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Report: Global Persecution of Christians Rises for Fourth Year

On Jan. 11, Open Doors released its annual "World Watch List" on the state of global persecution of Christians. The list ranks the countries where the worst persecutions of Christians are taking place, based on information gathered from field workers and "independent experts."

Open Doors was founded in 1955 by a Dutchman named Brother Andrew who smuggled Bibles into communist Eastern Europe. Since then, the organization has grown to aid Christians in 50 countries by sending them Bibles and other needed materials, as well as speaking out for their well-being.

Pakistan had the most fatal attacks against Christians, "even more than northern Nigeria," the report noted. Mexico also saw a violent spike in the killings of 23 Christian leaders in 2016, including the abductions of several priests. The country has seen 15 priests killed since the election of current President Enrique Peña Nieto in 2012.

For the 16th consecutive year, communist dictatorship North Korea was determined to be the "worst place on earth for Christians," Open Doors UK said. There are 300,000 Christians amidst the population of 25.4 million.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/report-global-persecution-of-christians-rises-for-fourth-year>

Surprisingly Accurate SNL Skit Features Susan B. Anthony Saying "Abortion is Murder"

Whether they meant to or not, Saturday Night Live writers confirmed on 1/17/17 show something that abortion activists would rather the public forget: **The early feminists were pro-life.**

One of this week's skits followed a group of women as they visit Susan B. Anthony's house in Rochester, New York. After touring the house, the five friends decide to summon the ghost of Susan B. Anthony.

The feminist shows up in her living room and begins offering the ladies advice as they wait for a taxi. They grow increasingly annoyed as the early feminist interrupts their conversations with questions about modern technology and comments about her home.

As the women awkwardly begin to leave, Anthony calls out one last line: "Just remember, a woman is as good as a man. Also, abortion is murder!" (Watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm57-uloAWg>)



Today, (Jan. 23) Trump restored the Mexico City Policy by Executive Order

The Executive Memorandum to reinstate the Mexico City Policy stops taxpayer funding of groups that perform and promote abortions overseas but does not stop non-abortion international assistance. The order ensures U.S. foreign aid will continue to go to health care and humanitarian relief in the millions of dollars. It just will not subsidize abortion overseas.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/01/23/president-donald-trump-signs-executive-order-to-defund-international-planned-parenthood/>

Undercover video shows Planned Parenthoods nationwide deny women prenatal care

A recent investigation by liveaction.org verified something most pro-lifers had suspected all along. Planned Parenthood centers across the country were contacted and asked for an appointment for pre-natal care services. 92 of the 97 centers called turned away women seeking pre-natal care.

Read the whole article here: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-new-undercover-video-shows-planned-parenthood-turning-away-women-s>

Formerly Suicidal Man's Sight is Restored Through Adult Stem Cells

Doug started losing his eyesight when he was just 32. He describes his vision then as like "a honeycomb of blind spots." It affected every aspect of his life.

Doug was treated with adult stem cells taken from his own bone marrow. In a fairly simple 90-minute procedure, an orthopedic surgeon withdrew marrow from his hip bone. From that marrow, stem cells were isolated and injected into his eyes. The spots faded away gradually, and his vision was restored.

Many people are currently being treated using ethically-derived, non-controversial adult stem cell transplants, which do not require the destruction of young human life.

Read his story at: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/pattyknap/formerly-suicidal-mans-sight-is-restored-through-adult-stem-cells>





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stop
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Pro-Life Line from the Inaugural Address

"And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the wind-swept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator."

No Compassion in India



It's no secret that many of the world's largest nations are openly hostile to divergent religious views, and India has just landed firmly at the top of that list. By cutting off all outside funding for

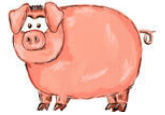
Compassion International, one of the largest Christian charities in the world is now faced with shuttering its 580 Indian-staffed development centers, and leaving an incredible 145,000 children without humanitarian aid.

Compassion has had a presence in India for 48 years -- and understandably so. As the second most populous nation in the world, a full third of the world's poorest people live in India. Compassion helps more children in India than in any other nation. But despite its incredible work, the government of India has blocked the clearance of funding for Compassion through its borders.

The reason is simple: nearly 80 percent of India's people are Hindu, and only 2 percent are Christian. In 2011, India changed its Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) so that it could regulate NGOs (like Compassion) it disagrees with philosophically. Not surprisingly, attacks on Christians and Muslims started to rise, and **consequently, India is now No. 17 on Open Doors' list of countries where it's hardest to be a Christian**, a 14-point jump from 2013. It's since joined Russia, Myanmar, China, and North Korea toward the top of the list.

2/2/17 Family Research Council <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WA17B05&f=WU17B02>

Scientists Create Human-Pig Hybrids for Organ Transplants That Could Develop Into "Monsters"



Scientists announced this week that they successfully created the first human-pig hybrid, a living pig embryo with some human characteristics.

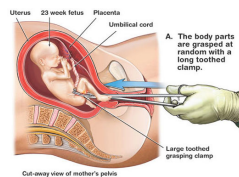
National Geographic reports the disturbing new experiment involved pig embryos injected with human cells. Researchers at Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California said they implanted the living pig-human embryos, or chimeras, in adult pigs' wombs and allowed them to grow between three and four weeks. Later, the scientists said they removed the creatures, which then died, and studied them.

Jun Wu, a lead study author, told National Geographic that the researchers created 186 later-stage pig-human embryos that survived until removed from the womb.

"... we estimate [each had] about one in 100,000 human cells," Wu said.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/01/27/scientists-create-human-pig-hybrids-for-organ-transplants-that-could-develop-into-monsters/>

Pennsylvania Senate Votes to Ban Dismemberment Abortions Tearing Babies Limb From Limb



Pennsylvania Senate Bill 3 would make it illegal to cause "the death of an unborn child by means of dismembering the unborn child and extracting the unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments." It also would push back the legal abortion limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks, reflecting how modern technology has been able to save premature babies at earlier stages of development.

Gov. Tom Wolf, who has close ties to the abortion industry, **said he will veto the bill.**
<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/02/08/pennsylvania-senate-votes-to-ban-dismemberment-abortions-tearing-babies-limb-from-limb/>

Re-Introduced Conscience Bill Would Protect Health Providers From Abortion Mandates

A bill that would protect health care providers' freedom to opt out of abortion mandates they find objectionable has once again been introduced in Congress.

The Conscience Protection Act would protect health care providers from federal, state and local abortion mandates if they conscientiously object to assisting with abortions. It would also protect religious employers from having to cover elective abortions in their health plans and establishes a "right of action" for all entities if they believe their religious beliefs on the matter are violated.

The bill was introduced in Congress last year and passed the House 245-182, but did not receive a vote in the Senate.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/re-introduced-conscience-protection-act-would-protect-health-care-providers>