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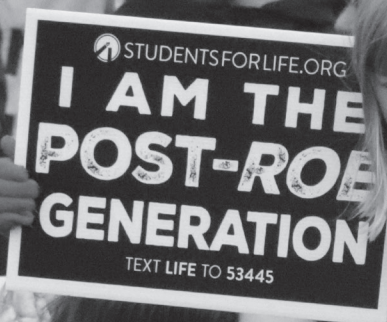
2026 Nebraska Walk For Life

Free
event

Saturday, January 31

10 a.m.

Nebraska State Capitol,
then Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel



The annual Pro-Life Mass takes place before the Nebraska Walk for Life at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 14th and K Streets. Sponsored by Nebraska Catholic Conference.

Nebraska Governor Ends Medicaid Funding for Abortion Providers

By Sandy Danek, NRL executive director

On November 6, Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen announced during a press conference that the state's Medicaid funds will no longer be used to reimburse or contract with abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood. Joined by Attorney General Mike Hilgers and DHHS Secretary Steve Corsi, the governor explained that while state and federal laws prohibit tax dollars from directly funding abortion procedures, thousands of taxpayer funds continue to be given to Planned Parenthood by way of the Medicaid program.

Gov. Pillen's executive order is allowable due to a June 2025 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*. The ruling stated that Medicaid beneficiaries cannot sue in federal court to enforce the "free-choice of provider" provision of the Medicaid Act. This historic decision allows the Nebraska governor to finally end Medicaid funding for abortion providers in the state.

Nebraska Right to Life and its supporters wish to thank Gov. Pillen for his courageous stand to protect all precious life and for reminding us that resources are available from many other health care providers in the state that offer good quality medical care, often on a sliding fee scale, but without being embroiled in the destructive abortion industry.



From left, DHHS CEO Steve Corsi, Gov. Jim Pillen and Attorney General Mike Hilgers display the executive order restricting taxpayer dollars to abortion providers.

Is IVF Compatible with Pro-Life?

On October 16 President Trump announced that the government entered an agreement with a pharmaceutical company to lower the cost of some IVF (in vitro fertilization) drugs and that the FDA is working to expedite the review of a new drug.

IVF is a fertility treatment in which doctors combine sperm and eggs in a lab to create embryos to implant in a woman's womb. So is IVF compatible with pro-life views? At first blush, many would say yes, but let's take a closer look.

The IVF process creates millions

of excess embryos that are never implanted; they are either destroyed, indefinitely frozen or used in scientific research. These are existing precious human beings we are talking about here, not "potential humans." Children should be the product of a natural expression of love between their parents, not the result of technological intervention of a business to obtain a desired commodity.

There also is the matter of selective reduction abortions. In some cases, multiple lab-produced fertilized eggs are introduced into the womb to increase the probability of successful implantation. If only one child is desired, and more than one embryo has implanted, the "excess" babies are aborted. By its very nature, IVF both creates and destroys human lives.

We applaud the Trump administration's inclusion of non-IVF fertility treatments that provide comprehensive and holistic restorative reproductive medicine, which can help address infertility and its underlying causes. This could include such methods as natural procreative technology and fertility education and medical management.

We encourage anyone considering IVF treatments to consider ethical and life-affirming fertility care.



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Not Just Pro-Lifers Warning of Dangers of Abortion Pill



In the previous issue of this newsletter (June 2025, available on NRL website), we provided excerpts from a paper that reported the results of a study that examined private medical insurance data related to the use of mifepristone, commonly referred to as the abortion pill. The research showed that serious adverse events experienced by women who had taken the drug and subsequently submitted related insurance claims were at least 22 times as high as the drug label stated. That is based on empirical data. What about public opinion?

McLaughlin & Associates is a highly respected national survey research and strategic services company whose services are sought worldwide. It conducted a survey in August 2025 regarding people's opinions on chemical abortions. An October 28 article by Mollie Hemingway and Jordan Boyd titled "Trump's Trusted Pollster: Even Pro-Abortors Say Mifepristone Is Dangerous And Needs FDA Regulation" and published in The Federalist reported on the results. Below are a few excerpts from that article. See full article at <https://thefederalist.com/2025/10/28/trumps-trusted-pollster-even-pro-abortors-say-mifepristone-is-dangerous-and-needs-fda-regulation/>.

...only 16% of respondents believed the abortion drug to be "very safe." On the contrary, roughly six in 10 respondents said they believed the mifepristone and misoprostol combination to be "unsafe" or were unsure of its safety.

Increasing uncertainty about chemical abortion across all likely voters was further confirmed when 71% of respondents approved of the FDA requiring women to visit the doctor to obtain an abortion drug prescription. Three-in-five voters even went so far as to agree that "chemical abortions are far more dangerous than advertised, and women deserve a doctor's care to prevent serious health complications like hemorrhaging, bleeding, or infections."

Approximately seven in 10 of those surveyed, after agreeing that "chemical abortion drugs are used by sexual abusers to cover up rape, exploitation and sex-trafficking," said doctors also should be required to "screen for and report signs of coercion or abuse" before prescribing mifepristone.

The Biden administration's radical expansion of the Obama administration's already questionable abortion pill policies to allow mail-order mifepristone, however, only made it easier for abusers to harm vulnerable women and babies.

When the FDA rushed its approval of the abortion drug in 2000, the pill regimen was only prescribed by a physician after three in-person doctor visits that included an exam to confirm the gestational age of the unborn baby. After taking the drug they obtained in person, women were required to follow up with physicians who were obligated to report any and all serious complications that resulted.

Before President Joe Biden left office, he ensured all of those safeguards were rolled back or modified to make it easier for women to get mifepristone in the mail or through a drug store pharmacy without a doctor visit and initiate at-home abortions without medical oversight.

For 69% of those surveyed, "the number of women experiencing serious, harmful effects from taking chemical abortion drugs has risen dramatically" enough that it only "makes sense" to them that the FDA should restore the protections removed by Biden.

An even higher number of those surveyed, 72%, agreed that mifepristone manufacturers have prioritized profit over "women's health and safety" and "have pressured the FDA to lower the health and safety standards on their chemical abortion drugs to sell more of them."

A staggering 87% supported a mifepristone label change that would "accurately report the real-world impact of the chemical abortion drugs on patients who take it" including "possible harmful side effects and complications of the abortion drug, such as heavy bleeding, sepsis, stomach pains, infections, scarring, pre-term labor in future pregnancies, and depression and mental health issue."

Editor's Note: For an excellent treatment of the issues surrounding the dangers of the abortion pill, see "Missed, Misclassified, and Minimized," September 2025, by Randall O'Bannon, Ph.D., former National Right to Life Director of Education & Research, at <https://nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/25-09-Why-Abortion-Pill-Complications-Are-Underreported.pdf>.

FDA drug labels should accurately report the real-world impact of chemical abortion drugs on patients who take it, including possible harmful side effects and complications.

Agree | Disagree
87% | **7%**

Ensuring a doctor's care for the use of chemical abortion drugs with an in-person visit does not change a woman's right to choose. It's a matter of ensuring she can make her choice safely with all the information and care she needs.

Agree | Disagree
74% | **13%**

Manufacturers have pressured the FDA to lower the health and safety standards on chemical abortion drugs to sell more of them. Big drug companies' profits do not come before women's health and safety.

Agree | Disagree
72% | **11%**

President Biden removed the safeguard of requiring an in-person doctor visit to have a chemical abortion. Now, the number of women experiencing serious, harmful effects from the drugs has risen, so it makes sense for the FDA to bring back those safety protections.

Agree | Disagree
69% | **11%**

com/2025/10/28/trumps-trusted-pollster-even-pro-abortors-say-mifepristone-is-dangerous-and-needs-fda-regulation/.

The August 2025 survey ... concluded the sample of voters, even though a majority of them claim to hold pro-abortion views, overwhelmingly believe mifepristone is dangerous and requires further FDA oversight.

More specifically, a majority of the 1,600 likely voters surveyed appeared to welcome restoring the abortion drug guidelines that were designed to protect women from injury and abuse but were ultimately weakened and stripped by recent Democrat administrations.

A majority — 59% — of respondents said they held a "favorable" view of the nation's largest abortion business Planned Parenthood. Yet, hesitancy about pill-induced abortion and the harms it has on women extended far beyond the 40% of self-proclaimed pro-lifers to include the 57% of likely voters who consistently claimed to be pro-abortion.

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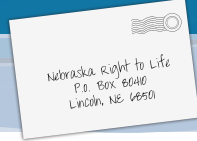
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from Mark Aylor

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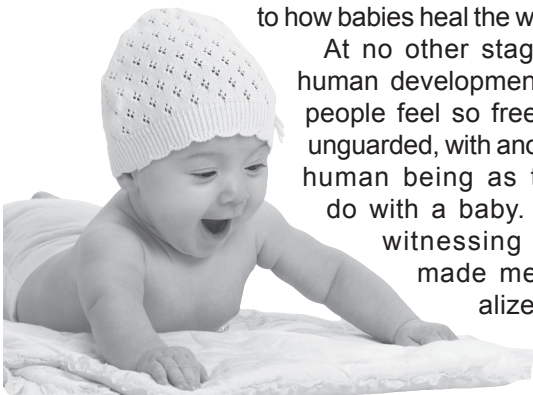


How Babies Heal the World

By Remil Teny, education director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

We just had my 2 1/2-month son's christening party over the weekend, where we had close to 80 friends and family that gathered to celebrate with us. And, possibly, for the first time in my life, my eyes were truly opened to how babies heal the world.

At no other stage of human development do people feel so free, so unguarded, with another human being as they do with a baby. And witnessing that made me realize the



quiet, transformative effect that these little ones have on our communities. I saw the comfort my son brought to my single and childless friends as they cuddled with him. I saw the joy in the faces of young children — and adults too but especially the children — who seemed captivated simply by his presence. In the faces of the adults, I saw maternal and paternal love awaken again — for a child they were seeing for the first time.

I saw heroic love in those who had lost children to miscarriages. That, in particular, was deeply moving. I watched people who've never met before share a moment of unified admiration for my boy. And I saw the freedom everyone felt in gazing at his face — without

prejudice, fear of judgment or shame. That same freedom appears even among strangers at everyday places, like the grocery store, the coffee shop or while returning packages at Amazon.

What I saw firsthand was how healing it is for communities to have babies. The little ones' capacity to take away the pain and sorrow of mundane life, even if for just a moment, is amazing. And this is true not just for the immediate family and friends but for everyone who encounters them. And to me that's a profound confirmation that babies belong to this world — and the world needs babies in order to heal. Babies, in every circumstance, are a gift. Why? Because they evoke the best in us, and in so doing, help to heal the world.