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Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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Recent NEWS and VIEWS from PPCFL Website Blog Postings

We pack as much as we can into *LifeLine* each month, but there is always more to be said for LIFE.

More news and views can be found each month on our website at: <https://www.ppcitizensforlife.org/our-how/blog/>

The following are excerpts from recent blog posts.

Architects of the Culture of Death

January 31, 2022 By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

I converted to the pro-life movement largely through reading several important books: *The Hand of God* by Bernard Nathanson and *Unplanned* by Abby Johnson. In the years since that initial conversion, I have read many impactful books that have helped me to affirm my pro-life ethic, to make me smarter, and to give me insight into what this movement is about.

It occurred to me that a lot of you out there might also feel called to read pro-life books, and to share insights you've gained through reading them, so I invite you to comment on this and future Book Review blogs. We stand a better chance of victory in this battle for life if we share what we've learned through the journey...

The [first reviewed] book, *Architects of the Culture of Death* by Donald de Marco and Benjamin Wiker is over 380 pages of biographies of those people throughout history who, as the title implies, laid the foundation and built what we now face in our society, what we call the Culture of Death...

Who are these 'architects'? People like Friedrich Nietzsche, Ayn Rand, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Sigmund Freud, Helen Gurley Brown, Margaret Mead, Alfred Kinsey, Margaret Sanger, Alan Guttmacher, Jack Kevorkian and Peter Singer (list is not exhaustive of book's contents) who all, at some time, in some way, proposed ideas that we see today played out in our abortion laws, our physician assisted suicide laws, the destruction of family life, and more.

Read Julie's [full review](#) and share your own comments on our blog at ppcitizensforlife.org.

Number of Abortuaries Increases

January 21, 2022 By Matt Niedzielski, PPCFL President

A [LifeNews commentary](#) on the latest [Operation Rescue](#) annual survey of abortuaries is worth a look if you have some time. Briefly, some notable points made in the analysis of the survey:

- The number of abortuaries increased in 2021, including within Colorado.
- Planned Parenthood affiliated abortuaries account for 54% of all abortuaries nationwide.
- Complications from the abortion pill are at least four times the rate for surgical abortion.
- Telemedicine abortions increased by 44%.

Anti-Abortion Progressives

January 27, 2022 By Matt Niedzielski, PPCFL President

I would like to introduce you to a [fascinating opinion piece at LifeNews](#) that provides a "progressive" case against abortion. Both authors are officers of the *Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising* group. One, Terrisa Bukovinac, describes herself as a progressive atheist. The other, Xavier Bisits, is a former Vice President of Democrats for Life of America... a few quotes to entice you [to read the whole piece](#):

- When we first marched in the March for Life, it was a challenge to find others who shared our worldview. Today, signs by liberal or secular groups are among the most visible at the March: *Rehumanize International, Secular Pro-Life, Feminists for Life, PLAGAL+*
- Progressive Americans are finding it more difficult to square their commitment to non-discrimination with advocacy for abortion.
- Fundamentally, we believe there will never be equity in our nation as long as we try to achieve it by ending the lives of the tiniest human beings among us.

Visit PPCFL's blog to read the full postings and also enjoy pieces from a variety of contributors on topics across the spectrum in defense of human LIFE.

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The President's Corner

The state legislature is in the process of considering several bills addressing life issues. Three of these bills will be heard in committee before this newsletter reaches you.

The first of these bills, "[Protecting Human Life at Conception](#)" (HB22-1047), would "make the practice of terminating the life of an unborn child illegal in the state of Colorado." The bill notes that **Colorado's authority to protect life comes from the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and from the Declaration of Independence**. It also stipulates that "any act, law, treaty, order or regulation of the United States Government that denies or prohibits protection of a human person's inalienable right to life is null, void, and unenforceable in this state."

A similar bill, "[Abolishing Abortion in Colorado](#)" (HB22-1079), is sponsored by local Rep. Dave Williams. This bill notes as part of its purpose: "To ensure the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all unborn children from the moment of fertilization by **protecting unborn children with the same homicide and assault laws protecting all other human persons.**" It also stipulates "the general assembly intends to treat as void and give no effect to any and all federal statutes, regulations, treaties, orders, and court rulings that deprive an unborn child of the right to life or prohibit the equal protection of such right."

The third bill, "[Induced Termination of Pregnancy State Registrar](#)" (HB22-1075), seeks to **enact the collection of "vital statistics data regarding induced terminations of pregnancies."** The bill notes: "Without accurate abortion statistics, it is impossible for the state to assess the impact of public and private health interventions on the incidence of abortion in Colorado."

A fourth bill, "[Ultrasound Video Demonstration in Sex Education](#)" (HB22-1136), sponsored by local Rep. Andy Pico and scheduled to be in committee on March 9, seeks to **include a presentation in student sex education that includes "the visual development of a baby in the womb."** Such a presentation is much like what we (PPCFL) do in our educational booths at fairs and other events.

We thank the representatives who have brought forth these pro-life bills, especially from our local area.

Yet to be introduced is an anti-life, pro-abortion bill, dubbed the "Reproductive Health Equity Act," that would enshrine abortion in Colorado law. State Sen. Julie Gonzales describes the intent of the bill: "[Our vision is a Colorado where abortion care is treated as health care.](#)"

We plan to testify on all of these bills in person. **We encourage you to make your voice heard as well.** [Check on our blog "2022 Pro-Life Bills in State Legislature" for details](#) on when the bills will be heard in committee and contact information for the members of the committee. **Sending short messages by email or phone that are of your own composition are the most likely to impress the pro-life position on the representatives.**

Thank you for your time and effort supporting life by reaching out to our elected representatives.

Matt

When Feminists Understood that Equal Rights for Women Begin in the Womb

Since 1987, the U.S. has designated March as *Women's History Month*, a time to "celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States."

Sadly, many in our country have swallowed the lie that a woman's equality and freedom depend on her "liberty" to kill children in the womb. **This is a corruption of the Women's Rights Movement and a degradation of feminism.**

The image at right is a visual record of the 500+ women arrested in 1917, as they picketed the White House in support of the "Anthony Amendment" which would eventually become the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote.

One of the women arrested, Alice Paul, helped organize the effort. She was imprisoned for 7 months in solitary confinement. She began a hunger strike and was eventually sent to a psychiatric ward where she was force-fed and subjected to sleep deprivation.

Paul was a fierce supporter of women's rights AND passionate defender of life, stating, "Abortion is the ultimate in the exploitation of women."

Before the Feminist Movement was corrupted by donations from the very corporations who profit from the unholy harvest of babies' bodies, **feminists like Susan B. Anthony understood that abortion was a violation of women's rights:** "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

Sarah Norton, who fought beside Anthony and Paul for a woman's right to vote, be educated and receive equal pay, passionately condemned abortion, "Child murderers practice their profession without let or hindrance, and open infant butcheries unquestioned... Perhaps there will come a day when... an unmarried



mother will not be despised because of her motherhood... and when the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered with."

Three decades earlier, feminist Eliza Bisbee Duffey did not need modern technology to understand the implications of abortion, writing in 1873:

"Abortion, intentionally accomplished, is criminal in the first degree, and should be regarded as murder. Yet women have been taught to look lightly on this offence, and to consider it perfectly justifiable up to the period of quickening. "The embryo has no life before that period," they will say in justification of the act. . .

"From the moment of conception, the embryo is a living thing, leading a distinct, separate existence from the mother, though closely bound to her.... From almost the earliest stage, the form of the future being is indicated, and it has separate heart-beats, distinctly perceptible through the intervening tissues of the mother's body, which cover it. It is a human being to all intents and purposes."

The names of those who marched and stood vigil 100 years ago may be lost to history, but remember this: those who dedicated their lives and gave up their liberty in order to VOTE, were fighting for a woman's rights to *protect* her children... not abort them.

Photo Ref: Library of Congress, "First Picket Line" Feb 1917
Reference: HumanDefenseInitiative.com, Anonymous Author "[The Original Feminists Were Pro-Life](#)" 25 Jan 2019

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**Spring Lent 2022 Campaign**

**March 2 to April 10**

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

It seems more honest to call the *40 Days for Life Campaign* that falls at this time of the year the Lenten campaign rather than the Spring campaign. Like our friends in Minnesota and Wisconsin, we can experience downright frigid conditions during this season (can you say Bomb Cyclone?) which is not how I like to envision Spring.

Also, in Colorado, we tend to be getting our heaviest snowfalls when friends in other parts of the country are enjoying daffodils and tulips. Lent, on the other hand, gives the appropriate 'penitential' flavor to this campaign.

**March 1, Kick-off Event:** This year we are kicking off our Lenten 40 Days vigil for LIFE with a New Orleans Flavor. It does, after all, begin on Ash Wednesday, so we are celebrating in Mardi Gras style on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at **5:30pm, at the St. John Henry Newman Catholic Chapel adjacent to UCCS** (4785 Stanton Road, COS 80918).

Enjoy Red Beans & Rice, King Cake, prayer, games, prizes, and the opportunity to sign up for sidewalk hours (24/7 vigil of prayer and fasting to end abortion March 2 to April 10). Space is limited, so please sign up for the kick-off event at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aba72ca46-lent>

**March 26, Mid-Point Jericho March:** The 40 Days for Life Mid-Point Rally, a Jericho March, will take place on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from **1-2pm, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood** (3470 Centennial Blvd., COS, 80907). Please save the date to join us to walk, pray, sing, and blow horns to end abortion!

**April 9, Maternity Home Groundbreaking:** To wrap up the 2022 Lenten campaign, we invite everyone in the pro-life community to the **Groundbreaking and Blessing for the Mater Filius maternity home** at St. Gabriel Catholic Church (8755 Scarborough Dr. COS, 80920) on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45ABA72CA46-40days>

Remember that Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic manager said that **a prayerful presence out front of an abortion clinic could drive no-shows for abortion appointments up to 75%**. Let's keep our sidewalk covered in prayer and drive *Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains-COS* out of town!