

Words Are Important

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YOU SHOULD SAY:

Killing a baby during delivery

The great majority of people in the US do not know what partial-birth abortion is. Accordingly, many are not opposed. If, in addition to PBA, you say "killing a baby during delivery," they stop short, their jaws drop and you'll get an immediate reaction.

Research cloning/clone and kill

Cloning is cloning. In this case, a living human is experimented upon and then killed. The word is research. It is certainly not therapeutic.

Fertilization

Fertilization is an exact biologic term. The term conception has been changed in many peoples' minds to include implantation at one week of life.

Abortionist

These hired killers do not deserve the dignity of the title doctor. Call them abortionists.

Kill an unborn baby

Everyone reading this terminated his or her mother's pregnancy – most at nine months.

Place baby in a pair of loving arms

To "give her baby away" sounds negative, almost calloused.

Abortion committed

Committed carries a very specific judgment.

Womb

Womb is a warmer, maternal term. Uterus is coldly medical.

Abortifacient pills

Call them what they are. They are abortive.

Right to Life/Pro-life

YOU SHOULD NOT SAY:

Partial-birth abortion

Therapeutic cloning

Conception

Abortion provider/Doctor

Terminate a pregnancy

Give her baby away

Abortions done

Uterus

Emergency contraceptives

Anti-abortion

Our Core Issues

Definition of the Family
CWA believes the traditional family consists of one man and one woman joined in marriage, along with any children they may have. We seek to protect traditional values that support the Biblical design of the family.

Sanctity of Life
CWA supports the protection of all life from conception until natural death. This includes the consequences resulting from abortion.

Education
CWA seeks to reform public education by returning authority to parents.

Pornography
CWA endeavors to fight all pornography and obscenity.
Religious Liberty
CWA supports the God-given rights of individuals in the United States and other nations to pray and worship without fear of discrimination or persecution.

National Sovereignty
CWA believes that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area, including economics, social policy, military, and land ownership.

Miscellaneous
CWA also deals with a variety of other issues that don't comfortably fit into a category, yet are important to address.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

- Web Master to update our state CWA web site.
 - Communications Coordinator to complete our State Steering Committee. Requires basic computer and writing skills.
- Call Linda at 1.888.255.6551



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Director's Notes

"natural and inalienable right to life"

Without a doubt, the most controversial bill and the greatest headline-maker in the South Dakota 2004 Legislative session was HB1191, the abortion ban.

CWA of South Dakota is grateful to Rep. Matt McCaulley (R-District 10) for sponsoring this legislation and we are proud of the state lawmakers who boldly stood up for the right to life and for the protection of women. We are hopeful that Governor Rounds will sign the bill into law. It is time someone take a stand against judicial tyranny and make an attempt to overturn a heinous decision that violated states' rights and has killed 43 million unborn children nationwide. Our pro-life state is evidenced in the great majority of pro-life legislators on both sides of the aisle. CWA of South Dakota applauds our legislature for doing the right thing in their effort to end this death sentence on our posterity.

Abortion not only kills over 800 unborn children in South Dakota each year, but women are wounded, suffering physically and emotionally from the trauma of abortion. Testimony from post-abortive women on HB1191 revealed deep emotional scars women endure all their lives for the choice they made or were coerced to make. Men grieve as well regretting their failure to protect and provide for their offspring.

The first five sections of HB1191 establish legislative findings concerning the state's interest in the preservation and protection of all human life, the scientific evidence regarding the beginning of life, the proof that abortion has hurt women physically and emotionally, and the right to life for the mother and child as sanctioned under the SD Bill of Rights.

The remaining sections of the bill establish a Class 5 felony for the intentional committal of an abortion except when "it is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman, or if there is a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman."

You can read the bill at: <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/bills/HB1191S.htm>. Please pray that this abortion ban will succeed in the courts and will end this abomination against the Lord.

—Linda Schauer, State Director



Election of Good Candidates Requires the Work of Good Citizens (Free Information Packet Available)

Have you ever been frustrated by your legislator's voting record? To solve that problem elect someone who shares your philosophies?

Because elections are so important, volunteers are needed to fill many different roles, including registering people to vote. By obtaining lists of registered voters, you might be surprised to learn that fellow church members aren't registered to vote. Has someone moved into your community? Did your neighbor just turn 18? Having voter registration cards handy so you can encourage these people to register is a great way to help the election process. For those who are often absent during the fall elections, such as nurses, truck drivers, college students, and snowbirds, absentee ballots are available. Consider helping someone vote by absentee ballot!

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On election day you can help citizens get out to vote by giving rides to the polls being a poll watchers, or simply phoning friends and reminding them to vote.

Your candidate could use your help in a variety of ways: walking in parades, writing letters to the editor, putting up signs on your property, or sponsoring events where community members can meet the candidates.

CWA of South Dakota encourages you to get involved in the election process by giving not only your time and/or resources, but also with your prayers. Organizing prayer sessions before the elections or encouraging your church to pray for the elections might be the most important thing you can do! Please refer to **Prayer Concerns** on page 4. If you haven't attended a local Prayer/Action Chapter before, consider joining or starting one in your area.

We have prepared a free packet of information on how you can get involved to help elect good candidates by getting citizens to vote. Every vote counts, and this is something that you can do to impact the culture. Please call CWA of South Dakota Legislative Liaison Lois Van Dusseldorp at 888.280.7809 or e-mail ivan@midstatesd.net and request your election information packet today.

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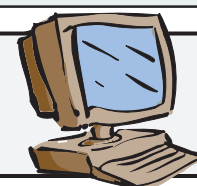
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Check out CWA's web site for information and updates on family issues.

www.cwfa.org

Points from Pierre

CWA of SD's Legislative Liaison reports on the
Seventy-Ninth Session, Legislative Assembly, 2004

January 13 was opening day of the 2004 Legislative Session at the State Capitol, where State Director Linda Schauer and I represented your interests. 312 House bills, 217 Senate bills, and numerous resolutions and commemorations were entered in the bill directory.

View these at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/billlist.htm#HB>.

The bills approved by CWA's national office for our task at hand were:

- **SB 54**, An Act to provide for the inclusion of certain information on required abortion reports. **SUPPORT**
- **SB 117**, An Act to establish a task force to improve the quality and availability of child care and early learning opportunities. **DEFEAT**
- **SB 143**, An Act to appropriate money to enhance early learning opportunities for children in childcare. **DEFEAT**
- **SB 184**, An Act to prohibit human cloning. **SUPPORT**
- **SB 187**, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding living wills, or "Terri's Law." **SUPPORT**
- **HB 1191**, An Act to establish certain legislative findings, to reinstate the prohibition against certain acts causing the termination of an unborn human life, and to prescribe a penalty therefore. **SUPPORT**
- **HB 1205**, An Act to provide for emergency contraception at the election of certain sexual assault victims, the "morning-after pill" bill. **DEFEAT**
- **HB 1214**, An Act to require certain prenatal information to be provided when a pregnancy test has been performed and there has been a positive result. **SUPPORT**
- **HB 1271**, An Act to limit the use of irreconcilable differences as a ground for divorce. **SUPPORT**
- **HB 1289**, An Act to declare certain non-marital unions invalid and to preclude persons in those unions from receiving certain benefits; "marriage protection bill." **SUPPORT**

SB 54 passed both chambers, **SB 117** passed both chambers and was delivered to Governor on 2/23; but its companion bill, **SB 143** was defeated in Senate Appropriations. Listen to my testimony for **SB 117** by clicking on the 2nd "bird" icon at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/index.cfm?FuseAction=DisplayBills>

SB 184 passed nearly unanimously through both chambers; **SB 187** was defeated because of difficult language in the bill. **HB 1191** was amended several times, then passed both chambers.

HB 1205 was defeated easily in House Health and Human Services., while **HB 1214** did not pass due to fear of duplication on the informed consent web-site. **HB 1271** died because of intense lobbying by lawyers' organizations. **HB 1289** was defeated in committee, and you can read more about the bill elsewhere in this newsletter. Listen to Linda's testimony at: <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/index.cfm?FuseAction=DisplayBills>

You can access your legislators' votes at: <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/index.cfm>. Type in the bill number, e.g., type "54" for "SB 54." You will find the status of the bill and the votes. You can also find details about your legislators and what bills they sponsored.

Blessings to all of you in the field.

Without your support, none of these victories would have been possible.

--Cindy Flakoll, Legislative Liaison for CWA of South Dakota

A huge CWA thank you goes to Joyce Goehring and Ann Propst of Pierre for their hospitality while we represented CWA during the legislative session.

Cindy Flakoll, Legislative Liaison

Linda Schauer, State Director

Child Care or Village Care?

Who is minding our children and grandchildren?

Hillary Clinton thinks she knows what is best for children. Her vision is for all American children to have what the French have: fully subsidized, government-controlled daycare and pre-school centers. Sen. Clinton (D-New York) claims that the care in France is so wonderful that "even mothers who do not work outside the home—choose to send their children to these government-subsidized centers."

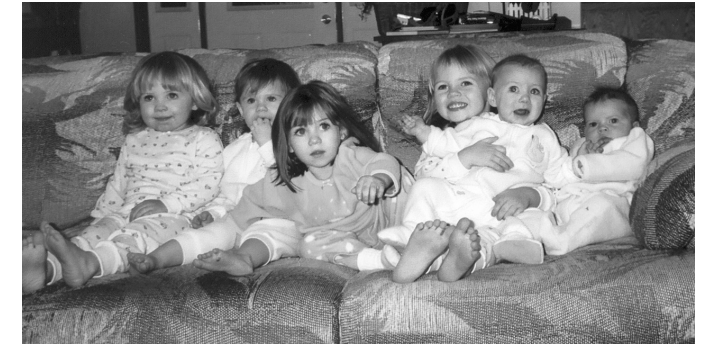
As of 2000, 47 percent of children under age 6 in South Dakota were in paid childcare while their parents went off to work. Yes, it appears even here "early learning opportunities" are increasingly embraced by more and more legislators, parents and all citizens.

During this year's South Dakota legislative session, two bills concerning daycare were introduced: **SB 117** was an act to establish a task force to improve the quality and availability of childcare and early learning opportunities. **SB 143** was an act to appropriate money to enhance early learning opportunities for children in childcare.

CWA of South Dakota opposed these bills because we believe that parents are the primary caregivers/educators of their children. We do realize that out of necessity and, sometimes, choice, many families do have both parents working outside the home. However, we believe that parents—not government—are best at finding, hiring and overseeing the type of care their children need.

Anti-family groups wish to undermine childcare options by granting childcare subsidies to families ONLY when the family chooses government-regulated care, such as registered daycare centers. This is a slap in the face of South Dakota families who prefer care by a relative, family friend or neighbor. If, for example, a poor family chooses to have a relative or friend who has a child of her own care for their

children, according to South Dakota Department of Social Services guidelines, the poor family is not eligible for Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funds.



This is discriminatory against both the poor family and the particular caregivers chosen by many South Dakota families.

SB 117, the childcare task force bill, was supported by many in the education establishment, who spoke of the need for a "seamless system" of governmental care for children from infant through 12th grade. This bill was difficult to stop and passed through the legislature. **SB 143**, the bill to appropriate funds for "early learning opportunities," died in the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7-2. Thankfully, our legislators decided not to hand out our tax dollars to fund yet another gigantic bureaucracy.

This is an issue that will not go away. Hillary's view that mothers are not very important in the lives of their young children has permeated our society. Please pray and act whenever the rights of families—particularly young families—are threatened by liberal, socialistic ideas. It takes a family—not a "village"—to raise our children God's way.

The Constitution: A living and evolving document?

In the 2000 Presidential debates between George W. Bush and Al Gore, Mr. Gore expressed his view that the Constitution is a living and evolving document. Was he correct?

Basing their premise on Darwin's theory that man evolved, liberals conclude that laws must evolve as well. As a motorist, how would you react to the changing rules of the road to every whim of a special interest group? What would you think if God changed the Ten Commandments to reflect every public opinion poll?

President Bush has nominated strict constructionists to the judiciary who will interpret the law, not legislate from the bench. However, senate liberals continually filibuster a fair and constitutional yes or no vote on these nominees.

The Founders purposely made it difficult to amend the Constitution. They provided that change be made by the people through their elected representatives, rather than by a few elite, unelected and unaccountable judges. According to Article V of the Constitution, amendments must be

approved by a two-thirds vote of the U.S. Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the states. For example, the 13th amendment abolishes slavery and amendment 19 grants women the right to vote.

The Founders did not intend an activist judiciary to be usurping the will of the people and imposing their liberal agenda on America. The most heinous court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, violated states rights to ban abortion. Recently, the Supreme Court declared Texas law criminalizing sodomy to be unconstitutional. The Court rejected "morality" as a rational basis for law. Even more egregious, justices looked to foreign law on which to base their decision, thereby, ignoring our own U.S. Constitution and dismissed the historical overviews of sodomy in the United States.

Our Founders did not write the Constitution on a chalkboard and give the judiciary eraser and chalk to make changes according to their ungodly inclinations. Just as God provides a standard, an unmovable guide, our Founding Fathers gave us the Constitution—the rule of law.

We the People

"Our Constitution was made only for moral and religious people. It is inadequate to the government of any other."
—John Adams