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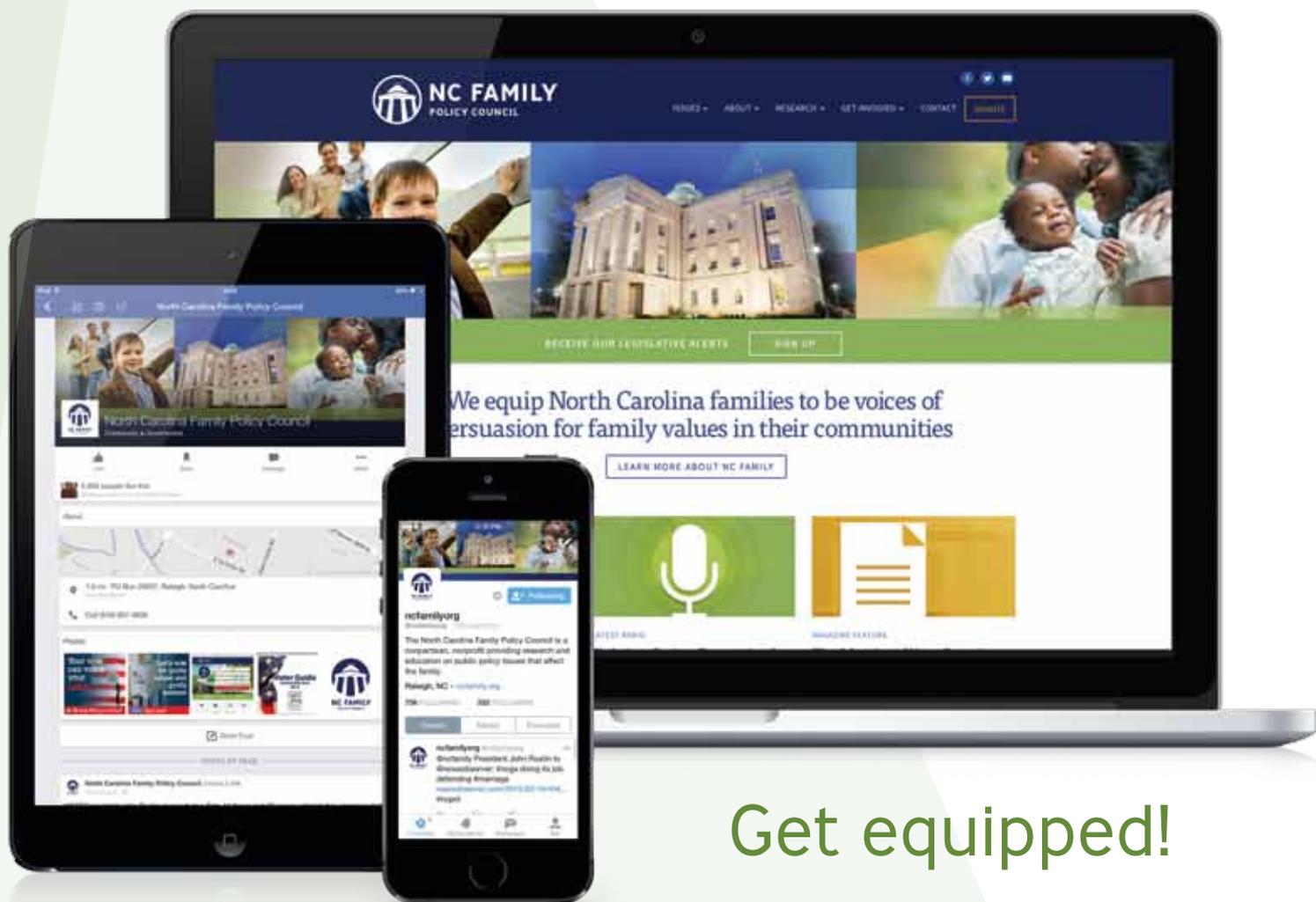
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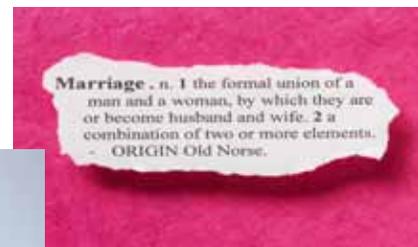
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Balancing Act

After a nearly eight-year hiatus, I am returning to once again take on the role of Communications Director here at NC Family. Besides returning to the job with some further education (academic and from the school of hard knocks), I also bring a bit more understanding of how to balance my desire to be a winsome disciple of Christ and an energetic citizen of this great country—both God-given responsibilities.

This issue of *Family North Carolina* is designed to help equip our readers to accomplish this 'balancing act' in their own lives. Each story in this magazine delivers insightful information on a topic that's relevant and timely. However, beyond simply providing knowledge, there are some suggested talking points (in an accented color) and a perspective that helps you discuss these issues within your own community.

Our main feature article, "Daily Fantasy Sports: Is It Gambling?" is a great help to those of us who see countless advertisements for fantasy sports but don't understand why it's so dangerous. The fact that it's a coordinated effort by powerful gambling enterprises to initiate teens and young adults into gambling is where we start.

The story, "Dangerous Exposure," contains some startling information on how likely it is for children to be exposed to online pornography. Pornography can have a surprisingly devastating effect on a child's spirit and even his or her relationship with mom and dad. The article offers some practical tips on keeping the lines of communication open with your children and setting up some technological safeguards on line.

Our article, "Constitutional Resistance," grapples with the question: As Christians, should we consider last year's Supreme Court ruling on same sex marriage to be settled law? A large group of legal scholars has issued a challenge to consider how we might resist this redefinition of marriage in our own lives and communities.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not weigh in on the spectacular chain of events ignited by a series of undercover videos, exposing the inner workings of Planned Parenthood. Our article starts with a quick overview, but also lays out some common misconceptions about the abortion giant and sets the record straight. There are some great talking points for you in this section!

Don't miss all of the other fresh facts and perspectives sprinkled all throughout the magazine, including:

- Excerpts from three of our favorite radio shows;
- Some compelling quotes and stats;
- A profile on retiring state representative Paul "Skip" Stam;
- Tools to help you encourage fellow Christians to register and vote;
- A 2016 election calendar;
- And an insightful piece on the potential impact of evangelical voters from NC Family President John L. Rustin.

In this day and age when so much information is conveyed to you through electronic means, we are pleased to provide this lovely publication for you! We hope you find *Family North Carolina* magazine to be an invaluable resource, one that you can hold in your hands, tuck in your brief case, lay out on your coffee table, or pass along to a friend. 📖

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“I had not treated one case of sexual violence that didn’t involve porn....”

—Mary Ann Laydon, Ph.D., on the link between porn and sexual violence that she has seen in her psychotherapy practice, as quoted in an article by Jonathon Van Maren that was published Jan. 14, 2015, on *LifeSiteNews.com*.

“I attack ideas. I don't attack people. And some very good people have some very bad ideas.”

—Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in an interview with CBS News correspondent Leslie Stahl that aired on “60 Minutes” in April 2008.

“The problem is there are not that many ‘jacks’ in the ‘pot.’”

—Rep. Paul “Skip” Stam (R-Wake) in a Jan. 12, 2016 statement to the media on the chances of winning the \$1.5 billion Powerball “jackpot,” which he said is greatly exaggerated by lottery officials.

We are to be fools for Christ’s sake.... Pray for the courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world.

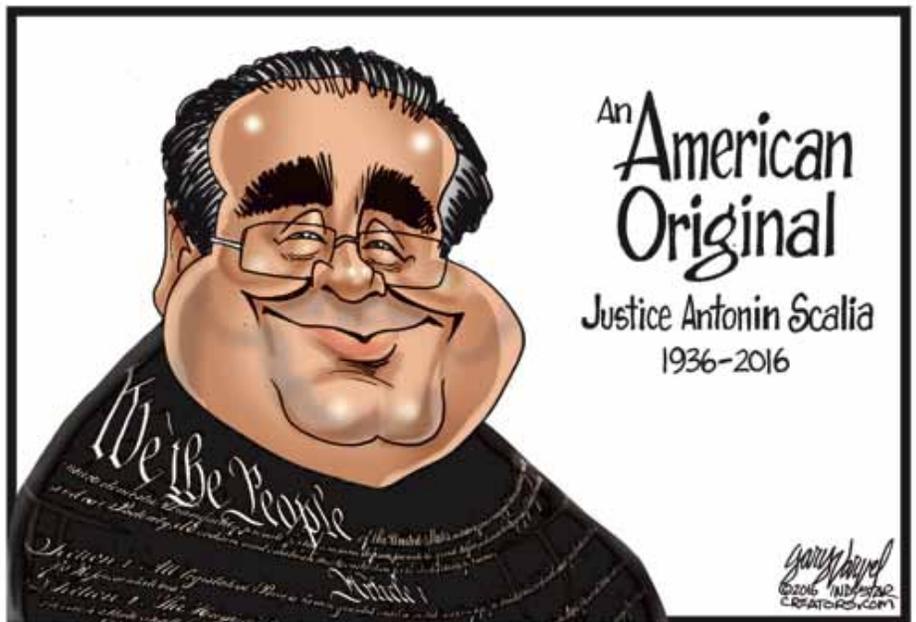
– Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

“The real test of liberty is what happens when you disagree.”

—Kellie Fiedorek, legal counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom, in a speech about the threat to religious liberty faced by pro-marriage Americans, which she gave at the NC Family Policy Council’s Major Speakers Dinner in Winston-Salem in November 2015.

“If abortion is about women’s rights, then what were mine?”

—Saline abortion survivor Gianna Jessen during the September 2015 Congressional hearing, “Planned Parenthood Unmasked: Examining the Horrific Practices of the Nation’s Largest Abortion Provider,” held by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee.



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SPOTLIGHT

Planned Parenthood Unmasked

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“We’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I’m not gonna crush that part, I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above, and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.”

— Planned Parenthood Federation of America Senior Director of Medical Services, July 14, 2015. CMP Video #1

“Let me just figure out what others are getting, and if this is in the ballpark, then it’s fine. If it’s still low, then we can bump it up. I want a Lamborghini.”

— Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s Medical Directors’ Council President, July 21, 2015. CMP video #2

“If we alter our process, and we are able to obtain intact fetal cadavers, we can make it part of the budget.... It’s all just a matter of line items.”

— Director of Research for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, August 4, 2015. CMP video #5

“I think a per-item thing works a little better, because we can see how much we can get out of it.”

— Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains’ Vice President and Medical Director, July 30, 2015. CMP video #3

These four gut-wrenching statements provide a glimpse into hundreds of hours of undercover video footage gathered by pro-life investigative journalists during a 30-month-long investigation into Planned Parenthood that was made public last summer.

The Center for Medical Progress dropped a media bombshell on July 14, 2015, when it released the first of at least 11 subsequent videos recording conversations that undercover journalists had with Planned Parenthood executives and staff. The two parties casually discussed the price and the difficulty of harvesting livers, spleens, intact skulls, and other organs and tissue from aborted babies for use in labs. **The footage revealed the dark underworld of the abortion industry, which appears to put women at medical risk and prioritizes profits over law and ethics to capitalize on the deaths of more than 300,000 children each year.**

The abortion industry has spent the last several months scrambling in the courts to shut off the flood of insider peeks into their work. Even after Alliance Defending Freedom released the results of a third-party forensics report authenticating the content of the videos, Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation filed lawsuits seeking to stop the release of further videos and to penalize the Center for Medical Progress and its journalists for daring to investigate and expose potentially illegal activity within the abortion industry.

Congress launched several investigations into Planned Parenthood's involvement in the harvest and sale of unborn baby body parts. More than a dozen states launched similar investigations within their borders. At least 17 states, including North Carolina, cut off or significantly reduced funding to Planned Parenthood, and Congress sent a bill to President Obama's desk that would have stopped most federal taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood had he not vetoed it.

In the latest bizarre turn of events, a Harris County, Texas grand jury that was considering the question of whether to indict Planned Parenthood on allegations of illegal abortion practices, instead indicted two of

the pro-life journalists from the Center for Medical Progress. David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt have been accused of tampering with government records (falsifying drivers licenses) and attempting to purchase human organs from Planned Parenthood.

With several lawsuits pending, and more than \$500 million in government funding to Planned Parenthood at stake, this story is far from over. What is certain, though, is that **abortion is big business, and the ugly inner workings of that business are now on display for the world to see.** Regardless of the outcome of the various legal battles over the investigation and videos themselves, Center for Medical Progress Director David Daleiden is right that, "Planned Parenthood still cannot deny the admissions from their leadership about fetal organ sales captured on video for all the world to see." **As the great British abolitionist William Wilberforce said, "You may choose to look the other way, but you can never again say you did not know."** 📌

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[A]bortion is big business, and the ugly inner workings of that business are now on display for the world to see.

Planned Parenthood: Truth or Lie

In regard to charges that Planned Parenthood is profiting from selling the tissue and organs of aborted babies: Is it true that Planned Parenthood only receives reimbursements for the cost of obtaining the fetal body parts and doesn't profit from this (which is against federal law)?



THIS APPEARS TO BE FALSE

Recently released documents strongly indicate that some Planned Parenthood clinics and staff have been profiting. Here are a few examples:

- A promotional document from StemExpress, an organization that serves as the middleman between Planned Parenthood clinics and researchers, clearly promotes the fact that they “fiscally reward clinics” that provide tissue and organs from aborted babies and that this action is “financially profitable.” StemExpress pays “procurement technicians” \$10 per hour plus bonuses (see below), which increase based on the value and sheer number of specimens provided.
- Copies of invoices from Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, released in late January, reveal two line items: one for “Reimbursement” and one for “Consent Payment.” (Note that women who donate their aborted babies for research receive no compensation, and the researcher receiving the parts generally pays postage.)
- A series of undercover videos released last year from the Center for Medical Progress reveals the apparent intent by some Planned Parenthood executives to get rich by providing these services, including one who gleefully exclaimed in the second video that she “wanted a Lamborghini.”

Although Planned Parenthood has not been officially found guilty of any wrongdoing, there are currently 5 ongoing congressional investigations and 13 state investigations looking into these serious allegations.

Is it true that if Planned Parenthood lost federal funding, poor women would lose their opportunity for affordable health care?



THIS IS FALSE

There are only 661 Planned Parenthood clinics in the entire country. Compare that to the 13,540 federally qualified comprehensive health clinics nestled in communities all across the nation, most of which provide far more services and would likely be the recipients of any funding diverted from Planned Parenthood. Low-income women don't need Planned Parenthood to get good health care. By the way, none of the Planned Parenthood clinics do mammograms.

Is it true that the video producer, David Daleiden, who recorded the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood, used deceptive methods to produce them?



THIS APPEARS TO BE FALSE

Despite many allegations along those lines from Planned Parenthood and its supporters, no one has produced any evidence that the videos by Center for Medical Progress were deceptively edited. In fact, unedited versions of the videos are available at centerformedicalprogress.org.



Procurement Technician Compensation Policy for Tissue and Blood Procurement Effective 01/01/2013

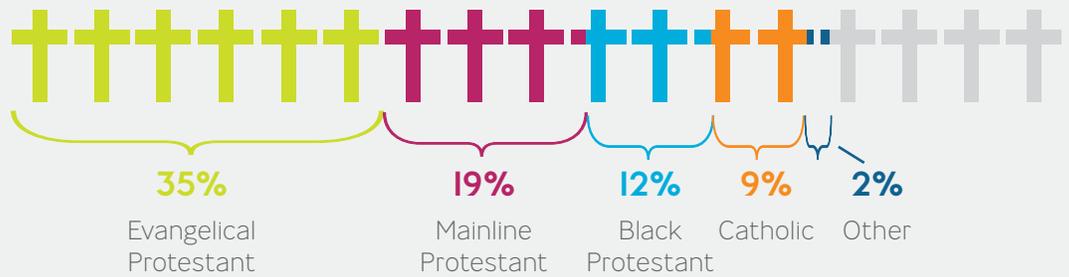
Procurement Fees

- Procurement Technicians are compensated at a rate of \$10.00 per hour plus a per tissue or blood bonus as outlined in the table below:

Tissue Bonus Structure			
# Specimens	Category A*	Category B*	Category C
1-10 Specimens	\$35/Tissue	\$15/Tissue	\$10/Blood
11-20 Specimens	\$45/Tissue	\$20/Tissue	\$15/Blood
21-30 Specimens	\$55/Tissue	\$25/Tissue	\$20/Blood
31-40 Specimens	\$65/Tissue	\$30/Tissue	\$25/Blood
41-50 Specimens	\$75/Tissue	\$35/Tissue	\$30/Blood

Of the **77%** of NC adults who identify as "Christian," here's the breakdown.

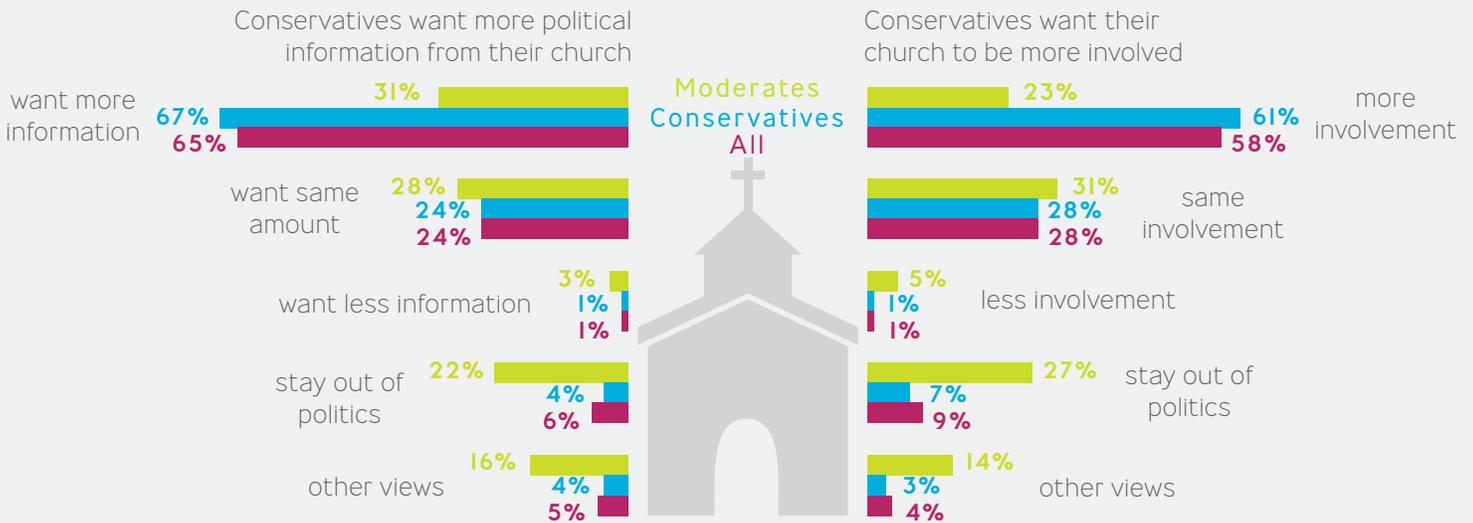
Religious Composition of Adults in North Carolina



Above taken from: <http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/state/north-carolina/>

God's People Want to Know

Considering the many culturally significant issues that stand in the balance at this time in our nation's history, mobilizing potential Evangelical voters could have a seismic effect. And it ends up—church members want more political information and involvement from their church—not less!



<http://www.culturefaith.com/gods-people-want-to-know/#more-666>

58-63% of "Born Again Christians" voted in 2012

Here are some resources to encourage more Christians to vote:

Acts 20:28 Pastors

A free tool that allows pastors to upload information about their church members and receive information that shows the percentage of their congregation that is registered to vote, and statistics (without congregants names) of how many voted in previous elections.

2028Pastors.com

Champion the Vote

A one-stop shop that connects you with voting resources, such as: online voter registration; an absentee ballot; and information and downloadable resources on how to conduct a voter registration drive.

championthevote.com

Culture Impact

A resource from the Family Research Council with downloadable church training materials, promotional slides, and information about local training events.

cultureimpact.org

NC Family Voter Guide

Shows where NC candidates stand on family policy issues. (Available prior to the 2016 General Election.)

NCFamily.org

“It felt like my stomach was rotting from the inside out.”

That is how Joseph, a 12 year-old boy from Canada, described his reaction to viewing pornography on the Internet. During an interview with W5, a Canadian TV program, he shared how he was first exposed to porn at the age of nine. He said it began accidentally, with pop-up ads on gaming websites, and then progressed to intentional searches on Google, and eventually became an addiction he could not hide.

As the mom of a tween daughter and pre-school aged son, stories like Joseph’s scare me. One of my greatest concerns for my children is how to protect them from being exposed to sexually explicit material, especially online. It is why our daughter does not have a tablet or cell phone like some of her friends, and why we are exploring filtering software for all our media devices. I am, admittedly, overly cautious with my kids when it comes to the Internet, but with the deluge of porn that is available at the click of a mouse or swipe of a screen, I would rather be safe than sorry when it comes to preserving their innocence.

According to the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds), my concerns about the threat of online pornography are well founded. In a recent position statement, ACPeds notes that “pornography has become pervasive throughout American culture,” and warns that young people report being exposed to porn as young as age 10. Additionally, a new Barna report found that 71 percent of young adults and 50 percent of teens report being exposed to porn at least once a week, the majority through online videos.

Just as Joseph described in his TV interview, the ACPeds statement explains that, “pornography exposure at these young ages often results in anxiety for the child,” with children reporting, “feelings of disgust, shock, embarrassment, anger, fear, and sadness after viewing pornography.” The statement highlights the following detrimental effects of viewing porn, including that it:

- **Distorts young people’s view of sexuality.** For boys, this negatively impacts how they view women, who are seen mainly as sex objects, rather than multifaceted human beings. But it can be equally harmful for girls, negatively impacting their self-esteem, causing them to see themselves as sexual objects, and leading them to accept abusive behaviors, including rape, as “normal.”
- **Leads to earlier sexual activity and more lifetime sexual partners** for both boys and girls, which can increase the risk of teen pregnancy, abortion, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Destroys relationships.** A 2014 study of 20,000 adults who had ever been married found that those who had watched X-rated films were more likely to: report being unhappy in their marriages, have had extramarital affairs, and be divorced.
- **Increases the risk of porn addiction.** Similar to drugs and alcohol, the younger a person starts viewing porn, the more likely he or she is to become addicted. In fact, one study by Cambridge University scientists showed that brain scans of avid

Dangerous Exposure The Startling Effects of Porn on Children

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pornography viewers were similar to those of drug addicts. As one young man who is seeking treatment for porn addiction explained on the blog, *I Believe in Love*, his need to view porn progressed from “once in a blue moon” in elementary school, to three times a week in college. “If I didn’t use porn in a certain period of time,” he wrote, “I suffered from... withdrawal symptoms,” including “highly elevated heart rate, anxiety and irritability, and mild to severe tremors in my hands.”

What Can We Do to Protect Our Kids?

In light of the pervasive effects of pornography, ACPeds recommends that parents take a number of steps to protect children from being exposed to sexually explicit material online, such as:

- **Placing home computers in public spaces in the home**, never in a child’s room (including cell phones, iPads, gaming devices, etc.);
- **Equipping all media devices with Internet filtering and monitoring software;**
- In the case of pornography addiction, **seeking out services that “offer the ability to create accountability partnerships [between parents and children] that increase the success of breaking free from pornography addiction.”**

In addition to doing what we can to protect our media devices from pornography, perhaps the most important step we can take is to prepare our children for how to handle sexually explicit material when they are exposed. Even though it is a difficult discussion to have, experts advise that we talk about the dangers

of porn with our kids early on, and let them know they can and should come to us first, if and when they encounter porn.

“I encourage parents to just assume the worst,” warns ACPeds president and pediatrician, Michelle Cretella, M.D., who recently discussed the harms of pornography on NC Family’s radio show “Family Policy Matters.” She added, “The chances of accidentally coming across porn at some point is probably close to 100 percent for most kids.”

Dr. Cretella said parents should be up front with their kids about the dangers online, and keep the lines of communication open. “I encourage parents to let their children know, ‘sometimes pictures might come up that surprise you or make you feel yucky or confused or guilty,’” she said. “[Tell them] ‘If you ever see something that bothers you, or that makes you feel yucky, please tell me, and I will help you.’”

Joseph, the 12-year-old Canadian boy who developed a pornography addiction, echoed this important advice for kids and parents:

“Tell your parents ... say ‘that pop-up happened, please help me,’” he said. “Deal with it as soon as you can, because it will eat you like an acid.” 🗣️

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Resources for Parents

There are a number of excellent resources available to help parents navigate the Internet and discuss the harms of porn with their children, including the following:

- Internet Safety IOI, sponsored by Enough is Enough, at www.InternetSafetyIOI.org
- NetSmartz Workshop, sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, has an interactive Internet safety website for kids at www.netsmartz.org/NetsmartzKids/BeSaferOnline
- The Internet Keep Safe Coalition’s parent resources page: www.iKeepSafe.org/parents
- The National Center on Sexual Exploitation parent resource page: <http://endsexualexploitation.org/resources-parents/>
- *Good Pictures, Bad Pictures* is a new picture book for kids about a mom and dad who explain “what pornography is, and why it’s dangerous, and how to reject it.” The authors of the book also have a website, www.pornproofkids.org, with tips on how to address the topic with kids.

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A Profile in Courage

Representative Paul "Skip" Stam, defender of the unborn, traditional marriage, parental rights, choice in education, religious liberty, and responsible government

After more than 16 years in the General Assembly, Representative Paul "Skip" Stam announced that he will not seek reelection in 2016. A champion of pro-family, conservative, and constitutional causes and a consistent leader in the General Assembly, Rep. Stam played a significant role in the crafting and passage of much of the positive pro-family legislation that has become law in North Carolina over the last decade.



Legislative accomplishments

- Served 8 terms as N.C. House District 37 Representative
- House Minority Leader, House Majority Leader, House Speaker Pro Tempore, multiple House committee chairmanships
- Abstinence Until Marriage education
- Parental consent for minor abortions
- Woman's Right to Know Act
- Ending taxpayer funding for abortion
- Prohibiting abortion coverage in N.C.'s federal healthcare exchange
- Charter school funding
- Special-needs education scholarships
- Opportunity Scholarship Program
- Marriage Protection Amendment

"We have to ... accomplish what we can when we can at every opportunity."
– Rep. Paul Stam

"The stars don't have to line up for you to run. If you don't run, you can't win. If you don't win, you can't serve.... Just do it."
– Rep. Paul Stam

Participated in litigation or filed Friend of the Court briefs in cases to:

- Protect the free speech rights of pro-life organizations;
- Eliminate North Carolina's state abortion fund;
- Require parental consent for minor abortions;
- Codify legal homeschooling in North Carolina.

- Born in Princeton, NJ
- 65 years old
- Private practice attorney
- Resident of Apex, NC for nearly 40 years
- Married to Dottie Stam for 42 years
- 2 children
- 8 grandchildren
- Member, Apex Baptist Church

"A true gentleman and a great example of a humble public servant."
– John L. Rustin
NC Family President

Service

- Legal counsel for North Carolina Right to Life
- Chair of Wake County Right to Life
- Trustee for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

"I have lost six elections, and I say that to encourage other people who may have lost an election or two, to realize that it's not the end of the world."
– Rep. Paul Stam

Bathroom Policy Controversy

“Many proponents of these measures used to argue that the government should stay out of their bedrooms, but now they want the government to impose their will so that anyone, regardless of sex or gender, can legally enter a public bathroom, shower or changing facility, no matter who is inside. This is just flat wrong!”

NC Family President John L. Rustin speaking at a rally in Charlotte before the Charlotte City Council voted to approve a dangerous policy that will allow men who “identify” as women to enter women’s bathrooms, locker rooms and changing facilities.



We Stand with God

NC Family joined hundreds of churches, pastors, and people of faith in standing for Biblical principles and religious liberty on the Halifax Mall at the State Legislature on October 17, 2015.



Life & Liberty Award

Retiring Representative Jacqueline Schaffer (R–Mecklenburg) received NC Family’s “Life & Liberty Award” at our annual Major Speakers Dinner in Charlotte on October 22, 2015.



More Pro-Lifers!

“Each year for the past four years, our state has become more and more pro-life.”

NC Family President John L. Rustin as part of his presentation on the status of North Carolina’s pro-life laws during Students for Life of America’s “Defund Planned Parenthood” Bus Tour stop at UNC-Chapel Hill on October 6, 2015.



DAILY FANTASY SPORTS

is it gambling?

written by: Les Bernal

If you are a listener to talk radio or a viewer of major sports channels, you have undoubtedly been bombarded by ads for DraftKings, FanDuel, and other online sports gambling sites that promise the opportunity to win millions. If not, then you may have become aware of the controversy surrounding these Internet gambling operations due to the lawsuits that have been filed against them in venues across the country.

Regardless, the rise of “Daily Fantasy Sports,” as it is called, is causing some to scratch their heads and question whether or not this seemingly innocuous form of sports betting is truly gambling. After all, it is modeled after non-gambling fantasy sports leagues that friends and families have enjoyed together for years.

In reality, the sudden growth of FanDuel and DraftKings is not, as it seems, spontaneous and the result of an online game gone viral. Rather, it is the carefully crafted strategy of powerful gambling interests working to evade federal and state laws under the cloak of Daily Fantasy Sports. Like most other forms of high-stakes gambling, the practices of these operations are predatory, deceptive, and illegal, and they occur at the expense of everyday citizens. These games, in particular, are also heavily targeted at luring a whole new generation of young people into gambling and getting them hooked.

What’s Daily Fantasy Sports?

Season-long fantasy sports started as a hobby and a form of community. It is a social activity, where the trophy matters more than the money. In contrast, “Daily Fantasy Sports” is a fleecing operation,



plainly incorporating the three elements of gambling: consideration, chance, and prize.

In season-long games, participants may exercise considerable skill in operating a team. They have to figure out who to draft, select who plays, make or reject trades, and analyze player and team statistics—all in hopes of having a successful season. Participants typically accumulate points based on the statistical accomplishments of the athletes they have selected to their teams through a draft. As originally conceived, these games were played between friends over the course of a sport's regular season.

Internet gambling operators like FanDuel and DraftKings altered both the traditional structure and the business model. Daily Fantasy Sports contests restart constantly and typically are played against strangers. Contests don't begin with a draft. Instead, contestants are given a "salary cap" with which to choose

real players. Players' "prices" correspond with their perceived ability. For example, it might cost \$10,000 in "salary cap" money for star quarterback Tom Brady and \$6,000 for a lesser quarterback like Matt Ryan. Winning wagers ("entries" in gambling parlance) are the ones with the best player statistical performances in that day's games. Players' stats are translated into fantasy points.

Rather than simply hosting leagues for users, Daily Fantasy Sports gambling operators serve as an exchange—just like bookmakers. They profit by keeping a cut of the money wagered, called in gambling parlance, "the juice," "the vigorish," "the vig" or "the rake."

It IS Gambling

Many of America's casino operators and gambling regulators openly describe Daily Fantasy Sports as "gambling." MGM Casinos Chairman Jim Murren recently said those who argue

that daily fantasy games are not gambling are "absolutely, utterly wrong." Murren added, "I don't know how to run a football team, but I do know how to run a casino, and this is gambling."

Even the people who run online Daily Fantasy Sports sites privately admit they are running a gambling operation like "a casino." DraftKings CEO Jason Robins acknowledged his website was "almost identical to a casino" in an online discussion three years ago.

Daily Fantasy Sports games have a fundamentally different relationship to chance than season-long fantasy games. On a given day, an injury, a snowstorm, or a ball bouncing strangely could affect a result. In this regard, placing a wager with a Daily Fantasy Sports operator is very similar to placing a bet with a bookmaker.

Sports gambling operators deceptively claim that Daily Fantasy Sports is "a game of skill," but the presence of skill

is irrelevant. Even if you were to argue that a “skilled” player is not gambling, then it would also be true that a lesser or unskilled player must be gambling. The very existence of skilled players—who are playing with an edge and for a profit—depends on the presence of lesser skilled players willing to gamble at a disadvantage against them. You can’t have a skilled Daily Fantasy Sports player without a compensating gambler.

A recent analysis of Daily Fantasy Sports winners and losers affirms this fact. It concluded that **the majority of customers lack the skill to ever have success and thus are relying largely on chance to recoup some of their wager.** It stated:

While any player might get lucky on the back of a handful of entries, over time nearly all of the prize money flows to a tiny elite equipped with elaborate statistical modeling and automated tools that

can manage hundreds of entries at once and identify the weakest opponents.

Both Internet gambling and commercial sports gambling are *illegal* in almost every state in America, including North Carolina.

Targeting American Youth

No demographic is a bigger target for Internet sports gambling operators than America’s youth. This is especially concerning because it is well-established that the younger children start gambling, the more likely it is they will become habitual gamblers and also problem gamblers, regardless of whether they are from an urban or a suburban community. According to data from the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, **almost 10 million of the estimated 51.6 million fantasy sports players are under 18.** One of the companies to launch its own sports gambling operation, Yahoo, has recruited thousands of

minors to play free fantasy sports. The obvious business model is for Yahoo to convert these “for-free” players into “real-money” gamblers. Such youth are at risk of being lured into real money gambling whether at Yahoo, or other Daily Fantasy Sports gambling sites.

The Failure of Government-Regulated Gambling

Some have called for government regulation as a “solution” to the problems created by the proliferation of Daily Fantasy Sports, but there is no need to speculate about what “regulated” online gambling really means. Simply look at the evidence listed below to see how government’s experiment with state lotteries and regional casinos has failed. There is no location in America where government-sponsored gambling has collectively improved the lives of citizens, long-term. Government’s “regulation” of gambling has failed on almost every measure.

1. Rising Inequality.

A mountain of independent evidence confirms that government’s experiment of sponsoring lotteries and regional casinos is contributing to rising unfairness and inequality in our nation. It has concentrated commercial gambling in economically-distressed communities, targeting citizens from the lower rungs of the income ladder. Low-income workers, retirees and minorities, comprise a disproportionately large share of lottery and regional casino users. The real reason for this is that those who are financially desperate look to government-sponsored gambling as a way to improve their lives and help them escape their financial condition.



By targeting the least advantaged, government-sponsored gambling adds to the increasingly separate and unequal life patterns in education, marriage, work, and play that now are dividing America into haves and have-nots.

2. Public Health Costs.

At least 1 out of every 20 citizens has had their lives turned upside down because of commercial gambling, most of which is sponsored by government. Some gambling addicts turn to crime in an effort to feed their addiction, leading them to steal or embezzle money, landing many in prison. Others are ruined financially, left in a state of inescapable poverty. This figure does not account for the reality that each gambling addict has at least five people close to them whose lives are also upended because of gambling. These citizens, both young and old, suffer in many ways, including countless incidents of neglected children left locked in cars in casino parking lots, or abandoned at home while a parent gambles away the family's money. **Imagine how many kids will suffer if we permit state government to essentially allow a casino to open in every living room in North Carolina** by legalizing Internet gambling like Daily Fantasy Sports?

Public officials have taken virtually no action to address this public health crisis possibly because these addicted gamblers are the prime source of profits for state-run gambling. It is unfounded to suggest that if online gambling such as Daily Fantasy Sports is authorized, the government will regulate it differently. Government's record on lotteries and regional casinos shows its primary purpose is to maximize profits, not protect the public health.

3. "You Pay Even if You Don't Play"

For the two-thirds of citizens who never or rarely gamble, state-sponsored gambling is a disastrous budget gimmick. The facts show that where states authorize commercial gambling, all taxpayers—including the non-gamblers—end up paying higher taxes for fewer services, and their states end up with worse budget problems over the long term.

This is because casinos and lotteries have proven to be a failed source of government revenue and have not delivered on their promises to fund education, lower taxes, or pay for needed public services. Gambling revenues do not tend to grow as rapidly over time as general tax revenue or expenditures on education and other programs. New gambling operations that are intended to pay for normal increases in general state spending add to, rather than ease, long-term budget imbalances.

Allowing states to sponsor online gambling such as online fantasy sports gambling will only deepen this downward spiral, forcing the taxpayers who don't gamble to foot the bill.

Taking Action to Protect Citizens

For all of these reasons, citizens and government leaders in North Carolina should press their law enforcement communities and prosecutors to follow the lead of states such as New York and Illinois, where state Attorneys General have essentially shut down Daily Fantasy Sports operations. 

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Take Action!

North Carolina should take the following actions against the predatory, deceptive, and illegal practices of Daily Fantasy Sports:

- Shut down Daily Fantasy Sports operators
 - Prosecute offenders
 - Refer to the IRS any findings that federal wagering excise taxes have been evaded
 - Confiscate illegally-generated proceeds
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On Air With ...

Since 1999, the NC Family has been producing the 15-minute weekly radio program “Family Policy Matters,” which features interviews with national, state, and local experts on a wide range of family policy issues. “Family Policy Matters” airs each week on over 20 radio stations across North Carolina and can also be streamed on the NC Family website. Following are select excerpts from a few recent programs, which can be heard in full online at www.ncfamily.org.

... Gianna Jessen

John Rustin: Gianna, your birth is nothing short of miraculous. Your biological mother was 17 and pregnant when she went to a local abortion clinic. The saline abortion they attempted failed, and you were born alive, praise the Lord. Tell us what’s involved in a saline abortion, and how in the world did you survive?

Gianna Jessen: She was seven and a half months pregnant. She went to a Planned Parenthood, where they told her she needed to have a late-term saline abortion, [which is] a saline salt solution that’s injected into the mother’s womb. It’s to burn the baby inside and out, blind and suffocate the child, and then she is to deliver a dead baby within 24 hours. But I was delivered alive after 18 hours of all of that in a Los Angeles County abortion clinic. It’s even stunning for me to look down at my medical records and have them say: “Born during saline abortion, 6am, 2 1/2 pounds, 1977, Los Angeles, California.” I should have burns on my body, and those who oppose me love to accuse me of lying because they say, “Your skin is not burned, you have flawless skin,” and then of course my vanity as a woman takes over, and I say, “Yes, I do have flawless skin, tell me more!” But really, it doesn’t occur to godless people that God could shield you in the womb, just like He did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Now, I do have the gift of cerebral palsy, which was caused by a lack of oxygen to my brain while I was surviving that very abortion. I would not be disabled otherwise, which I think is curious because you always hear the awful argument that if the baby is disabled we need to terminate the pregnancy. Which, by the way, who does that sound like? Adolph Hitler! Who are you, healthy person, to try to put on me what my value of life is according to you? **I think we have forgotten how beautiful adversity can be—how it is so often from the weakest among us that we learn something. I have a phenomenal life! Is it easy? No. I did not sign up for easy. I signed up for extraordinary.**



Gianna Jessen, a pro-life advocate, speaker and author, shared the miraculous story of her birth, and how God has used her story to promote the sanctity of human life. Aired February 2016.

... Valerie Huber

John Rustin: What advice do you have for parents and teenagers to really encourage them in their efforts to make healthy and correct decisions about sex?

Valerie Huber: The first thing that we need to be very conscious of is the fact that there is so much “cultural chatter” that is sending the message both to teens and parents that sex is an expectation, and the norm. I think both parents and teens need to realize that the majority of their peers [for teens] haven’t had sex, and that can be a game-changer because the cultural chatter is saying just the opposite. **Secondly, parents really need to step up—even though it’s an uncomfortable conversation**, even though they may have made some personal choices themselves when they were teens that they’re not especially happy about now. Their children can learn through their mistakes, rather than having to repeat them themselves. And after all, this is a critical time for parents to parent. Think of how [more teen] decisions might change even more positively, if there could be a chorus and an amplification of healthy messaging and encouraging? [We need to say to young people]: “I believe that you can [wait for sex]. It’s the healthiest choice, and if you’ve made unhealthy choices in the past, I’m here to help you make healthier ones in the future.”



Valerie Huber, president of Ascend (formerly the National Abstinence Education Association), discussed the key role parents can play in helping teens make wise decisions about sex. Aired January 2016.

... Matthew Harrison, MD



Dr. Matthew Harrison, a Charlotte-area family physician, discussed the life-saving Abortion Pill Reversal Method, which he helped to pioneer. Aired December 2015.

John Rustin: In 2006, you used the Abortion Pill Reversal Method for the first time on a pregnant woman who had started the RU-486 pill regimen and changed her mind. Share with us that story, and what happened to that baby?

Matthew Harrison, MD: I was working in my office... and one of the pregnancy centers called me, and said they had a young lady [who] had just taken the RU-486 [abortion pill], and she regretted it, and wanted to do whatever she could to save the baby. I really had no idea what to do, but I asked them to send her right over.... There's really ... nothing we've been trained to do in this situation, so I told her I just needed to walk out of the exam room and pray about it, which is exactly what I did. I went into my office, and I looked through *The Physician's Desk Reference*... And I started thinking about how RU-486 worked... if RU-486 is like a key that fits into the lock, but doesn't turn it, then progesterone is a key that fits into the lock but does turn it, so why don't we just throw a bunch of extra good keys into the mix, so that we can out-compete the bad keys, in other words RU-486? And hopefully the progesterone will kind of overpower the RU-486, and be able to do its job. So pretty much, [we just tried] replacing progesterone that was being blocked by the RU-486. I explained this to the young lady and said, "Look, this hasn't been done, and this could cause prolonged bleeding, and abortion, and the baby might still die." But she said that she was willing to accept those chances, and do what she could to save her baby. So we gave her an injection, and started praying for the best... and we continued progesterone injections twice a week up until she was about 28 weeks. And then she delivered a perfectly healthy little girl right at 40 weeks, full term, and that little girl is now eight years old and doing wonderfully!



John L. Rustin, NC Family President and host of "Family Policy Matters"

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Fayetteville	WCLN 107.3 FM	Saturday, 7:00 AM
Forest City	WWOL 780 AM	Wednesday, 8:45 AM
Greensboro/ Winston-Salem	WKEW 1400 AM WTRU 830 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM Saturday, 6:00 AM
New Bern	WSTK 104.5 FM	Saturday, 3:15 PM
Newland	WECR 1130 AM	Saturday, 9:06 AM
Pisgah Forest	WGCR 720 AM	Saturday, 9:00 AM
Raleigh	WTRU 1030 AM	Saturday, 6:30 AM
Rocky Mount	WLQC 103.1 FM	Sunday, 11:00 PM
Salisbury	WOCR 93.3 FM	Saturday, 12:15 PM
Sanford	WLHC 103.1 FM	Sunday, 11:00 PM
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Troy	WJRM 1390 AM	Sunday, 7:30 AM
Wilmington	WZDG 88.5 FM	Sunday, 5:30 AM Sunday, 6:00 PM
Winston-Salem	WBFI 1550 AM WPOL 1340 AM WPIP 880 AM	Sunday, 4:10 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday, 5:00 PM

You may also stream "Family Policy Matters" online at www.ncfamily.org

Constitutional Resistance Do We Have a Duty to Resist Marriage Redefinition?

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Marriage . n. **1** the formal union of a man and a woman, by which they are or become husband and wife. **2** a combination of two or more elements.
- ORIGIN Old Norse.

This January, Alabama State Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore issued an administrative order that, "Alabama probate judges have a ministerial duty not to issue any marriage license contrary to the Alabama Sanctity of Marriage Amendment" until the Alabama Supreme Court rules on the issue of same-sex "marriage" later this year.

Last fall, Rowan County, Kentucky Clerk of Court Kim Davis spent five days in jail for refusing to issue marriage licenses bearing her signature to same-sex couples because of her religious beliefs. In December 2015, newly elected Gov. Mark Bevin issued an executive order that removes the names of all county clerks from Kentucky marriage licenses "to ensure that the sincerely held religious beliefs of all Kentuckians are honored."

Closer to home, over 30 North Carolina magistrates with deeply held religious beliefs about marriage have used a new state law to recuse themselves from participating in the solemnization of same-sex unions.

These courageous Americans are the faces of peaceful resistance to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2015 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that forced the legal recognition of same-sex unions on every state in the nation. **While some may consider the SCOTUS ruling the law of the land, a group of the nation's most respected legal scholars disagrees,** calling it "illegitimate," "anti-constitutional," and worthy of opposition.

In October 2015, over 60 legal scholars from universities such as Princeton, Notre Dame, and Oxford, released a pivotal statement describing *Obergefell* as an "unbinding precedent that has not settled the

law in the United States,” and urged American officeholders to actively resist the ruling. Led by Princeton professor Robert George, founder of the American Principles Project, the statement asks all state and federal office holders to:

- Refuse to accept *Obergefell* as binding precedent for all but the specific plaintiffs in that case;
- Recognize the authority of states to define marriage, and the right of federal and state officeholders to act in accordance with those definitions;
- Pledge full and mutual legal and political assistance to anyone who refuses to follow *Obergefell* for constitutionally protected reasons;
- Open ... a broad and honest conversation on the means by which Americans may constitutionally resist and overturn the judicial usurpations evident in *Obergefell*.

On the Ground

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Legal Counsel Jeffery Ventrella, J.D., Ph.D., is one of the legal scholars who signed the statement in his personal capacity. When NC Family asked Dr. Ventrella what constitutional resistance to *Obergefell* looks like in practical terms, he said the scholars’ statement, **“wisely does not dictate specific actions because they can vary by circumstance, actor, and situation.”**

But he did say it could apply to a number of situations, including:

- “A public official exercising a well-formed conscience refusing to comply with applications of the ruling;

- A jurist (judge) recusing herself or himself from applying the ruling, or crafting a dissent from a majority ruling that does apply the ruling;
- Citizens petitioning various governmental units to resist the decision, and to positively erect protections for conscientious objection by individuals as well as associations [who believe that marriage is only the union of one man and one woman.]”

“Because the SCOTUS ruling is sweeping,” Dr. Ventrella explained, “the applications of resistance will also be sweeping.”

Sometimes, resistance means taking steps to prevent the silencing of those who hold traditional views of marriage by fighting for religious liberty protections for public servants and private citizens. The threat to religious liberty from marriage redefinition is why North Carolina lawmakers enacted Senate Bill 2—Magistrates Recusal for Civil Ceremonies in 2015. SB2 allows certain public servants who issue marriage licenses or perform marriages to recuse themselves from participating in civil marriages “based upon any sincerely held religious objection.” Unfortunately, the law is being challenged in a federal lawsuit filed by six North Carolinians, including same-sex couples, who argue—ironically—that the magistrates who recuse themselves are violating their oath to uphold the State Constitution—the same Constitution that protects these public servants’ religious freedom. See Article 1, Section 13 of the N.C. Constitution states: **“All persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human**

authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.”

“By the People”

Although the legal scholars’ statement is mainly addressed to state and federal officeholders, Dr. Ventrella said it applies to every American, “because in the United States, all power and authority of the State derives from ‘the People.’”

He encouraged pro-family citizens “not [to] grow weary in educating others about the judicial usurpation of [these kinds of rulings].” He said we all have a responsibility to “engage the deliberative process to craft constitutional means to erode, undermine, and limit the SCOTUS marriage ruling.”

Dr. Ventrella added, **“We must be prepared, where necessary, to resist the application of the [*Obergefell*] ruling when it infringes conscience, and/or undermines legitimate otherwise protected interests, such as religious freedom and associational rights.”**

While resistance may come in many forms, we are all called to do our part. Pro-family citizens need to work together to defend the religious liberty and free speech rights of public servants, and to elect leaders who will uphold the historic definition of marriage. We can also resist efforts to redefine marriage by continuing to speak the Truth in love about marriage in our homes, our churches, and our communities. 🙏

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Courting Evangelical Voters

You can hardly turn on major broadcast news these days without being bombarded by the latest prognostications about the presidential primary elections. In my mind, that's a good thing. Far too often, we, as Americans, face a deficiency of information about candidates running for office and where they stand on critical issues. This election has proven to be quite different, however, as matters of faith, the sanctity of human life, and religious liberty have taken center stage—literally!

In fact, candidates across the board (particularly in the Republican Primaries) are bending over backwards to court “evangelical voters.” These “faith-based” citizens have become a major target in this election, but if you had the opportunity to ask the candidates who these evangelical voters are, you would probably get very different answers from each one. Regardless, American voters who value faith, life, and religious freedom have become a “hot” political commodity in 2016.

According to a report by the Pew Research Center on Religion & Public Life, 77 percent of adults in North Carolina are of the Christian faith (20 percent are “unaffiliated,” and the remaining 3 percent are of non-Christian faiths including Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and other). Over one-third of North Carolina adults, or 35 percent, identify as “Evangelical Protestants.” This means that of the 6.4 million registered voters in the state—well over 2 million—consider themselves to be “evangelical” (see graphic on page 9).

As with the candidates, it may be difficult to pin down exactly what this designation means when it comes to the ballot box, but it is an undeniable fact that a HUGE portion of voters in the Old North State find themselves within this now coveted political demographic.

So can evangelical voters really make a difference? The candidates certainly seem to think so, and recent electoral history in North Carolina confirms it. In 2008, Barack Obama won North Carolina by only 14,177 votes, the second closest percentage margin in the nation. In 2012, Mitt Romney won North Carolina by 92,004 votes, the third closest percentage margin in the nation. And in 2014, former GOP Speaker of the N.C. House Thom Tillis defeated Democrat Kay Hagan for U.S. Senate by only 45,608 votes, a margin of just 1.5 percent of all votes cast. These top-of-the-ballot statewide races are indicative of how truly competitive North Carolina's political landscape really is.

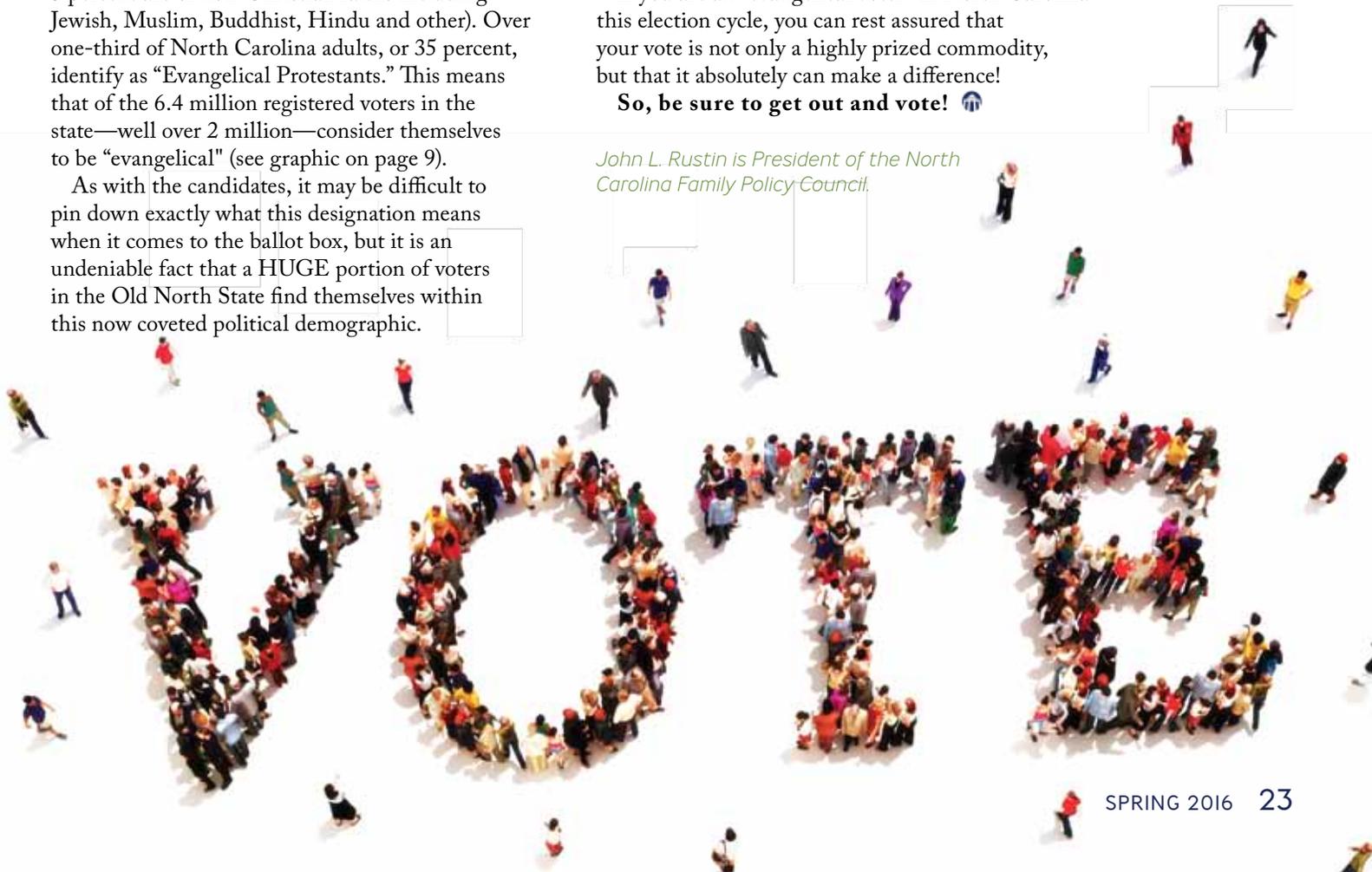
So, I ask again, can evangelical voters really make a difference? The answer is a resounding “YES,” but in order to do so, (1) we must be informed, and (2) we must get out and vote.

That is why NC Family provides valuable tools, like our non-partisan General Election Voter Guide, to help voters understand where the candidates stand on the issues that really matter the most. And it is why we work so hard to encourage citizens to take their civic responsibility seriously and to “Vote Their Values.”

If you are an “evangelical voter” in North Carolina this election cycle, you can rest assured that your vote is not only a highly prized commodity, but that it absolutely can make a difference!

So, be sure to get out and vote! 

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And of course, you get to meet and reconnect with like-minded people in your own community!

Keep your eye out for invitations to an annual Major Speakers Dinner coming to a location near you! Or check our dinner schedule on our website at ncfamily.org. Click on "Upcoming Events."

You are always most welcome!

