

# SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

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*“My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance...”*

(Ps. 139:15-16a ESV).

Life made in the image of God is a fundamental human right that begins at conception. 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.” Hundreds of thousands of innocent unborn babies are put to death every year through surgical abortion. Fully 1 in 5 pregnancies end in abortion. In addition, 1 in 3 women were churchgoers at the time of their abortion, so there are many wounded women in the pews. Yet the overwhelming majority of those preborn children are simply sacrificed on the altar of convenience. Nearly 60 million preborn children have been killed by abortion since the Supreme Court ruling on January 22, 1973.

## **Opinion: Americans on Abortion**

Recent polling shows a plurality of Americans (47 percent) view abortion as morally wrong, while a minority (43 percent) view it as morally acceptable.

- **78 percent** endorse significant restrictions on abortion and would limit it to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy.
- By a **25-point margin** (55 to 30 percent), Americans say that abortion ultimately does a woman more harm than good.
- **62 percent** of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion
- **41 percent** would restrict abortion only to cases of rape or incest, or to save the life of the mother.
- **12 percent** of the general public believe that abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.

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## PRO-LIFE ACTION STEPS

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Here are some practical ways to make an impact:

**1. Pray** that the dignity of every human life will be respected and protected from conception to natural death (Prov. 24:11-12).

**2. Affirm** President Trump for appointing pro-life Justices and judges to the Courts: [whitehouse.gov/contact](http://whitehouse.gov/contact).

**3. Contact** your Representative and Senators by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or visit [frc.org](http://frc.org) and click on “More” tab, then “Contact Officials.” Urge them to support pro-life legislation:

- Defending the Hyde Amendment in annual House appropriations bills, which for the past 30 years has prevented taxpayer funding of elective abortions.
- The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in the Senate, which permanently codifies the Hyde Amendment and other pro-life provisions across government programs by preventing federal funds from paying for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion.

**4. Educate** yourself on pro-life arguments. Read the best arguments from science, the law, and women’s rights to advance the pro-life case against abortion to your friends, family, and neighbors. To find out more about how to promote the pro-life cause in your daily life, check out [frc.org/life](http://frc.org/life). Also check out [hcu.life](http://hcu.life) for a free online “Pro-Life Apologetics” course.

**5. Support** a Pregnancy Care Center in your area. To find out if there is a life-affirming ministry to women in your area who are expecting a child or in need of post-abortive healing, check out [heartbeatinternational.org](http://heartbeatinternational.org) for a directory. Also, Human Coalition rescues children from abortion by combining business



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