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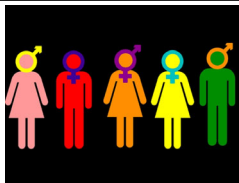
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U.S. Bishops' Conference Chairman Urges Senate Passage of "Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act"

Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, has urged the Senate to pass the "Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act" (H.R. 390). The proposed legislation calls for much needed assistance for survivors of genocide, especially in Iraq and Syria, and would allow faith-based organizations (such as Catholic Relief Services) that are already providing humanitarian assistance to these populations, to access U.S. government funding in their work, increasing aid to those desperately in need. In a letter to U.S. Senator Bob Corker, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Benjamin Cardin, Ranking Member, Bishop Cantú wrote, "I commend you for your efforts to support those suffering persecution in Iraq and Syria and trust that swift Senate consideration and passage of H.R. 390 will contribute to a longer-term solution to the crisis in the region."

A link to Bishop Cantú's full letter can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/letter-to-senate-on-iraq-syria-genocide-emergency-relief-act-2017-06-09.cfm>



New Treatment for Children With Gender Issues Not Supported by Science

Experts warn in a report summarizing 50 peer-reviewed studies that experimental use of puberty suppressants to treat gender dysphoria could pose serious risks to young patients. The report was released June 20 in *The New Atlantis*, "[Growing Pains: Problems With Puberty Suppression in Treating Gender Dysphoria](http://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/growing-pains)," You can read it here: <http://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/growing-pains>

Beaver High School: You may not recite prayer in the name of Jesus Christ

Moriah Bridges, a member of the 2017 graduating class, was asked to provide the "closing exercise" at Beaver High School's graduation. She planned to pray mentioning her Heavenly Father and Lord and submitted her remarks to the school for approval. School officials deemed this was unlawful. "I was shocked that the school said my personal remarks broke the law and I was saddened that I could not draw upon my Christian identity to express my best wishes for my classmates on what should've been the happiest day of high school," Bridges stated. [PA Family Institute](http://www.pa-family-institute.org) 6/16/17



Kellogg's Says Cheerio to Business

There's no sugar-coating the intolerance at Kellogg's! Like a lot of corporate bullies, the cereal company bowled over shoppers with its decision to pull ads from Breitbart.com because the outlet is supposedly too conservative for Kellogg's taste. Now, six months into their liberal experiment, the economic picture isn't exactly rosy.

More than a half-million shoppers boycotted the company after its spokesman, Kris Charles, said the conservative Breitbart and its 45 million readers "aren't aligned with" the cereal giant's "values as a company." From there, the #DumpKelloggs movement was born. You'd think more CEOs would connect the dots after the spectacular collapse of Target's stock when they threw open bathrooms to both genders -- or the fierce blowback to radical executives at GrubHub, Pepsi, ESPN, and Penzey's Spices. It shouldn't be too difficult for America's top retailers to realize that declaring war on the values of half of America is not a secret recipe for success. On the contrary, it's been a revenue-killing disaster for the companies who've joined the public rant against the White House and conservatives in general.

The message is simple: stay out of the culture wars or you'll pay for it. **These CEOs should stick to selling products -- not politics.**

[Family Research Council](http://www.familyresearchcouncil.org) 6/13/17

California Court Drops 14 Charges Against Planned Parenthood Investigator

On June 21 a California court dismissed 14 of 15 criminal charges against an undercover journalist behind the video exposé of Planned Parenthood's role in the fetal tissue trade.

"This is a huge victory to have 14 criminal counts dismissed," Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, which defended Sandra Merritt in court as she faced 15 felony charges. One charge of conspiracy to invade privacy has still not been dismissed. "No other citizen journalist or organization has ever been charged with a crime for undercover recordings," he said.

Eight of the charges had to do with secretly recorded conversations with attendees at a National Abortion Federation conference in San Francisco. Other conversations with Planned Parenthood officials and tissue-procurement representatives were recorded at other times.

[National Catholic Register](http://www.nationalcatholicregister.org) 6/23/17



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We last wrote to Expedia in December, 2014.

Supreme Court: Church-Owned Playground Eligible for Public Benefits

In one of the biggest religious cases of the term, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled that a church-owned playground can be eligible for a public-benefit program.

Justices ruled 7-2 that denial of the church's eligibility for benefit program violated the U.S. Constitution's Free Exercise Clause.

At issue was a playground owned by Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri, and operated by the church's preschool. To resurface the playground for safety reasons, the church had applied for a state reimbursement program that provides rubber-surfacing material made from used tires.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/supreme-court-church-owned-playground-eligible-for-public-benefits>



"It's My Baby Too." Men Talk About What Happens When Their Child is Aborted

, BBC Radio 4 aired a program June 16 called "[It's my baby too](#)", asking the question "how are men affected by abortion?"

The show makes it clear that the issue is surrounded by stigma and the experience of men is often a closed topic. Because abortion is generally seen as female only territory, men have come to sideline themselves and their feelings. One very important point made was about the idea that the supportive thing for a man to do is say "it's your decision, I'll support you either way".

A man who said abortion should always be absolutely the woman's decision admitted that he regularly thinks about how old his lost child would be. Another, when asked to describe the aftermath, described himself as feeling "empty, at a loss...cold...in a dark cave...in the middle of an ocean with dark waves crashing down...it left deep scars."

Listen to the whole program here: <https://youtu.be/JBstr8684s>

CANADA



Canadian Bill Says The State Can Seize Children

On June 1, Bill 89, known as "Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act" was passed in the Ontario legislature by an overwhelming majority of 63 to 23. It says the government has the right to seize children from their parents opposing gender transition..

Child protective services in Ontario are now required to include a host of new factors such as ethnic origin, citizenship, diversity of the family, sexual orientation and other issues giving the State a carte blanche to intervene in a family's affairs with little to no legal recourse.

This bill 1) sets children's rights over parental rights 2) gives the State the legal right to intervene at will in family decisions 3) is directed especially at parents who home school 4) obliterates free speech 5) will ripple through the world in a much broader fashion.

<http://beforeitsnews.com/global-unrest/2017/06/canada-passes-bill-89-allowing-government-to-seize-children-from-parents-opposed-to-gender-transition-2486217.html>

ACLU and Planned Parenthood Get Judge to OK Abortions on Teen Girls Without Parental Consent



Judge Sarah Evans Barker issued a preliminary injunction June 28 against portions of Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 404 in a case brought by Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Indiana Senate Bill 404 strengthens current state law regarding parental rights when a young woman under 18 seeks an abortion. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the new law in April.

The law will require abortion providers to obtain proof of consent from a parent or legal guardian before a minor daughter gets an abortion. It gives parents/legal guardians a civil recourse if someone fraudulently poses as a parent in order for a minor girl to get an abortion. It also involves parents if a minor appears before a judge to request an abortion without parental consent. It also changes the requirement to report underage abortions to the Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Department of Child Services from girls under 14 to girls under 16. And it provides information and help to women who are being coerced into an abortion or sexually trafficked.

"Indiana's new parental rights law was passed by a majority of our duly elected state legislators and signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "Hoosiers are tired of seeing activist judges legislate abortion from the bench."

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/06/29/aclu-and-planned-parenthood-get-judge-to-ok-abortions-on-teen-girls-without-parental-consent/>