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Cal Thomas: Ultrasound Empowers Women

Care Net News March 26, 2009

In his nationally syndicated column, Cal Thomas points to the critical role of ultrasound in empowering pregnant women to make an informed pregnancy decision. In his column, he cites a Care Net survey of the impact of ultrasound on a woman's pregnancy decision.

Thomas writes,
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1,000 antiabortion pregnancy centers in the United States and Canada, based in Sterling, Va., found that "72 percent of women who were initially 'strong leaning' toward abortion decided to carry their pregnancies to term after seeing a sonogram." That isn't depriving a woman of her "choice." It is providing more information so that her choice will be fully informed.

Cal Thomas's Full Article follows:



THOMAS: Guilty consciences

by Cal Thomas | Wednesday, March 4, 2009

For social liberals, what is it about abortion that makes some of them consider it a sacrificial rite through which only the killing of an unborn child can truly liberate a woman from the clutches of paternalism?

A rule approved in the waning days of the Bush administration established broad protections for health-care workers whose religious faith, conscience or moral misgivings forbid them from participating in an abortion. Last Friday, the Department of Health and Human Services, which is still without a confirmed secretary, announced its intention to rescind the regulation. There will be a 30-day period of public comment before the rule is overturned. Here is mine. (Continued on bottom of pg. 2)

Obama Decision on Embryo Research Unethical and Bad Medicine

Care Net Press Release, March 9, 2009

LANSOWNE, VA -- Care Net President Melinda Delahoyde issued the following statement in response to President Obama's decision to overturn current policy limiting federal funding of embryonic stem cell research:

"As Americans, with so much at our fingertips, we must do everything we can to find cures to diseases that take our loved ones from us so soon. No stone should be left unturned. Creative and passionate researchers, working within ethical guidelines, have done just this and been extremely successful. Through adult stem cell research, there have been incredible breakthroughs in treatments to a wide variety of diseases. We must continue to fund such successful research.

"But we also can agree that there are ethical limits that we must not cross. President Obama's decision to lift the ban on federal funding for embryo stem cell research is misguided compassion and frankly, bad medicine. Not only is it unethical to create and destroy human beings for scientific research, but it's unsuccessful -- not one disease has been cured through these methods. It should be known that the President's decision not only allows for taxpayer funding of embryo research, it also opens the door for human cloning and destruction.

"At Care Net pregnancy centers, we seek to do all we can to protect human life by supporting women facing crisis pregnancies. Likewise, as a nation, we must do all we can to protect all life no matter how small, how deformed, or how old. We urge the President to reverse this decision and Congress to do all they can to oppose it."

Glamour Magazine Abortion Stories Point to Need for More Recovery Groups

Care Net Press Release, February 11, 2009

LANSOWNE, VA – In its March issue, *Glamour* magazine explores the real life stories of women who have had an abortion. Care Net President Melinda Delahoyde thanked the magazine for giving voice to women whose abortion was a traumatic experience and has caused them emotional pain. However, she called on *Glamour* to do more to point their readers to the healing found through a post-abortion recovery group. Sadly, only one of the women featured in the article found such help, and no information was provided for readers about where to find it. That woman, Lisa Gaylord, now leads the recovery group at Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center, a Care Net center in Danbury, Connecticut. [Read Lisa's full story.](#)

"All too often, magazines like *Glamour* will shy away from publishing women's raw abortion stories," Delahoyde said. "By allowing some women to share about the 'emotional hell' they have gone through, this issue treats the abortion experience more honestly. However, it does a poor job of presenting a balanced viewpoint about where to find healing. The only resources *Glamour* refers readers to are those offered by abortion advocates."

Delahoyde leads a national network of Care Net pregnancy centers – a majority of which offer post-abortion recovery groups. Real healing happens in these groups when individuals are free to acknowledge and grieve the loss of their unborn child and receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. In 2007, more than 10,700 women and men participated in post-abortion programs at Care Net's 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers.

Many of these recovery groups lead participants through a bible study called "[Forgiven and Set Free](#)" written by Linda Cochrane, R.N., who is also the executive director of Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center. "For twenty-five years Care Net centers have quietly and compassionately helped tens of thousands of women and men find healing after abortion," said Cochrane. "Hopefully more women and men will search for and find true peace after their abortion experience because of *Glamour*'s acknowledgement of this 'serious health decision.'"

Delahoyde encouraged those who have experienced post-abortion healing through the "Forgiven and Set Free" bible study or another similar program to share their story with others on [Glamour's website](#). To find a local recovery group near you or to learn more, call 1-800-395-HELP or visit www.optionline.org and click on "After Abortion".

Obama Decision Would Overturn Protections for Pro-Life Documents

Care Net Press Release, February 27, 2009

LANSOWNE, VA – Care Net President Melinda Delahoyde responded to news that President Obama has directed the Department of Health and Human Services to overturn regulations that protect medical professionals from being forced to perform or refer for abortion. "Our nation's physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers have the right to practice medicine without violating their conscience. To remove these protections is to ultimately remove these individuals of integrity from the field of medicine entirely," Delahoyde said. "That's not an action that we as Americans should be willing to accept."

Delahoyde said that her network of 1,160 pregnancy center affiliates will feel the damaging blow of this action, if implemented. "Pregnancy centers empower women facing unplanned pregnancy to choose abortion alternatives," Delahoyde said. "To accomplish this, we offer critical, free medical services, such as limited obstetrical ultrasounds and STD testing. Because of our commitment to providing alternatives to abortion, we rely on the availability of pro-life medical professionals – nurses, OB-GYNs, nurse practitioners, sonographers, and others. If the rights of these individuals are violated, then they will simply leave the field of practice or not enter it altogether. With more than 470 pregnancy centers in the Care Net network that offer medical services, we're simply not willing to take that risk."

Care Net will be mobilizing its network and supporters to provide comment to the Department of Health and Human Services on the Administration's proposal to overturn the regulations. In addition, [Care Net has filed as an intervenor in a lawsuit](#) filed by state attorney generals and Planned Parenthood that challenges the federal regulations protecting the right of conscience.

Care Net's National Medical Consultant Sandy Christiansen, MD was [interviewed by CNN](#) to share her story of discrimination during her residency. Dr. Christiansen now serves as the medical director of Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick, MD.

THOMAS: Guilty consciences (Cont. from pg. 1)

No politician can be found who admits to favoring abortion. To acknowledge moral misgivings means you are at least acknowledging that the beating heart and brain waves extinguished during an abortion are of greater significance than, say, the removal of an appendix or a tumor.

Infected appendices can burst, killing the individual. A tumor can grow, become malignant and cause death. A growing unborn child can be born and contribute not only to the betterment of the country, but if you're utilitarian about it, increase the tax base. Abortion kills a potential taxpayer, which ought to override every other consideration for liberal politicians constantly looking for new sources of revenue.

THOMAS: Guilty consciences (continued)

Why do social liberals say they want to make abortion "safe, legal and rare," but then spend all their time on the first two and none on the third? It is relatively simple to reduce the number of abortions, even while keeping them "safe" and "legal." Show the abortion-minded woman a sonogram of the fetus she is about to destroy.

A 2005 survey by Care Net, a network of about 1,000 antiabortion pregnancy centers in the United States and Canada, based in Sterling, Va., found that "72 percent of women who were initially 'strong leaning' toward abortion decided to carry their pregnancies to term after seeing a sonogram." That isn't depriving a woman of her "choice." It is providing more information so that her choice will be fully informed.

Carried to its logical conclusion, repealing the "conscience rule" would allow hospitals to require pro-life doctors and nurses to participate in abortions. The Catholic Church teaches that elective abortion is a mortal sin, so the government is considering a requirement that would have a Catholic risk excommunication and the eternal damnation of his or her soul. Evangelical Christians regard abortion as equally offensive. Where is the separation of church and state when you really need it?

Arguments in favor of overriding the conscience rule include concerns that it might apply to people dispensing contraceptives at the pharmacy. Others say it could be used to prevent rape victims from receiving pregnancy protection assistance at a hospital. These are arguments we've heard before. Even if pro-lifers grant these exceptions, it isn't enough for the abortion lobby, which uses extreme situations to keep the door open to abortion on demand for any and all reasons.

In my view, far fewer people oppose contraception than oppose abortion. Besides, one prevents conception and the other kills something that is living and, if left to be born, something that will breathe. Any employee at a pharmacy who doesn't want to sell contraceptives can ask another store employee to do it. You can't bring an aborted baby back to life, even if a woman later regrets the decision, which many do.

To repeal the conscience rule is an affront to every American who believes government ought to be under God, not play God. It is an insult to religious faith and to pro-lifers of no religious faith who see the danger of according one category of human life less value than another. We should be aware of where this can lead.

If you are a resident in an assisted-living center, you might consider putting an extra lock on the door, because you are next. By the time our consciences have been reprogrammed, the bureaucrat who decides you have outlived your usefulness will have forgotten how to feel guilty about anything.

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The CPC offers post-abortive stress healing peer counseling and related Bible Study. All services are free of charge and completely confidential.

Mission Statement

The CPC, embodied in its staff and volunteers, is committed to supporting women in crisis pregnancies with the goal of minimizing the number of abortions in our local community through a compassionate presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in both word and deed. While we count the number of clients who do or do not have abortion, this must not become this center's definition of success. We are in an ongoing race. Furthermore, through education and outreach to both area churches and the local community, we aim to create an awareness that abortion compounds human need rather than resolves it. The CPC is a non-profit Christian agency that does not discriminate in offering its services free of charge.

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