

Don't Let Your Friends and Family Live in Denial

Tom Stevens, President and CEO, Pro-Life Union

Recently the U.S. Senate voted whether the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would advance to the floor for a vote. It didn't advance. This bill provided additional protection to babies born alive during a failed abortion attempt. Yet again, there was pure denial in D.C. that babies ever survive an abortion (they do—just ask Melissa Ohden, our 2017 Stand Up For Life Dinner speaker) or that a born baby has the rights all humans do. It goes back to the basic denial of an incredibly horrific fact—abortion is murder of a human, whether it's first, second, or third trimester, and certainly after the baby is born. Please thank Senators Bob Casey, Jr. (D-PA) and Pat Toomey (R-PA) who voted for the Born-Alive Act.

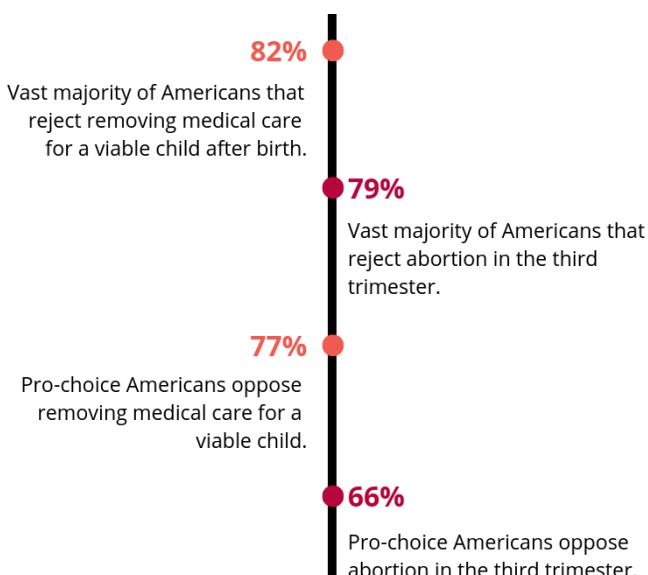
Many in America can't face the awful truth that if we have committed, encouraged, or allowed abortion, then we have participated in the murder of a defenseless human being. This year in Pennsylvania we'll hit two million abortions since Roe v Wade, with nearly half of them occurring in Greater Philadelphia. It's too hard to accept that fact, so many come up with a story: it's not a baby, we had no choice, or pro-lifers are exaggerating. However, facts are facts, and it's time to face them. A survivor of abortion, a third, second and a first trimester unborn baby are all humans.

Help someone come to reality and stop denying. Bring an "on the fence" family member or friend to see the *Unplanned* movie on March 29. Watch the *Gosnell* movie again (or for the first time). Please get out there and act by heading to an abortion center near you to join the 40 Days for Life campaign.

NATIONAL SURVEY

EVEN "PRO-CHOICE" AMERICANS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSE LATE-TERM ABORTION

YouGov, in partnership with Americans United for Life, released results from a national survey about attitudes toward abortion. There were 1,145 American adult participants who were asked their views on February 6-7, 2019 (just two weeks after New York passed the Reproductive Health Act, and one week after Virginia's governor made controversial comments about abortion procedures after birth).



Urge Your Legislator to Co-sponsor Heart-Beat Bill and Down Syndrome Protection Act

Your voice matters in Pennsylvania! The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia encourages you to contact your state representative asking him or her to co-sponsor two bills—the Heart-Beat Bill and the Down Syndrome Protection Act. The **Heart-Beat Bill** (HCO1117) would require a physician to cancel an abortion if a heartbeat has been detected. The **Down Syndrome Protection Act** would ban abortion for the reason of a Down Syndrome diagnosis.

To sign the petition for the Heart-Beat Bill, and to view the co-sponsorship memo for the Down Syndrome Protection Act, visit our "Public Affairs" page at prolifeunion.org/publicaffairs.



Will You Speak for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves?

Your messages of hope outside an abortion center can transform the lives of women and save unborn babies. The next 40 Days for Life campaign will occur around the world from **March 6-April 14**. With God's help and 40 Days for Life participants' help, here are proven results from 23 coordinated worldwide campaigns since 2007:

- 15,256 babies have been saved from abortion;
- 186 abortion workers have quit and become pro-life;
- 99 abortion centers have closed.

For more information, and to sign up for dates and times, visit prolifeunion.org/outreach/40-days-for-life. Greater Philadelphia locations include:

- **Philadelphia**—Philadelphia Women's Center (777 Appletree Street). Contact: Monique Ruberu, roobearoo@hotmail.com.
- **Philadelphia**—Planned Parenthood (1144 Locust Street). Contact: Monique Ruberu, roobearoo@hotmail.com.
- **Northeast Philadelphia**—Planned Parenthood (2751 Comly Road). Contact: Anita Flynn, 267-456-4582, aflynn3250@yahoo.com.
- **Warminster**—Planned Parenthood (610 Louis Drive). Contact: Melissa Chapman, 267-280-3805, hemler.chapman@1791.com.
- **Norristown**—Planned Parenthood (1221 Powell Street). Contact: Pina McLaughlin, 484-632-1420, ProLifePina@gmail.com.
- **West Chester**—Planned Parenthood (8 S. Wayne Street). Contact: Rachel Hayes, 484-985-0154, dougrach5@juno.com.





New Movie *Unplanned* in Theaters March 29

What happens when one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation changes her perspective on reproductive choice and chooses to advocate for the lives of unborn children? The new film *Unplanned*, set for release in select theaters on March 29, depicts Abby Johnson's journey from leaving her career at Planned Parenthood to becoming a prominent voice in the pro-life movement. For information about the film, visit unplannedfilm.com. Text "baby" to "53445" to get exclusive access to a 30-minute behind-the-scenes video preview.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion (April 5-7)

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is hosting the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion from Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This weekend retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). It is a unique and effective process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. The weekend retreat will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. To register, contact Daria at 201-754-8201 or email kontakt@winnicaracheli.org. All information is confidential.



Pictured: 35-year-old pregnant mother, Jennifer Irigoyen, who was stabbed in New York and pronounced dead at the hospital.

Stabbing of Unborn Baby Isn't Murder, Due to New York's Recent Abortion Law

New York's Reproductive Health Act (RHA), signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on January 22, allows abortions after the 24-week mark of pregnancy. If this wasn't bad enough, the new law also repeals the state's fetal homicide law. Now in New York, second-degree abortion (committing an abortion that is not justifiable) is removed from the state's criminal code and has been inserted into public health law. In NY, an abortion is justifiable if committed by a licensed physician with consent of the pregnant woman if necessary to save her life, or performed on a woman who is no more than 24 weeks pregnant.

The new law raises concern and heartbreak as a New York woman Jennifer Irigoyen, who was five months pregnant, was fatally stabbed by her boyfriend. He would have been charged with second-degree abortion and Jennifer's murder, but because Cuomo signed RHA into law, the abortion charge has been dropped.

Upcoming Events

March:

- 3/6—Start of 40 Days for Life Campaign
- 3/9—A Night at the Casino
- 3/9—11th Annual Man Up Philly Conference
- 3/10—Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Day Parade (meet the Pro-Life Union at 11:00 a.m. on the north side of JFK Blvd. between 16th & 17th Streets)
- 3/10—"Gosnell" Movie Showing with Featured Speaker Cheryl Sullenger
- 3/29—Nationwide Movie Release of "Unplanned"

April:

- 4/5-4/7—Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion
- 4/14—End of 40 Days for Life Campaign

Visit prolifeunion.org/events for specific information about all upcoming events.



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"I'm living proof that this [Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act] is necessary." - Melissa Ohden (abortion survivor)

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Yes! I want to fight to end abortion, provide alternatives to vulnerable families, support Guiding Star and promote the Culture of Life. Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ to help the Pro-Life Union's efforts in Greater Philadelphia.

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