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According to our Declaration of Independence, “all men... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The order is significant. Life is the first God-given right of every human being. If you do not have life, you certainly cannot enjoy liberty or pursue happiness.

Unfortunately, our God-given right to life in America has been undermined in our "culture of death." More innocent human beings are put to death every day than those who died in the 9/11 attacks – 3,000. Abortion ends the lives of more than 1.2 million unborn children in America every year. Fully 22% of all pregnancies end in abortion.

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Opinion: Americans on Abortion

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Stay Informed about Threats to the God-Given Right to Life – Sign up for the Washington Update at www.frc.org .

Take Action – Make an impact...for Life!

- 1. Urge** your elected officials to act to protect the unborn.
 - Encourage your U.S. Representative and Senators to vote in favor of the Smith-Lipinski bill to remove all government funding for abortion and to vote for bills to protect the conscience of health care workers.
 - Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Or visit www.FRC.org and click on Contact Officials.

- 2. Support** a Pregnancy Care Center in your area. To find out more about these life-affirming ministries to women who are expecting a child, check out FRC's site: www.apassiontoserve.org.

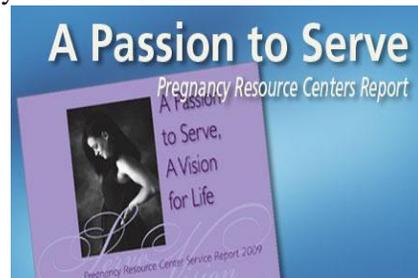
- 3. Promote** Foster Care and Adoption in your church. Check out www.icareaboutorphans.org, a ministry of Focus on the Family.

- 4. Advocate** for ethical Stem Cell Research. Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR) not only destroys human life, but it also wastes taxpayer dollars because the result is tumors, but no treatments. Adult Stem Cells offer an ethical and effective alternative. Life-affirming therapies using "adult" stem cells have already resulted in 73 different treatments in human patients.

Stem Cell Research Facts



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