



Euthanasia and Organ Donation in the Netherlands.

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For the past few years doctors in Belgium have linked organ donation to euthanasia. Now the Dutch media has reported that Edith Schippers, the Dutch Minister of Public Health supports the practice of euthanasia/organ donation.

The media report stated: Minister Edith Schippers of Public Health is working on a protocol to guide people who want to donate organs after their euthanasia.

This means, for example, that they will not be able to die at home, but will have to die in the hospital. The doctor should also perform the euthanasia in the hospital. The guidelines established for this is a practical implementation of laws, said Schippers. The first version of the guidelines was written by the Rotterdam Erasmus MC and the University Hospital of Maastricht (MUMC).

Euthanasia/organ donation can become a form of coercion to die by euthanasia. It is one thing to kill someone as a false means to a "good death," it is another thing to kill someone to improve public health. Euthanasia/Organ Donation can coerce people with disabilities who are not terminally ill to die by euthanasia. Studies in Belgium indicate that people who have neurological conditions, mental or psychological issues or dementia make excellent organ donors, especially when linked to euthanasia because the organs are healthier than those from people who were terminally ill or nearing death.

Combining euthanasia with Organ Donation will cause fear that physicians will become willing to kill a person for their healthy organs.

Professor Theo Boer, who was a member of a Regional Euthanasia Review Committee for nine years, recently changed his mind and now opposes euthanasia. In his article, Assisted Suicide - Don't Go There, Boer stated: I used to be a supporter of euthanasia. But now, with twelve years of experience, I take a different view.

Euthanasia in the Netherlands was originally legalized based for the "hard cases." Boer argues that the number of euthanasia deaths, and the reasons for euthanasia have greatly expanded since the introduction of the Netherlands euthanasia law in 2002.

USA - Washington

78% OF WOMEN CONSIDERING AN ABORTION CHOOSE LIFE WHEN THEY SEE AN ULTRASOUND

Arina Grossu Mar 5, 2015 Washington, Dc

A survey conducted by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), a national legal network of



prolife pregnancy centers, showed how powerful ultrasounds are in changing the minds of abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable patients.

NIFLA stated in a press release: Four-hundred and ten (410) of NIFLA's medical membership (less than one-half) reported providing 75,318 ultrasound confirmations of pregnancy in 2013 on patients identified as either abortion-minded or abortion-vulnerable. Of these abortion at risk patients, 58,634 chose to carry to term, indicating that 78% of those mothers who saw an ultrasound image of their unborn child before deciding about abortion chose life.

When asked whether ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy has a positive impact upon a mother considering abortion to choose life 83.5% said "Absolutely," 15.76% said "More than likely," and 0.74% said, "Only a small impact."

UK - Three parent babies could risk the future of the human race, warn 55 Italian MPs by "modifying genetic heritage in an irreversible way"

By LEVI WINCHESTER 21/2/15

The group of Italian politicians have called on the House of Lords to reject a law to allow so-called three-parent babies - stating the notion "cannot possibly be contained within the confines of the United Kingdom".

The stern warning comes after MPs in Britain voted overwhelmingly in favour of the controversial technique of mitochondrial donation - which would allow children to be conceived with genetic material from a trio of individuals.

In a strongly worded letter to The Times, the Italian Mps wrote that the legalisation of such a technique "could have uncontrollable and unforeseeable consequences, affecting future generations and modifying genetic heritage in an irreversible way, inevitably affecting the human species as a whole".

The letter also argues that "the greater part of the scientific community maintain that the scientific data currently available is insufficient to even consider intervention on human subjects, and there cannot therefore be any guarantee for the safety of any eventual off-spring".

Fifty MEPs have also written to David Cameron

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Earlier this month, MPs voted 382 to 128 in favour of an amendment to the 2008 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, which will allow the creation of IVF babies with DNA from three different people.

Mitochondrial donation techniques aimed at preventing serious inherited diseases will now be legalised, subject to any amendments made in the House of Lords.

As well as receiving normal 'nuclear' DNA from its mother and father, a child would also have a minuscule amount of healthy mitochondrial DNA (mDNA) from a woman donor to be used to repair faults.

The first babies concerning this technique could be born next year.

Meanwhile, 50 MEPs have declared that by allowing three-parent babies, Britain is therefore breaching EU law and has "violated human dignity".

USA - A historic day in the history of our movement

National Right to Life News - April 7, 2015,

- Carol Tobias

Today at 8:00 a.m., Gov. Sam Brownback of Kansas signed into law a bill banning dismemberment abortions!

This new law is based on model legislation drafted by National Right to Life.

It is the first of what we hope will be many state laws banning dismemberment abortions

This law could have the power to transform the landscape of abortion policy in the United States.

I want to warn you that this next paragraph is graphic in its description of what a dismemberment abortion is.

In a dismemberment abortion, a forceps or similar instrument is used to twist and tear pieces of a living unborn baby from her body until the baby bleeds to death. Many of these babies are developed enough to feel pain.

"Dismemberment abortion kills a baby by tearing her apart limb from limb," said our director of State Legislation, Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D. "Before the first trimester ends, the unborn child has a beating heart, brain waves, and every organ system in place. Dismemberment abortions occur after the baby has reached these milestones."

Even Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court has written forcefully about the brutality of such abortions. The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act would ban them - and National Right to Life is leading the fight to pass the law wherever we can.

Oklahoma is expected to pass the ban soon, and it's being considered elsewhere as well.

We learned in the debate over partial-birth abortion that when the American people are told about brutal methods of abortion like this, they recoil and want to see those abortions banned.

Those who have been with us since the fight over partial-birth abortion know that it helped transform the debate, moving many people - especially many young people who grew up at the height of the debate - to the pro-life side. The debate over protecting unborn babies from the barbarity of dismemberment abortions can have just as powerful an effect!

USA - Hillary Clinton running for President.

Hillary Clinton has a long history of pushing for abortion, even on a global scale. In 2005 she said that the "government should have no role" in limiting the right to abortion. She received an award from the radical pro-abortion group Emily's List and gave the keynote address at a fundraiser for the organisation. She applauded the work of the abortion activists.