



Margaret Tighe

Dear Friends of Life

I wish to thank many of you who have remained faithful to our cause - the protection of human life - for so many years.

Thankfully, because of you we are still able to encourage many of our supporters to continue to speak out in defence of human life.

Especially encouraging recently was receiving some voluntary help from a Chinese student at Melbourne University. As we know the one child policy in China would have denied many families from the joy of having subsequent other children.

Another young volunteer Samantha who turned pro-life said "I hope this story encourages those in the pro-life movement, that you're making a difference, even if it doesn't feel like it at the time. You never know who is listening and what seeds you're planting inside of them."

While you are able to support us we are determined to continue to speak out in deference of human life.

I am sure you will agree that by our persistence we will have already saved quite a number of human lives.

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

Jonathan's Story

Moving words about the value of human life from new supporter and volunteer Jonathan. – Editor

I was originally from China, where the lives of unborn children are not valued by society and surgical abortions are funded with taxpayer money and available up to birth. From a young age I was traumatised and left in tears by stories about relatives and family-friends choosing to cruelly end the lives of their own unborn children - innocent babies who deserved to be loved by their parents, not brutally killed with surgical equipment - children who could have otherwise been adopted by one of the millions of loving people who can't have children of their own and given them a chance of becoming mothers and fathers.

As I moved to Australia, grew older and learnt more about our society, I came to realise the dark, chilling realities behind the dehumanisation of unborn children and the deprivation of their right to live and be loved by their mothers and fathers. I came to realise how our society pressures expectant mothers to terminate pregnancies - and the heartbeats of their developing children, as evidenced by the stigma against young university students with children, anecdotes of doctors presenting abortions as the "default" option, and the disgraceful lack of adequate support available for single parents.

I have also come to realise the driving forces behind pushes by morally corrupt individuals to promote abortions and fund such cruel procedures with taxpayer money.

It is so that selfish men and women can engage in indecent activities without accepting the natural consequences - as evidenced by the shockingly high abortion rates in unmarried couples pursuing the "DINK" (dual income no kids) lifestyle. It is so that irresponsible men can avoid paying child-support - as evidenced by anecdotes on online forums about narcissistic men pressuring their girlfriends to abort their babies. And it is so that entitled employers can avoid paternal and maternal leaves that are unprofitable for such wealthy individuals - as evidenced by the numerous powerful transnational corporations that publicly support and donate to the abortion industry.

All those realisations that came with growing older and learning more about society have made me more and more dedicated to pro-life activism and the fight to combat the dehumanisation of unborn children by sick individuals who are incapable of feeling empathy and love for the most innocent and adorable members of our society.

Allan Government plans to make Euthanasia more available in 2025

The Victorian Labor state government plans to pass a bill in 2025 to amend the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 to remove checks which had been designed to protect the lives of terminally ill patients.

Under the subterfuge of claiming to be making the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (VAD) "fairer" the state government says it will put the changes to parliament before the end of 2025.

A news release of 20 February 2025 from the Premier's office reads "... the Labor government will rewrite legislation to improve access to voluntary assisted dying, by bringing it into line with other jurisdictions."¹

The phrase, "to improve access to voluntary assisted dying" actually means that euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide will be performed more freely with the present checks and balances having been removed in the proposed bill.

When the Victorian government talks about "bring it (the legislation) into line with other jurisdictions" this means is the government will liberalise the present legislation to make it comparable to the acts in other states which are more pro-euthanasia and more liberal on doctor assisted suicide.

RTLTA reiterates our unequivocal opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia.

RTLTA's position is all human life has intrinsic value and dignity – regardless of its condition – and the physician's role is to heal illness, alleviate suffering and provide comfort for the sick and dying.

Removing the Ban on Raising Voluntary Assisted Dying with Patients

The present ban on health professionals raising the subject of voluntary assisted dying is to be removed.

The removal of what is commonly called the "gag law" will expose patients to health professionals who are supporters of voluntary assisted dying and who are happy to raise the subject of their patients choosing the option of being killed by direct euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide.

Victorian Health Minister, Mary-Anne Thomas claims, "More needs to be done to ensure that people have access to compassionate end of life care."² What Ms Thomas is actually saying is that health care professionals are to be permitted by the removal of the present "gag law" to bring up with patients the option to choose to be killed by euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide. Doctors actually killing their patients or assisting them to kill themselves by suicide is definitely not end of life care. Introducing this radical change in the law is quite the contrary.

¹ <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/voluntary-assisted-dying-laws-still-compassionate-choice>

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Euthanasia opponents in silent witness on the steps of the Victorian Parliament after the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 came into effect in 2019.

RTLTA opposes changing the present act to allow health practitioners to raise with their patients the whole subject of euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide as an option.

Health care professionals are there to care for the lives of their patients and never to be the purveyors of death even if patients are terminally ill. At the time in their lives when terminally ill patients are most vulnerable, it is wrong to allow health care professionals to propose to their patients that their lives could be deliberately ended by euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide.

Further, the risk of coercion is far greater if health practitioners were permitted to initiate discussions on what may be described as voluntary assisted dying.

There is often an imbalance of authority in discussions between health practitioners and patients.

It may be argued that coercion can be rejected as highly improbable. However, when there is an imbalance of status between the health care professional and the patient, there remains the distinct possibility it can and will happen.

Another compelling argument is the reality that even the mere mention of the possibility of the patient choosing to end their life risks that patients could very easily think that they have become a burden to others and decide to go along with an option put to them by their health care professional i.e choose to end their lives. Likewise, patients facing an option to end their lives may conclude that for everybody's sake they would be better off dead and choose to end their lives.

Forcing health care professionals to give information about voluntary assisted dying

RTLTA strongly objects to the government's proposal to require all health care professionals who, as a matter of conscience, are opposed to even giving any form of information regarding access to euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide.

We support for the right of all health care professionals to hold a conscientious objection to all involvement with euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide. For the Victorian Labor government to undermine and deny the right of conscientious objection on this life and death matter is a direct assault on the civil right of any citizen to freedom of conscience.

This proposal from the state government is an egregious and extreme violation of the human rights of health care professionals and deserves condemnation.

If the unthinkable should eventuate and this violation of human rights be enacted in Victoria, it would force medical practitioners to choose from drastic options:

- To violate their own consciences and act in what is for them in an immoral way. In the long term such an action would lead to grave psychological and personal harm;
- To contravene the amended Voluntary Assisted Dying Act, which would lead to criminal sanctions, possible imprisonment, possible heavy fines and certainly loss of employment as a health care professional;
- To resign as a health care professional and so end their professional career;
- To move to another state where their right to freedom of conscience would be respected.

The gravity of these options clearly shows what is at stake.

Extending the Period for Prognosis of Expected Death to Twelve Months

RTLTA opposes the proposed amendment to widen access by extending the present period for a prognosis of expected death from six months to twelve months.

RTLTA notes an initial argument for VAD was that terminally ill patients should be able to end their lives so avoiding unnecessary suffering. With the benefit of modern medicine, such suffering is limited to the final stage of illnesses, so the present six-month prognosis can be considered unwarranted. Moving to a twelve-month prognosis can be judged to be simply excessive and not justified.

A patient prognosis, and certainly not even with any treatment, can be an uncertain prognosis, but could easily be classified as being a twelve-month prognosis under the proposed change to the Victorian VAD Act. Resulting from this change it can be reasonably said that all patients with a diagnosed terminal illness will be able to access euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide despite their having a definite possibility of surviving up to five years or more after their initial diagnosis.

Shortening the Period between a First and Final Request for VAD to Five Days

RTLTA opposes any amendment which shortens the period between the first request and the final request for euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide under the act.

A decision to end one's life is irreversible. Patients need time to reflect on their decision – to be assured in their own mind they have not made a rash decision. Patients who have a terminal condition are fragile. Such patients do benefit from sufficient time for them to think over the decision to end their lives and possibly to change their minds. Five days is simply not enough time for this process to calmly evolve.

The current nine-day period allows a patient the time and mental space to calmly think over their decision.

Conclusion

Detailed analysis of the amendments to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 planned by the Allan Labor government shows how dangerous these amendments are to the protection of human life in Victoria. Right to Life Australia and all committed to the protection of human life will campaign hard to defeat all of these amendments.

Eugene Ahern

A Baby's Plea

*'I'm fearfully and wonderfully made.
The Bible says to me.
I'm safe inside my Mother's womb
Contented I will be.*

*I hope my Mummy loves me now
Although I am not seen.
She'll keep me safe until I'm born
I'll come out nice and clean.*

*I have heard there are wicked types
Who suck you from the womb.
Because Mummy does not want you now
Condemned into the tomb.*

*But clearly I'm a little girl
The ultra sound does show.
And as the time gets nearer
You'll see that I do grow.*

*I'm 'fearfully and wonderfully made.'
The Bible says to me
Please leave me safe in Mummy's womb
Away from 'surgery.'*

Original Poem by Mr P Bloomfield, supporter

“My journey to becoming pro-life”

Samantha’s Story



Samantha with her husband Chirath and first son William

Samantha, a young nurse from Melbourne telephoned our office and offered to volunteer with RTLA. She told us about her pro-life journey which she says was inspired by her husband Chirath who supported her every step of the way. What an amazing story! Editor.

“I grew up in a secular, progressive, pro-choice household. There was not much discussion on the topic, it was assumed that any educated and tolerant person would of course be pro-choice, and only science denying, woman oppressing, religious “Jesus loving” people would be pro-life.

There were a few times in my life that I look back on where I believe God was poking some holes in the pro-choice movement but I was so firmly convinced that abortion was healthcare and that pro-choice was the virtuous position to hold.

When I met my now husband he was - and still is pro-life, which shocked me, he didn’t seem like the type, they were meant to be uneducated, dangerous people.

Still, I persevered with my beliefs in the background, not thinking much of it. Even after becoming pregnant with my first child thought “I would not want to “force” someone through pregnancy if they weren’t willing.”

Honestly, I’m not sure what it was that got me started down this pathway, I imagine I heard a pro-choice argument get challenged and defeated by one of the conservative commentators that I listen to.

Once I have an interest in something, I can’t let it go until I’ve gotten to the bottom of it, and the pro-life and pro-choice discussion had consumed me. And slowly but surely, I moved from one side of the aisle to the other:

1. The unborn is a human baby. “Ok so abortion up to birth isn’t ok, but before viability is fine, since a woman’s bodily autonomy is affected.
2. The baby is capable of suffering. “Well hang on, if the baby can feel pain, then maybe only up until consciousness. Then they can’t be suffering, and they won’t even know.
3. The baby is a person with a vested interest in their own life, even if they are not developed enough to acknowledge it. “OK, well since a couple consents to the sexual act, then they should be responsible for the outcome, even if it was unexpected, but abortion for rape and foetal defect is still necessary.”

And then finally I hit the crux of the pro-life argument.

The unborn person is an innocent member of the human species and therefore has a right to life, the same as every other human being, regardless of age, developmental stage, cognitive level, physical ability or the circumstances surrounding their conception.

One day I woke up and I was fervently pro-life. I can’t point to any one thing, argument or person who changed my mind. It was the repeated exposure to the truth that finally brought me out of the darkness. This is why I now endeavour to speak the truth.

I hope this story encourages those in the pro-life movement, that you’re making a difference, even if it doesn’t feel like it at the time. You never know who is listening and what seeds you’re planting inside of them.”
Samantha

Tough Fight Against the N.S.W. Abortion Bill Achieved Pro-life Successes

Initially introduced by the Greens, the NSW parliament passed an Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2025 on 14 May 2025. The passage of amendments moved by pro-life MP's was a significant victory but specialised nurses will now be able to prescribe abortion pills up to 9 weeks gestation..

What the Bill sought to do:

Originally the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2025 sought to:

- Allow nurses and midwives to perform abortions up to 22 weeks' gestation;
- Force doctors, nurses and midwives to refer patients who want to abort their baby to others who will do it or lose their jobs;
- Allow the NSW government to force all hospitals including Christian ones to provide abortions or lose government funding and so be forced to close; and
- End data collection of abortion procedures and outcomes - to prevent facts on abortions being known.

What Was Removed or Changed by the Amendments

The following clauses were removed or changed before the final vote on the bill:

- Healthcare professionals will not be forced to refer people for an abortion;
- Hospitals, including Christian hospitals will not be compelled to provide abortions;
- Clarifying that abortion drugs can only be prescribed up to 9 weeks' gestation;
- Data collection on abortions will continue. A pro-life amendment to increase transparency on reporting of abortions was passed, so data on abortions will be improved.

Any increase in abortion access is a tragedy. More lives will be lost as a consequence of the NSW parliament's decision to pass this bill.

Liberal leader in the Upper House, Damien Tudehope, expressed his grief in these words:

"I place on record that, in many respects, tonight is a tragic night for unborn children.

"For those who actually believe that life begins at conception and continues through to its natural end, any intervention to terminate that life by any person, and increasing of the number of persons who can administer lethal doses to unborn children, should never be celebrated as an advancement for the people of New South Wales.

"For those who believe in the sanctity of life, any steps to increase the cohort of people who can administer lethal injections and provide lethal drugs to terminate that life would be a tragedy for those unborn children.

"Although the bill passes, it should be done with sadness and shame."

Liberal MP Tanya Davies warned,

"A recent study reported an adverse event rate of over 10 per cent for women who access the abortion pill, with one in 20 requiring hospitalisation or a visit to an emergency department due to complications.

"Let that sink in. This is not simply a process of taking a pill for a headache; this is medication that induces a miscarriage. It is a serious matter."

NSW Midwife Writes "I Cannot Prescribe Antibiotics"

In a letter to the Sydney Morning Herald, Midwife Karen Childs wrote,

"As a midwife, I cannot prescribe antibiotics, but this bill wants me to write scripts for the abortion pill. How does the midwife know the pregnancy's gestation without an ultrasound? Why are we putting this burden on midwives? We are not the dumping ground for the government; we are there for the women and their families."

Nurses and Midwives Doing Surgical Abortions up to 22 Weeks?

The bill originally gave the upper limit of nurses and midwives performing abortions up to 22 weeks' gestation. This extensive timeframe up to the time of foetal viability was alarming.

Why? Because the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)'s [guidelines](#) states the abortion drug known as **MS-2 Step** (Mifepristone and Misoprostol) can only be administered up to nine weeks' gestation.

For abortions after nine weeks, a surgical abortion is required. But nurses and midwives are *not* qualified to perform this kind of surgery.

The obvious question is: Why propose a law that states nurses and midwives can do abortions up to 22 weeks' gestation, if they cannot medically do so?

The bill's wording was designed to open the door for nurses, midwives, and other health workers to become surgical abortionists in the future when medical guidelines change.

Some politicians and media outlets have claimed this was 'misinformation'. But even Dr Amanda Cohn, the Greens' author of the bill, said,

"There are also concerns that the bill unintentionally permits nurses and midwives to perform surgical procedures well outside their scope of practice. I understand that if one read the Abortion Law Reform Act and this bill in isolation, one may believe that to be the case."

This led Damien Tudehope to question, *"One interpretation of the way the bill was initially drafted could potentially give a nurse practitioner the opportunity to participate in a surgical abortion or administer a medical abortion up to 22 weeks."*

Shining Lights in the NSW Parliament

Susan Carter MLC (Liberal Party)



"I do not believe that a 10-week-old fetus in the womb is a living human being; I know it is. Just as I know the Earth orbits the sun and gravity stops us from falling off the face of the Earth.

"I know that because it is scientific fact. Nothing has been added to any of us since our conception except food, water, time and hopefully love."

"Many casual contacts may not even know that the mother is pregnant, but the child that she is carrying will have a recognisable face, a heart that beats, tiny fingers and toes, and even fingernails and toenails."

John Ruddick MLC (Libertarian Party)



"I had been of the view that life did not commence until the fetus had developed brain waves, which is six to eight weeks into the pregnancy. My view had been that the foetus could not feel pain until that point."

"But prolife libertarians challenged that approach via an appeal to reason. They asked, "If a law says it's fine to abort a foetus prior to the formation of brain waves, then is it fine to kill the foetus five minutes before the brain waves form?" A law cannot decide at what moment brain waves form because it will be sooner in some fetuses and later in others."

"Conception is the moment of extraordinary and unique transformation. It is the moment when something radically different appears from what was moments before. Conception is the transformative moment that begins everyone's life journey. That is when we all begin to exist."

Robert Borsak MLC (Shooters, Farmers and Fishers)



"An embryo and then a foetus is a baby from conception. We oppose the bill in its entirety."

"The bill does not increase access to health care; it expands the reach of ideology into medicine. It does not empower women; it removes safeguards for them. It does not respect diversity in New South Wales; it erases it in favour of one view, one model and one mandate."

"The bill is not about good policy, and it is not what good policy looks like. It is not what sound health care looks like, and it is not what a respectful society looks like. It is what The Greens want for our society, and that is always destructive and monocultural."

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Greg Donnelly MLC (Labor Party)



"An intended pregnancy termination, from conception up to birth, has only one purpose and that is to end the life of an unborn human being."

"That human life, though obviously small—indeed, tiny—is nevertheless at its earliest stage of existence; it cannot be otherwise."

"Claiming that it is not scientifically incorrect and intellectually dishonest."

"Whatever else may be occurring in that nine-month period between conception to birth, a human being is incontrovertibly growing and developing inside its mother."

"Be that as it may, our society—and the culture at large—with some significant success, has largely set aside the belief and acceptance of this truth, this reality."

"Tragically in my view, which has created a deep and unnecessary tension between the right of the unborn to their very existence as a human being and the health, welfare, life choices and wellbeing of its mother."

"This deep and unnecessary tension has had the practical effect of pitting the unborn human being against her or his mother. This pitting of one life against another based on a claim for superior rights of one over the other is not something new."

Tanya Davies MP (Liberal Party)



"The bill expands the provision of abortion and widens the net of those who may administer abortion."

"Instead, options for pregnant women should be expanded through a range of measures so that pregnant women do not feel that the only answer to any physical or mental concerns or issues is the ending of their unborn baby's life."

"There must be access to a range of ongoing supports where physical and/or mental issues and concerns are met with the required treatment, monitoring and follow-up support."

Thank Those Who Strongly Opposed the Bill

Those MPs who opposed the bill deserve recognition for their courage. There are strong pro-abortion pressures from within the Labor and Liberal parties.

Please write c/- N.S.W. Parliament House, Sydney N.S.W. 2000, email or phone to thank them.

**Lower House MPs
(Legislative Assembly)**

20 members of the Legislative Assembly voted against the bill.

Member of Parliament	Party
Edmond Atalla.....	Labor
Tina Ayyad.....	Liberal
Stephen Bali.....	Labor
Justin Clancy.....	Liberal
Sophie Cotsis.....	Labor
Mark Coure.....	Liberal
Tanya Davies.....	Liberal
Stephanie Di Pasqua.....	Liberal
Julia Finn.....	Labor
Judy Hannan.....	Independent
Mark Hodges.....	Liberal
Tim James.....	Liberal
Hugh McDermott.....	Labor
Joe McGirr.....	Independent
Robyn Preston.....	Liberal
Anthony Roberts.....	Liberal
Mark Taylor.....	Liberal
Tanya Thompson.....	Nationals
Paul Toole.....	Nationals
Monica Tudehope.....	Liberal

**Upper House MLCs
(Legislative Council)**

15 members of the Legislative Council voted against the bill.

Member of Parliament	Party
Mark Banasiak.....	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers
Robert Borsak.....	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers
Susan Carter.....	Liberal
Greg Donnelly.....	Labor
Scott Farlow.....	Liberal
Courtney Houssos.....	Labor
Mark Latham.....	Independent
Natasha Maclaren-Jones.....	Liberal
Taylor Martin.....	Independent
Rachel Merton.....	Liberal
Tania Mihailuk.....	Independent
Chris Rath.....	Liberal
Rod Roberts.....	Independent
John Ruddick.....	Libertarian
Damien Tudehope.....	Liberal

Grassroots Pro-life Action in Queensland

JAMES' STORY

Our Queensland supporter – James - told us about his recent pro-life activity and shared how he and each of us could work locally to increase awareness about life issues. The suggestions can easily be transferred to celebrations for other denominations or other group events.

He says : "I invite you to consider establishing Sanctity of Life Sunday in your parish, church or other group each year. This is something that is easy to organise. The purpose is to highlight awareness of the problems of abortion and euthanasia.

The aims for Sanctity of Life Sunday are: Pray to stop abortion and euthanasia, pray for organisations that help people in these areas and for forgiveness and repentance for those who have been involved in abortion and euthanasia. In addition encourage people to speak up about these issues and defend the truth. I also encourage people to write or email politicians about life issues and donate/become members of RTLA or to local group Cherish Life Qld.

The first step is to pray Sanctity of Life Sunday can be negotiated with the priest, pastor or group leader. The best time to approach them is when the calendar of Sunday celebrations is being set. Be prepared to keep your first attempt SIMPLE. To meet all of the aims listed above may not be achievable or fully agreeable. Attend all Masses/services - to be available for giving (and receiving) information and resources, eg Right to Life Newsletters, prayer cards, bookmarks and flyers.

Have a table set aside at the back of the church or event near the entrance. Highlight the area with display boards, and other eye-catching signs. I use a large poster with the words pray, speak, write, email

**Pray
Speak
Write
Email**

The main information could be a data projection video before the end of Mass or service -alternatively a speech delivered by yourself. Right to Life could point you in the right direction.

Have membership forms for RTLA/CLQ available. The last thing to do is collect donations, take to bank and deposit it, letting the organisation know the money is coming and where it is from. Co-operating with the priest or minister will inspire him to welcome you to do Sanctity of Life Sunday in the years ahead."

By James - a pro-lifer who has presented many Sanctity of Life Sundays and belonging to a Catholic Tradition.



Photo: Colourful display at Life Festival, Adelaide

British MPs Vote to Decriminalise Abortion in England and Wales

By Eugene Ahern

A landslide vote on 17 June 2025 in the House of Commons to decriminalise the abortion procedure is the biggest change to British abortion laws since 1967. British MPs voted to change abortion legislation to stop women in England and Wales being prosecuted for ending their pregnancy. As an issue of conscience, MPs were allowed to vote according to their personal beliefs.

The current law in England and Wales states abortion is illegal but allowed up to the first 24 weeks of pregnancy and beyond that in certain circumstances such as if the woman's life is in danger.

It is also legal to take prescribed related medication at home if a woman is less than 10 weeks pregnant.

The amendment to the **Crime and Policing Bill**, abolishing the prosecution of women in England and Wales for terminating their pregnancy at any stage, passed by 379 votes to 137. Women who terminate their pregnancy outside the rules, for example after 24 weeks, will no longer be at risk of being investigated by police.

The law will still penalise anyone who assists a woman, including medical professionals, in getting an abortion outside the current legal framework.

Labour MP Tonia Antoniazzi put forward the amendment to the **Crime and Policing Bill**, which was passed by a majority of 242 votes.

Antoniazzi highlighted a series of cases where women had been arrested for illegal abortion offences, such as Nicola Packer, who was taken from hospital to a police cell after delivering a stillborn baby at home after taking prescribed abortion medicine when she was around 26 weeks pregnant.

She told jurors during her trial, which came after more than four years of police investigation, that she did not realise she had been pregnant for more than 10 weeks.

The Antoniazzi amendment won the support from 379 MPs, with 137 against.

The new clause will not change any law regarding the provision of abortion services within a healthcare setting, including but not limited to the time limit, telemedicine, the grounds for abortion, or the requirement for two doctors' approval.

It was backed by all the main abortion providers, as well as 180 MPs from across the Commons and 50 organisations including the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG).

Labour MP Stella Creasey put forward a second amendment urging MPs to go further than Antoniazzi's, proposing to ditch any abortion-related clauses of the **1861 Offences Against the Person Act** - which outlaws abortion - and enshrine abortion as a human right.

Creasy's amendment was backed by 108 MPs before the debate - but abortion providers, including the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), said the amendment was not the right way to achieve "generational change", and it did not go to a vote.

Conservative shadow health minister Dr Caroline Johnson put forward a third amendment, aimed at stopping pills-by-post abortions requiring a pregnant woman to have an in-person consultation before being prescribed medication to terminate her pregnancy.

The Johnson amendment was defeated with 379 MPs voting against and 117 voting for.

The amendment still needs to complete its legislative journey through both the Commons and the Lords before it can become law.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)'s public policy manager, Alithea Williams, said: "If this clause becomes law, a woman who aborts her baby at any point in pregnancy, even moments before birth, would not be committing a criminal offence." "Now, even the very limited protection afforded by the law is being stripped away," Alithea Williams added.



We say, "Save the Baby Humans"

UK Assisted Suicide Bill Faces Possible Defeat in House of Lords

Eugene Ahern

The British Parliament is now debating another - in a long succession of bills - to legalise euthanasia in England. The bill is commonly known as the **Leadbeater Bill** after the name of its mover Kim Leadbeater.

The **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** having been passed (20/6/25) in the British House of Commons may still face defeat in the House of Lords (The Upper House of the British Parliament).

This Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill passed in the British House of Commons by a significantly reduced margin of just 23 votes on 20 June 2025, far less than had been expected.

The final vote in the Commons was 314 to 291, after having passed the Second Reading Vote with a 55-vote majority.

Given the Bill has lost so much support, opponents have a new confidence it will be overturned in the House of Lords. This demonstrates the more this flawed Bill is scrutinized and analysed, support for the bill drains away. There is reason to believe this process will continue when the bill is debated in the House of Lords.

Nevertheless, 314 British MPs were so attached to vacuous ideals they wilfully ignored the many concerns raised by UK hospice leaders, disability groups and medical bodies on the harm they see coming from the bill.

In May 2025 the Royal College of Psychiatrists stated they "cannot support the bill". On, 13 June 2025 the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists stated the bill had "deficiencies" specifically citing The Mental Capacity Act "does not provide a framework for assessing a person's capacity to decide to end their own life" (Royal College of Psychiatrists, June 2025).

The Royal College of Pathologists outlined their concerns a coroner would not investigate an assisted death as stated in Clause 35 of the bill. As the lead college for medical examiners, they say "deaths following assisted dying should be notified to the coroner just as other deaths following the administration of drugs, prescribed or not, must be." Amendments to address these grave objections were proposed, but all voted against.

Only hours prior to the vote, The National Down Syndrome Policy Group sent a letter to MPs outlining deep concerns for those with Down syndrome and learning disabilities being vulnerable to coercion or manipulation should the bill become law.

The spokesperson for Right to Life UK, which campaigns against assisted suicide and in support of better access to palliative care, Catherine Robinson recently said: "The Commons vote marks a remarkable reversal in fortunes for the Bill, which has gone from passing its Second Reading in November last year by a 55-vote majority, to only passing Third Reading by 23 votes".

"Although the Bill has passed the Commons, momentum remains with its opponents, with support consistently falling every time MPs have considered it.

"The Bill leaves the Commons lacking a majority support, with fewer than half of all MPs voting for it at its final stage."

"We will be fighting this Bill at every stage in the House of Lords, where we are confident it can be overturned given its continuing loss of support."



USA TODAY

RTLTA correspondent Mrs Kathy Edgeworth, USA Republican Delegate 2024

We're well into Mr. Trump's second term and everybody agrees, this is nothing like sleepy Joe's tenure! The sheer volume of changes is staggering. Everyday seems to bring a new executive order or policy directive. Trump stated he would have about a hundred executive orders ready to sign on Inauguration Day. Most people, especially democrats weren't ready.

On the Right to Life Front he pardoned 23 Right to Lifers, some serving long sentences for violating the "FACE Act", concerning blocking access to abortion facilities. It's interesting Congress has gone to such lengths to protect the right to kill babies. I'm unaware of any similar law to protect any other right, my right to buy a Tesla, for instance. The right to privacy, on which Roe hinged, was written in "invisible ink". There's no mention of it in the constitution. Trump has re-instated the Hyde amendment which forbids the U.S. from giving money to foreign organizations who fund abortions. Planned Parenthood may be defunded. Some states have cases in the court system allowing them to bar Medicaid (low income health insurance), recipients from choosing that organization as their medical provider. Mr. Trump may defund them on a national level.



Trump's "One Big Beautiful Act" passed the Congress on 3 July 2025. This sweeping legislative victory critically includes provisions that defund the abortion industry.

I've noticed when the left faces opposition they try to stifle debate, label the opposition as bigots, and occasionally jail them. The left has gone from the "free speech movement" of the '60s to actively opposing the first amendment. Whatever helps their side prevail. Katherine Maher, head of PBS (public broadcasting corporation) is quoted as saying truth sometimes gets in the way of getting things done.

The democrats are in shambles. They have no consensus, either on a leader or policy issues. The democrat party has an approval rating of between 27 and 29 points. On April 1, they lost two congressional races in Florida. The margins weren't as large as in the presidential race, but still respectable. The big disappointment was the election of a very liberal person to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, giving the left control of the court by a 4-3 margin. It appears everybody, including George Soros and Elon Musk poured money into that race. A total of a hundred million dollars (a record for a state Supreme Court race), was spent.

Until the democrats get unified behind somebody or find consensus on issues they will lose elections. I've heard it will take them twelve years to come back from the last election. (After Ronald Reagan's win in 1980, it was 1992 before they came back with Bill Clinton.)

James Carville, who managed Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns stated that the Democrats put in their "seventh string quarterback" in 2024. If you don't agree with his assessment on this, I suggest you watch her interview with Fox News commentator, Bret Baier. Watching her performance made me wonder how she could stand up to Putin or Xi. It's not that a woman can't be a good President and an effective leader, it's just that no well qualified woman has been nominated. America has not produced a Margaret Thatcher, or anybody close.

The progressives, notably AOC and Bernie Sanders don't realize allowing biological males in women's sports is an 80/20 losing issue for them. Gov. Mike Waltz claimed democrats lost the last election because they weren't sufficiently into wokeness, DEI and immigration. Having taxpayer funded trans surgeries in prison (some judge in Indiana has ruled a monster who strangled his stepchild needs this surgery at taxpayer expense) is ridiculous. When asked about the issue, former VP Harris said she'd follow the law. When asked about abortion, she promised to get the law changed.

It's hard to predict where democrats will go in 2028. The centrists may want somebody like Sen. Mark Kelly from Arizona, the former astronaut. His wife is a former congresswoman who made a miraculous recovery after an assassination attempt. She still is not up to holding public office, though. Josh Shapiro (governor of Pennsylvania), is a possibility, although the left is not happy about his being Jewish and a supporter of Israel. Rumor has it that he deliberately flubbed his meeting with Kamala Harris, for the VP nomination, so he would not be associated with a losing ticket. I don't think the democrats will nominate her again for President. She may run for governor of California, but that didn't work out too well for Richard Nixon in 1962, after his 1960 loss to Jack Kennedy. She is doing well in the polls because of name recognition. My feeling is she ran such a poor campaign she doesn't have a chance at the 2028 presidential nomination. If they want to nominate a woman Sen. Elissa Slotkin, of Michigan would be a possible option. She is a centrist and credited with having given a good response to Pres. Trump's speech before a joint session of congress.

If the dems want a progressive, California governor Gavin Newsom, would appear to have the inside track. His declaration that having biological males in women's sports is unfair may get him some support among the saner elements in the party. However it may have angered enough of the left to prevent his nomination.

Which, if any side, controls the democrats? Good question. Right now they all seem to be either engaged in a circular firing squad or busy trying to explain why they thought Mr. Biden was up to a second term. The old question "what did you know and when did you know it?" Democrats had about 4,600 delegates at the last convention and an additional roughly 600 super delegates, usually former office holders, like Bill Clinton. The largely unspoken purpose of the superdelegates is to moderate the delegates' choice. After the 2016 convention, a rule change was made which doesn't allow super delegates to vote until the second ballot, thus decreasing their influence. (This was modified for the 2024 convention), so we'll see what role they have in 2028.

In less than 6 months, Mr. Trump has overhauled immigration, begun a major re-organization of government, and re-shaping world trade.

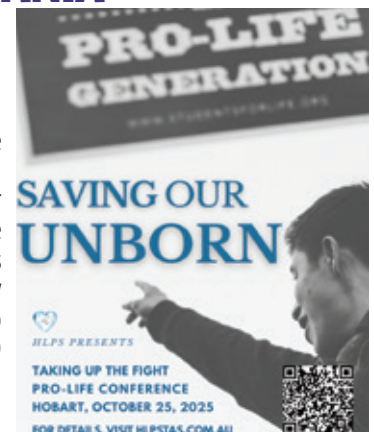
I'd say roughly 80-90 percent of Republicans are pro-Trump. Not surprisingly the top contenders for the Republicans are J.D. Vance and Ron Desantis (both pro-life). Most conservatives would be happy with either one. Unless the Trump presidency ends in disaster, a pro-Trump person will be the nominee. The anti-Trump wing of the party consists largely of Former N.J. Gov. Chris Christie, and Former Rep. Liz Cheney and is therefore almost non-existent. Even Sen. Cassidy of Louisiana, who voted to convict Mr. Trump in the second impeachment trial, supported all his nominees. He is up for re-election in 2026. If he can get Mr. Trump to stay silent, he has a chance. Rumor has it there is no way on earth he will get the President's endorsement. The non-Trump wing has former U. N. Ambassador Nikki Haley. I am counting her as non-Trump (not anti-Trump) since she and Mr. Trump sort of made up after the primaries, but I wouldn't invite them to the same party.

Technically, I believe Mr. Trump could obtain a third term without violating the constitution. It would be just too much maneuvering, and I believe I'm not alone when I say I think 82 is a good retirement age. His third term should be the election of a well-qualified younger person.

HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY TASMANIA

OCTOBER 2025 CONFERENCE

The Tasmanian Human Life Protection Society is holding a conference on Saturday 25 October 2025. Please see their website www.hlpstas.com.au for details and online bookings. Alternatively download the online form and post to Human Life Protection Society, GPO BOX 1158 Hobart Tas 7001. Or email to: info@hlpstas.com.au



Australian Medical Association Releases Concerning Position Statement on Voluntary Assisted Dying

On 29 March 2025 the Australian Medical Association (AMA) released a Position Statement on Voluntary Assisted Dying. An extract from the statement reads,

“Doctors have an ethical duty to provide their patients with quality end-of-life care that strives to alleviate pain and suffering, supports an individual’s values and preferences for care, and allows them to achieve the best quality of life possible. This position statement serves to support doctors and patients who choose to participate, and those who choose not to participate, in Voluntary Assisted Dying services, where legally available in Australia.”

The updated statement reflects the current legislative environment where voluntary assisted dying (VAD) is now available in all Australian states and will be available in the ACT later in 2025. This position statement calls for the protection doctors and patients who choose to participate or choose not to participate in VAD services.

Georgia’s Baby “Chance” delivered prematurely from Mum on life support

Adriana Smith, A 30-year-old nurse from Georgia USA was admitted into hospital in February 2025, diagnosed with blood clots in the brain and then declared brain-dead.

At that time Ms Smith was 8 or 9 weeks pregnant with her second child. Georgia’s law applies “personhood” to an unborn baby whose heartbeat can be medically detected. This state law went into effect after the US Supreme Court ruling (overturned Roe v Wade in 2022) cleared the way for the state law to take immediate effect.



Ms Smith’s family was told she would be kept on life support until the baby could be delivered. The baby named “Chance” was delivered prematurely on 13 June 2025 by emergency caesarean. He was about 25 weeks gestation weighing 0.82 kg and (of 29/6/25) remains in neonatal intensive care. Ms Smith was removed from life support days after her son was born.

In January 2014 a Texas judge ordered a hospital to remove a brain-dead woman from life support. The woman, Marlise Munoz was a 33-year-old paramedic who was 14 weeks pregnant at the time. John Peter Smith Hospital said at the time it was bound by state law from removing her life support until Ms Munoz miscarried or a baby was born. Ms Munoz was on life support for about two months. Munoz’s family said she never wanted to be on life support and sued to have her removed from it. H Wallace Jr ruled the law was not being applied and life support was ceased.

In May 2020 a 29-year-old Australian Mum Khayla Reno suffered devastating brain injuries after a car accident and was placed on life support. She was about 19 weeks pregnant. Her partner Mr Millard fought valiantly with legal interventions for about ten days to prevent life support from being removed. He said “I want to do everything I can to keep both Khayla and our baby alive”. He was unsuccessful and Ms Reno’s life support was removed.

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Very regrettably this position paper and hence the AMA does accept the reality of legalised VAD across Australia. Yet that this is simply the present reality in no way makes such a situation acceptable.

RTLA wants the AMA to follow the strong policy of opposition to euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide by the American Medical Association upheld in their code of medical ethics..

RTLA calls on doctors to respond to the AMA statement clearly opposing the AMA’s accepting in principle the reality of legalised euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide. We are particularly opposed to the proposal to allow the use of telehealth to provide VAD services – telehealth consultations expose patients to life ending pressures from third parties such as family members.

Palliative Care Australia provided valuable input. Fortunately, the statement maintains the AMA’s staunch support for palliative care. It advocates that governments must appropriately fund and resource palliative care throughout Australia.

Major issues arising from the “consultation” included the need to ensure that doctors with conscientious objections to VAD are not mandated to provide VAD, and that services, funding and resourcing of palliative care are not compromised by any funding and resourcing of VAD services.

Eugene Ahern.

Vale A Truly Peaceful Warrior for Life Richard Grant R.I.P

Richard Grant died on 1 April 2025 in Melbourne’s Alfred Hospital surrounded by this devoted wife Beverley and his large family. He received his final anointing from his son James, a Catholic Capuchin priest.

Richard’s commitment to his unborn brothers and sisters was exceptional.

Richard joined the huge campaign to defeat the 1973 Abortion on Demand Bill in federal parliament. He was active in our then named Right to Life Victoria’s political campaigns both in the ongoing lobbying of federal and state MP’s particularly in the hard fought 1974 and 1975 federal election campaigns.

In those years Richard was the chairman of the very vibrant Political Action Committee alongside activists Eugene Ahern, Peter Tydeman and Paul Van Gemert among others. In that capacity he was for some years a member of the executive of Right to Life Australia. Richard was a gifted letter writer and political lobbyist advocating in defence of his unborn brothers and sisters and subsequently for the long-born as euthanasia reared its ugly head.

All agree that Richard met every appeal for help, assistance or presence in all of the pro-life movement’s endeavours.

Richard became best known for his Christian witnessing outside the Wellington Parade abortuary (East Melbourne) founded by Dr Bertram Wainer. Fellow witnesser Dave Forster said “We started witnessing outside the so-called Fertility Control Clinic in January 1993. Richard joined us full time in 1995. Before then he had been cycling each day from work during his lunch hour.”

Richard witnessed there for over 32 years! He rose at 6.00 a.m. five days a week to be outside the abortuary before the first desperate women arrived to have their babies killed. With The Helpers of God’s Precious Infants he also raised thousands of dollars to help those women and the babies they saved.

Richard was supported and helped by his wife Beverley and their nine children. The Right to Life Australia salutes all that Richard brought to the Australian pro-life movement and expresses our sympathy to Beverley and her extended family in their sadness and loss.

Eugene Ahern