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## “Historical Racing”/slot gaming case to be heard by the Kentucky Supreme Court

*After nine years of judicial hearings on these gambling machines, The Family Foundation will finally have its day in court.*

Stan Cave may have the patience of Job, but he certainly has the faith of Jonathan and his armor bearer. (*See I Sam 14*) Cave, The Family Foundation’s attorney, has been fighting with as many as 14 attorneys at a time since August of 2010 in the various machinations of this “Historical Racing” court case, oftentimes under very demeaning circumstances at the hands of the gambling industry’s attorneys. But he has stayed true to the case and now has the opportunity to argue before the Kentucky Supreme Court. The Family Foundation’s position that the devices in question do not, as the law requires, facilitate “pari-mutuel wagering on horse races.”

From the beginning of the case, the ultimate question has been: “Are these devices

truly an expression of pari-mutuel wagering on horse races?”

Common sense tells everyone that they are more akin to slot machines than horse races. But

Cave finally got what he needed, figured out how the machines actually worked (via mathematical algorithms, NOT pari-mutuel wagering), and proceeded to engage them in the trial court.

Though initially losing in Circuit Court last Fall, on June 13, the Kentucky Supreme Court accepted The Family Foundation’s appeal and transfer of the case to its jurisdiction.

“Their claim that this is pari-mutuel wagering on a horse race is simply foolishness,” said Cave. “It’s like they are trying to sneak daylight past the rooster.”

In southern Kentucky, not only does their marketing for Kentucky Downs belie their false claims in court that the machines are pari-mutuel (*see photo on left*), but also their



**They say one thing in court – “It’s pari-mutuel wagering on a horse race” – and something totally different in their marketing. (Pictured: Kentucky Downs billboard on I-65)**  
court decisions are not simply based on common sense – something has to be proven . . . and the burden of proof is on the race tracks and Horse Racing Commission!

Even journalists returning from the machines’ grand opening at Kentucky Downs in September of 2011 said privately, “They’re just slot machines,” while at the same time *they reported on the news programs* about “historical racing machines.”

After years of petitioning the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission for information and having it either slow-walked or intentionally shuffled in large, unintelligible piles,

**“Their claim that this is pari-mutuel wagering on a horse race is simply foolishness. It’s like they are trying to sneak daylight past the rooster.”**

– TFF Attorney Stan Cave



### Question: (re: “pari-mutuel”)

If a person is sitting at his own gambling device, a race is chosen different from all other wagerers, and he pushes a button at his own time to place his own wager, . . . Who exactly is he wagering “against”, “with” or “among”?

### Answer:

No one! So it’s NOT pari-mutuel wagering! (And, therefore, it is illegal in Kentucky.)

# Cuzick, Boyd join The Family Foundation's team

*Two new regional policy analysts have joined our staff, giving us a great opportunity to move forward AND reach the next generation.*

The Family Foundation is pleased to announce that it has two new policy analysts serving the western and northern regions of the Commonwealth. Each of the two young men bring energy and a new optimism in the effort to reach the next generations for the family and the values that make families strong.

## Western Kentucky

Baxter Boyd, from Princeton, graduated with a B.A. degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from Boyce College in 2016. He then secured a Master of Divinity degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating this year. Now, from the same seminary, he is pursuing his PhD degree in Christian Ethics (Public Policy).

Before joining The Family Foundation, Baxter served as a pastor for five years in his hometown of Princeton. He has a heart to engage the church and help the church engage the culture for righteousness and, in particular, to see traditional family values protected in our ever changing culture.



**Baxter Boyd and Cole Cuzick**

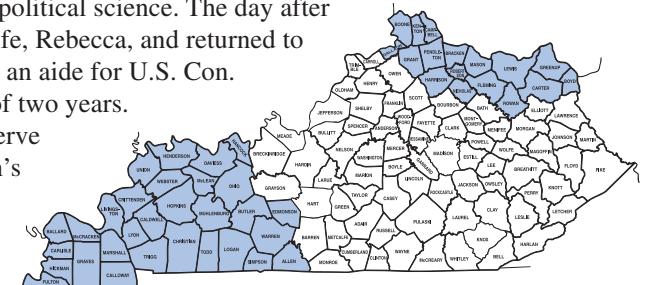
Baxter and Kaitlyn have been married for two years.

## Northern Kentucky

Born and raised in Northern Kentucky, Cole graduated from Oral Roberts University in 2017 with a degree in political science. The day after graduation, he married his wife, Rebecca, and returned to Kentucky where he served as an aide for U.S. Con. Thomas Massie for just shy of two years.

Cole and Rebecca also serve their local church as Children's Pastors. The couple has one daughter, Reina, and has another girl on the way. Cole has a passion to promote Christian engagement with government through advocacy and prayer.

Cole began with The Foundation in January of this year and was able to work in the 2019 General Assembly session. Baxter began in July.



**To assist the work of these two men, call TFF at 859-255-5400**

# Kentucky teachers face a difficult choice

*Now that the NEA has fully embraced abortion-on-demand advocacy, KEA teachers are disenfranchised.*

At the July 2019 meeting of the National Education Association (NEA), the organization adopted new language clarifying and strengthening its support for abortion-on-demand.

For decades, pro-life advocates have asserted that the NEA has been a strong pro-abortion advocate. The NEA's defenders have claimed the organization simply supports candidates and the party (the Democrat Party) that promotes public education and the economic best interest of teachers.

In Kentucky, the NEA's and Kentucky Educators' Association's (KEA) political contributions have virtually all been spent supporting Democrat candidates and opposing Republicans.

Defenders of the KEA and NEA will say it is because of the recent pension debate in Kentucky, but this political advocacy began long before the current administration was even elected.

For example, much of the election

debate in Kentucky for the fall 2014 election cycle regarded the sanctity of the life. According to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (KREF), that year the KEA's Political Action Committee (PAC) gave

\$200,000 to Kentucky Family Values. Although the name may sound "conservative", Kentucky Family Values is not a conservative group – it is a Super PAC that spends millions supporting Democrats and opposing Republican candidates.

In 2014, the overwhelming majority of the KEA's PAC money went directly to Kentucky House Democrats to help them remain in control of the House where all the Kentucky pro-life bills were being "killed".

The official Democratic Party Platform is established every 4 years by the Democratic National Committee and has included abortion-on-demand for many years.

According to the Center for Responsi-

sive Politics, the same year the KEA PAC gave Kentucky Family Values \$200,000 (2014), the NEA's Advocacy Fund (PAC) gave it \$630,000. That money was also spent supporting Democrats and opposing Republicans in the Kentucky House races.

Last fall, the NEA Advocacy Fund supported many well-known progressive candidates (including Maxine Waters, Nancy Pelosi and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Keith Ellison). In Kentucky, the only candidates the fund supported were John Yarmuth and Amy McGrath.

All of the funding for the NEA's Advocacy Fund came from the NEA itself.

A substantial portion of every Kentucky teacher's KEA annual dues must go directly to the NEA. The actual dollar amount varies, depending on a teacher's dues "category", but, the KEA forwards more than 50 percent of some teachers' annual dues to the NEA. The NEA sets the dollar amount.

Although the union represents them

and makes political contributions on their behalf, it is doubtful that many Kentucky teachers are even aware of these positions.

Regardless, Kentucky teachers are now, without doubt, funding advocacy for abortion-on-demand, as well as some of the nation's most extreme progressive candidates

Most teachers in Kentucky hold "traditional family values" and would consider themselves pro-life. The NEA's

official position on this "non education" issue disregards all their pro-life members and puts those teachers in a very difficult position.

With the NEA's July 2019 statement, Kentucky's moderate and conservative pro-life teachers are faced with a very difficult, but clear choice – insist the KEA sever ties with the NEA, sever ties with the KEA or continue to financially support advocacy for abortion-on-demand.



# Kentucky has five pro-life bills “in court”

*Kentucky is simply doing its part – albeit a LARGE part – in challenging the wisdom of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision.*

The past two years have been busy in federal courts for Kentucky’s laws that protect life and women. Not only have the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and EMW Women’s Surgical Center sued the Commonwealth over new laws, they have also begun to file legal challenges over long-existing law. The result is that five statutes have been challenged. Thus far, all are still being litigated.

What has prompted the increase in court activity? It was the change in the Kentucky House Leadership, due to the 2016 general election.

#### **The Ultrasound Bill**

The General Assembly passed two pro-life bills in January of 2017 and Gov. Bevin signed one into law on Jan. 7, the other on Jan. 9. House Bill 2 – Informed Consent Ultrasound Bill – was the first of the two. The ACLU and EMW Women’s Surgical Center immediately challenged the law in Federal District Court in Louisville.

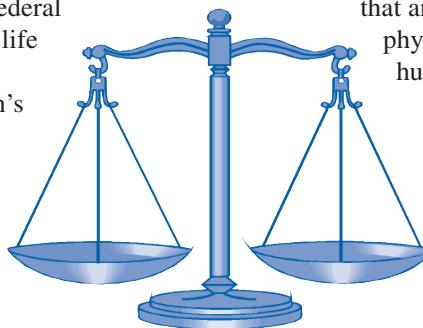
In September of that year, Judge David Hale, a President Obama appointee, struck down the ultrasound requirement saying it violated physicians’ free speech rights. The Attorney General chose not to engage, so Bevin’s attorneys appealed the ruling to the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. In April of this year, a three-judge panel ruled 2-1 to overturn Hale’s decision. The opinion reinstating the need for an ultrasound for informed consent prior to an abortion was written by Judge John Bush, a President Trump appointee.

On June 28, the court denied the abortion advocates’ appeal to have the entire court rehear the case, meaning only an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court could possibly overturn the law.

#### **Banning Dismemberment Abortion**

During the 2018 General Assembly, legislators passed House Bill 454 – Human Rights of the Unborn Child Act. This bill banned the LIVE dismemberment of unborn children. Currently, dismemberment abortions are allowed on live, pre-born children. The gruesome procedure consists of tearing off body parts *in utero*, ultimately causing the child to bleed to death. Once the abortion is complete, a staff member re-assembles the body parts to ensure all of the baby has been removed.

After passage, the ACLU and EMW immediately went to federal court to defend the practice of live dismemberment and Judge Joseph McKinley, a President Clinton appointee, enjoined the new law – holding it until a final ruling. A bench trial was held in Western District Court, Louisville in November, 2018. On May 9 of this year, McKinley ruled that HB 454 was unconstitutional. Bevin’s appeal will be heard by a three-judge panel on the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. 16 states have filed briefs in support of Kentucky’s law, pointing out



that animals are better protected from physical and emotional suffering than human children.

#### **Transport and Transfer Statute**

In September of 2018, President Obama appointee Judge Greg Stivers struck down Kentucky’s Transport and Transfer Agreement Statute. This law, which had been in place since 1998, required surgical abortion clinics to have arrangements made with an ambulance company and local hospital to transport and transfer the care of their abortion patients when emergencies arise.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on Aug. 8, 2019. Sixteen other states filed a

joint *amicus* brief supporting the 1998 Kentucky statute. However, the Kentucky Attorney General, along with 21 attorneys general from other states, filed several *amicus* briefs *against* the statute.

#### **Non-Discrimination and Heartbeat Bills**

Four pro-life bills passed the General Assembly in 2019. Two of them, House Bill 5 – Non-Discrimination Act and Senate Bill 9 – Heartbeat Bill, were immediately challenged by the ACLU in federal court. Judge Hale, the same Obama appointee who struck down the ultrasound law, has enjoined both new laws until the final ruling in district court.

Because the Attorney General has not initiated efforts to support such legislative efforts, each of these five bills that have been challenged must be litigated by the Governor’s own legal team.

## Hands-On before Supreme Court

*After two wins – Circuit and Court of Appeals – Kentucky’s highest court hears case.*

On Aug. 23, the Kentucky Supreme Court heard oral arguments concerning Hands On Originals (HOO), the Lexington-based company which refused to print t-shirts for the 2012 Lexington Pride Parade.

The bench was hot with questions as the six justices peppered the attorneys with questions during each side’s 30-minute argument. Kentucky’s justices are clearly weighing the distinction between denying a message and denying a customer based on status, along with the implications for free speech and religious liberty.

A seventh seat sat empty on the bench because Justice Lambert recused herself. She was elected to the Commonwealth’s highest court in November 2018, but had already ruled in favor of Hands On Originals when it was before her as a Court of Appeals judge.

A 3-3 split among the justices would result with a win



for Hands On Originals, since the lower court decision was in its favor.

Despite both lower courts ruling that no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation took place, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission has devoted seven years of its time and energy on a quest to punish Hands On Originals.

The Fayette Circuit Court reversed the Commission’s order, finding that it violated the law, exceeded its authority, was without support of substantial evidence.

In short, Hands On Originals declined to print the t-shirts “because of their MESSAGE,” not based on sexual orientation of the patron.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals affirmed the reversal of the Commission’s Order, agreeing that “HOO did not violate the ordinance.”

“Hands On Originals’ attorney impressively referred to the record and previous court cases to answer every question,” said Michael Johnson, policy analyst with The Family Foundation. “The Commission’s attorney largely relied upon passion, providing a significant contrast as he seemingly tried to make up for a lack of legal authority supporting his position.”

The outcome of this case will have serious implications for Kentuckians living under the twelve sexual orientation and gender identity ordinances in the Commonwealth.

The question is: Should government be able to use so-called “fairness” ordinances to force reasonable and sincere people out of business and out of sight because of the views they hold in good faith?



**Blaine Adamson with Joyce & Kent Ostrander after oral arguments at the Supreme Court**

# “Four Truths” about gambling expansion



Certain Kentucky elites are trying to expand gambling; For many reasons, they must NOT succeed!

It has always worked this way: A few people who have money try to induce those who have little to “take a chance.” Those wealthy individuals never gamble on their machines — they know better. Now we have the horse racing industry, which claims to need money, maneuvering in the court system, maintaining that these slot machines are actually pari-mutuel wagering on a horse race. The Family Foundation first worked with the horse racing industry, when it asked for help to *keep the casinos out* in 1994. Industry envoys told Kent Ostrander, the executive director of The Family Foundation, that casino gambling “rips-off families.” The Foundation came on-board and worked with them until the industry decided, “If you can’t beat them, OWN THEM.” Now it wants a full monopoly.

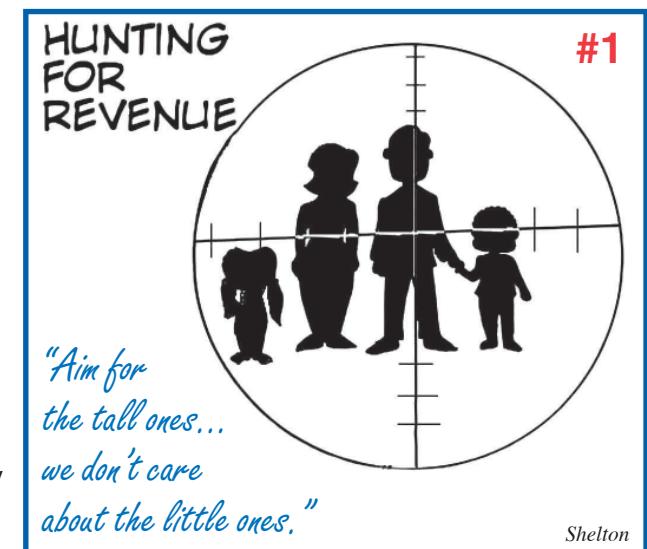
## Truth #1: The Family is targeted.

Clearly, gambling doesn't create new wealth. It only makes wealth change hands. What hasn't happened is an honest discussion that tells us *from where* all the gambling money comes: corporations can't gamble, nor can businesses, institutions, schools, churches, nonprofits, clubs, or civic groups — only Moms and Dads, and a few single people. In other words, all the *BILLIONS* of dollars that is gambled is just a shift of assets *FROM* the hands of the family *INTO* the hands of the gambling industry.



## Truth #2: Businesses will lose.

As families lose, businesses will lose. Think about it — after all the losses, parents can't afford to take the family out to eat, buy their children new clothes for school, purchase a new refrigerator or finance a new addition to the house. Other businesses will suffer because money is *TAKEN OUT* of the economy. Remember, Las Vegas was built by *losers* — not winners. Expanding gambling will simply drain millions of dollars of wealth from Kentucky's communities, and local economies will pay dearly.



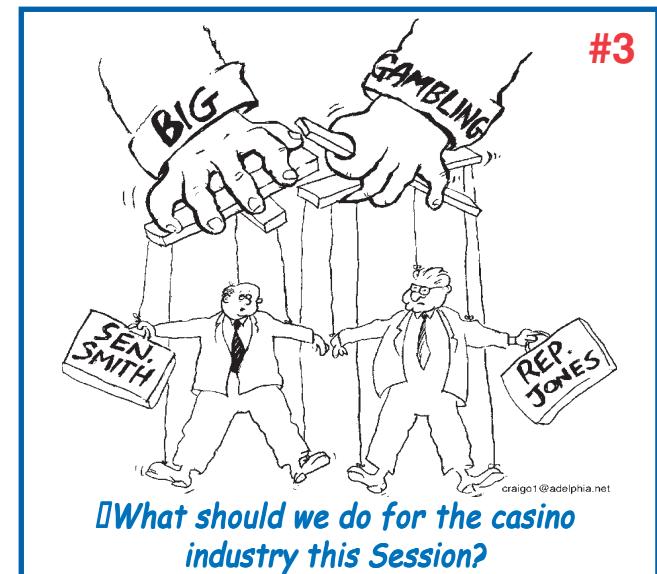
## Truth #3: Government will be corrupted.

With millions going into the hands of the gambling industry, who will become the greatest contributor and most influential group in the political process? If our legislature is “gambling friendly” today, how much more “friendly” will it be in ten years when many of its members have received sizeable contributions from the gambling interests? Now, imagine that there’s a policy debate, like “Should we legalize prostitution?” (as was the case in Nevada). Nevada’s legislature, made up of Moms and Dads just like Kentucky’s, decided to legalize prostitution in order to embellish the gamblers’ “good times.” (Clearly, it wasn’t for “good jobs for women.”) If gambling interests want it, what will the legislature do? The answer: They will do the will of the gambling interests.



## Truth #4: The Vulnerable are destroyed.

Though families are targeted (see #1 above), finances aren't the worst of the costs to families. Financial loss is just the beginning of a tragedy that all the family members experience. There will be some people whose lives will be totally destroyed — marriage-damaging financial stress, alcoholism, drug use, child neglect and abuse, spouse neglect and abuse, divorce, depression, suicide, embezzlement, imprisonment and crime (both victim and perpetrator). And even worse, their children will lose their childhoods and be affected for a lifetime. Doctors have a policy regarding their treatment of any patient: First, do no harm. Policymakers in Frankfort would do well to apply this wisdom to the gambling expansion decision because *vulnerable families* will be destroyed.

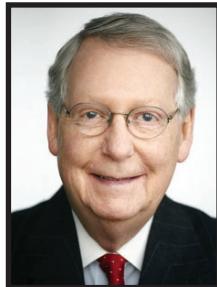


# Federal courts moving right

Sen. McConnell has worked closely with President Trump on court confirmations.

The federal courts are supposed to be above partisanship. The U.S. Supreme Court exemplified this principle in their 2018 term, when justices on the opposite side of the political spectrum agreed with each other in at least half of the cases. In fact, 36 percent of cases were decided unanimously.

The divisive and difficult issues are what get all the attention and result in the Court's 5-4 splits, but it's important to note that the Court isn't as partisan as it appears. Fewer than 30 percent of 2018 cases resulted in a 5-4 split and even two-thirds of those splits involved at least one justice crossing the "political battle lines."

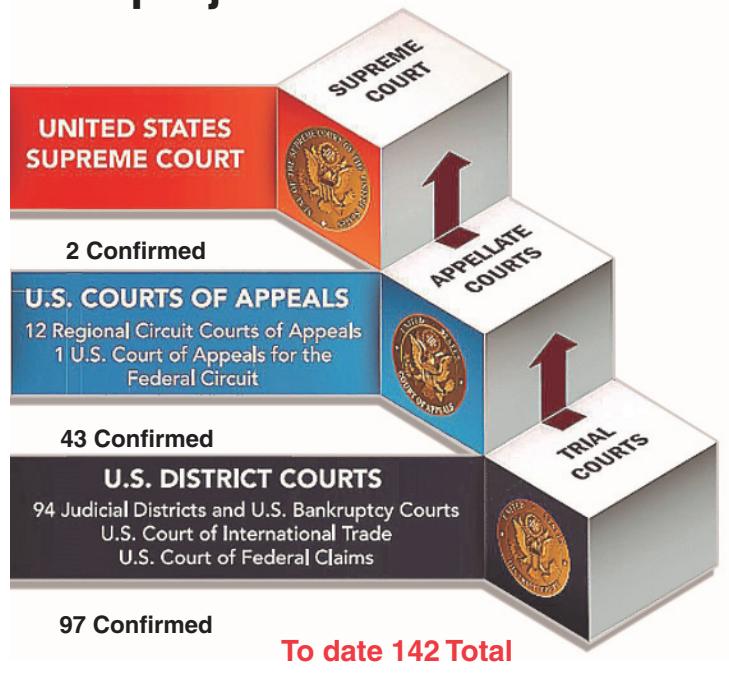


**President Trump and Sen. McConnell have been playing "pitch and catch" with federal court nominees**

However, the justices' personal worldview and legal philosophy determine those divisive 5-4 cases. That's why President Trump and Senate Majority Leader McConnell are working to confirm nominees with their preferred worldview and philosophy to the lifetime positions, ensuring an impact for decades to come.

As of August 1, Trump's 142 nominees confirmed to the federal judiciary outpace Presidents Obama, Bush Sr., and Reagan. More importantly, Trump appointees are already having an impact at every level of the federal judiciary.

## Trump's judicial confirmations



# U of L professor fired. Why? He spoke honestly!

*This is what happens when evidence-based science collides with the political agency of the left.*

The University of Louisville is now home to a nationally recognized child and adolescent psychiatry and psychology program. But this was not always true. In 2003, the University hired Dr. Allan Josephson to lead its then-struggling program. Under his leadership, the program has grown to its present nationally recognized status. Yet earlier this year, the

Freedom, Dr. Josephson was a distinguished professor and leader, earning perfect marks on his 2014, 2015, and 2016 annual reviews.

In October 2017, Dr. Josephson participated in a panel discussion on gender dysphoria in children at the Heritage Foundation, a nationally known think-tank. There,

he argued that when treating children with gender dysphoria, medical professionals should first seek to understand and treat the psychological issues that often cause this confusion before pursuing more radical, aggressive treatments. That is how other psychological issues in children are treated, let alone ones where the more radical treatments pose such grave and permanent consequences.

According to Dr. Josephson's legal team, a few members of his division objected to



**Is the red bird angry because of religious discrimination and denial of speech rights on campus?**

these statements. Within a few weeks, the University demoted him to the role of a junior faculty member. For a time, he was also banned from faculty meetings, and over the next year, he was subjected to a hostile, humiliating work environment. Finally, in February 2019, the University refused to renew his contract, effectively firing him.

Speaking to *National Review* about his concerns

for children being harmed by current "transgender" treatment trends, Dr. Josephson explained, "I saw parents and children being hurt by this. These kids are, for the most part, very vulnerable people. You can see that when you spend time with them. Certainly, the teenagers have multiple problems. Most of the time, 60 or 70 percent of the time, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, they're hurting people. Parents are confused because they're basically getting one message from

medical and mental-health professionals and that is 'Affirm people.'" Dr. Josephson maintains that puberty blockers, hormones, and surgery can endanger a child's long-term health.

Pointing out that political pressures are now silencing the medical community from offering sound medical advice, Dr. Josephson described how powerful the left's command upon thought and speech have become. "If someone like me can be demoted, harassed, and then effectively fired for expressing my views, think of what an intimidating effect this has on younger professionals, who are not yet established in their careers."

"This is an example of good medicine colliding with the intolerant views of the left," said Cole Cuzick, policy analyst for The Family Foundation.

Dr. Josephson has filed a lawsuit (*Josephson v. Bendapudi*) in federal district court, claiming that the University's actions violated his First Amendment rights and other constitutionally protected freedoms. His lawsuit seeks to restore him to his faculty position, to expunge comments related to this termination from University files, and to obtain appropriate financial compensation.

University effectively fired Dr. Josephson.

Dr. Josephson began his noted medical career over 40 years ago, and he has served as a board certified psychiatrist for more than 35 years. His work, including 42 scholarly articles and at least 24 books or book chapters, has been widely referenced and published, and he has earned numerous national and regional awards for his work. During his career, he has often testified in court on various aspects of child psychiatry, most recently on gender dysphoria.

According to Alliance Defending

# Live fetal organ harvesting: A sad commentary

*It's hard to imagine how low we have sunk. Who would have thought that we would extract organs from a live baby?*

Planned Parenthood was dealt a major blow on June 5, according to investigative journalist David Daleiden's article, "NIH Fetal Experimentation Funding Sponsors Infanticide" in the *Washington Examiner*. This blow comes from the Trump Administration's policy decision to prohibit the taxpayer-funded purchase of aborted baby body parts by research facilities.

Between 2011 and 2014, the National Institute of Health (NIH) granted nearly 2 million taxpayer dollars to Dr. Jorg C. Gerlach, a researcher at the University of Pittsburgh who published detailed descriptions of the procedures he developed to extract live livers and liver tissue from aborted infants. Daleiden captured Planned Parenthood employees on video describing their involvement in "harvesting" aborted babies, what some call "trafficking in baby body parts."

According to Daleiden, this reveals the cruelty of Planned Parenthood and some medical researchers in their treatment of aborted babies. "In other words, these babies either died when they were 'submerged' in bags for transport, or after their bodies were cut open to harvest their livers," said Daleiden.

Efforts to curb the suffering of unborn children destined for abortion include bans on live dismemberment and efforts to pass the Born Alive Infant Protection Acts.

But when Kentucky passed a Live Dismemberment Ban (2018), abortion advocates in Kentucky sued. A Federal District Judge struck down the ban. Since Attorney General Beshear refused to defend it, Gov. Bevin's legal team is now defending the Live Dismemberment Ban. The appeal is expected to be heard this fall. At issue is the use of digoxin, a drug, which when administered during abortion, causes fetal death prior to dismemberment.

Once digoxin is used, fetal organs are no longer as valuable for harvesting to sell to researchers. Furthermore, the most valuable liver tissue comes from infants removed while still alive. This ensures that the harvested liver is as fresh and as drug free as possible. Abortion advocates such as Planned Parenthood, EMW Women's Surgical Center and the ACLU have argued that they cannot use digoxin.

Efforts at the federal level are also being blocked. Newly re-elected House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has

blocked dozens of attempts to allow the Born Alive Infant Protection Act to come to the floor for a vote.

Most taxpayers are completely unaware that these practices are lawful and that federal money has been awarded for practices they consider abhorrent and barbaric.

"Not only are these infanticide practices barbaric," said Baxter Boyd, Western Kentucky Policy Analyst for The Family Foundation, "so is the belief that fetal body parts have price tags on them. Unborn children should not be viewed as 'lab rats,' preserved as long as possible only to be cut open while still alive."

The Trump Administration has made it clear that taxpayer money will no longer fund the purchase of fetal bodies or body parts for research. That policy decision is viewed by the pro-life community as a victory in the protection of the humane treatment of unborn children and upholding the dignity of human life.



## China's human butcher shop (*Caution: Very Graphic*)

*This story has little to do with Kentucky public policy, but it serves as a reminder about where mankind is heading. (See above)*

*This story is reprinted with permission from Tony Perkins' Washington Update. It was written with the aid of Family Research Council Action senior writers.*

"Zheng Qiaozhi – we will call him George – still has nightmares. He was interning at China's Shenyang Army General Hospital when he was drafted to be part of an organ-harvesting team. The young prisoner was brought in, tied hand and foot, but very much alive. The army doctor in charge sliced him open from chest to belly button and exposed his two kidneys. 'Cut the veins and arteries,' he told his shocked intern. George did as he was told."

When it came time to take out the prisoner's eyeballs, George couldn't do it, the *New York Post* explains in a harrowing article. Bleeding and terrified, the teenager on the table gave him a look he'll never forget. It was the last thing the patient ever saw. He, like countless other victims of China's ghoulish practice, died. George is one

of the few brave witnesses to speak out. Haunted by the experience,



he quit his job and fled to Canada.

Now, thanks to his bravery, others', and the conclusions of an important tribunal, China is finally being exposed for the monsters they are.

"Experts estimate that between 60,000 and 100,000 organs are transplanted annually in China. Multiply that number times the cost of a liver transplant (\$170,000) or a kidney transplant (\$130,000), and the result is an eye-popping \$10 billion to 20

billion." In the report that's bringing some of this torture to light, 10 hospitals admitted using the Falun Gong (a well-known persecuted religious minority in China) as an organ supply – usually from live patients, many who are "prisoners of conscience."

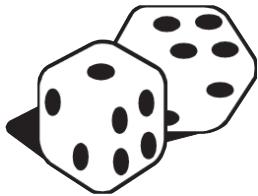


Now, as the global concern over the persecution of the country's Uyghurs rise, there are new fears that the Muslim minority is next in line for organ harvesting. As many as two million are already wasting away in prison camps for their beliefs, where they would be easy pickings for a regime with no sense of humanity. These are enterprising communists, the *Post* points out, since "China is not just ridding itself of troublesome minorities, it is profiting mightily in the process."

As usual, the country has gone to great lengths to cover up the violence. Now, with the crackdown on Christians intensifying, the West has to be wondering if any faith group is safe.

Tomorrow, President Trump will meet again with China President Xi Jinping to talk trade. Let's hope another major piece of that discussion is religious tolerance, which should be a condition of any deal. "Over the past 17 years," Vice President Mike Pence said on October, "China's GDP has grown nine-fold; it's become the second-largest economy in the world. Much of this success was driven by American investment in China . . . For a time, Beijing inched toward greater liberty and respect for human rights. But in recent years, China has taken a sharp U-turn toward control and oppression of its own people."

That must stop – and the United States must play a pivotal role ensuring it does. Let's all pray for these talks – that they'll open the door to greater understanding of the need to protect



# Foxes guarding hens

*The gambling industry ALWAYS ends up corrupting government.*

On Aug. 21, a meeting was held in Frankfort to discuss the newest idea for solving the state's financial problems. The Joint Interim Licensing and Occupations Committee took testimony on sports wagering legislation.

Unfortunately for supporters of this legislation, the testimony given by Vince Gabbert, Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Keeneland Race Track stated that the total revenue that could be expected for the state was \$20 million. Now that sounds like a lot to you and me, but it is just a drop in the bucket in an annual state budget of over **\$11 BILLION**. (Remember, one billion is 1000 millions.)

In fact, \$20 million just covers the cost of one school building. Not two, not twenty. One. That's it.

So, to say that bringing sports betting to the state is a way to address any significant state financial problem isn't even remotely true.

One of the biggest problems with expanded gambling has always been the problem of corruption. When you have dealings with a big, wealthy, voracious industry, that's to be expected. And the gambling industry is as big, wealthy, and voracious as they come.

And the thing about the gambling industry is that the corruption they bring arises even before they get their legislation passed. In addition to the high-priced lobbyists they buy and the campaign contributions they make to lawmakers, to convince them to carry their water, there is the matter of how they try to get laws favorable to them passed.

Many people don't remember the BOPTROT bribery scandal of the early 1990s that put a Speaker of the House in Jail, or that opponents of gambling can suddenly disappear from committees right before votes on gambling bills, as happened more recently.

But the peculiar form of corruption happening now is that, in order to pass gambling legislation, the gambling industry has convinced state lawmakers to completely ignore the state's Constitution.

Kentucky's Constitution allows only three forms of gambling: pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, a state-run Lottery, and charitable gaming. Sports wagering doesn't fit under any of these. If you want to have sports wagering in this state, you've got to pass a constitutional amendment.

But when you point this out to the leaders of the movement to pass sports wagering, they just wave their hands and say that is not a problem. Why is it not a problem? They won't say.

The only reason it's "not a problem" is because some high-priced lobbyist in a tailored suit and alligator shoes told them it's not. The Constitution itself, however, is fairly clear on the point.

Corruption follows the gambling industry around like a shadow, but it doesn't only come from the outside. Sometimes, once it's been set up, it starts to come from the inside.

At the August meeting, legislators discussed who would oversee sports gambling. The entity they want to oversee it is none other than the Horse Racing Commission.

This is the same state regulating body that is supposed to be overseeing the horse racing industry, but in fact has ceded its regulatory responsibilities to the entities they are supposed to be regulating.

The chairman of the Commission is a horse breeder. The vice chair is the former president of a racing park. Others are consultants, owners, officers and employees of horse farms or race tracks. Many of them stand to financially benefit from the decisions made by the Commission.

What other state commission allows the people it regulates to do the regulating?

Anyone who wants to know how the Commission operates need only read a recent story by the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting. The Center found that when an outside testing company was hired to assure that the "historic racing" machines (now populating several gambling parlors run by tracks) were on the up-and-up, the Commission "let the tracks themselves fund and oversee the consultant's work."

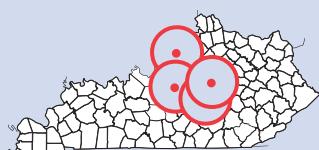
The commissioners are apparently very trusting people. In fact, they "didn't even have copies of the invoices from New Jersey-based Gaming Laboratories International until it gathered them for the auditor." (Almost \$900,000.00)

"The industry that is supposed to be regulated is buying its own regulator," one former U.S. Attorney told the Center.

Never have so many foxes been charged with guarding the same hen house.



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## Love and Lordship

**Lexington, Sept. 3 - Oct. 15**

Love & Lordship Series for Men - Greg Williams

Blackburn Correctional Facility (Tues afternoons)  
3111 Spurr Road, Lexington, KY 40511

**Wilmore, Sept. 8 - Oct. 13**

Love & Lordship Series - Greg Williams

Wilmore Free Methodist Church  
1200 Lexington Road, Wilmore, KY 40390

**For more information, call (859)255-5400 or go to [www.kentuckymarriage.org](http://www.kentuckymarriage.org)**

**Willisburg, Sept. 4 - Oct. 16**

Love & Lordship Series - Greg Williams

Isaiah House (Wed mornings)  
2084 Main Street, Willisburg, KY 40078

**Louisville, Sept. 7 & Oct. 5**

Marriage for Life - Greg Williams

Sisters for Life  
511 Woodlake Dr., Louisville, KY 40245

*It's easy, just connect with your County Clerk.*

# Be sure to register to vote

This is a critical election year in the Commonwealth, as we elect our Executive Branch. There are only two other states that have significant elections during this "off-year" election cycle. Because of that, some from outside the state are trying to meddle in our election with their funds and with their efforts. The Good News is that the individual voters are still the ones who will ultimately decide the election.

But this truth is only valid if "the individual voters" get out to vote . . . and, therefore, they must be registered.

YOU can be a part of the solution by contacting your County Clerk, picking up some voter registration cards and taking them to your church, nonprofit and/or neighbors. (The registration deadline is Oct. 7.)

Registering people to vote is NON-PARTISAN! There is NO PROBLEM registering people at your church. (Just be sure, for IRS purposes, *not* to tell anyone which Party to register with.)

The election, this Fall, has candidates that are distinctively different – every citizen really does have a choice in each of the Executive Branch races!

**Every vote counts! And not just the vote, but *it's the faith behind the vote that makes the difference. Our God would have each of us step out in faith to the end that "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth (in Kentucky) just as it is in heaven."***



## If ever we needed "hands-on help," ***It Is Now!!!***

*Please join with us (for up to three hours) in October – We will be getting good, NON-PARTISAN information out in your county.*

The next six months are shaping up to be critical for the future of Kentucky. We have an important election on Nov. 5, and then we have what is clearly going to be an epic 2020 General Assembly Session, which will run from the first part of January through mid-April.

So, on one hand we have a *H-U-G-E responsibility* with this upcoming election – a *LOAD* to carry . . . And yet, on the other hand, one of my favorite things to do is to offer good, solid information about candidates so that Kentuckians can make up their minds and choose their next leaders. I (we) do this best through our *Kentucky Candidate*



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*in their own words!*

If people get informed, they can make up their minds. If they make up their minds, they will vote! That is our goal – to have more Kentuckians voting their values and impacting the future of the Commonwealth.

Once the election is over, a new Executive Branch will have been elected and their leadership will take us to the beginning of the 2020 General Assembly Session.

The 2020 Session will be important because of questions that are already circulating: Will legislation protecting religious liberty be passed in order to deflect the recent attacks this basic freedom has come under?

Will there be major decisions about the expansion of gambling, and will legislators move even further down the path of protecting both women and children from the abortion industry?

Will there be more work on the pensions for state workers in order to set their funding once and for all?

These, and others issues, will be placed before the General Assembly in 2020 and Kentucky needs good men and women to tackle them.



*Information Survey*, which we first began publishing in 1993. The Survey does it best by quoting the candidates

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