

# Achieving The Constitutional Life Amendment

## WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTION?

The Constitution of the United States of America is the primary law of the nation, and is applicable in all 50 states of the union. It describes and explains how the national government is constructed and how it operates. Fundamentally, there are three governmental powers, or branches: the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch.

The Executive Branch consists of the president, the vice president, and a number of secretaries who have special areas of concern. The Legislative Branch is comprised of two bodies, or houses, namely the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is the function of these houses to introduce prospective laws and to enact them.

Determining whether the laws meet Constitutional standards is the role of the Judicial Branch of the government. Named the Supreme Court, this branch is comprised of nine members called Justices. The Constitution provides the descriptive details of all branch operations. The Constitution also contains complete instructions for modifying its content. This is done by means of amendments.

## THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Once a Constitutional amendment has been enacted, it becomes a permanent part of the Constitution. It cannot be altered or removed without the action of another amendment. The Constitution was signed in 1787, and shortly thereafter ten amendments were added to its body. This addition was called the Bill of Rights, and included such vital rights as freedom of speech, the encouragement of religion, and the legal protection of innocent persons. Over the years a total of 27 amendments have been added to the Constitution, all of them having authority equal to the original Constitution. The proposed Life Amendment will extend the protection of life to unborn human beings.

## CREATING AN AMENDMENT

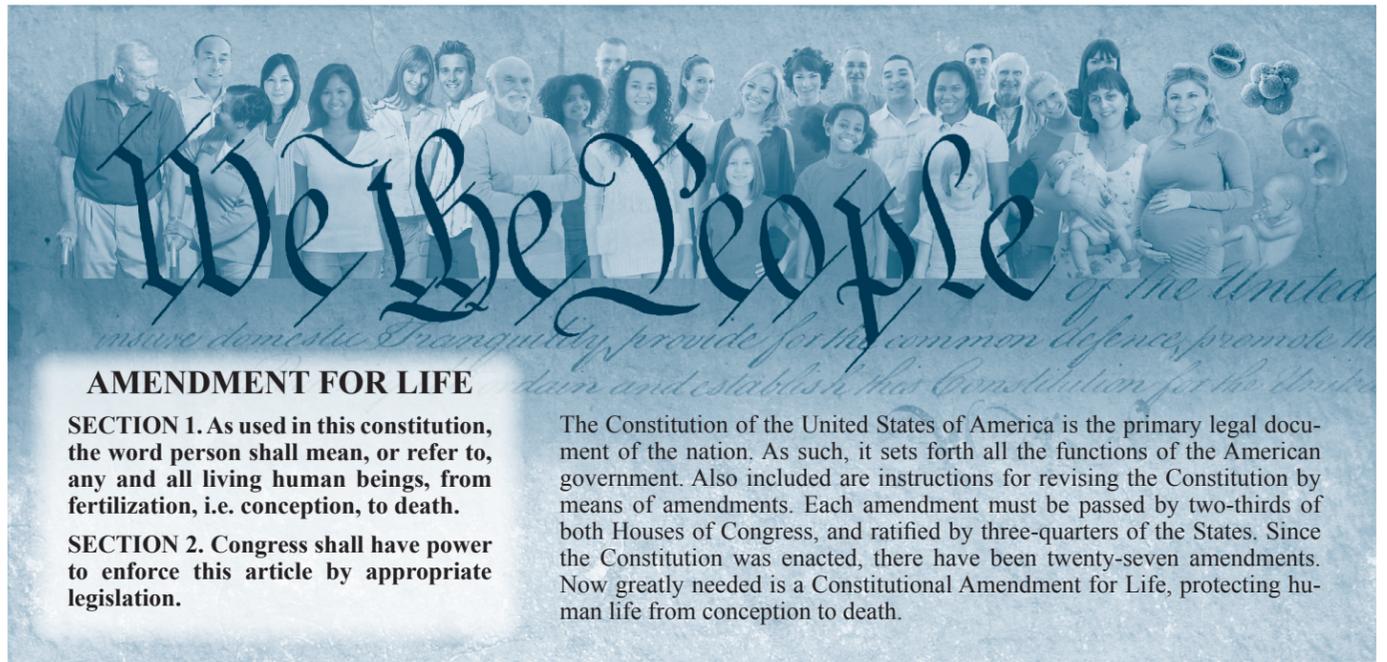
In its instructions regarding Constitutional amendments, the Constitution first requires that the proposed amendment be passed as a law by two-thirds of the legislators in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. This amounts to 290 representatives and 67 senators. The new amendment can be signed by the president, but this signature is not mandatory. After being passed by the federal legislature, the required procedure is to present the amendment to all of the nation's state legislatures. This step is termed ratification. To become an approved amendment to the Constitution, three-fourths of the state legislatures, or 38 states, must pass, or ratify, the amendment by a simple majority vote. At this point, the proposed amendment becomes an official part of the Constitution.

## PROPOSING A NEW AMENDMENT

The Life Amendment has been proposed by Crusade for Life, Inc., a diversified pro-life organization founded in 1970. Having been occupied in a wide variety of pro-life and anti-abortion activities for over four decades, Crusade for Life concluded that legalized abortion in America would never be ended until a Constitutional amendment was passed protecting unborn life from the moment of conception. Accordingly, in 2014 Crusade for Life published a booklet titled "Ending Abortion in America." This booklet proposed a Constitutional amendment based on a Proclamation of Personhood issued in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. (Read President Reagan's full Proclamation of Personhood on page 3)

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# A Constitutional Amendment for Life



## AMENDMENT FOR LIFE

**SECTION 1. As used in this constitution, the word person shall mean, or refer to, any and all living human beings, from fertilization, i.e. conception, to death.**

**SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.**

The Constitution of the United States of America is the primary legal document of the nation. As such, it sets forth all the functions of the American government. Also included are instructions for revising the Constitution by means of amendments. Each amendment must be passed by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and ratified by three-quarters of the States. Since the Constitution was enacted, there have been twenty-seven amendments. Now greatly needed is a Constitutional Amendment for Life, protecting human life from conception to death.

# Ending Abortion In America

## APOCALYPSE NOW

From 1967 when American state laws against abortion were being liberalized, through the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision and beyond, those who respect and love the helpless, innocent unborn child have been fighting back. This brochure addresses the primary issues in this war, which to date has caused at least 60 million casualties.

In this analysis, human life and its enemy abortion are defined, and the current state of abortion in America is summarized. The main bulwark of the defense against abortion, the Pro-life Movement, is carefully assessed. As a potential pro-life contingent, the



Unborn baby at 8 weeks

Christian Church in America is appraised. The work of one of the oldest opponents of abortion in America, Crusade for Life, Inc. is presented. Then the end of the war, the ultimate and complete defeat of abortion in America, is visualized.

## BEGINNING OF HUMAN LIFE

The science of biology tells us that every individual human being begins life at fertilization, or conception. This is the moment when a sperm, which is a cell of the father's body, unites with an ovum, which is a cell of the mother's body; and a completely new cell results. This cell contains genetic material from both the father and the mother, but is a unique human individual with its own DNA. At this point the cell is microscopic, but is complete and has all of the biological potential to develop into an adult human being.

Fertilization takes place in the mother's fallopian tube. Immediately thereafter the newly conceived cell begins to divide and to move down the fallopian tube into the mother's uterus. There the growing pre-embryo implants in the uterine tissue. Then the growing human being goes successively through the stages of pre-embryo, embryo, and fetus. The mother's uterus is the temporary home of the new human being, and after approximately 38 weeks of development the preborn child emerges as a newborn baby.

## WHAT IS ABORTION?

Abortion is the deliberate killing at any stage of development of an unborn human being. The means of destruction is usually a surgical or chemical procedure. The killing of human embryos by any means or for any reason is an abortion. This includes embryos killed during in-vitro fertilization procedures. Further, it is an abortion to kill a fertilized ovum with abortifacient drugs such as the Morning After Pill, the Plan B Pill and some birth control pills. It is also abortion to prevent implantation of the pre-embryo with any device that has been put into the uterus.

The usual purpose for having an abortion is to end an unwanted pregnancy. The legality and ready availability of abortion play an important role in the decision to have one. There are innumerable reasons given for having an abortion, but they all boil down to the inconvenience of the pregnancy seeming to be more important than the life of the unborn child.

## ABORTION PROCEDURES

To abort unborn babies up to 13 weeks of age the usual procedure is Suction Aspiration. The suction is produced by a machine similar to a household vacuum cleaner, but much more powerful. The suction machine is connected by a flexible tube to a firm tube called a curette. The abortionist inserts the curette into the pregnant woman's uterus and turns on the vacuum. The force of the suction tears the baby apart, and the bloody pieces are drawn down to a screen in the suction machine. This is to be sure they got all of the baby's parts. The Suction Aspiration is used in a large majority of surgical abortions.

Other early abortions can be done chemically, using a drug designated RU 486. This drug is usually tolerated by the pregnant woman's body. After the drug has been in the woman's bloodstream for a sufficient period of time, the unborn baby dies. Then another drug is used to induce contractions in the woman's uterus, causing the dead baby to be expelled. This type of abortion does not necessarily have to be done at a clinic. The woman can do it at home personally, and then dispose of the dead baby herself. The RU 486 abortion is supposedly cheaper than Suction Aspiration.

For babies older than 13 weeks an abortion procedure called Dilation and Evacuation is usually employed. Initially the opening to the woman's uterus is widely dilated. Then the abortionist reaches into the uterus with a toothed clamp and grasps a part of the baby's body, usually an arm or a leg. This he tears off and pulls out of the uterus. The abortionist continues this process until the only thing remaining is the baby's head, which is the largest part of the body. The head is then crushed with a special instrument and is removed. In the past the body parts were often thrown into the trash but now they are usually incinerated.

Biblically, abortion is murder. Among the many Bible references to unborn life, Psalm 139 deals with the development of the child in the womb. In this context the psalmist David refers to himself, personally, in his mother's womb. He makes it clear that the unborn being is a living, growing person. One of the chief reasons the Lord led Nebuchadnezzar to destroy Jerusalem was the frequent shedding of innocent blood. Proverbs 24, verses 11 and 12 say: hold back those who are being carried away to death, and don't say you knew nothing about it. This makes clear that it is our Christian duty to protect innocent unborn life.

## ABORTION IN AMERICA

In the 17th and 18th centuries in America, the colonial period, there were few abortions. The Christian ethic was held in high regard, and the abortion procedure was very dangerous. In the 19th century, surgical procedures

were more common, and even though abortion was dangerous it was practiced.

However, the 19th century medical profession was very opposed to abortion and worked to make it illegal. By 1867 every state in the union had a law prohibiting abortion. This legal protection prevailed until 1967, a period of one hundred years. However, the 1960s was a very rebellious era in America, especially at the college and University level. A sexual revolution erupted and many unwanted pregnancies resulted.

In 1967 several of the states liberalized their abortion laws, and abortion began to escalate. A legal suit was filed in the state of Texas, where abortion was still illegal. A pregnant woman was refused an abortion, and the case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. There on January 22, 1973 the court handed down the Roe vs. Wade decision, making abortion legal on demand throughout the United States. Then abortions began increasing exponentially, reaching over a million abortions per year.

## THE POWER OF ROE AND DOE

The Roe vs. Wade decision divides the human gestation period into three trimesters of 13 weeks each. In the first trimester no law may be passed prohibiting a woman from obtaining an abortion. In the second trimester laws may be passed controlling how



Roe vs. Wade Court

abortions can be performed, but not curtailing them. In the third trimester, a law may be passed prohibiting abortion, but not if a woman's health would be adversely affected.

To clarify what health means, the Court in a case named Doe vs. Bolton handed down a decision on the same day as Roe vs. Wade. In the Doe decision health was defined very liberally. In effect, abortion became legal on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy. At an estimated 1.5 million abortions per year in America, the cumulative total is equal to a fifth of the whole American population, and still counting.

## AMERICA'S ABORTION LIFESTYLE

Now in the 21st century abortion is affecting everything in the American culture. Before abortion was legal and available, women were less willing to engage in unmarried sex. They were also less willing to be divorced. As a pregnancy proceeds a woman may very well have financial difficulties. In the past, having a husband to support her was an important part of a woman's comfort zone. Today abortion offers a way out of an inconvenient pregnancy.

As a consequence of this way out, divorce has become ubiquitous. Further, cohabitation has become extremely common and a

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The essence of the Proclamation is recognizing the unborn human being as a person throughout pregnancy. When so recognized, existing Amendments 5 and 14 will protect the life of the unborn child. Amendment 5 says "No person shall be deprived of life without due process of the laws," and Amendment 14 says "No state shall deprive any person of life without due process of the laws." Crusade for Life's proposed amendment offers the text "As used in this Constitution, the word person shall mean and refer to any and all living human beings from fertilization (conception) to death." Appropriately, this proposed text is referred to as the "Constitutional Life Amendment."

Crusade for Life believes that the proposed amendment is a logical forward step legally, because scientifically the unborn being is merely at the earliest stage of biological development. Since the word "person" simply means "human being," it should and does apply to human life at every stage of development. So, an amendment that corrects this grievous error can be seen to be logical, reasonable, and scientific. What lies before our country is the urgent question, how can the Life Amendment be attained? This will be the next endeavor in this presentation.

### CLOSING THE LOOP

Getting a two-thirds majority of the federal legislature to pass the Life Amendment is the first challenge to the Amendment program. In order to accomplish this, our entire nation must be made aware that an amendment is being sought. This information necessarily comes from America's media. This includes newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, and the internet media sources. This looks overwhelming, but it is possible by starting with a determination to succeed.

One option is to get an individual who is known to the entire nation to take a significant interest in the amendment concept. By staging an event that features this individual, the media will be drawn into the issue. Once the media is involved, and people hear about the amendment, they are likely to look for a website that gives them more information. Such a website has been created by Crusade for Life. The website is titled [www.lifeamendment.org](http://www.lifeamendment.org). By this means the amendment concept will spread widely.

A primary issue is getting the federal legislature to introduce a Life Amendment. Once the bill has been introduced, efforts can be made to bring the bill to a high level of acceptance. The answer is for pro-life citizens to contact their federal representatives and senators, encouraging them to sponsor the amendment. The citizens have power because the legislators need their votes to remain in office. As for the message that the citizens convey to their representatives and senators, this can be obtained from [www.lifeamendment.org](http://www.lifeamendment.org), which includes the addresses and phone numbers of the legislators.

Once the Life Amendment bill has been passed by the federal legislature, it must also be passed or ratified, by three-fourths of the states. Being passed in this manner means approved by a simple majority vote. After successful completion of this process by the states, the amendment becomes a part of the Constitution.

Obviously, ratification is an extensive and complex process. To be successful, the states have to be conditioned to the amendment concept. This is done by the same media effort previously discussed. However, internet communications become extremely important. The ability of the internet to reach every community in America justifies special efforts with this medium. Basically, the amendment website can reach everyone in America. To do this, a special process can be employed.

### USING THE INTERNET

The Life Amendment has every good thing to offer, but to do its job it must be enconced in America's internet information system. The first step was to establish an informative website. This website provides data on ending abortion, on the amendment rationale, on the amendment benefits, and on achieving the amendment. Then the amendment must be projected by an exponential outreach. This will get the amendment message out to virtually everyone in America in a relatively short period of time. Here is how the exponential projection can be employed.

The objective of the Communications Program is to distribute information on the Constitutional Life Amendment Program through the length and breadth of America. The principle for doing this is to use exponential techniques to increase the speed and depth with which the process can be carried out.

The latest Gallup Poll reveals that over half of the American public is pro-life. To reach this critical group, basic Life Amendment data must be taken from the website and forwarded to at least two other people. In turn, each of these citizens must forward the data to at least two more persons, and so on. The end result of this exponential process is that every individual in America can be approached.

While this is theoretically true, many people who receive the Life Amendment information may fail to forward it. The answer to this is the process should be used repeatedly, and backed up by other communication processes. Some of this will be mailing programs, advertisements, and press releases. Nonetheless, the exponential forwarding will reach an enormous number of citizens, and should be counted on as a fundamental communications approach.

### OTHER CRITICAL FACTORS

In achieving a Life Amendment, it is essential to follow the leading of the Holy Scriptures. As Chronicles 7:14 says "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." In today's culture, who are "my people"? Christians and the church are now God's special people. How do we turn from our wicked ways? We as a nation must make the killing of the unborn, innocent child illegal. Is God interested in nations today? Yes, but it is up to his people, us, to work to make our nation righteous.

All churches of America, Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and Evangelical, must be the voice of righteousness in our nation. We are a Republic and as such are a nation of laws that are put in place by elected representatives. The pastors and those attending church have a responsibility to elect the very best people to office. Here are the steps needed:

- 1 Make sure every qualified adult member is registered to vote.
- 2 Make sure they understand the issues.
- 3 Inform them of candidates' positions on these issues.
- 4 Encourage everyone to vote.
- 5 And encourage some to run for office themselves.

### BLESS THE LORD

Above all, be diligent in prayer. We believe the Lord wants a Life Amendment, and will bless our efforts to achieve it. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus said, "And I will be with you to the end of the age."

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great many babies are conceived out of wedlock. Teen couples are free to experiment with sex, and if a teen girl gets pregnant, she can obtain an abortion very easily. The overall effect of this moral decline has been devastating. For women of childbearing age in America, one out of three has had one or more abortions. Also, one out of every three unborn babies is killed by abortion.

Abortion has seriously impacted the American economy. Having fewer workers reduces the nation's gross domestic product. The average age of the population is increasing, resulting in more people drawing social security and less people paying into it. Tax revenues also decline, and are insufficient to support government programs. This in turn leads to deficit spending and to an overwhelming national debt, now in excess of 17 trillion dollars. The only practical answer to a dwindling birthrate is immigration, and this leads to a range of difficult problems.

### ABORTION AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

In the 19th century, the practice of medicine was a true profession. It afforded the doctor a livelihood, but the practice itself was a moral trust. When a student graduated from medical school, it was customary to sign a version of the Hippocratic Oath. The oath expressed high moral values and listed unethical practices. Prominent among these was abortion and euthanasia. The fundamental purpose for being a physician was to heal, do no harm, and uplift mankind.

In the 21st century abortion is an accepted part of medical practice. Virtually all doctors are taught how to commit an abortion. Currently the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ACOG, promotes advanced abortion procedures. The fact that every abortion kills an innocent human being is not considered relevant. Abortion is legal, and is thought to be a woman's natural right. Relatively few doctors specialize in abortion but doctors in general do not object to the practice.

### THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

The Pro-life Movement is an extensive network of individuals, groups, and organizations that are working to save the unborn babies of America. Some of these entities are confronting abortion right at the clinics. Others are helping pregnant women to go through with their pregnancies. Certain groups are teaching women, men, and young



March for Life, Washington, DC

people the details and dangers of the abortion procedures. Still others are occupied with enacting laws that control abortions. Included are information specialists who are producing and distributing Pro-life literature, videos and films. One large organization has affiliates in every state of the union.

The overarching purpose of the Pro-life Movement is to restore to America certain foundational principles such as the unalienable right to life propounded in the Declaration of Independence. Another is to apply to the unborn the constitutional provisions that offer protection to persons. Finally, the Pro-life Movement desires to reaffirm the scientific truth that every individual human life begins at fertilization.

### PREGNANCY HELP

In the United States there are several thousand pregnancy help centers. Some are actually pregnancy help clinics, in that they use ultrasound equipment to visualize the unborn child. Unfortunately, women with an unwanted pregnancy are not required to go to a pregnancy help center. If a woman thinks she may be pregnant, she can get a pregnancy test kit at a local drugstore. If the test is positive, she can go to a pregnancy help center or to an abortion clinic. The unpleasant truth is that most women with an unwanted pregnancy go to an abortion clinic. Abortion is legal, and many people think

it is also moral.

At the abortion clinic a pregnant woman may meet a sidewalk counselor. These pro-life activists approach pregnant women and attempt to convince them not to abort their babies. Regrettably, very few women change their minds or even want to speak with a counselor. As vital as pregnancy help centers and sidewalk counselors are, only a small percentage of the unborn babies are saved from abortion.

In most large urban areas there are women's shelters and maternity homes. They are able to arrange care for pregnant women and their babies. But again, the number of these facilities is very small relative to the need for them. Further, women with unwanted pregnancies may not wish to go to a maternity home. What is clearly needed is effective means for dealing with the pregnancy issue before an unwanted pregnancy occurs.

### PREVENTING UNWANTED PREGNANCY

Unwanted pregnancy can be approached from both a moral and a psychological basis. Women of childbearing age in America live in a variety of styles. Some of them may be Christians who attend church, while others will be women who lead completely secular lives. Statistically both groups have about the same rate of abortion. For church-going Christians, approaching abortion from a biblical perspective may be effective. A great deal depends on the way the church handles the subject. However, both groups of women will respond to the inhumane cruelty and brutality of abortion. This is a matter of compassion. So the psychological approach to controlling unwanted pregnancy has great value in all applications. The psychological factor hinges on learning what abortion really is and what it does to the child and to the parents. Some pro-life organizations offer educational assistance through conferences and seminars. Others provide films, videos, books, articles and brochures. These communications tools are ideal for use in both churches and public locations. A known factor is that there are graphic materials and films so effective that women exposed to them will be very unlikely ever to have an abortion.

### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND ABORTION

It is clear from the foregoing analysis that the biblically oriented Christian church should be a bulwark of strength against the practice of abortion in America. This being the case, why is abortion running rampant in the nation? To answer this question it is essential to examine the Christian church in America in the 20th and 21st centuries.

At the beginning of the 20th century almost 90 percent of the American population was affiliated with a Christian denomination. Today, of the total population, 47 percent is Protestant, 21 percent is Roman Catholic, and one percent is Orthodox. All other faiths amount to one percent of the total. The remaining 30 percent of the population has no church affiliation. In the past one hundred years, the unaffiliated group has almost tripled in size and is steadily growing larger.

The official position of the Roman Catholic Church on abortion has not changed. Over the millennia the Catholic Church has consistently been against abortion. Today the church speaks out against abortion, and cooperates with those seeking to end abortion. However, in the current era not all the people affiliated with the Catholic Church are practicing Catholics. That is, they are not following all the rules. Many are using artificial contraception, and a significant number of Catholic women have had abortions.

The Protestant churches in the 20th century were either conservative or liberal. The liberal denominations, such as United Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Episcopalian have tended to be permissive on abortion and other social issues. By contrast, the conservative churches were against moral permissiveness. In the mid-20th century, the popularity of independent evangelists such as Billy Graham induced many of the conservative churches to focus on evangelism. Now virtually all of these churches have become evangelical churches. In doing so they assumed a theological position known as pietism.

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## WHAT IS PIETISM?

Pietism as a theological movement goes back to the 17th century. Today pietism is best understood as the division of reality into two components, the spiritual and the secular. Evangelicalism considers its domain to be the spiritual one, and the secular one to be society's domain. The evangelical church feels that it is responsible for leading people to Jesus Christ, and for worship, prayer, personal growth, and Christian fellowship. But the evangelical church does not feel that it is responsible for the social order. It feels that this is society's realm, and that change is accomplished through economics, law, and government.

The evangelical churches do feel some responsibility to feed, clothe, and shelter the needy, and to visit the sick. Missionary activity is also in its realm. But the pulpit is not required to address the human condition in general. Issues such as abortion, divorce, cohabitation, teen sexuality, euthanasia, and gay relationships have a secular status. The evangelical churches are against these evils, but consider them to be part of the fallen world. As a result, the pulpit confines itself to Christian confession and personal spiritual growth. Thus there is silence in evangelicalism on the subject of abortion.

## AMERICA'S MORALITY

As a result of evangelicalism's pietism, the church is not formulating the country's morality. Jesus definitely expects his church to establish society's moral values. The Gates of Hell are not supposed to prevail against Christ's Church. But in America today, the major moral forces are secular colleges and universities, the entertainment industry, the media, and the U.S. Supreme Court. To deal with these forces it is necessary to completely reject pietism.

The true biblical position is that all reality is spiritual in nature. There is only one domain not two. All existence derives from God's unique creative powers and all of human life must be addressed accordingly. In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verses 18, 19 and 20, the resurrected Jesus gives final instructions to his apostles. They are to make disciples of all nations, and teach them everything that Jesus commanded.

Jesus' instructions are the authentic source of the moral authority that is in the hands of pastors today. The pastors of America must courageously teach sin and repentance, and urge their disciples to move out against sin. If the pulpits ignore this essential duty, the entire society becomes submerged in sin. And this is exactly where America is today.

Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer, the greatest theologian and Christian philosopher of the 20th century, was very concerned about the effects of pietism in the evangelical church. He explains these concerns in his books, *A Christian Manifesto*, 1981, and *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, 1983. Both books are highly recommended for an understanding of the spiritual basis of the Pro-life Movement in America.

## ENTER CRUSADE FOR LIFE

Since 1970 Crusade for Life, one of the oldest pro-life ministries in America, has been a part of the Pro-life Movement. Now a tax-exempt charitable corporation, this conservative Christian organization has contributed in many ways to the forward pace of the pro-life cause in the nation. Crusade for Life's basic goal is to have every American understand what abortion is, how it came into American society, what it has done to the country, and how it can be eliminated forever.

## CRUSADE FOR LIFE'S CREDENTIALS

Crusade for Life, Inc. specializes in pro-life information, education, and communications. Among its many accomplishments are conferences, seminars, task forces, media articles, and brochures. In a close working relationship with a Christian filmmaker, American Portrait Films, Crusade for Life obtained exclusive rights to several of the most important pro-life films ever produced. The first of the films in Crusade for Life's portfolio is *Assignment: Life*. This film makes a complete survey of the abortion business in America. A second film, *Conceived in Liberty*, exposes the abortion conspiracy in America.

A third film, *The Silent Scream*, shows a first trimester abortion on an ultrasound screen. The details are explained by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, an ex-abortionist who in New York City had managed the largest abortion clinic in the world. This film was released to America at a White House press-conference. The abortion

procedure depicted in the film is done today in exactly the same way. Available in more than seven languages, this film has become the most viewed piece of pro-life information in the world.

To help pregnant women better understand their situation, Crusade for Life offers a film titled, *Your Crisis Pregnancy*. This film, introduced by Dr. James Dobson, shows that there is love and help for pregnant women who are in difficult circumstances. Backing up the films is a brochure titled *What Every Christian Needs to Know About Abortion*. To expose the practice of physician-assisted suicide, or euthanasia, Crusade for Life offers the film, *The Right to Kill*.

## SPECIAL CHURCH TASK FORCE

To help America's churches deal with the abortion problem, Crusade for Life sponsored a special Church Task Force. This effort focused on the production of a short film titled *Dear Pastor...* This film features an aggrieved young woman writing to her pastor about her abortion. The film speaks to pastors about the abortions taking place in their congregations, and urges them to preach consistently against abortion.

As a further aid to America's pastors, the Church Task Force developed a comprehensive website covering every aspect of the abortion issue in America. The address for this site is [www.pastorsprolife.org](http://www.pastorsprolife.org). While the website was basically created for pastors, it includes a special section for church members. With this information, the members can help their pastors present the pro-life position.

To strengthen the Pro-life Movement, a pro-life novel was published in 2010. Titled *INNOCENT BLOOD America's Final Trial*, this imaginative work visualizes how abortion in America might be brought to a complete and final end. The author, Donald S. Smith, LL.D., is also the producer of *The Silent Scream* film, and the founder of Crusade for Life, Inc.

## WHAT CRUSADE FOR LIFE STANDS FOR

Crusade for Life sees the pro-life cause

as a combination of immediate needs and ultimate requirements. In the near-zone, Crusade for Life is working to stop the act of abortion. This is done most efficiently by reaching women and their men before an unwanted pregnancy occurs. The most effective means for this is exposing women and men to our films and brochures. Also in the near-zone is encouraging Christian churches to become actively involved in the Pro-life Movement. If pastors agree to preach consistently against abortion from the pulpit, the effects would be prompt and dramatic.

In the long range, abortion in America must once again be made illegal. There is no direct Constitutional provision for overturning a U.S. Supreme Court decision. The Court could conceivably rehear *Roe vs. Wade*, but it has already done so, and has upheld its original decision. The only way to by-pass the Court is to enact a Constitutional amendment against abortion. Crusade for Life believes that the Pro-life Movement should be working on this amendment now.

## MAKING ABORTION IN AMERICA ILLEGAL

President Ronald Reagan signed a Proclamation in 1988, recognizing the unborn child as a person from the time of conception. Crusade for Life recommends that the Pro-life Movement accept this valuable beginning and move forward. The efficacy of a Constitutional amendment is illustrated by the end of slavery in America.

Slavery in America was not ended by the Civil War. The door was opened by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, but another vital step was required. This step was an amendment to America's federal Constitution. Through the tireless energies of several dedicated legislators, the amendment bill passed in Congress and was ratified by the necessary number of states. In 1865 Amendment 13 was added to the Constitution, and slavery in America was ended forever.

In the abortion issue, a critical concern is whether the unborn child is considered a person. The Constitutional importance of this question is that both the 5th and 14th amendments say that no person may be deprived of life without due process of the laws. In other words, no one in America can be killed arbitrarily. But this is what is happening to millions of unborn children. President Reagan's Proclamation establishes the unborn child as a person from the time of conception. Crusade for Life urges the whole Pro-life Movement to use the Proclamation as the foundation for the amendment that ends abortion.



### By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

America has given a great gift to the world, a gift that drew upon the accumulated wisdom derived from centuries of experiments in self-government, a gift that has irrevocably changed humanity's future. Our gift is twofold: the declaration, as a cardinal principle of all just law, of the God-given, unalienable rights possessed by every human being; and the example of our determination to secure those rights and to defend them against every challenge through the generations. Our declaration and defense of our rights have made us and kept us free and have sent a tide of hope and inspiration around the globe.

One of those unalienable rights, as the Declaration of Independence affirms so eloquently, is the right to life. In the 15 years since the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, however, America's unborn have been denied their right to life. Among the tragic and unspeakable results in the past decade and a half have been the loss of life of 22 million infants before birth; the pressure and anguish of countless women and girls who are driven to

abortion; and a cheapening of our respect for the human person and the sanctity of human life.

We are told that we may not interfere with abortion. We are told that we may not "impose our morality" on those who wish to allow or participate in the taking of the life of infants before birth; yet no one calls it "imposing morality" to prohibit the taking of life after people are born. We are told as well that there exists a "right" to end the lives of unborn children; yet no one can explain how such a right can exist in stark contradiction of each person's fundamental right to life.

That right to life belongs equally to babies in the womb, babies born handicapped, and the elderly or infirm. That we have killed the unborn for 15 years does not nullify this right, nor could any number of killings ever do so. The unalienable right to life is found not only in the Declaration of Independence but also in the Constitution that every President is sworn to preserve, protect, and defend. Both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law.

All medical and scientific evidence increasingly affirms that children before birth share all the basic attributes of human personality — that they in fact are persons. Modern medicine treats unborn children as patients. Yet, as the Supreme Court itself has noted, the decision in *Roe v. Wade* rested upon an earlier state of medical technology. The law of the land in 1988 should recognize all of the medical evidence.

Our nation cannot continue down the path of abortion, so radically at odds with our history, our heritage, and our concepts of justice. This sacred legacy, and the well-being and the future of our country, demand that protection of the innocents must be guaranteed and that the personhood of the unborn be declared and defended throughout our land. In legislation introduced at my re-

quest in the First Session of the 100th Congress, I have asked the Legislative branch to declare the "humanity of the unborn child and the compelling interest of the several states to protect the life of each person before birth." This duty to declare on so fundamental a matter falls to the Executive as well. By this Proclamation I hereby do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare the unalienable personhood of every American, from the moment of conception until natural death, and I do proclaim, ordain, and declare that I will take care that the Constitution and laws of the United States are faithfully executed for the protection of America's unborn children. Upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God. I also proclaim Sunday, January 17, 1988, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather on that day in their homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life they enjoy and to reaffirm their commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of every human life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

Ronald Reagan

Crusade for Life fully accepts the Proclamation President Ronald Reagan signed in 1988, and urges the whole Pro-life Movement to join us.

# How The Life Amendment Benefits America

## WHY AN AMENDMENT?

For 100 years prior to 1967, every state in the Union had a law against abortion. Because of a sexual revolution in the 1960s, unwanted pregnancies greatly increased, and there was a nationwide demand for legal abortion. Because of social pressure, legislators responded, and in 1967 several states passed laws liberalizing abortion.

A number of Catholic individuals and their Churches moved out against abortion. The Protestant Church had already accepted the separation of church and state, and tended to stay aloof from "social issues". However, most liberal Protestant denominations actively accepted abortion.

At the state level, many citizens fought to prevent their state from liberalizing abortion. As several states voted to make abortion legal, the conflict became extreme. In the middle of this battle, the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1973, handed down two abortion decisions, known respectively as *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. These decisions authorized abortion, for any reason, throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

Since that time social conservatives have tried to overturn the Court's decisions. Some laws have been passed at the state level, controlling when and how abortions may be done, but the effects have been limited. Despite everything that has been done or attempted, over 60 million innocent unborn human beings have been killed by abortion.

Above and beyond this, abortion has affected every activity in American life. Negative impact is being felt in personal lives, family life, youth activities, communities, immigration, cultural affairs, and in the national economy. In short, abortion is destroying America.

The only answer to this devastation is a Constitutional Amendment for Life. Only an Amendment can override the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions. Only an Amendment can protect the lives of every innocent unborn child. It is the purpose of this brochure to express the many outstanding benefits the Amendment will bring to our needy nation.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The enactment of a Constitutional Amendment for Life will make profound and far-reaching changes in the American way of life. The changes will begin in the foundational principles of our country, and will reach to the present moment and beyond. Every American life will be touched, and every American institution will be impacted. It will be the beginning of a new American era.

## DECLARATION RESTORED

The United States of America was founded in 1776 by the Declaration of Independence. The most important statement in the Declaration is "all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and among these is life."

The word "men" in the Declaration means mankind, or humanity, and encompasses men, women, boys, girls, and all children, born and unborn. This meaning is consistent with the science of biology, in which the term "men" refers to our species "Homo Sapiens". In this context the life of every individual begins at fertilization, or conception. The Declaration thus affirms that every human being has the same value to God, and the same position before the law.

Despite the clarity of the Declaration, backed as it is by science, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the *Roe* and *Doe* Decisions, stripping away the full humanity of the unborn being. Because the Constitutional Amendment for Life restores the Declaration to its original intentions, a key truth emerges. We are assured that every human life, born or unborn, has the same standing and worth in America. This is irrespective of sex, race, age, condition of health, physical or mental abilities, or economic status.

## ABORTION IS OVER

Legal abortion, as the deliberate killing of unborn human beings, will be over forever in America. Also gone will be its drastic affects on parental lives and on social behavior. To appreciate this statement, one must realize that abortion is the most offen-

sive and destructive evil ever to be legalized in America. In addition to the irreplaceable unborn lives, abortion has left innumerable women in a state of emotional crisis, from which they will never recover. But with the Amendment firmly in place, these emotional affects will disappear.

The impact of the Constitutional Amendment for Life will be so beneficial that America will become almost a different country. To start with, all the abortion clinics will close their doors. Furthermore, drugs such as RU 486, used to end unborn lives chemically, will no longer be available. In addition, drugs that kill newly conceived human beings, such as the widely used "morning after pill", will be unavailable.

## THE NEW UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The implications of having over a million more citizens every year in America are awesome. These lives will be above and beyond those already existing. Looking ahead 20 years, the entire population curve of the nation will change. There will be 20 million additional people, none of whom will be older than 20 years of age. The average age will be correspondingly lower, and every feature of American life will rebalance accordingly. As the decades proceed, the positive affects will be even more far reaching.

The new lives saved from abortion are destined to become the fathers and the mothers of America. They will also be the workers and the tax payers and the defenders of the country, as necessary. Social, cultural, and economic problems that now seem unsolvable will yield to the energy and potential of a restored population. A natural outcome of this American "resurrection" will be cultural leadership of the entire world.

## A RENEWED ECONOMY

Abortion has resulted in a very serious shortage of job-workers and tax payers. This lack has had to be remedied by disastrous government borrowing. Furthermore, paid-in Social Security funds have been appropriated by Congress, and replaced with government bonds. All this, plus the sale of hundreds of billions of dollars in bonds in the USA and abroad, adds up to a national debt in excess of 18 trillion dollars. Technically, our country is "broke". If a deep recession occurs, the American economy could literally collapse.

When abortion is ended, America will have millions of new citizens, who in several decades will boost government revenues greatly. This will be by paid-in taxes on personal and corporate income, as well as by Social Security payments. The present debt-oriented economic crisis will be changed to a balanced national budget. Finally, a greatly increased Gross Domestic Product will result in general economic prosperity.

## MARRIAGE WILL RETURN

At the present time in America, more couples are cohabiting than are getting married. In a companionate relationship, couples can break up without getting a divorce. Before abortion was legal, women preferred being married. If they became pregnant, they had a husband to take care of them. With cohabitation, if the woman has an unwanted pregnancy, or if her companion leaves her, she could resort to the evil of abortion. But, under the Amendment for Life abortion will be legally ended. As a consequence, marriage will come back into favor as the intimate relationship between men and women.

## THE FAMILY WILL RETURN

Families, consisting of one man, one woman, and their children, should be the basic building blocks of society. At this juncture in America, the family has degenerated into any group of people, and abortion has kept it that way. But under the Amendment for Life, the classical family will once again become the foundation of society, and family life will blossom.

The restoration of the family will have far-reaching affects on the raising of children, on education, on culture, and on entertainment. Moral values will be uplifted and crime will be diminished. Politics will also be affected, because human life will become an important consideration in legislative decisions. Law itself will gradually change, because the rudimental rights of unborn human beings can no longer be neglected.

The renewal of basic family life will have a profound affect on the entire country. Families make up communities, communities make up cities, cities make up states, and states make up the nation. Emotional and physical stability in the basic family will result in a country that reflects these qualities generally. When the Constitutional Amendment for Life is enacted, the long-range changes will begin to take place.

## THE CHURCH WILL HAVE REVIVAL

The Church of Jesus Christ, or the Body of Christ, is the sum of all those who truly believe that Jesus is the Savior and the Son of the Living God. These believers consider the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible to be the inerrant Word of the Almighty God. For many years, and presently, the main components of the Body of Christ are the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, and the Protestant Church. They all worship the same Christ, and believe in exactly the same Trinity.

In practical action, the Word of God becomes the Biblical Worldview. It was in this worldview that the Constitution of the United States of America was created. In the Constitution, there is no valid separation of church and state into separate identities. The First Amendment to the Constitution establishes that America shall have no specific "state church", that is, no official church denomination. However, the First Amendment makes it clear that religion in America is encouraged. Therefore, churches that accept the separation of church and state are not Constitutional or biblical on this point, and should carefully rethink their position.

As work goes forward to achieve a Constitutional Amendment for Life, the churches in America will be drawn into the battle. Because they have everything to gain by being involved, the churches will become the major proponents of the Constitutional Amendment for Life. The Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches will work together to this end. In so doing, the Lord will anoint the church anew, and bring untold thousands to salvation, and to works that glorify The Lord Jesus Christ. Thus the Amendment for Life will usher in a great revival, and a new era of peace and prosperity in America.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

America was established on the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, given to every human being by the Great Creator. These rights, plus the faith, work, and lives of the American people, resulted in the greatest nation ever to be founded on the earth. And God abundantly blessed the growth of this great nation.

But God cannot bless evil, and since abortion was legalized in 1967, America has struggled with one major problem after another. The social, cultural, economic, and national security issues have become almost overwhelming. Where is the blessing that has pursued our country since its beginning?

This brochure spells out the many benefits which will accompany the enactment of a Constitutional Amendment for Life. If we bless God by achieving the Amendment, God will open the Windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing on America which the cynical world will watch with incredulity. The blessing will be second only to the return of Jesus Christ himself.

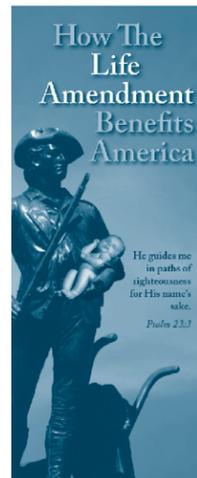
Now we call out to everyone who wants this blessing, to get busy calling for a Constitutional Amendment for Life. This brochure is the opening move, and is available to all who want it. God Bless America.

## ENDING ABORTION IN AMERICA



A summary of the pro-life movement, and a call for a Constitutional Life Amendment.

## HOW THE LIFE AMENDMENT BENEFITS AMERICA



A description of the many important ways that the Life Amendment will improve the American culture and life style.

## ACHIEVING THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE AMENDMENT



The political procedure America must go through to enact the Constitutional Life Amendment.

## JESUS IN AMERICA Awakening the Evangelical Church



A critique of the Church in America and its responsibility in regard to abortion.

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