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TIME TO MOBILIZE

A time for optimism, action for Pro-Life Movement

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Not since 1973 has there been more opportunity for the pro-life movement to make substantial gains in our efforts to end abortion. And let's face it, 24 months ago not many people thought Donald Trump would realistically be the 45th president who would make these advancements possible.

However, his boldness and strong leadership have proven to be good for America's unborn babies and their parents. Here are our priorities for 2017:

Judge Neil Gorsuch, nominee to the US Supreme Court, opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia; wrote "no constitutional basis exists" for *Roe v Wade*; sided with Utah's governor to end tax funding of Planned Parenthood; supported religious liberty by ruling in favor of Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor.

Defunding of Planned Parenthood – a vote to divert 80 percent of the abortion giant's funding to legitimate women community health centers throughout the nation.

Mexico City Policy – signed by President Trump to stop tax funding of international organizations that promote or provide abortion.

Nominations to Appellate and

District Courts are critically important because most cases are settled there, with very few making it to the US Supreme Court.

Repeal of Obamacare – over 1,000 healthcare plans provide abortion services.

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure

Act – a permanent Hyde Amendment to prevent tax dollars from funding abortion throughout government and healthcare.

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act – federal legislation that would stop abortion at 20-weeks, well after a baby can feel the horrible pain of abortion.

Elimination of the Johnson Amendment – part of the IRS tax code that prohibits pastors and churches from opposing or supporting political candidates.

Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act – prohibits abortion that literally pulls a baby limb-from-limb inside the womb.

It's time for a massive pro-life grassroots mobilization! And you play a crucial part in advancing gains to end abortion.

Sign up for our free email update called The Latest. It's sent every week and when urgent action is required to advance the pro-life mission. You can subscribe at the "Stay Updated" section of our home page at www.lifeissues.org.

We'll alert you to breaking situations that require your immediate action.

After which you can share on social media, or text and email lists – anything to help get the word out. This is our time to act! The babies need you!



Planned Parenthood speeds targeting of minorities

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The time is now. Our country has an unprecedented opportunity to defund Planned Parenthood and to end the reign of this abortion behemoth. No civil society should provide taxpayer funding to a corporation who purposefully kills innocent pre-born humans and benefits financially from doing so.

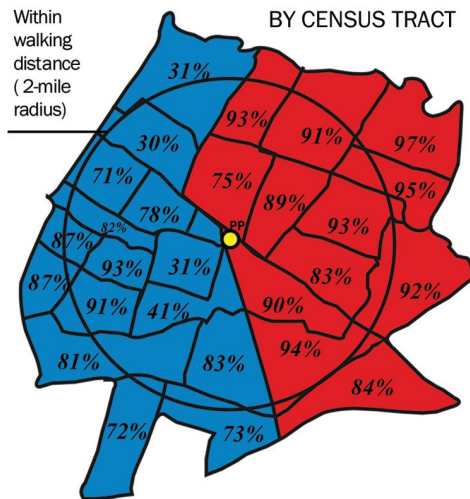
Indeed, Planned Parenthood has shown itself to be a bad actor in many other ways, including its apparent willingness to profit from aborted baby parts, its promotion of abortion to teens, its concealment of sexual abuses, and its strong resistance to any abortion industry reforms that would ensure the safety of women.

Moreover, Protecting Black Life, an outreach of Life Issues Institute, documented in its 2012 research that Planned Parenthood targets women of color for abortion by placing 79 percent of its surgical abortion facilities within walking distance of minority neighborhoods.¹

Worse yet, our recent research shows that the abortion giant has accelerated this targeting of minorities near its 25 new abortion mega-centers.

Protecting Black Life evaluated the populations within walking distance (2 mile radius) of each of these 25

Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility in Houston



Map Key

- Planned Parenthood Surgical Abortion Facility
- Census tracts with high African-American populations
- Census tracts with high Hispanic or Latino-American populations

Figure 1

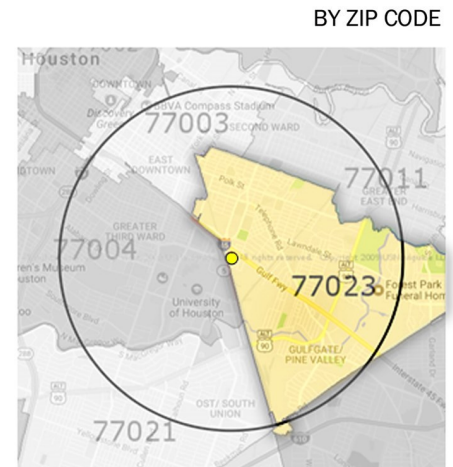


Figure 2

Using a Census tract map, left, it is clear Planned Parenthood's Houston abortion facility is in an area where there are high African-American and Hispanic populations. The Guttmacher Institute used a zip code map, above, to argue the abortion center does not target African-Americans.

abortion mega-centers and found that an alarming 88 percent (22 of 25) target women of color. Disturbingly, 80 percent target Black communities, 56 percent target Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods and 80 percent target one or more colleges. In total, 96 percent (24 of 25) of the mega-centers target women of color, college women, or both.

These abortion mega-centers

represent Planned Parenthood's design for the future as it attempts to capture the lion's share of a declining abortion market and to cash in on Obamacare's promise of taxpayer-funded abortions. By moving to larger facilities with high-volume abortion capacity and by locating in dense urban areas where high concentrations of abortion-vulnerable clients are

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assured, it has enacted a business strategy intended to increase abortion revenue and squeeze out competition.

As a result, Planned Parenthood has built 25 abortion mega-centers with 10,000 square feet or more, since 2004. To optimize its abortion business, it would have carefully charted the placement of these facilities, and it has clearly chosen locations that target minorities.

GUTTMACHER'S FLAWED ANALYSIS

The Guttmacher Institute, a former arm of Planned Parenthood, has claimed that abortion facilities do not target minority neighborhoods.² Its study suggests that only 9 percent of abortion facilities are in neighborhoods where Blacks are the majority of the population (at least 50 percent), and only 12 percent are located in neighborhoods where Hispanics are a majority of the population.

How could this be so? To find out, we used Guttmacher's method to evaluate populations near the abortion mega-centers and then we compared it to our own population data results. We can show that Guttmacher's analysis is flawed and consequently, their conclusions are false and misleading.

Guttmacher's approach only examines the population data of the zip code area of the abortion facility. In contrast, Protecting Black Life's research collects race/ethnicity data for the entire population within two miles of the abortion facility using census tract areas, which have characteristics similar to neighborhoods.

Two maps of the Houston abortion mega-center area illuminate the difference in the two methods. Fig. 1 on Page 2 shows the results of the census tract analysis, with the yellow dot showing the location of the abortion facility and the black circle indicating

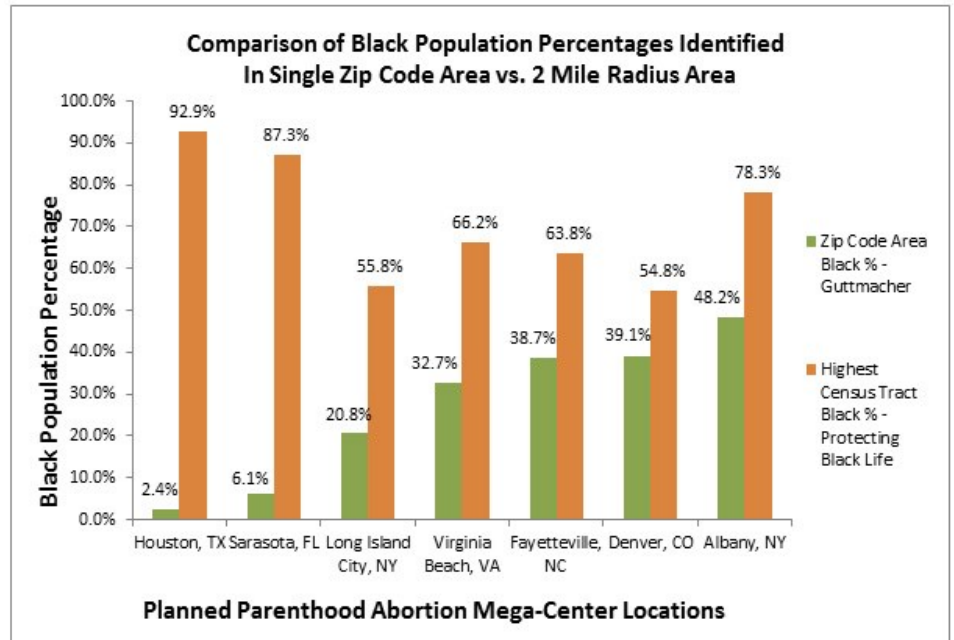


FIG. 3: These examples illustrate how Guttmacher found very few minority neighborhoods near the abortion facilities in their zip code-based study.

the 2 mile radius area. The smaller defined areas in red or blue are census tracts.

Nearly all of the census tracts show percentages higher than 50 percent; African American percentages are shown in the blue census tracts and Hispanic/Latino percentages in the red. Obviously, this Planned Parenthood abortion mega-center is surrounded by majority Black and Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods.

Fig. 2 on Page 2 shows a map of Houston zip code areas; the yellow dot and black circle mark the same locations as in Fig.1. Guttmacher's approach analyzes only **the population of zip code area 77023**, where the mega-center is located. Clearly, this zip code area covers only a portion of the 2 mile radius area.

One can see that the abortion facility is virtually across the road from an adjacent zip code area, down the street from others, and very close to the University of Houston.

While the Guttmacher analysis identifies the 87.6 percent Hispanic population in zip code area 77023, it

completely misses the existence of the Black communities in the adjoining zip code areas of 77003, 77004, and 77021. Therein lies the problem with Guttmacher's study and conclusions.

MINORITIES IN OTHER CITIES IGNORED, TOO

Because it is fundamentally limited, Guttmacher's method neglects to find the minority populations near many of the mega-centers. Fig. 3, above, shows six examples of the very different results achieved using Guttmacher's single zip code area approach vs. Protecting Black Life's census tracts within walking distance approach.

The examples in Fig. 3 illustrate how Guttmacher found very few minority neighborhoods near the abortion facilities in their study. As it turns out, they weren't really looking. It better serves their abortion agenda to mislead the public with an incomplete analysis.

For the sake of comparison in these examples, we used Guttmacher's premise that minority neighborhoods exist only if they represent at least 50

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percent, or a majority, of the population in a given area. But since African Americans make up 12.6 percent of the national population, and Hispanics only 16.3 percent, we believe this assumption serves to deliberately ignore many minority neighborhoods.

Instead, our research used the Black population of the surrounding county as a comparison.

If the census tract Black population percentage was 1.5 times higher than the county Black percentage, or above 50 percent, we recognized it as a notable Black presence in that area, as long as it also reached a reasonable minimum percentage of 12.6 percent.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD KNOWS ITS CLIENTS

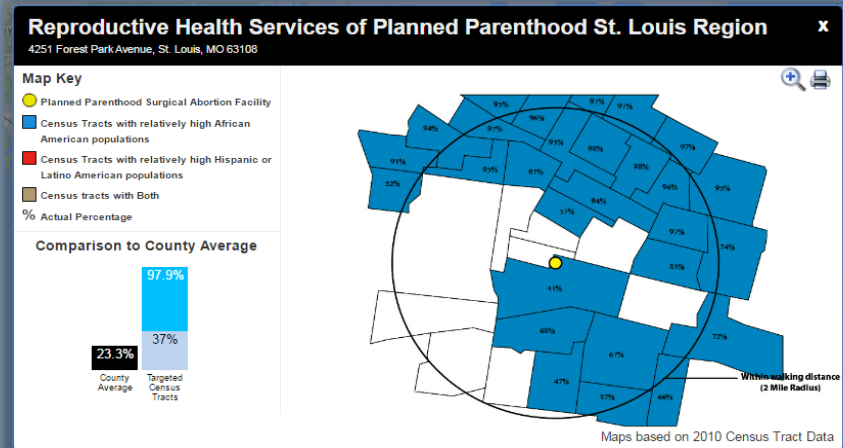
Make no mistake. Even if Guttmacher ignores these lower percentages for the purpose of its study, Planned Parenthood tracks all of the minority neighborhoods when it chooses locations for its abortion facilities.

Protecting Black Life's 2012 research thoroughly analyzed the racial populations surrounding the 165 Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facilities operating in 2010, and uncovered this unmistakable reality in the process.

When possible, Planned Parenthood placed its facilities near the highest minority populations in the area and optimized its proximity to each of the vulnerable populations. Often, a Black neighborhood would be on one side of the facility, a Hispanic/Latino neighborhood on the other side, and a college or two sprinkled around, all within walking distance of Planned Parenthood's abortions and influence.

This is nothing new. Minority groups have complained for decades that Planned Parenthood has been targeting

Life Issues Institute shines spotlight on Planned Parenthood



Planned Parenthood says it does not target minority communities, but a Life Issues Institute investigation uncovered this falsehood. Visit ProtectingBlackLife.org or Lifelissues.org/pp_targets to see maps from nearly 150 cities showing African-American and Hispanic populations near Planned Parenthood abortion facilities.

their communities, and Protecting Black Life's research substantiated that claim with clear evidence. Unfortunately, the effect of these abortion facilities in minority neighborhoods has been both cultural and lasting.

SELF-SERVING STRATEGY

Planned Parenthood's influence begins with the young people. It targets teens in the community with so-called comprehensive sexuality education programs that promote teen sexual activity. The need for birth control and abortion logically follow.

The fact that Planned Parenthood benefits financially from encouraging this behavior gives credence to the idea that its presence in these communities is a self-serving strategy to generate more abortion income.

According to Guttmacher, Black women in 2011 had the highest

unintended pregnancy rates at 79 per 1000 (aged 15-44) compared to 33 for white women.³ Also according to Guttmacher, Black women received 30 percent of the abortions in 2011, while Blacks are only 12.6 percent of the population; Hispanic women received 25 percent of the abortions, while Hispanics are only 16.3 percent of the population.

Combined, these minorities received 55 percent of the abortions but are only 29 percent of the population. Furthermore, according to the CDC, Black women average 1.6 more pregnancies over their lifetime than white women but are five times more likely to have an abortion.

Hispanic women average 1.5 times more pregnancies than white women and are 2.3 times more likely to have an abortion. Even if other factors

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contribute to these sad statistics, Planned Parenthood's presence and promotion of abortion in these minority communities cannot be discounted or ignored.

Planned Parenthood earned at least \$309 million for the 323,999 abortions it performed in 2014, using a conservative estimate of \$550 average abortion cost. This means that 58 percent of its health clinic revenue comes from abortions.

To intentionally obscure this reality, it claims abortions are only 3 percent of its services by counting each condom, each pack of pills, etc., as a service.

In truth, 94.3 percent of pregnant women seeking help from Planned Parenthood get an abortion; 0.6 percent get adoption referrals and 5.1 percent get any form of pre-natal care.⁴

Abortion drives the business, and maximizing abortions serves its best interest, but not necessarily those of the women it purports to serve.

PROMOTING ABORTIONS IS GOAL ALL ALONG

Despite Guttmacher's willingness to mislead the public with faulty research and Planned Parenthood's protestations that it is trying to serve poor women, the numbers are in and the truth is out. Planned Parenthood's overwhelming presence near minority communities is evidence of its intentions to promote abortions in these populations.

Its founder, Margaret Sanger, tried to limit the growth of minority populations with the 1939 Negro Project, a targeted birth control scheme, but Planned Parenthood is now guilty of the worst and most deadly type of racism — a pattern of eugenic abortion that kills the offspring of certain races or ethnicities.

Whether the rationale for this killing is profit, greed, delusion, race hatred, or pure malice, it doesn't matter. The result is the same. It kills the children of a race, and its effect is to eventually

decimate a racial population.

With a current death of over 800 Black babies per day, abortion has killed an estimated 17 million Black babies since 1973, a substantial loss to a Black population that numbers only 42 million. The long-term toll of this tragedy on the Black community and indeed, on all humanity, is immeasurable.

By purposely placing its facilities in areas that ensure higher abortion rates in minority populations, Planned Parenthood is a leader and an active participant in this genocide, no matter what its motivation.

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DISCIPLES FOR LIFE

Church members learn to counsel pregnant women, partners

By Patrick Foose
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Sometimes church members don't have to go on marches or lobby lawmakers to promote a culture of life.

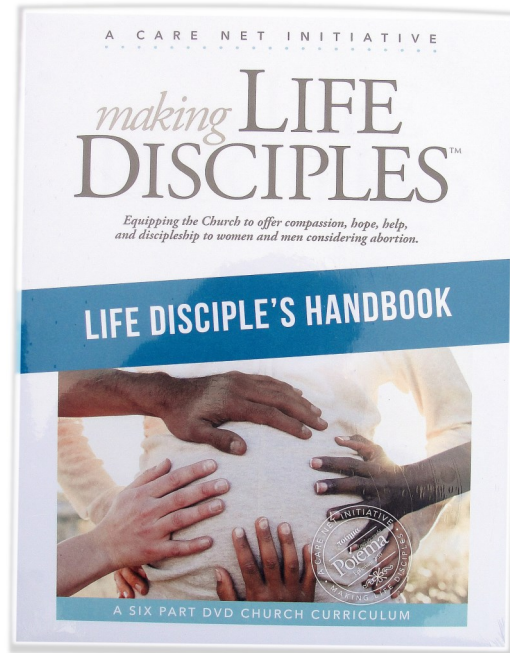
The greatest opportunity to save babies might be found in their own church pews.

A recent survey of women who had abortions found that 40 percent of them were attending a church at the time of their pregnancy.

Life Issues Institute President Bradley Mattes said this presents a great opportunity for churches to stand in the gap to help women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy.

"We must mobilize the church to help us end abortion," Mattes said. "Engaging churches in the day of the abolitionist movement helped them turn the corner to victory. This is an exciting time for churches to make a difference."

One program doing just that is Care Net's "Making Life Disciples." It trains church members to help women and



their partners through unexpected or difficult pregnancies by providing practical information and reassuring counsel.

Mattes said Life Issues Institute endorses "Making Life Disciples" and encourages more churches to adopt it or similar programs.

"It's an opportunity not only to save

the lives of unborn babies and help grieving mothers and fathers who've chosen abortion; but it's an opportunity for the church to mobilize an effective ministry to young people," Mattes said.

"Those who face a crisis are most open to the message of salvation and churches must realize this can effectively be used to advance the kingdom."

Vincent DiCaro, Care Net's Chief Outreach Officer, said "Making Life Disciples" focuses on compassion, hope and help.

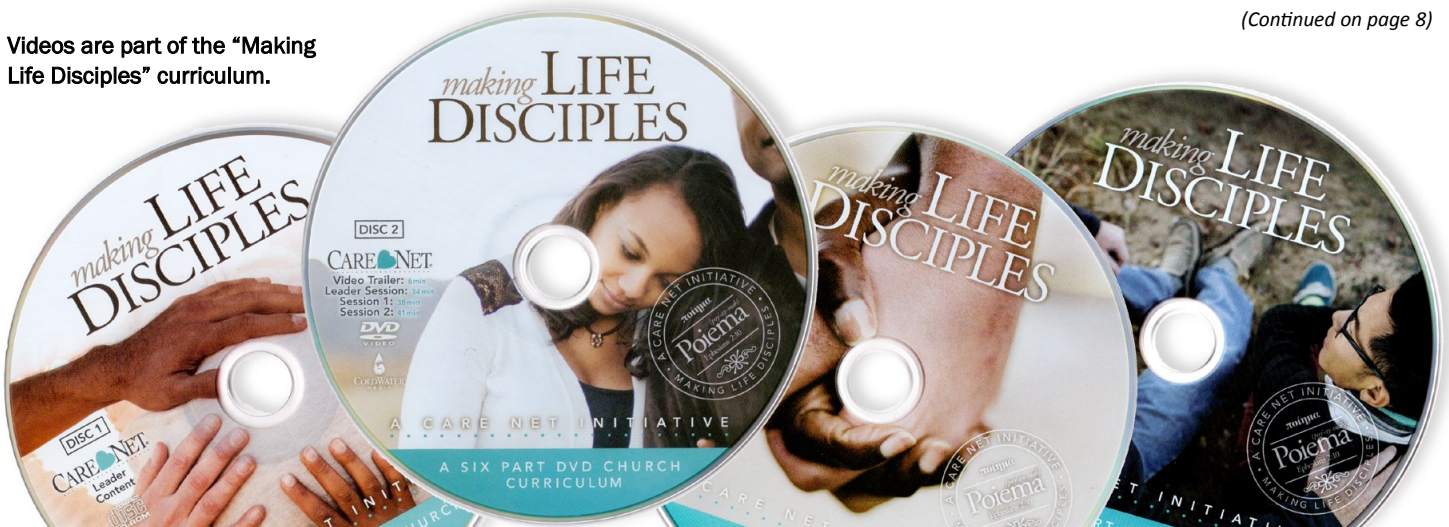
"'Making Life Disciples' educates and inspires life disciples to truly 'walk alongside' women and men making a pregnancy decision," DiCaro said. "It helps them become good listeners who can understand the stories and circumstances of the people they are serving."

"It helps them understand the unique ways to approach pregnant women with love and understanding, and to approach the man who got her pregnant with the same love and understanding."

"Making Life Disciples" counselors learn about abortion procedures, fetal

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Videos are part of the "Making Life Disciples" curriculum.



They can't go back

Abortion advocates choose to live in willful ignorance and wish to impose it on rest of us

Pro-abortion advocates have drawn a line in the sand. They defiantly proclaim, “We won’t go back!” meaning they refuse to return to an archaic time when misogynistic thinking ruled women’s lives, subjecting them to perpetual servitude within a patriarchal society. (Yes, that about covers it.)

I agree abortion advocates won’t go back. Truth is they *can’t* go back. In order to go back or return to a previous situation or state of being requires that they first have to embark on some sort of progression to begin with. But the pro-abortion crowd hasn’t budged an inch. They haven’t progressed ethically, emotionally, medically or scientifically. When it comes to the reality of abortion, these radical feminists of the past have never left their caves of denial.

Planned Parenthood, NARAL and the National Organization of (few) Women have never embraced medical scientific realities related to abortion. They’ve eschewed embryology 101, which many decades ago clearly established that human life begins at fertilization.

The pro-abortion crowd has equally denied the wonder and beauty within the womb. Their head-in-the sand approach to fetal development enables them to blindly and erroneously call these new human beings a “mass of tissue,” “delayed period” or “product of conception.”

Pro-abortion activists continue to reject the existence of the emotional carnage that abortion often brings. Citing a lack of official declarations on post-abortion trauma in prestigious medical journals edited by like-minded ideologues, they embrace a stone-cold



The pro-abortion crowd’s head-in-the sand approach to fetal development enables them to blindly call these new human beings a “mass of tissue.”

indifference to the hemorrhaging grief of millions of mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles or friends.

It’s not enough that they chose to live in willful ignorance. They also seek to impose it on the world around them. Planned Parenthood and the rest of the abortion industry consistently oppose ultrasound legislation that would allow women to make truly informed decisions regarding abortion. Why? Because this non-political, unbiased technology flings open a window to the womb that cuts through all the pro-abortion hyperbole, instantly exposing the lies of the leftist feminists. In order to combat this medical and scientific certainty and maintain its lucrative customer base, the abortion industry must withhold this crucial information from women.

The pro-abortion media are also adept at practicing knuckle-dragging Neanderthalism. *The Atlantic* wrote an article on Ohio’s Heartbeat Bill, that if enacted would have protected unborn babies from abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat. The article’s author, Moira Weigel, denied medical reality by reporting “there is no



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heart to speak of” in the chest of a six-week unborn child. It was titled “How the Ultrasound Pushed the Idea That a Fetus Is a Person” accompanied by an equally ludicrous subtitle, “The technology has been used to create an imaginary ‘heartbeat’ and sped-up videos that falsely depict a response to stimulus.”

If there were a Pulitzer for pushing flat-earth science, Weigel would have been a shoo-in. Thankfully, real medical experts intervened and exposed the article as the writing of a pro-abortion hack, and it was begrudgingly edited to reflect actual facts.

Medical professionals aren’t above bending reality into political pretzels. The British Medical Association published a 14-page booklet that decreed the term “expectant mother” objectionable. Instead, doctors are to use “pregnant people” so as not to offend transgender individuals who are pregnant.

The removal of breasts and insertion of a penile prosthetic (or vice versa) does not magically alter the biology of a person. Regardless of how much the appearance of the body is changed, the gender-infused DNA assigned at birth remains the same — biologically male or female.

These examples go well beyond interjecting political correctness into society. They embrace and promulgate the willful defiance of the laws of nature, medicine and science. It is one thing to choose the path of ignorance but it’s quite another to impose that ignorance on others — especially when it requires the denial of the right to life of millions of Americans.

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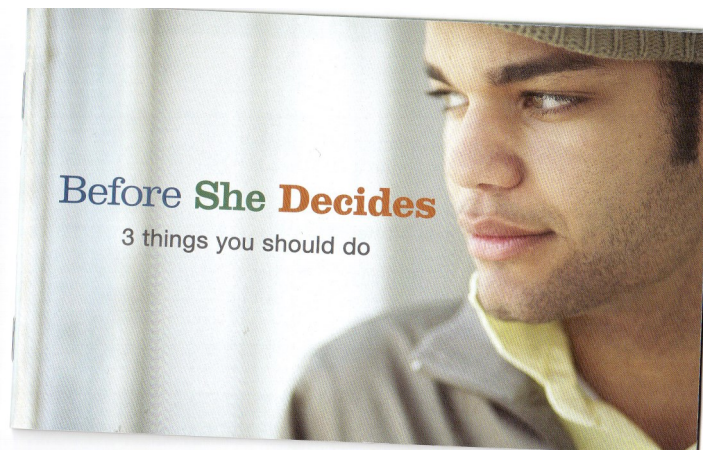
development, and the effects of abortion. They also are equipped to discuss details about the life-affirming choices that could be made by those they serve -- adoption, parenting, and marriage.

The curriculum recognizes urban and more rural communities might require different approaches.

"For example, in an urban area, access to affordable prenatal care may be a big issue. In a rural area, maybe it's challenges around reliable transportation," DiCaro said.

"'Making Life Disciples' equips caring people in the church to compassionately identify those specific needs and then how to locate the resources within and outside the church to help meet those needs."

Care Net President and CEO Roland Warren said getting churches involved in promoting pro-life choices on a



This booklet in the "Making Life Disciples" program helps men play a role during an unplanned pregnancy. "This is the time to speak up — and team up — with her, otherwise you could end up getting shut out," the book says.

personal level is long overdue.

"The reality is that when it comes to the abortion issue... the church has not been using the transformative power that it has around this issue," Warren said in a course video introduction. "It has been an issue that has been outside of the church, when the problem is inside the church and the church has a call to the broader culture."

The program can be purchased at store.care-net.org/for-churches.

DiCaro said response from churches has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Churches are catching the vision that 'Making Life Disciples' is the first program that will equip Christ's Church to take a leadership role in offering compassion, hope, and help to women and men considering abortion," he said.