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Inside Track

Planned Parenthood: One Million Abortions Globally in 2016

According to its annual report published in June of this year, the London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) was responsible for more than one million abortions during 2016. IPPF's annual accounting for 2016 noted that its affiliates killed 612,966 pre-born babies via surgical abortion and 481,713 through chemical abortion — for a total of 1,094,679 killings. This is the first time the organization has conceded to over one million abortions in a one-year time period.

Additionally, IPPF performed over 3.6 million abortion-related activities such as pre- and post-abortion counseling and consultation, and the treatment of incomplete abortions.

The pro-life Population Research Institute (PRI) noted on September 6 that IPPF “pours millions of dollars into its Member Associations and other like-minded organizations which operate on the country level to provide abortion and/or contraceptive services and to lobby for ever more lenient abortion laws. In 2016, IPPF awarded \$68 million in grants to its Member Associations and other organizations, according to IPPF's Financial Statements 2016.”

In its latest report, IPPF claims to have contributed to over 950 legislative or policy changes concerning abortion and contraception worldwide since 2005. Additionally, noted PRI, IPPF continues to raise up and train an army of young pro-abortion activists whose mission is to “change public opinion on abortion by attempting to alter communities that value life and change them into communities where inhumane abortion procedures such as chemical abortion, vacuum aspiration, and dismemberment abortion are considered culturally acceptable.”

On the positive side, one of Donald Trump's first official actions as president was to re-implement the Mexico City Policy, first initiated by the Reagan administration (before being rescinded by Bill Clinton, re-instituted by George W. Bush, and rescinded again by Barack Obama), that bans U.S. funds from paying for abortions overseas. As we reported earlier this year, on May 15 the Trump administration announced a major expansion of the Mexico City Policy, increasing the ban from roughly \$600 million in family planning money to encompass all U.S. international healthcare, which amounts to nearly \$9 billion.

National Debt Surpasses \$20 Trillion

On September 8, the same day that President Trump signed a bill into law that suspended the debt ceiling and enabled unlimited federal borrowing, the national debt reached and exceeded \$20 trillion.

It's not as though it was much better before September 8, however, as the debt ceiling has been sitting comfortably at approximately \$19.8 trillion since March. However, as a result of President Trump's deal with the Democrats that raised the debt ceiling and also provided federal aid to the victims of the recent hurricanes, the Treasury Department was able to begin immediately borrowing money following months of being forced to use “extraordinary measures” to avoid exceeding the debt ceiling.

Under President Trump's deal with the Democrats, the federal government will not have any spending cap until December 8, when a new debt ceiling will be put into effect.

President Trump taunted Republicans following his deal with the Democrats with a tweet in which he



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ultimately blamed the GOP for forcing his hand and compelling him to reach across the aisle:

“Republicans, sorry, but I’ve been hearing about Repeal & Replace for 7 years, didn’t happen! Even worse, the Senate Filibuster Rule will never allow the Republicans to pass even great legislation. 8 Dems control — will rarely get 60 (vs. 51) votes. It is a Repub Death Wish...”

GOP leadership could have refused to bring up his deal for a vote, but the legislation passed quickly in the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support.

President Trump has now vocalized support for getting rid of the debt ceiling altogether. “For many years people have been talking about getting rid of the debt ceiling altogether and there are a lot of good reasons to do that,” Trump said. “So certainly that is something that could be discussed.”

Without being prepared to tackle the government’s spending problem, particularly as it relates to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, or cutting spending by reducing the size of the federal government or ending overseas expenditures, there is no way the United States can ever reduce its national debt.

Denmark Stops Flow of UN Refugees, Seeks “More Flexible” Quota

Denmark’s minister of immigration and integration, Inger Stojberg, said in a statement on September 9 that the Scandinavian country won’t allow any refugees into the country this year under a UN quota system.

Starting in 1989, Denmark had pledged to take 500 refugees a year selected by the UN for resettlement. The program is separate from and in addition to European Union efforts to distribute migrants among member states. The EU program has sparked strong opposition from member countries, especially Hungary.

“It’s hard to predict how many refugees and migrants will show up at the border to seek asylum, and we know it may be hard to integrate those who arrive here,” Stojberg said in her statement. “Hence, I would like to see a more flexible quota regime, so that we are prepared, but not obliged, to take a certain number of refugees for resettlement every year.”

Stojberg noted that Denmark has received about 56,000 asylum-seekers since 2012 and many of them are expected to try to bring relatives in. She said those already in Denmark should be integrated first.

Stojberg has been a member of the parliament since 2001. She was a leader in enacting a tightening of Denmark’s asylum law that came into effect in September 2015. Among other things, the law limited social services for asylum seekers.

Last year, Stojberg said the reception of refugees through the UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) program had been postponed, saying Danish municipalities should have “a little breathing room to better take care of those who have already arrived.”

In 2015, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker asked EU members to accept 160,000 migrants. Juncker noted that since the beginning of 2015, nearly 500,000 refugees have made their way to Europe. The vast majority of them, he stated, were fleeing from war, terrorism, or political oppression in Syria, Libya, or Eritrea.

No date for a vote on the UN refugee program in Denmark’s 179-seat Parliament has been set.



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Out-of-state Voters May Have Helped Clinton Win New Hampshire

New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper (R-Hudson) released data on September 7 based on inquiries he made in mid-August to the Department of State, which oversees elections, and the Department of Safety.

Jasper's figures showed that more than 6,500 people registered to vote on Election Day 2016 using out-of-state driver's licenses and, as of last week, more than 5,300 of them still had not received New Hampshire licenses.

This indicates that thousands of out-of-state voters who had no intention of permanently moving to New Hampshire voted in the Granite State's presidential election last year.

Jasper's inquiries sought information derived from a new system that matches voting and driving records for the purpose of "verifying the accuracy of the information contained in the voter database."

State officials documented that 6,540 individuals registered to vote last November 8 using an out-of-state driver's license. As of early September, only 1,014 of those had received New Hampshire licenses while 213 of the remaining 5,526 individuals had registered a motor vehicle in the state.

The most disturbing fact is that 5,313 of those who registered to vote on November 8 using an out-of-state driver's license as an ID had neither obtained a New Hampshire license nor registered a motor vehicle in the state as of early September. State law requires people who move to New Hampshire, and have a motor vehicle, to register that vehicle in the state and obtain a New Hampshire driver's license within 60 days.

These figures could potentially call into question the validity of the New Hampshire results for last year's presidential election, when Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton defeated Republican nominee Donald Trump by just 2,736 votes.

In February, White House advisor Stephen Miller told ABC about the voting irregularities in New Hampshire: "Having worked before on a campaign in New Hampshire, I can tell you that this issue of busing voters into New Hampshire is widely known by anyone who's worked in New Hampshire politics. It's very real. It's very serious."



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