



Gorsuch's Extreme Lobby: The Backgrounds Of The Anti-LGBTQ and Anti-Choice Groups Supporting Trump's Nominee

A number of extreme organizations have come out supporting Neil Gorsuch's SCOTUS nomination, linking him to their anti-choice, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-women agendas—including groups that think birth control should be illegal, that claim through abortion “we are committing a 9/11 almost every day,” that have opposed marriage equality and adoption by LGBTQ parents, that said transgender people suffered from mental illness, and that believe the government should execute abortion providers.

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Students For Life

Students For Life Published A Statement Titled “SCOTUS Nomination Of Judge Neil Gorsuch Is Awesome” That Said “We At Students For Life Are Very Happy With This Pick!” In a statement, President Kristan Hawkins wrote, “We are thrilled with Judge Neil Gorsuch’s nomination to the US Supreme Court by President Trump, who is continuing to fulfill campaign promises at a breakneck speed. A strict Constitutionalist and firm supporter of religious freedom and liberties dictated by the Founding Fathers, Judge Gorsuch is an excellent replacement for the late Justice Scalia, and one who has the potential to leave a powerful legacy.” [Students for Life, [1/31/17](#)]

Students For Life President Kristan Hawkins Said “In My Ideal World,” Birth Control Pills And IUDs Would Be Illegal. During a recent MSNBC appearance, Hawkins was asked if birth control pills and IUDs should be illegal. In response, Hawkins said “in my ideal world, yes.” [MSNBC, [1/28/17](#), via Raw Story]

Family Research Council



Family Research Council Supported Judge Gorsuch And Believed He Would Defend The License To Discriminate. “President Donald Trump today announced Judge Neil Gorsuch as his nominee to the nation's highest court. Family Research Council Tony Perkins, who attended the White House announcement, released the following statement: ‘...Judge Gorsuch’s record over the last 14 years, especially on religious liberty, gives Americans every reason to believe he will make a fine Supreme Court justice. His reputation as a judge with integrity and dedication to the Constitution should be an encouragement to all Americans.’” [Family Research Council, Tony Perkins Statement, [1/31/17](#)]

The Family Research Council Is A Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center For Their Anti-LGBT Equality Work. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “The Family Research Council (FRC) bills itself as ‘the leading voice for the family in our nation’s halls of power,’ but its real specialty is defaming gays and lesbians. The FRC often makes false claims about the LGBT community based on discredited research and junk science. The intention is to denigrate LGBT people in its battles against same-sex marriage, hate crimes laws, anti-bullying programs and the repeal of the military’s ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ policy.” [SPLCenter.org, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

FRC Defended Gay Conversion Therapy And Called Homosexuality A Mental Health Issue. ABC reported: “The Family Research Council and [Peter Sprigg, FRC Senior Fellow] have helped to fight legislative proposals in 20 other states that would make gay conversion therapy illegal. ‘They certainly should not be outlawed. They certainly should not be prohibited by law,’ Sprigg said in an interview to be broadcast this Friday on the ABC News program ‘20/20’ in an investigation of gay conversion therapy programs. ‘As a Christian, I believe that the Bible teaches that to choose to engage in homosexual conduct is a sin,’ he said, adding that he believes therapy can cause people to make different choices...The party position mirrors the position of the Family Research Council, which considers sexual reorientation therapy mental health care. ‘If someone is experiencing something mentally, like same-sex attractions, that is causing distress, then that’s a mental health issue,’ Sprigg said.” [ABC, [3/6/17](#)]

Perkins Endorsed Trump, And Helped Write One Of The “Most Anti-LGBT GOP Platforms In History.” An opinion piece in the Boston Globe explained: “FRC's Tony Perkins, who helped write the GOP platform, considered among the most anti-LGBT GOP platforms in history (and which promotes so-called reparative therapy), endorsed Trump, in a speech at the RNC, and helped turn out white evangelicals for Trump in percentages equal to or surpassing former GOP presidential candidates.” [Boston Globe, [12/16/16](#)]

The Family Research Council Opposes Abortion, Believes “Personhood Begins At Conception,” And Considers Roe v. Wade “Wrongly Decided.” On its website, FRC wrote, “The Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, declaring abortion to be a constitutional ‘right,’ was without foundation in the text of the Constitution and thus was wrongly decided, and we look forward to the day when this grave error will be corrected.” FRC also opposes access to Plan B or any morning after pill without a prescription and believes “Motherhood in the context of marriage promotes positive health outcomes for women.” [Family Research Council, accessed [2/8/17](#); Family Research Council, accessed [2/8/17](#); Family Research Council, [1/15/14](#)]



American Values

American Values Wrote “Gorsuch Is Great!” Outlining Their Support And Pledging “To Be One Of The Groups Working To Ensure That Judge Gorsuch Is Confirmed.” In a report published by American Values, they wrote that Gorsuch’s nomination was “not a mistake. Gorsuch is a grand slam home run.” American Values also expressed support for ending the filibuster in order to confirm Gorsuch: “if there is an attempt to filibuster Gorsuch then the Senate majority must end the filibuster, as President Trump is suggesting.” [American Values, [2/1/17](#)]

American Values: Through Abortion, “We Are Committing A 9/11 Almost Every Day.” In a daily report published by American Values, they wrote, “Of all the tragedies of abortion on demand, one of the worst may be that countless innocent American girls have been taught by the culture, and even sometimes by their parents, that their dignity and opportunity depends on their ability to destroy their own unborn children. I believe this sad fact is doing more to destroy America than what any foreign enemy could ever do. That's not hyperbole, my friends. One million abortions a year is roughly 2,700 abortions a day. We are committing a 9/11 almost every day.” [American Values, [12/15/16](#)]

American Values Is A Non-Profit “Committed To Defending Life, Traditional Marriage” And The “Vision Of The Founding Fathers,” Founded By Gary Bauer. The American Values website aggregates news stories on several topics: “pro-life news,” “traditional marriage news,” and “pro-Israel news.” [American Values, accessed [2/6/17](#); American Values, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

Bauer Argued That Conservatives Should Have Supported Clarence Thomas’s Appointment To The Supreme Court Even If He Sexually Harassed Anita Hill Because He Has “Defended The Sanctity Of Life, Religious Liberty, The Constitution Of The United States” On The Supreme Court. Right Wing Watch reported that in reference to Anita Hill, Bauer said, “Even if what she said was true, which I don’t believe it was... Clarence Thomas was put on the Supreme Court and for the last 25 years has defended the sanctity of life, religious liberty, the Constitution of the United States; his vote has been the deciding vote in multiple things that were incredibly important to the body of Christ and to men and women of faith in America ... and to American freedom. Would Christians say that, well, if those things are true I wouldn’t have wanted him on the Supreme Court?” [Right Wing Watch, [10/21/16](#)]

Bauer Is A Long-Time “Anti-Gay Zealot.” Right Wing Watch called Bauer a “zealot” and outlined Bauer’s anti-gay bigotry in the Reagan White House, where he fought against the appointment of a gay man to Reagan’s Commission on HIV and blamed gay people for the spread of AIDS, writing, “While it is true that homosexuals have been major victims of AIDS, they are also responsible for its spread. Recent students show the average gay man with AIDS has had over 150 different sexual partners in the previous 12 months.” The Southern Poverty Law Center identified Bauer as one of the “anti-LGBT activists” speaking at the 2012 Voter Values Summit. [SPLCenter.org, [9/12/12](#); Right Wing Watch, [11/25/14](#)]

Bauer: “Motherhood Is The Ultimate Expression Of True Femininity.” Bauer wrote that women attended the 2017 March For Life because they were “appalled by the notion that the intentional killing of their children is somehow pro-woman or an exercise of love,” in reference to



the women attending the 2017 Women's March. Bauer wrote that women at the March for Life "marched as a witness to the idea that motherhood is the ultimate expression of true femininity." [American Thinker, [1/30/17](#)]

Operation Rescue

Immediately Following Trump's Nomination Of Gorsuch To The Supreme Court, Operation Rescue Tweeted: "POTUS, Thank You For Neil Gorsuch. You Are A Man Of Your Word!" [Twitter.com, [1/31/17](#)]

Operation Rescue President Troy Newman: The Biblical Duty Of Government "Rightly Involves Executing Convicted Murderers, Including Abortionists." Newman's goal is to entirely "abolish abortion." [Right Wing Watch, [9/14/15](#); WND TV, [1/30/15](#)]

Newman Compared The Passage Of The Affordable Care Act To Living In Nazi Germany. [Right Wing Watch, [7/2/12](#)]

Newman Stalked Clinic Workers. From a 2004 *Los Angeles Times* article (emphasis added):

***LA Times*: "Newman Will Pick Through Clinic Workers' Trash To Figure Out Where They Do Business; He'll Trail Them At A Distance To Learn Their Routines."** His goal is not just to make their lives uncomfortable. He wants to unsettle and disgust their friends and associates, so their hairstylists and their pharmacists, even their neighbors, make it clear they're not welcome in Wichita. [*Los Angeles Times*, [2/17/04](#)]

Newman Claimed "Weather Patterns' And Economic Instability Are Connected To Legal Abortion." As Right Wing Watch reported, Newman also argued "that the 9/11 terrorist attacks and AIDS were both warnings from God about legal abortion in America and attributed a drought in California to the state's liberal abortion laws." [Right Wing Watch, [11/20/15](#)]

Faith And Freedom Coalition

Faith And Freedom Coalition Said They Were Thrilled By Judge Gorsuch's Nomination. "President Trump won 81 percent of the evangelical vote in no small measure because he made an ironclad pledge that if elected he would fill the vacancy on the US Supreme Court with a strict constructionist who would respect the Constitution and the rule of law, not legislate from the bench. We never doubted then-candidate Trump's sincerity or commitment, and by nominating Judge Neil Gorsuch, he has now kept that promise. Judge Gorsuch is a widely respected jurist whose razor-sharp intellect is complemented by his temperament and the knowledge of the law. He is exactly who the nation needs as a Supreme Court Justice in the model of the late Antonin Scalia. Faith & Freedom Coalition is thrilled by this nomination and will work tirelessly for the confirmation of Judge Gorsuch." [Faith and Freedom Coalition, Ralph Reed Statement, [1/31/17](#)]

Founder And Chairman Ralph Reed Compared Fight Against Marriage Equality To Abolitionists Freeing Slaves. "Speaking to about 40 attendees at an afternoon breakout session during the organization's annual 'Road to Majority' conference in Washington, D.C. on



Friday, [Faith and Freedom Coalition founder and Chairman Ralph] Reed gave a speech in which he suggested the 1857 Dred Scott Supreme Court decision which ruled that African American slaves remained the property of their owners even if they traveled to or resided in free states held a lesson for contemporary conservative activists concerned about what they see as judicial overreach on the issue of gay marriage. Before the abolitionists triumphed, Reed reminded, it appeared for many years that the courts would squash the hopes of human rights reformers. 'The battle looked like it was lost, but it really wasn't,' Reed said of the immediate aftermath of the Dred Scott decision, which went on to embolden abolitionist activists. 'And that's kind of like where we are right now. Anybody heard lately that we're losing the marriage issue? Anybody heard that argument? You notice some similarities? I'm not comparing slavery to same-sex marriage, OK? I'm just pointing out that when you have these fights, what's interesting is that if you look at same-sex marriage, it's now legal in 17 states.'" [Yahoo News, [6/21/14](#)]

Ralph Reed Supported Vladimir Putin's Decision To Ban Same-Sex Adoption. From ABC's *This Week*: "By the way Martha, the social science on this is clear. This isn't about Vladimir Putin, this is about what's best for children here in the United States and the social science is irrefutable. And it is that a, a child who grows up in a home without the mother and father present, and they both play a very unique, procreative, nurturing and socializing role, they're, they're nine times more likely to end up dropping out of high school." [ABC, [4/20/14](#)]

Ralph Reed Said Marriage Equality Was A Threat To The Rule Of Law. "Ralph Reed, the former head of the Christian Coalition and who now chairs the Faith & Freedom Coalition, said Georgia voters have said they believe marriage is between a man and a woman. 'It is demeaning to argue that the voters do not have the right to express their will, and this latest attempt to bypass the legislative and referendum process for amending Georgia's Constitution and accomplish by judicial fiat what could not be won at the ballot box is a threat not only to marriage but to respect for the rule of law,' he said." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/23/14](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List

SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser On Gorsuch: "President Trump Has Kept His Promise To Nominate Only Pro-Life Judges To The Supreme Court." In a statement featured on a Judicial Crisis Network website supporting Gorsuch, Dannenfelser wrote:

"President Trump has made an exceptional choice in nominating Neil Gorsuch to carry on the legacy of the late Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court. In nominating Judge Gorsuch, President Trump has kept his promise to nominate only pro-life judges to the Supreme Court. Judge Gorsuch is a distinguished jurist with a strong record of protecting life and religious liberty, as evidenced by his opinions in the Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor cases, and in his doctoral dissertation in which he wrote that 'human life is fundamentally and inherently valuable.' In the coming days, we will mobilize the pro-life grassroots nationwide and in key Senate battleground states to urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Should pro-abortion Democratic Senators choose to filibuster this immensely qualified nominee, they do so at their own political peril." [ConfirmGorsuch.com, [1/31/17](#)]



SBA List Supported Candidates That Would Punish Women For Abortions By Charging Them With Murder And Life In Prison. SBA List has financially and electorally supported at least three candidates who have supported punishing women for abortion: Donald Trump, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (MO), and former Rep. Rick Berg (ND). Though he ultimately walked his comments back, Trump told Chris Matthews that there must be "some form of punishment" for women who have abortions. Hartzler supported legislation that would allow prosecutors to charge women who received abortions with murder, while Berg would give those women life sentences. [Daily Beast, [3/30/16](#); Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [4/21/16](#); Right Wing Watch, [11/12/10](#); Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [4/21/16](#); BuzzFeed, [9/3/12](#)]

SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser: Rape Exceptions To Abortion Bans Are “Abominable” And “Completely Intellectually Dishonest.” SBA List president Marjorie Dannenfelser said at a press conference that she supported a 20-week ban on abortions, despite the fact that it included an exception for victims of rape, because that was politically expedient: “I agree that the rape exception is abominable,” she told LifeSiteNews. “I also know that with it, we were able to move forward ... it’s a place where the country is, and it’s a place that we can actually get the legislation through.” Later, she told a conservative talk radio show “that she found the rape exception ‘regrettable,’ ‘just wrong’ and ‘completely intellectually dishonest,’ but that politicians sometimes require them for ‘political’ reasons.” SBA List otherwise supported a 20-week ban without any exceptions, with Dannenfelser saying, “certainly at 20 weeks excepting anyone is just wrong.” [LifeSiteNews.com, [6/11/15](#); Right Wing Watch, [6/12/15](#); SBA List, accessed [4/22/16](#); Right Wing Watch, [5/19/15](#)]

American United For Life

Americans United For Life On Gorsuch: We Will “Work To Support The Nominee As A Jurist Known For His Respect For The Law.” In a statement, AUL wrote, “Neil Gorsuch’s nomination shows that President Trump values the legacy of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, and is dedicated to ensuring that the Supreme Court is staffed by jurists who respect the Constitution, not by politicians who vote with their policy preferences.” [Americans United For Life, [1/31/17](#)]

AUL Told *The Atlantic* They Oppose “The Morning-After Pill And Two Types Of IUDs.” According to an *Atlantic* profile of former AUL President Charmain Yoest, “AUL takes no position on other policy measures, like birth control or sex ed, that would likely reduce abortions without making life harder for law-abiding doctors who provide abortions or the women who seek them ... They said they don’t oppose birth control in general, but they have advocated against the morning-after pill and two types of IUDs.” [*The Atlantic*, [7/16/15](#)]

AUL’s Former President Doesn’t Want “To Make Abortion Safer. She Wants To Make The Procedure Illegal.” From the *New York Times*: “[Former AUL President Charmaine] Yoest’s end goal isn’t to make abortion safer. She wants to make the procedure illegal. She leaves no room for exceptions in the case of rape or incest or to preserve the health of the mother. She believes that embryos have legal rights and opposes birth control, like the IUD, that she thinks ‘has life-ending properties.’” [*New York Times*, [11/2/12](#)]



AUL Provided The Model Legislation For Many Anti-Choice Bills Around The Country, Including A Vaginal Ultrasound Bill In Virginia, A Bill Requiring Doctors To Lie About Abortion And Breast Cancer In Texas, And A Bill In Kansas That Would Have Closed All Abortion Clinics In State. As reported by Mother Jones, “AUL’s mission is to end all abortions in the United States.” By creating a “body of state laws” restricting abortion through its model legislation, AUL aims to “set precedents with the potential to eventually change federal abortion law.” These include a vaginal ultrasound bill in Virginia, and “trying to shut down all the abortion clinics in Kansas.” *The New York Times* further reported in 2012 that AUL had helped draft a Texas law “requiring doctors to tell patients” that there was, supposedly, a link between abortion and breast cancer risk. “The National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have rejected that claim...found no link between abortion and a higher rate of cancer.” [Mother Jones, [October 2012](#); *New York Times*, [11/2/12](#)]

Focus on the Family

Focus On The Family Supported Neil Gorsuch Because They Believe He Will Oppose Marriage Equality And Defend The License To Discriminate. “As a family ministry concerned with the sanctity of life, marriage, and religious freedom, we are optimistic that Judge Gorsuch will continue to protect our cherished liberties, and earn the entire country’s respect as a member of our nation’s highest court. Judge Gorsuch promises to strictly interpret the Constitution and our nation’s laws and not make new law from the bench. It’s our hope that he will follow in the late Justice Scalia’s footsteps in boldly standing up to the whims of culture and have ‘the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.’” [Focus on the Family, Statement by Jim Daly, [1/31/17](#)]

Focus On The Family Said “Homosexuality Is ‘Preventable And Treatable.’” “Focus on the Family is rolling out its latest response to an advertising campaign that claims gay people are ‘born different.’...The ministry argues that homosexuality is ‘preventable and treatable.’ Spokesman Gary Schneeberger said the No Moo Lies campaign is designed to highlight the political subtext of the Born Different ads, that gay people should be granted the right to legally marry.” [Colorado Springs Gazette, “Dogfight Over Gays Heads to Streets,” [8/15/06](#)]

Focus On The Family’s Stanton Called Children Of Same-Sex Couples “Human Guinea Pigs.” “So, we must ask, “Is it wise to enter the same-sex family experiment with a generation of children so we can learn how it will turn out?” Is it ethical to turn thousands of children into human guinea pigs? The answer must be a resounding “no.” This is especially true when we already have strong indicators that children who don’t livewith both biological parents fare worse than those who do. Thanks to the sexual revolution in the 60s and70s, with its baggage of no-fault divorce and unwed childrearing, we have had ample opportunity to witness and record the results of fatherless and motherless childrearing.” [GLAAD, Accessed 11/3/2014, CitizenLink, Are Same-Sex Families Good For Children?, Accessed [11/3/2014](#)]

Focus On The Family Said Hormone Therapy And Gender Reassignment Surgery “Create A Façade Of Legitimacy For What Is Otherwise A Recognizable And Treatable Mental Illness.” “Sexual “Reassignment” Surgery and various hormonal therapies represent the physical alteration/mutilation of the body to match a perceived – and self-defined – social role.



'Transgenderism' attempts to create a façade of legitimacy for what is otherwise a recognizable and treatable mental illness. The American Psychiatric Association refers to this condition as Gender Identity Disorder (GID) – a mental condition, not a physical condition. Dr. Paul McHugh, former Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Johns Hopkins University, referred to psychiatrists who recommend medical treatment for this condition as 'fundamentally cooperating with a mental illness.' Psychiatrists should not be allowing mentally ill patients to suffer through such a devastating condition solely for the sake of political correctness." [Focus On The Family, Talking Points (Transgenderism), Accessed [10/28/2014](#)]

Family Policy Alliance

Family Policy Alliance Encouraged Its Supporters To Call Their Senators And Ask Them To "Please Confirm Judge Gorsuch." Family Policy Alliance also told its supporters to tell their Senators that "Judge Neil Gorsuch is eminently qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court" and that "Gorsuch would not make law from the bench as others have in the past." [Family Policy Alliance, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

The Family Policy Alliance Is The Political Arm Of Focus On The Family, One Of the Most Well-Funded Anti-LGBT Groups In The U.S. The Family Policy Alliance was previously called CitizenLink, and is the political arm of Focus on the Family. On a page announcing the name change, they wrote "New Name. Same Heart." Human Rights Campaign called Focus on the Family "one of the most well funded anti-LGBT organizations in America ... CitizenLink supports radical anti-LGBT candidates who work against basic civil rights and legal protections." [Family Policy Alliance, accessed [2/6/17](#); Family Policy Alliance, accessed [2/8/17](#); Human Rights Campaign, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

Family Policy Alliance Opposed Adoption By Gay Parents. Though the statement appears to have been removed from their new rebranded website, while they were still called CitizenLink, the group posted a statement titled "Focus on the Family's Position Statement on Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Unions," which stated: "Deliberately depriving a child of a mother or a father is not in the child's best interest and is never compassionate. But this is what every same-sex family does for the sole purpose of fulfilling adult desire ... In addition, children raised by homosexuals are significantly more likely to develop a homosexual orientation themselves." [CitizenLink, via Archive.org, [6/15/10](#); Human Rights Campaign, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

Family Policy Alliance Gave Tens Of Thousands To Extreme Anti-Choice Candidates Todd Akin And Richard Mourdock. During Akin's Senate campaign, he "remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy." Mourdock, meanwhile, was asked whether abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest, and answered "I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen." Family Policy Alliance, at the time called CitizenLink, donated over \$96,000 to Akin's campaign, and over \$72,000 to Mourdock's. [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#); USA Today, [10/24/12](#); Center for Responsive Politics, 2012 cycle, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)



The Home School Legal Defense Association Has Joined A Number Of Pro-Life Groups In Supporting Gorsuch's Confirmation. [ProLifeCourt.com, accessed [2/8/17](#)]

The HSLDA Was Founded By Extreme Conservative Activist Mike Farris. Farris Is Also The President Of Alliance Defending Freedom, Which "Fights Against The 'Concocted' Constitutional Right to Abortion." The HSLDA brings "together a large number of homeschooling families so that each can have a low-cost method of obtaining quality legal defense." HSLDA also advocates on behalf of pro-homeschooling legislation. Together, Farris and the HSLDA founded the private Christian school Patrick Henry College in 2000. The Southern Poverty Law Center identified Farris as an "anti-LGBT activist." In 2017, Farris became the new president and CEO of Alliance Defending Freedom, which "says it fights against the 'concocted' constitutional right to abortion, laws that protect LGBT people, and the 'myth' of separation of church and state," according to SPLC. [HSLDA.org, accessed [2/6/17](#); SPLCenter.org, [9/12/12](#); SPLCenter.org, [2/11/16](#)]

HSLDA Founder: "Winning Means Roe Versus Wade Is Reversed...Same-Sex Marriage...Is Reversed." After Farris became the new president of ADF, ADF published an interview with him on their Freedom Matters podcast, where he defined "winning" as "Winning means religious freedom is robustly protected. Winning means Roe versus Wade is reversed. Winning means that same-sex marriage by judicial edict is reversed, and we go back to the states and let the states make their own policy on this." [Right Wing Watch, [1/13/17](#)]

The HSLDA Falsely Claimed Emergency Contraception Are "Abortion-Inducing Drugs" That "Harm Women," And Claimed Requiring Coverage Of Such Drugs Was "Murder And Sinful." The HSLDA released a brief in 2011 discussing the Affordable Care Act and its contraceptive requirements. In this brief, the HSLDA called "the morning after pill" and Ella "abortion-inducing drugs" and wrote, "Ella' and the 'morning after pill' have been shown to harm women, and actually kill the developing baby by starving it of nutrients." In a letter to then-Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, HSLDA wrote that requiring religious organizations to provide these drugs "would be murder and sinful," "according to the dictates of their conscience." The HSLDA asked its supporters to call their senators and encourage them to support the Blunt Amendment to block the ACA contraceptive mandate. HSLDA wrote, "while this is not a homeschool issue, many families homeschool because of their faith. This attack against religious freedom, if not stopped, could mean the beginning of the end for the free exercise of religion for all." [HSLDA.org, [8/23/11](#); HSLDA Brief to HHS, [8/22/11](#); HSLDA.org, [2/14/12](#)]

Emergency Contraception Does Not Cause Abortion. Emergency contraception does not cause abortion; instead, like ordinary birth control pills, it prevents ovulation or fertilization before pregnancy occurs—it will not work once a pregnancy has begun. Most ECs are merely a higher dose of ordinary birth control pills. As Guttmacher has also explained, the "scientific definition of pregnancy—which reflects the fact that most fertilized eggs naturally fail to implant in the uterus," only begins *after* implantation, so an abortion can only be something that disrupts an already implanted embryo, which emergency contraception does not. [Guttmacher, [12/9/14](#); NARAL Pro-Choice America, accessed [2/15/17](#)]



HSLDA Opposed Same-Sex Adoption, And “Lobbied For A Constitutional Amendment To Ban Same-Sex Couples From Getting Married.” In 2007, HSLDA opposed a New Hampshire House Bill allowing unmarried couples, same-sex or opposite-sex, to adopt children because “homeschooling is based on a traditional interpretation of parental rights” and “an attack on these concepts erodes parental rights and the foundation for home education.” In 2006, according to Right Wing Watch, HSLDA wanted a constitutional amendment banning same-sex couples from getting married. [HSLDA.org, [9/5/07](#); Right Wing Watch, [1/10/17](#)]

Human Coalition

Human Coalition Asked Its Supporters To Sign A Petition Calling On The Senate To Confirm Gorsuch, “A Staunch Pro-Life Judge” Who “Will Make A Long-Lasting And Significant Impact On Our Fight To Protect The Pre-Born.” Human Coalition highlighted “the issues potentially at stake” relating to the Supreme Court, including “fetal heartbeat laws” and “abortion clinic regulations.” The petition itself read, “Judge Neil Gorsuch represents our nation’s founding principles, particularly in regard to the right to life. His historical commitment to both the sanctity of life and religious freedom are a testimony of his commitment to upholding our U.S. Constitution.” [Human Coalition, [2/8/17](#)]

Human Coalition Is An Anti-Abortion Organization That Directs Women Seeking Abortions To Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Which Are Known For Misleading And Lying To Women. As the anti-choice Live Action News explained, Human Coalition initially used search engine optimization (SEO) to ensure that women searching for legal abortion services on sites like Google found the Human Coalition instead, which directed the women to “life-affirming” centers (also known as crisis pregnancy centers) where the women could not receive abortions. They now also own and operate their own crisis pregnancy centers in Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Raleigh, and Pittsburgh. In 2016, Human Coalition changed its name from Online for Life. [Human Coalition, accessed [2/3/17](#); Live Action News, [6/12/16](#)]

NARAL: CPCs “Often Lie To Women About Abortion And Birth Control. They’ll Do Anything To Scare A Woman Away From Choosing Legal Abortion.” The NARAL network has done multiple in-depth investigations of CPCs across multiple states, and found that anti-choice groups created CPCs to look like comprehensive health clinics, and many are generally unregulated and unlicensed. For instance, they don’t have to follow privacy-protection laws like your doctor or real clinics do. They also use tactics that mislead women about pregnancy-related information. There are more than 4,000 CPCs across the country, and some CPCs even get support from state governments to mislead women. [NARAL Pro-Choice America, accessed [2/15/17](#)]

Human Coalition Called Abortion “The Worst Holocaust In Human History” And Referred To Some Women Who Choose Abortion As “Rejected Women.” On its website, Human Coalition wrote, “We have a vivid hope that abortion will become unthinkable and unavailable in our lifetime. Unite with us in our mission to end the worst holocaust in human history, to protect image-bearers of God Himself, to bring help to abandoned and rejected women, and to rescue every preborn baby we can.” [Human Coalition, accessed [2/3/17](#)]



Human Coalition Claimed That “The Hobby Lobby Case Was Not About Birth Control Or Reproductive Freedom. It Was About Forcing A Company To Cover The Cost Of Killing Unborn Human Beings.” In a Human Coalition blog post, President Brian Fisher wrote that a CNN article about Hobby Lobby made it “sound like it is the opinion of Hobby Lobby that the four contraceptives in question can cause abortion. It is not Hobby Lobby’s opinion — it is scientific fact.” [Human Coalition, [7/23/14](#)]

Human Coalition Specifically Claimed That Plan B Emergency Contraception Caused Abortion. In the same blog post, President Fisher claimed Plan B “may inhibit implantation of the zygote/embryo in the wall of the uterus. Interfering with implantation (thus causing the death of the embryo) is, by definition, abortion. This is not an opinion; it is medical fact.” [Human Coalition, [7/23/14](#)]

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Live Action

Rose: Gorsuch Is A “Smart Defender Of The Constitution, Including Religious Liberty & Right To Life.” [Twitter.com, [1/31/17](#)]

Live Action Has A Long History Of Producing Deceptively Edited Videos Targeting Abortion Providers In Pursuit Of Its Goal Of “Ending Abortion.” On its website, Live Action called “abortion the gravest mass human rights abuse of our time.” [Live Action, accessed [2/8/17](#); Media Matters, [4/24/12](#)]

Live Action Blamed “Cheap Birth Control” For Increased “Sex Addiction, Divorce, Unmarried Childbearing, And Abortion.” In a blog on the Live Action Website, a writer claimed it is an “irrefutable fact that birth control pills can actually cause early abortion,” while in an opinion piece for Politico, Live Action founder Lila Rose claimed: “We have noticed that the rise in the availability and use of cheap birth control coincided with increases in the rates of sex addiction, divorce, unmarried childbearing and abortion. We have also noticed that while contraceptives and legal abortion promised to eliminate the exploitative attitude of men toward women, they have had the opposite effect.” [Live Action, [8/15/11](#); Politico, [4/2/12](#)]

Live Action Founder Lila Rose Has Said She Was Inspired By Mark Crutcher, Who Made A Documentary Finding “Connections Among Slavery, Nazi-Style Eugenics, Birth Control



And Abortion." Rose told a *Los Angeles Times* reporter that she was inspired by Crutcher's tactics. Crutcher's organization is Life Dynamics, which advertises on its website the documentary *MAAFA 21: Black Genocide in 21st Century America*. The trailer for the film begins with text saying, "The end of slavery was the beginning of their bondage." [*Los Angeles Times*, [4/26/09](#); *Slate*, [3/12/10](#); Life Dynamics, accessed [2/8/17](#); YouTube, [7/1/09](#)]

And Then There Were None

Following Trump's Nomination Of Gorsuch To The Supreme Court, Abby Johnson Tweeted: "Great SCOTUS Pick!!" [Twitter.com, [1/31/17](#)]

And Then There Were None Founder Abby Johnson Argued Against The Use Of Hormonal Birth Control, Which She Claimed Caused Breast Cancer. Johnson founded And Then There Were None, an anti-choice group that attempts to convince abortion clinic workers to leave their jobs. In an article for LifeSiteNews, Johnson argued that birth control could not "fix" any problem, only "compound" it: "you have PCOS? Great! Let's take birth control and add some cancer to it." She also wrote "And not to be a downer, but I'm literally just waiting for the day when I will be diagnosed with breast cancer" because of her past birth control usage and two abortions. Johnson encouraged women to use "natural family planning" methods instead of birth control in order to "do better for your body" and "do better for your marriage." [LifeSiteNews, [12/30/14](#)]

In A Facebook Post, Johnson Called Extreme Anti-Choice Activist Troy Newman Her Friend. [Facebook.com, [11/14/12](#)]