragile, so worthy of love and life. And I think that’s something that a lot of people don’t even want to admit to.”

While sharing the statistic indicating that almost one in three Gen Z babies are killed by abortion, investigative journalist Lara Logan shared a clip from an interview she conducted in May with Angela Stanton-King, a conservative author and speaker. Stanton-King addressed the left’s push for abortion “rights” in the country, explaining, “The Democrats don’t want to solve your problems. They want to abort your problems.”

Stanton-King recalled the abortion bus that was brought to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago when Kamala Harris was running for president.

“They are performing abortions on site. Human sacrifice on site...And when you go back and look at that video, every woman getting on and off that bus was black. They are celebrating terminating black life while saying black lives matter. It is the most diabolical thing I have ever seen in my life.”

Now, even in the U.S., despite total abortion bans implemented in many states as a result of the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, abortions have allegedly been at their highest levels in over a decade, according to Guttmacher Institute. The continued high number of abortions in the U.S. highlights the importance of cultural, ideological transformation for the protection of life.

—LifeSiteNews.com, August 20, 2025

Molly Kelly Obituary: Beloved Mother, Pro-Life Pioneer, and Champion of Chastity

Molly Kelly, 87, a lifelong resident of the Philadelphia area, went home to God on August 14, 2025, at Vitas Hospice in South Philadelphia.

Born Mary Angelus Scanlan to Anthony "Ank" and Lauralys Scanlan on March 25, 1938, Molly led an extraordinary life that began with a Catholic upbringing in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. Molly attended Fontbonne Academy in Chestnut Hill, Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in Flourtown, and Trinity College in Washington, DC.

In Washington, Molly met the love of her life, Jim Kelly, a medical student at Georgetown University. Molly and Jim married on April 8, 1961, and they lived in the Mt. Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia, bringing eight children into the world over 14 years. Molly enjoyed playing bridge with the neighborhood housewives, and Jim, then a radiologist, began advocating for the unborn in the pro-life movement.

In February 1975, God called Jim home after a tragic accident. The loss devastated Molly, then a widow with eight children aged 15 months to 12 years. Molly soon embraced the pro-life movement. She passionately believed in the sanctity of life, and the work gave her direction in life and served as an homage to her late husband.

Molly demonstrated her commitment to these ideals by opening her home to pregnant teenagers and welcoming them as family. Her motherly compassion honed her pro-life ministry to a special focus on the promotion of the gift and virtue of chastity.

Molly became known as "The Chastity Lady" and embarked on a speaking career that reached tens of thousands of teenagers each year. Her message of life-affirming respect for sexuality resonated with young people as an alternative to modern culture. Her teaching was so important that she was invited to meet with Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa of Calcutta, and spoke before 6,000 priests in Rome. She is the recipient of the Papal Cross and honorary doctorates from Allentown College of St. Francis DeSales, Chestnut Hill College, and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

In January 2001, Molly suffered a brain aneurysm. After spending more than a week in a coma and then months in rehabilitation, Molly returned home, but the damage brought her mission to an end. Molly's work was then continued by the next generation of Catholic advocates for chastity and the unborn.

For the next 24 years, Molly enjoyed a quiet life of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, including her roles as mother, grandmother, prayer warrior, daily communicant, friend, and diehard Phillies fan.

Molly was predeceased by her husband, Dr. James D. Kelly, her son, James P. Kelly, and her granddaughter,

Maggie McDonnell. She is survived by her children Michael and Jacqueline Kelly of River Edge, NJ, Patrick and Mary Frances Kelly of Maple Glen, PA, Brendan and Angela Kelly of New York, NY, Molly and Jeff McDonnell of Chalfont, PA, Mary Kate and Juan Guerra of Paoli, PA, Kevin and Theanna Kelly of Conshohocken, PA, Daniel and Beatrice Kelly of Philadelphia, PA, and 18 grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Edmund Scanlan and wife Ann Scanlan of Norristown, PA, brother-in-law Michael Doyle of Warrington, PA, sister-in-law Tina Scanlan of East Norriton, PA, and many nephews and nieces. ■



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It kills a child.

—Ohio Right to Life

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HHS Will Stop Funding Research With Aborted Baby Parts

By S.A. McCarthy

President Donald Trump and Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. are defunding scientific research that uses aborted fetal tissue.

According to *Breitbart News*, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has still been funding 17 grants that use aborted fetal tissue for testing and research. Most of those programs were initiated under then-President Joe Biden but are scheduled to continue being funded through 2026. However, NIH told *Breitbart News* that the health agency will not renew the problematic grants.

"NIH takes this issue very seriously and remains committed to the highest ethical standards in research. The referenced grants, initiated under the Biden administration, will not be renewed," the agency said in an email.

"NIH is guided by a commitment to valuing human life and ensuring that federally-funded research is conducted responsibly and transparently. We are actively reviewing these matters and will take all necessary steps to ensure our policies reflect that commitment."

In 2024 alone, the 17 grants received a combined total of \$22 million. Several of the grants have funded implanting aborted human fetal tissue into animals, including implanting aborted human fetal thymus and liver tissue into mice or rats. RFK Jr. pledged during his confirmation to end the use of aborted fetal tissue in research.

In comments to *The Washington Stand*, Mary Szoch, director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council, said, "The Biden administration had no qualms about violating the dignity of human beings—especially those whose lives ended in the womb. There are loads of questions that should be asked about the government-funded research on these aborted babies, including whether abortion facilities were paid for these body parts."

She continued, "America is so blessed to now have a God-fearing president in office whose administration



is actively working to rid America of the evils committed by the Biden-Harris administration."

Szoch added, "Let us pray for the Trump-Vance administration to continue courageously working to ensure that, in America, the dignity of the unborn is respected."

The NIH has a surprisingly lengthy history of funding research using fetal tissue, beginning with vaccine research in the 1950s. Particularly in the 1960s, fetal tissue from abortions was used to develop the polio vaccine. Safeguards put in place following the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 made research using aborted fetal tissue more difficult, but not impossible. President Ronald Reagan halted the use of aborted fetal tissue during his tenure in the White House, but President Bill Clinton revived the practice, which continued under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. During his first term, Trump put a stop to the use of aborted fetal tissue in scientific research, but Biden did away with those safeguards.

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