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FDA Purchases Aborted Baby Parts to Transplant Their Brain Tissue Into Mice

A new report indicates the Food and Drug Administration has signed a new contract to acquire body parts from aborted babies to be transplanted into so-called humanized mice. The grisly experiments allow mice to have a functioning human immune system for research purposes.

As CNS reported, the FDA is using federal tax dollars to create a demand for human body parts that must be taken from babies who are aborted.

Because it would not be able to create its "humanized mice" without fresh tissue taken from aborted babies, the FDA also has an interest in the continuation of legalized abortions at a stage in fetal development when the tissue needed to create these mice can be retrieved from the aborted baby.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/terence-p-jeffrey/fda-acquiring-fresh-aborted-baby-parts-make-mice-human-immune-systems>

New Shingles Vaccine—Morally Acceptable

The only vaccines readily available in the United States for some contagious diseases (e.g., rubella and Hepatitis A) have been manufactured using fetal tissue from induced abortions. This creates a problem of conscience for some Catholic parents.

The FDA recently approved a new shingles vaccine that **does not** use aborted fetal cell lines, and has given it a preferential recommendation over the only other available, and morally problematic, shingles vaccine on the market.

Any encouragement to create additional morally acceptable products will certainly be strengthened if we can show a market demand. Thank you for spreading this good news, and for sharing your own gratitude with the manufacturer. We welcome these opportunities where we can illustrate that, contrary to popular opinion, the Church is not opposed to scientific advancement. for such alternatives.

United States Conference of Bishops July 11, 2018

Pope Francis Changes Catechism to Say Death Penalty 'Inadmissible'

Pope Francis has revised the Catechism to teach that the death penalty is "inadmissible" and to say that the Church "works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

In a rescript, or decree, the Pope has replaced the previous version of n. 2267 of the Catechism to read:



The death penalty

"2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state.

Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person",^[1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/edward-pentin/pope-francis-changes-catechism-to-declare-death-penalty-inadmissible>

IS THE ABORTION PILL SAFE?

Women's health groups claim that abortion, and particularly the abortion pill, is safe, but data shows that abortion-inducing drugs are not risk-free.

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) most recent update shows that since the abortion pill was approved in September, 2000, twenty-two women have died, 97 women have suffered ectopic pregnancies, 1,041 women have been hospitalized, and 411 women have contracted infections after taking the abortion pill.

<http://dailycallernewsfoundation.org/2018/07/25/abortion-groups-pill-safe/>





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Hungary's pro-Christianity prime minister defends 'traditional family' in epic speech

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán appears to relish giving indigestion to elites of Western Europe and the European Union. He did it again on July 29 in the Romanian spa town of Băile Tușnad at an annual event called the Bálványos Summer Open University and Student Camp.



His speech was nothing short of a call to political arms for center-right Europeans to rise up and take over the European Parliament in the coming elections.

Orbán argues that Central Europe possesses a "special culture," one that is different from Western Europe. He articulated five tenets for building up Central Europe including that "every European country has the right to defend its Christian culture, and to reject the ideology of multiculturalism." This is part of the Hungarian leader's ongoing efforts to repel what he sees as an Islamic invasion of what used to be a Christian continent.

Taking a swipe at the sexual ideologues of the European Union and the United States, Orbán's second tenet was that "every country has the right to defend the traditional family model and is entitled to assert that every child has the right to a mother and a father."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/hungarys-pro-christianity-prime-minister-is-seriously-bothering-the-un>



DO YOU KNOW ROE?

The retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy has propelled *Roe v. Wade* more prominently into public discourse. As the confirmation process for his replacement moves forward, pro-abortion groups are spreading misinformation about *Roe* as they raise alarms about its purported demise.

Here are a few facts:

***Roe* and *Doe* legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy**

Many people don't realize that *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. *Roe* says abortions may not be restricted at all during the first three months and in the second three months may be regulated only for the mother's health. After fetal "viability," *Roe* allows abortion to be prohibited, but still mandates an exception for the woman's life or health.

But in *Roe*'s companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being" of the mother. In most states, this is broad enough to permit virtually any abortion in the seventh, eighth, or ninth months of pregnancy if any of these reasons is invoked.

If *Roe* is overturned, the democratic process—not the courts—will determine abortion policy

Before *Roe*, all states permitted abortions necessary to save the mother's life, and some permitted abortion in additional circumstances. But *Roe* deemed any prohibition on abortion as unconstitutional.

If *Roe* is overturned, policy decisions about abortion will be made by the citizens of each state through the democratic process, rather than by courts. Some states will place limits on abortion, and others will likely have few limits.

***Roe*'s extreme abortion license is not widely supported**

Abortion advocates claim that *Roe* enjoys broad public support, and some recent polls seem to provide evidence for this claim. But most polls don't explain *Roe*'s extreme abortion license, and some misrepresent it. For example, a 2016 Pew Research Center poll claims 69% of Americans favor *Roe v. Wade* and 28% oppose it. But the poll wrongly describes *Roe* as establishing "a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy." The fact is, *Roe* made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.

The vast majority of Americans oppose the policy of nearly unlimited abortion dictated by *Roe*, and most believe abortion should not be legal for the reasons it is most often performed. A May 2018 Gallup poll shows that 65% of Americans said abortion should be illegal in the second trimester and 81% said abortion should be illegal in the last trimester. A 2018 Marist poll shows that a majority of women said either that abortion should never be permitted (9% of respondents) or permitted only in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life (42%). www.usccb.org/prolife.

Reading, PA School Board Considers Proposal to Let Planned Parenthood Have Access to Students

The proposed health center would provide "age appropriate" sexual and reproductive health education to students, one-on-one counseling and referrals to other agencies including Planned Parenthood. It also would provide condoms and organize health awareness campaigns for the school. Pro-lifers and parents, however, are concerned that the health center also could encourage vulnerable teens to abort their unborn babies when pregnancies occur. Planned Parenthood teaches sex education to at least 221,000 students in 31 states. ACTION: Email Dr. Brian Buerke, RHS board president, at buerkeb@readingsd.org or call 484-258-7030. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/08/21/planned-parenthood-abortion-business-wants-to-open-clinic-at-local-high-school/> and <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/reading-school-district-tries-again-with-sex-education-program#.W3pO7vKDgIQ>.email