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Six Babies Born Alive After Botched Abortions in Texas Last Year, May Have Been Left to Die

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is investigating a new report that six babies were born alive in botched abortions in 2019 in his state. Paxton's office promised to investigate the shocking findings revealed in the new Texas Health and Human Services 2019 abortion report, which was released Dec. 23.

According to the report, six babies were born alive in botched abortions in 2019 in Texas. The number is included in the part of the report that lists abortion complications reported by physicians and/or abortion facilities in Texas.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/12/28/>

Mastercard to Review Pornhub Ties After Column Spurs Outrage



Mastercard is now investigating MindGeek for distributing videos depicting child abuse and nonconsensual violence on its commercial pornographic websites. The development comes after New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof wrote a column detailing assaults and a naked video of an underage girl on one of MindGeek's websites. PayPal turned off payments to this website in 2019.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-12-07/visa-joins-mastercard-in-pornhub-review-following-abuse-claims>

New PA Law That Goes Into Effect In 2021

House Bill 1984: An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, making it possible for the victim of rape or sexual assault to terminate the parental rights of the person who committed rape or sexual assault that resulted in the birth of a child. Signed Oct. 29, to take effect in 60 days.

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?syear=2019&body=H&type=B&bn=1984>



UK Court Rules Against Puberty Blockers to Protect Transgender Kids

The United Kingdom's High Court ruled last week in favor of a young woman who said she was treated as a "guinea pig" at the country's only gender-identity clinic for children and that she regrets taking the puberty-blocking drugs she was given as a teen as a first step on an arduous path of trying to appear male.

The court ruled that it is unlikely that children under 16 are able to grasp the "long-term risks and consequences" and give "informed consent" to taking controversial puberty blockers — drugs that block hormones to halt sexual development and are likely to be followed by more drastic chemicals and sex-change surgeries.

Endocrinologist Michael Laidlaw says that while the U.K. is taking steps to protect vulnerable children, the U.S. has not so far. He points to a "very radical and unethical study" spearheaded by transgender specialist Dr. Johanna Olson-Kennedy of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which has received at least \$5.7 million from the National Institutes for Health to study the "impact of early medical treatment on transgender youth."

The study was changed to lower the minimum age of treatment from 13 to 8 years, allowing children as young as 8 to receive not just hormone blockers but potent doses of irreversible "cross-sex hormones" testosterone and estrogen.

[National Catholic Register 12/19/20](https://www.ncregister.com/blog/how-aborted-children-are-used)



Scientists Use Scalps From Aborted Babies to Create "Humanized Mice" for Research

A shocking new report from the National Catholic Register describes how scientists at the **University of Pittsburgh** in Pennsylvania recently **used scalps from aborted** babies to create "humanized mice" to study the human immune system.

Gristly photos of their research, published in the journal "Scientific Reports" in September, show the aborted babies' scalps already with wisps of hair growing on them, attached to mice and rats.

From the aborted fetuses, thymus, liver, spleen and full-thickness skin were transplanted and grafted onto the rodents and allowed to grow. Then the rodent models were given a staph infection on the skin to study how the internal organs responded.

Stacy Trasancos, a chemist and the executive director of the St. Philip Institute in Tyler, Texas, wrote the report. She pointed out that the research report is available publicly online for all to see.

In his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II declared that "the use of human embryos or fetuses as an object of experimentation constitutes a crime against their dignity as human beings who have a right to the same respect owed to a child once born, just as to every person" (63).

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'Super gonorrhea' may increase in wake of COVID-19



The World Health Organization (WHO) is warning about the potential rise in antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea — also known as “super gonorrhea” — due to overuse of antibiotics during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease that affects more than 1 million Americans per year. Super gonorrhea refers to strains of the STD that do not respond to common antibiotics. The first cases of super gonorrhea appeared in Japan in 2011, but antibiotic resistant strains have since spread to many countries, including the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hosts an information page on super gonorrhea saying that it has “quickly developed resistance to all but one class of antibiotics” and that as many as half of new gonorrhea infections are resistant to at least one antibiotic. A Dec. 18 study published in the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report revealed that cases of azithromycin-resistant gonorrhea have increased more than seven-fold in five years.

In the wake of the paper, the CDC removed azithromycin as standard of care treatment, suggesting instead that providers give only ceftriaxone — another antibiotic — instead of both. [AOL News 12/26/20](https://www.aol.com/news/12/26/20)

Massachusetts Legislature Passes Bill Legalizing Killing Babies in Abortions Up to Birth

Massachusetts passed a radical pro-abortion law December 29 to legalize abortions up to birth and allow young girls to abort their unborn babies without a parent’s knowledge or consent. It took effect immediately. <https://www.lifenews.com/2020/12/29/massachusetts-legislature-passes-bill-legalizing-killing-babies-in-abortions-up-to-birth/>

Ohio legislature passes bill requiring humane burial for aborted babies



Ohio lawmakers approved legislation that would require abortion facilities to either bury or cremate the remains of the preborn babies they kill, ensuring they will not be disposed of as medical waste.

Senate Bill 27 would enable women seeking abortions to choose one of the two methods of final dispensation, Catholic News Agency reported, with an abortion facility having to choose one or the other if she opts not to. The abortion facility would be responsible for the expenses unless the woman opts for an alternative means. Any facility that fails to comply would face first-degree misdemeanor charges; the woman would face no charges.

Motivated by horror stories about abortion facilities destroying the babies they kill with methods such as “big ovens,” or abortionists stockpiling corpses on their own property, bills such as SB27 are meant to prevent the bodies of aborted children from being treated like medical waste, both out of respect for their dignity and to call attention to the humanity of abortion’s victims.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 8, 2020 (LifeSiteNews)

Abortions for Pre-Teens Without Parental Consent?

A new report from UN agencies calls for abortions for ten-year olds without parental consent.

An inter-agency group that includes several UN bodies has been working to create a right to abortion in humanitarian settings. A new manual focusing on adolescent “sexual and reproductive health” in crises represents another step in that process — defining children as young as 10 to receive abortion without parental knowledge.

The Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), which produced the manual, includes UN agencies, governments and other donors, non-governmental agencies, and academic institutions.

Its steering committee includes international abortion advocates Ipas, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, as well as the World Health Organization, UNFPA, and UNICEF.

In addition to its aggressive posture on abortion, the adolescent manual calls on humanitarian actors to promote the human right of adolescents to “freely define their own sexuality, including sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.” https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/new-manual-abortions-for-pre-teens-without-parental-consent/

PAYDAY LOANS

CASH ADVANCE



The bishops of Michigan announced their opposition to legislation that would expand the use of payday loans. The new bill would increase the amount that can be borrowed from \$600 to \$2,500 and would allow monthly fees of 11% (or an annual rate of up to 130%). “The legislation before committee today is a form of modern-day usury; it would exploit individuals and families facing hardship and poses a danger to the common good,” said David Maluchnik, a spokesman for the Michigan Catholic Conference. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/payday-loan-expansion-means-fast-money-and-cycle-of-debt-for-michigans-poor-bishops-say-45814>