



# Life Support



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**Whoever is not with me is against me....** (Mt 12:30)

## Assisted Suicide

Life Issues News [reported on the claims](#) of Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) advocates and the actual statistics.

“Those who advocate for laws legalizing physician-assisted suicide have said the legislation is good for society because it will discourage or delay people from committing suicide.

“A study of suicide rates in Oregon, Washington and Vermont, where PAS is legal, showed the exact opposite was true.”

“Their conclusion further states: ‘Legalizing PAS has been associated with an increased rate of total suicides relative to other states and no decrease in non-assisted suicides.’”

## Pictures

We know ultrasound shows an image of the inner body and shows the unborn as they grow and develop within a mother.

But an [amusement park in Scotland](#) has a thermal camera which, while intended to show visitors images of themselves, has been a surprise feature in showing the unborn as well.



This may have some potential to bring awareness to the public in a special way. We wonder how this may develop.

## Winners

The reason abortion supporters can never win is simple; pro-lifers can't and won't ever give up.

God is pro-life and the babies need us.

## Some Numbers

[“The United States is one of only seven countries in the world that permit elective abortion past 20 weeks.”](#)

“Of the 59 countries permitting elective abortion:

- 9 countries limit elective abortion before the 12th week of gestation,
- 36 countries limit elective abortion at 12 weeks gestation,
- 6 countries limit elective abortion between 12 and 20 weeks gestation,
- 7 countries permit elective abortion past 20 weeks or have no gestational limit.
- 1 country maintains a federal system where abortion policy is determined at the state/territory level, and at least two of those states permit elective abortion past 20 weeks.”

## Self-Destructive

If anyone (or group) takes the position, “abortion on demand, throughout pregnancy, for any reason or none, and paid for by taxpayer dollars”, they are surely not “pro-choice” but profoundly pro-abortion.

One political party actually professes this position, to the disregard of the majority of the nation’s voters.

## Belgium

From [Bioedge we have this conclusion](#) of a study on euthanasia in Belgium. In a comprehensive analysis covering all the years it has been legal, the authors define a path to control this scourge.

“... (T)he only secure way to avoid these consequences is to resist calls to legalise euthanasia or assisted suicide and instead invest in palliative care as well as research into end-of-life practices while re-emphasizing the preciousness of human life.”

## Where Are We Going?

Technology is progressing much faster than the moral and legal spheres of society can adapt because they require time to educate. [Designer children](#) used to mean hair color, eye color, gender, and height. Such is no longer the case.

Now, egg and sperm donors are rated by their capability and intelligence. “Batch babies” can be created from these donors and then shared between families. Beauty rates high but intelligence rates higher and commands more money to the infertility companies. Embryos with “lesser qualities” are assigned to medical waste or research.

People can throw away babies in abortion, demand babies by design, and discard those designed to their specifications which do not turn out to their liking.

Without God, where are we going?

## Some Truth

There are many people who leave Planned Parenthood (PP) after they find what is really happening. [This article](#), by a former PP manager, tells of her experience. She was told the lies but saw the truth.

She took the job because “it paid well”. Surely she is not the first to make that decision, but others are able to deny the truth so they can continue to get “paid well”.

## Ethics Primer

Ethics and ethicists are often at the center of pro-life discussions. At one end is Peter Singer who is an avid supporter of abortion and infanticide. On the other side is Wesley Smith, an avid pro-lifer.

Ethics, it seems, is not driven by the concrete rules we may have expected. However, [Margaret Somerville provides some distinct guidelines](#) which we find quite helpful.