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"Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!"

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The Trump Train Rolls Through Indiana and Across the Country

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

onald Trump was expected to win Indiana but not by a 20 percentage margin! He defeated Hilary Clinton 57 to 37 percent in what created a coattail effect that helped pull Republicans to victory all across the state whether at the State House or the Court House. The heavy voter turn out helped Donald Trump, and many of those voters were first time voters. This carried over to other races and helped Todd Young and Eric Holcomb.

While the Trump victory came as a surprise to the major media, those of us who worked on this election campaign felt there was something coming and we just did not know how far reaching it was going to be. The Trump Train ran full steam through Indiana as Donald Trump helped pro-life Todd Young win the Senate seat, defeating pro-abortion Evan Bayh by 11 points in what was supposed to be a tight race. Donald Trump also helped pro-life Eric Holcomb defeat pro-abortion John Gregg to keep the Indiana governor's office in the pro-life column. This may go down as the biggest pro-life election victory since the pro-life movement came into existence in 1978. It was a 100 percent pro-life sweep in all of the major offices here in Indiana.

SENATE RACE



In the Senate race Todd Young found himself down by 24 points when Evan Bayh jumped into the race back in the summer, but it did not take long for Young to start cutting into that lead; and just the weekend before the election, pundits were saying that just maybe Young could win this race. Young defeated Bayh by a 52-42%

margin, something that no one would have predicted. Young had a hard fought primary and was in the lead when his Demo-



cratic opponent Baron Hill pulled out of the race and Evan Bayh stepped in hoping to tip the U.S. Senate to the Democrats' favor. But that did not happen. Todd Young trailed Bayh in every poll until the last poll before the election when some media experts were saying Young had a chance to defeat Bayh. That was the only poll that gave Young a chance to win. Bayh voted to pass Obamacare and has pledged to support continued government funding of abortion. This win was instrumental in pro-life Republicans keeping control of the U.S. Senate. Young is pro-life, acknowledging that life begins at conception, and advocating for adoption. As a lawyer, Young and his wife provided adoption-related legal services free-of-charge to any couple trying to adopt, and has served on the board of a non-profit crisis pregnancy center focusing on adoption as an alternative to abortion. Young also serves as a member of the Indiana House Adoption

Caucus, the group working to raise awareness of adoption and foster parent opportunities in Indiana. The Republicans control the senate by a 51-47 margin with one state to have a run-off in early December. The Republicans could very well win that state too!

GOVERNOR'S RACE



In the race for governor, what a ride for Eric Holcomb, who first ran for U.S. Senate and dropped out in the spring to take the Lt. Governor's job after Susan Ellspermann took another job as President of Ivy Tech. Then in July Governor Mike Pence was selected to be Trump's vice president and he had to resign as governor. Holcomb was then se-

lected by the Republican Party to run against the former speaker of the Indiana House John Gregg for the governor's office. Holcomb then selected pro-life Suzanne Crouch as his running mate as Lt. Governor. Holcomb started with very little money and very late in the campaign and was down in all the polls from the very beginning of his campaign. The so-called experts were saying that Holcomb would not defeat John Gregg. I don't think I heard one pollster or news commentator predict that Holcomb would come out on top. Well, the so-called experts never saw the Trump Train coming and now Eric Holcomb is the Governor-Elect.

"The Right to Life community has full confidence the Holcomb and Crouch team will continue the many pro-life policies enacted by the Daniels and Pence administrations. We believe they will work closely with the pro-life leadership of the Indiana House and Senate," stated Mike Fichter, Chairman of the Indiana Right to Life PAC, in October.

"The abortion rate has decreased for seven consecutive years and several abortion facilities have closed their doors in recent years. We look forward to working with our future governor, Eric Holcomb, to ensure all Hoosier children are given birthdays," he said.

RACE FOR INDIANA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Trump also helped many other pro-life candidates into the win column, and one of the biggest upsets of the night was the race for Superintendent of Public Instruction as pro-life Jennifer McCormick beat out Glenda Ritz. Ritz, who was the darling of the Indiana State Teachers Association, won an upset bid four years ago against a well-funded Tony Bennett. This time was payback as McCormick, who was underfunded, beat out Ritz, who had all the money betting on her chances. No one gave McCormick a chance to win except McCormick herself, and she admitted that money does not win campaigns here in Indiana. McCormick had supported the pro-life viewpoint while Ritz did not answer the RTL survey and many wondered if she followed the Democratic playbook by supporting abortion on demand. Four years ago after Ritz won the election, on stage at the victory rally there were executives of Planned Parenthood of Indiana; and that says a lot about who was behind her campaign. Planned Parenthood tries to get into the schools to promote their liberal sex education programs. The Indiana State Teachers Union has always supported pro-abortion Candidates for various elected offices here in Indiana.

OTHER RACES: INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL, U.S. CONGRESS, STATE REPRESENTATIVES

In the race for Indiana Attorney General, Republican pro-lifer Curtis Hill won easily over Lorenzo Arrendondo. Arrendondo did not respond to the RTL survey while Hill did respond and was endorsed by IRTL PAC. In the 8th District Congressional race pro-life Congressman Larry Bucshon easily won re-election over Ron Drake. In the State Representative races, District 63 pro-life Mike Braun won over Andrea Hulsman and in District 62 Jeff Ellington won over Steve Lindsey. Both Ellington and Lindsey were pro-life. State Representative Bruce Border in District 45 and Thomas Washburne were unopposed in his re-election bid. Both men are pro-life.

A Special Thank You to All Pro-Life Voters By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

While this election victory of pro-life candidates came as a surprise to the major media, those of us who have worked on this election knew something was coming and we could feel it but did not realize just how big it was. The Trump Train also ran full steam ahead here in Indiana as Trump helped many pro-life candidates to victory. Among them was pro-life Todd Young who won the U.S. Senate seat and it also helped Eric Holcomb keep the governor's office in the pro-life column. Trump's victory also helped many other pro-life elected legislators to upset wins. This may go down as the biggest pro-life election victory in Indiana and across the country since the pro-life movement came into existence in 1978.

I want to personally thank all the pro-life voters and those

individuals who helped in any way in this historic victory. This does not mean that abortion will be illegal in January of 2017 when President-Elect Donald Trump takes office, but this may be a start. The U.S. Senate will still have Democrats that will filibuster pro-life appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court or anything the Republicans will try to do, but there is hope something can be done. The major item is that U.S. Supreme Court appointments and appointments to other federal courts will now be made by a pro-life president and not by a pro-abortion Hilary Clinton. This is a start and it is truly a great day, and now is the time to roll up our sleeves and go to work. Thanks to all for everything you have done to help in this historic victory.

God bless America!

Indiana Makes History with Sweeping Pro-Life Victories by Mike Fichter

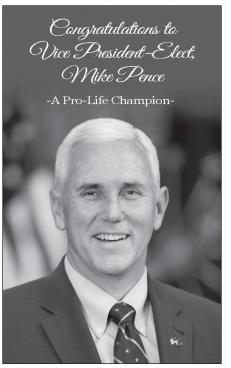
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. - Indiana Right to Life today applauds Hoosier voters for bringing about sweeping pro-life victories of historic proportions across Indiana last night. Statewide victories include Todd Young defeating Evan Bayh for the U.S. Senate, Eric Holcomb defeating John Gregg for governor, and Curtis Hill winning the Indiana attorney general's office. Seven of Indiana's nine congressional seats also stay in solid pro-life hands with the election of congressional newcomers Jim Banks and Trey Hollingsworth. Indiana's House and Senate also retain large pro-life majorities.

Indiana's pro-life groundswell is capped by the election of Governor Mike Pence to serve as vice-president of the United States. Pence has signed numerous life-affirming bills as governor, including the historic Dignity for the Unborn Act earlier this year granting civil rights protections for unborn children. The law prohibits the abortion of

an unborn child based solely on sex, race, national origin, disability or Down syndrome.

"We have just witnessed an historic groundswell of pro-life support in Indiana," states Indiana Right to Life President Mike Fichter. "Indiana can be proud of the pro-life leaders we have elected, and we are especially honored that Indiana's Mike Pence will now serve in the second most powerful office in the land."

Many Indiana races featured stark contrasts on life issues,



including the Bayh-Young race in which Indiana Right to Life highlighted Bayh's pro-abortion track record that included a gubernatorial veto of informed consent and a Senate vote of support for Roe vs. Wade.

In the ninth congressional district, Trey Hollingsworth handily beat back the challenge of EMILY's List-endorsed candidate Shelli Yoder.

In the governor's race, John Gregg touted support for taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, pledged to veto pro-life legislation as governor, and declared he would have vetoed the Dignity for the Unborn law. Pro-life Eric Holcomb, who was given little chance in this race by many pundits, beat Gregg by a large margin and now brings with him as lieutenant governor, Suzanne Crouch, who compiled a 100% pro-life voting record as a member of the Indiana House. Curtis Hill's election as attorney general is of major significance as three

court battles against the Dignity for the Unborn Act wind their way through the courts. Hill will succeed his pro-life predecessor Greg Zoeller.

"Hoosiers spoke loud and clear last night, just as Americans did across the nation," says Fichter. "Mike Pence is known to always say that 'life is winning in America.' Last night proved it. Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and make abortion a thing of the past."

With Donald Trump's Victory, PP Beware By Jonathon Van Maren

Like most of you, I'm still trying to make sense of what happened last night. As Marco Rubio said during his concession speech, only Trump saw the tsunami coming, and now he's ridden the wave right into the White House. What does that mean? America voted against the elite establishment, and it may be a wild ride.

I spent most of the primaries hoping for anyone, anyone but Donald J. Trump, so I won't begin to re-articulate my concerns about him here. We don't know what will happen yet, but let me run through just a few things that we now know won't happen because Hillary Clinton was formally exiled from political life.

Planned Parenthood, the world's biggest abortion provider, will now have no influence whatsoever on the president of the United States. They went all in for her, blowing millions of dollars to ensure that Clinton's pay-to-play scheme would land them a permanent place on the Oval Office.

The Vice President of the United States will not be a pro-abortion politician. Mike Pence has one of the most outstanding pro-life records of any politician, and to see him speak

on the issue—as I did when he was a Congressman six years ago—is to see a man who truly cares about pre-born children. He is also a man who understands that religious liberty must be protected, and Christians should be comforted by his presence and his proximity to the highest office in the land.

The Hyde Amendment will not be repealed. Pro-lifers will not be forced to pay for the physical destruction of other people's children. Many, many lives have been saved as the result of the Hyde Amendment, and many lives will continue to be saved because Hillary Clinton will not receive the opportunity to shred it.

Hillary Clinton will not have the opportunity to select Supreme Court justices. Justices she promised would uphold the fictitious right to kill children in the womb and surely would have struck massive blows to freedom of speech, religious liberty, and the traditional family. We do not yet know what sort of justices Donald Trump will select—we can only hope that he will stand by his commitment to appoint "Scalia-like justices," as he said—but we can heave a huge sigh of relief that Clinton's abortion radicalism will not be installed in black robes to preside over the life and death of more children.

Paid Protestors hit the Streets after Trump Election

For days, streets of major cities across the U.S. have been flooded with protesters marching against the election of Republican Donald Trump. Police have arrested hundreds of protesters for violence after they blocked streets, assaulted police officers, burned and vandalized property, and more. But new evidence suggests that the abortion giant Planned Parenthood and other liberal groups could be paying protesters to march against President-Elect Trump.

The Craigslist ads read: "STOP TRUMP – up to \$1500/ week. Hiring immediately! Call Today Start tomorrow! \$15-\$18 hourly rate + bonus + overtime up to 77 hours per week!"

They were placed by a Planned Parenthood affiliate in major cities like Boston, Denver, Columbus, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh right before the election to defeat the candidacy of Donald Trump. However, most of them are still active on Craigslist, fueling questions about whether the group is now among those feeding the post-election anti-Trump protests across the country.

Many of the ads have Planned Parenthood Action, a PAC, emblazoned across the top and all of them list phone numbers belonging to the Community Outreach Group, a for-profit organization formed by Planned Parenthood as "a vendor of large-scale advocacy." Protesting is among the tasks listed on its website.

The news outlet reported neither Planned Parenthood nor Community Outreach Group returned its phone calls seeking comment. If true, this would not be the first time the abortion

Silence from the Pulpit Has Allowed Abortion to Be the Law of Our Land!

Pastors don't have to say who to vote for, they can't do that, but they can tell their congregation to not vote for candidates who support abortion. Is this too much to ask?

We continue to be disappointed in some clergy who actually use the pulpit to push the same talking points as their pro-abortion Democrat friends. They have the opportunity to enlighten their congregation on how to vote, but they either promote the Democrat agenda or confuse them with long, detailed statements on how to vote and never once mention how abortion is the main issue when voting. When Democratic vice-presidential nominee Tim Kaine visited his church the weekend after his selection, Kaine's pastor said, "Oh yes, I know he is pro-life, he is against capital punishment!" Just what you would expect from a liberal pastor.

The bottom line is that pastors *can* and *should* tell their congregation not to vote for candidates who support abortion. Well, in this 2016 Election, how many times did you hear it?

chain has paid protesters. Abortion activists often have to pay people to help promote their extreme abortion position because they cannot find enough willing volunteers. In March, LifeNews reported how abortion activists paid protesters to show up at the U.S. Supreme Court building as the justices heard arguments involving a Texas abortion case.

Abortion activists also appear to have paid protesters to fight against a Texas abortion law while it was being debated in the state legislature in 2013. The liberal advocacy group Move-On.org, which is backed by billionaire George Soros, who also supports Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion groups, also may be hiring protesters for the anti-Trump rallies. According to Fox, a New York ad offers to pay \$18 an hour to protesters "under the age of 30 ... We prefer minorities." The news comes on the heels of reports that more than half of the anti-Trump protesters who were arrested in Portland, Oregon did not even vote in the November 8 election. KGW reports it could not find ballots or voter registration for 69 of the 112 people arrested during the Portland protests.

Franklin Graham: "The Lord Saved Us From a Godless, Atheistic Agenda"

Franklin Graham has been urging the country to pray for the election ever since the campaigns began. He even toured fifty states, gathering thousands to pray on the steps of capitol buildings. Now, he insists that the hand of God has intervened to bring about the result. "Hundreds of thousands of Christians from across the United States



have been praying. This year they came out to every state capitol to pray for this election and for the future of America. Prayer groups were started. Families prayed. Churches prayed. Then Christians went to the polls, and God showed up," Graham writes.

"While the media scratches their heads and tries to understand how this happened, I believe that God's hand intervened Tuesday night to stop the godless, atheistic progressive agenda from taking control of our country," he continues.

"President-Elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President-Elect Mike Pence are going to need a lot of help and they will continue to need a lot of prayer. I pray that President-Elect Trump will surround himself with godly men and women to help advise and counsel him as he leads the nation." "My prayer is that God will bless America again!"

Indiana University Caught Paying \$200 for Brains of Aborted Babies for Research

Another top university is embroiled in the scandal enveloping the Planned Parenthood abortion business, which was caught selling the body parts of aborted babies for potentially illegal profits. Now, not only has Indiana University been found to be involved in the grisly body parts trade, but it is suing state officials to be able to continue it.



Indiana University is suing the state of Indiana in order to continue experiments using parts from aborted babies, including the brains of aborted babies purchased for \$200 each. Today, Indiana Right to Life informed LifeNews.com that it has confirmed Indiana University purchased brains from the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington. Indiana University is suing over a portion of the 2016 Dignity for the Unborn law, which prohibits the transfer and sale of aborted baby parts. Indiana University claims in its lawsuit that the law will jeopardize its research.

Indiana Right to Life opposes using aborted baby body parts for research, citing this practice as unethical and unnecessary. Scientists are working on cures for diseases with ethical avenues like adult stem cells and umbilical cord blood, the prolife group says.

"Each aborted baby's brain being dissected by Indiana University researchers belonged to a little boy or girl," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "We're sickened that a price tag of \$200 was put on the brain of a deceased child whose life was ended in the barbaric practice of abortion. We urge the Indiana University Board of Trustees to step up and put a stop to the experiments on aborted babies."

The new law will help stop the kind of sale of aborted babies and their body parts that Planned Parenthood facilities in other states have been caught arranging. Although Roe v. Wade prohibits states from completely banning abortions, pro-life advocates in Indiana believe the aborted baby ought to at least be treated respectfully even if the abortion clinic treated the baby with disrespect before the abortion.

The new legislation, passed in March, requires that abort-

ed babies' bodies be cremated or buried. It strengthens a law passed in 2015 and signed by Governor Mike Pence requiring that aborted babies' bodies be disposed of in a humane way. State law also prohibits the transfer and sale of aborted baby body parts.

Indiana University researchers argue in their lawsuit that these new measures will jeopardize their research and stifle their academic freedom, the *Indy Star* reports. The lawsuit claims the effects on scientific research could be "dramatic" and catastrophic."

However, Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life, said researchers have access to multiple alternative tissue sources that do not involve taking the life of an unborn child. "We believe aborted babies' bodies should be treated humanely and with respect," Fichter said in a statement. "Indiana University's admittance to using parts from aborted babies for their research also raises concerns about whether or not the

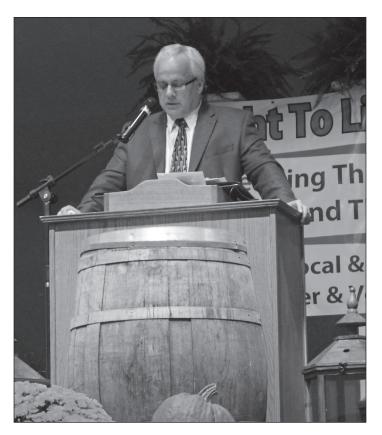
pregnant women gave their informed consent for their babies' bodies to be used in research."

Planned Parenthood Gets \$500 Million in Tax Money, Spent \$38 Million on Hillary Clinton's Losing Campaign Joe Ortwerth

Many reporters and political analysts are cataloguing their list of those who emerged as winners and losers as a result of the results of November 8th. What is unmistakable is that one of the biggest losers was the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its nationwide chain of abortion clinics. Political affiliates of Planned Parenthood spent approximately \$38 million in efforts to elect Hillary Clinton President and pro-abortion candidates to the U.S. Congress. Clinton has been an un-throttled cheerleader for Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry. She and Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards have been more than kindred spirits. Had Clinton won, Planned Parenthood would have owned the Oval Office.

Mike Fichter, Indiana Right to Life President, Addresses Annual Right to Life Banquet

Pictured right is Mike Fichter, the President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life, as he addressed the large crowd in attendance at the Annual Right to Life Banquet held at the Simon J. Graber Building on Thursday evening October 6th. Fichter addressed the crowd of over 500 Right to Life supporters from the Daviess, Martin and Pike counties on the importance of the upcoming election. Fichter spoke of the differences in the candidates on the state and federal level and how it will affect the pro-life movement. He encouraged the group to vote for pro-life candidates and stated that the major outcome of this election will be the difference in what type of judges will be appointed by the two different people running for president and the makeup of the U.S. Senate. He also pointed out the importance of the Senate seat here in Indiana and how that seat could mean the difference in control of the U.S. Senate and whether they would be approving pro-abortion judges or pro-life judges. He encouraged all present to vote pro-life for all offices in the upcoming election.



Phil and Amber Smith Family of Loogootee Honored at RTL Banquet

Pictured below are Phil and Amber Smith of Loogootee along with their son Jaxon and their adoptive daughter Emersyn and the Right to Life President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right). The Right to Life organization honored the Smith



family as the Adoptive Family of the Year at the Annual Right to Life Banquet at the Simon J. Graber Building. Amber "Graber" Smith told the story of how she had cancer during her first pregnancy and saving the baby became a priority along with battling cancer. After Jaxon was born and the cancer was in remission and unable to have more children they turned to adoption and the Smiths were blessed with the adoption of Emersyn. Amber Smith addressed the large crowd and praised the birth mother for a very tough decision and one that has given their family much joy for the rest of their lives.

If you have not attended a Right to Life Banquet, Please consider Doing So!

We in the pro-life movement feel this is the most important event of the year for our organization and feel if you are going to do something for the pro-life movement, this would be the time. We ask you to show your support for those who have given so much for the movement by your attendance at this special event. Many of those in the Right to Life have been battling for so many years against abortion and it would be such a lift to their spirts to see you there. I know there is always something that will come up but plan ahead and plan to attend next year's Banquet. The date is October 5, 2017.



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Dale & Monica Siefker Family Awarded the 2016 Pro-Life Award

 ${\bf P}^{\rm ictured\ left}$ is the President of Right to Life Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (left) as he presents the 2016 Pro-Life Award to the Monica and Dale Seifker family of Bloomington, Indiana. Monica Seifker is in charge of the 40 Days for Life organization which prays with and counsels young mothers as they come to the abortion clinic in Bloomington. Monica, Dale and her family have worked at this for many years as she saves one baby at a time from abortion. In the presentation of the award, Kavanaugh spoke of Monica and her family's untiring efforts in good and bad weather as they pray and do their best to save these young victims from abortion. Kavanaugh also spoke of the abuse they take from this college town, but it has not altered their desire to keep trying to save the little ones. In accepting the award, Monica spoke of the joy of being able to save lives; but that day she lost one she had hoped to save, and it was very hard on her, and she almost did not come to the banquet because of it. The award was a total surprise to the Seifker family as several members from the area were in attendance that goes to the abortion clinic to help Monica in this special endeavor. Monica and Dale Siefker have six children—all home-schooled. The oldest son of the family will soon study to be a priest and the oldest daughter will take her final vows as a nun this December.

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held the last week of each month at the Right To Life Office at 705 Troy Road. (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level)

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