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KIDS EXPOSED TO SEX, VIOLENCE, STRANGERS ON SNAPCHAT?

Two new studies found that one in three young Snapchat users encounters unsafe content or messages at least weekly, including sexual material, graphic violence, self-harm content, bullying, and even unwanted contact from strangers. Kids ages 10 to 12 reported harmful experiences at rates similar to teenagers

The findings, detailed in a July 8 essay by Heat Initiative President Brooke Istook, combine a national survey of adolescent Snapchat users with an experiment examining the content the platform's recommendation system served to accounts registered as 13-year-olds.

"With nearly one-third of American 9- to 12-year-olds and more than half of 13- to 17-year-olds using Snapchat daily, it's essential for parents — and for the people designing technical, legal, and cultural solutions — to understand what kids actually experience on the platform," Istook wrote.

Only 39% of surveyed children said they told a trusted adult after an unsafe experience on Snapchat. More than half, 54%, said they stayed silent because they had become "used to it."

https://www.afterbabel.com/p/snapchat-recommends-harmful-content-kids-brooke-istook-2026

Global Effort to Shut Down Eugenic Baby Mills

Governments from multiple countries recently signed a political declaration calling for an international moratorium on surrogacy and advocating a complete worldwide ban.

The declaration warns that women and girls in surrogacy arrangements "face medical risks, coercion, exploitation and loss of agency that fall disproportionally on vulnerable populations with limited access to legal remedies." It also points to psychological, emotional, and identity-related impacts on children born through surrogacy, along with risks of abandonment and human trafficking.

The declaration was released in June, during the 62nd session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, by the Holy See along with Italy, Chile, and Cameroon. It was announced as the first step toward abolishing the practice they believe involves the "commodification of human life and women's reproductive abilities."

More than 220 organizations from 40 countries have been working together on a coordinated international strategy to end surrogacy.

https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/global-effort-to-shut-down-eugenic-baby-mills/

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING RESUMES AFTER ONE-YEAR BAN

Federal Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood resumed July 5 after a one-year defunding provision expired, drawing sharp criticism from pro-life groups.

The temporary ban, signed by Trump on July 4, 2025, prevented Planned Parenthood from receiving roughly $800 million in annual Medicaid reimbursements.

The restriction applied only to reimbursements for non-abortion services, such as contraception and testing for sexually transmitted infections, because the Hyde Amendment already generally bars federal funding for most abortions. Pro-life groups argue that those reimbursements still indirectly subsidize abortion providers by helping them sustain broader operations.

Planned Parenthood said it had lost about 40,000 patients.

https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/5955263-gop-loses-planned-parenthood-fight/

WOMEN HARMED BY ABORTION DRUGS URGE DOJ TO ACT

Fourteen women harmed by abortion drugs urged Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche to settle a lawsuit challenging mail-order abortion pills. In a letter addressed to Blanche, the women joined a growing chorus of pro-life leaders pushing the Trump administration to stop defending Biden-era policies allowing chemical abortion by telehealth and mail.

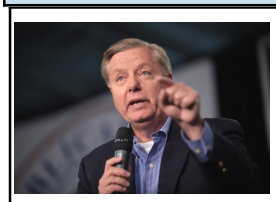
Under President Joe Biden, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made it much easier for women to obtain abortion drugs through the mail without safety precautions.

https://www.dailywire.com/news/exclusive-women-harmed-by-abortion-drugs-send-a-message-to-todd-blanche?utm_source=chatgpt.com

PRO-LIFE GROUPS APPEAL ARREST FOR CHALKING 'BLACK PRE-BORN LIVES MATTER'

The Frederick Douglass Foundation and Students for Life of America are asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to overturn a lower court ruling after two of their advocates were arrested in 2020 for writing "Black Pre-Born Lives Matter" in chalk outside a Washington, D.C., Planned Parenthood.

https://adfmedia.org/press-release/pro-life-groups-ask-dc-circuit-to-uphold-their-free-speech-right-to-chalk-message-on-city-sidewalk/



Pro-Life Senator, Lindsey Graham, dies at age 71

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina died Saturday, July 11th after a sudden cardiovascular emergency. The longtime Judiciary Committee leader is remembered for rallying support behind Justice Brett Kavanaugh, for championing pro-life legislation, and for his controversial foreign policy positions.

Graham was an original cosponsor of the 2025 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a measure that would have required medical professionals to provide ordinary care to children born alive following attempted abortions. He condemned Senate Democrats for blocking the legislation.

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CALIFORNIA ABORTION PILL REVERSAL CASE UNRAVELS

California's case against pro-life abortion pill reversal groups came under scrutiny after the state's lead expert admitted he could not say APR does not work or that it is unsafe.

Dr. Mitchell Creinin, who has performed more than 5,000 abortions, served June 24 as the state's lead expert in People v. Heartbeat International & RealOptions. He acknowledged key limitations in his testimony when attorneys challenged the research underpinning California's case.

https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/news/10-moments-californias-case-against-abortion-pill-reversal-collapsed--during-its-own-abortion-experts-testimony

French Bishop: Catholic Lawmakers Who Back Euthanasia Bill Cannot Receive Communion

Bishop Marc Aillet has warned ahead of France's decisive final vote on July 15 that Catholic lawmakers who support the bill "will no longer be able to receive Communion."

Catholic members of France's National Assembly who vote for the country's euthanasia and assisted-suicide bill will no longer be able to receive holy Communion, Bishop Marc Aillet of Bayonne, Lescar, and Oloron in southern France has warned ahead of the bill's decisive final vote on July 15.

"A Catholic engaged in public life cannot ignore" the Church's constant teaching against euthanasia, Bishop Aillet told France Catholique in a July 7 interview. He highlighted that the Christian faith engages a person's whole existence and that every lawmaker must examine in conscience whether the acts they take align with the faith they profess.

NationalCatholicRegister.com 7/14/26

GOP LAWMAKERS PUSH TO END PRO-ABORTION WORKPLACE RULES

Fifty Republican lawmakers filed an amicus brief May 26 urging a federal appeals court to block Biden-era rules that would force employers, including religious groups, to accommodate abortions. The rule is an outgrowth of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

The brief supports the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), The Catholic University of America, and the civil corporate entities for the dioceses of Lake Charles and Lafayette, Louisiana, in their ongoing lawsuit against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The challengers argued in the 2024 suit that the EEOC exceeded its authority by interpreting the PWFA to require abortion-related workplace accommodations nationwide, even though the statute does not mention abortion.

https://chrissmith.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2026-05-26_50_moc_congressional_amicus_brief___usccb_v_eeoc.pdf

ARMY CAPT SENTENCED FOR DRUGGING GIRLFRIEND WITH ABORTION PILL

Capt. Brandon Jones-Adams pleaded guilty at his June 24 court-martial to intentionally killing an unborn child after secretly placing the abortion drug mifepristone in the drink of his pregnant then-girlfriend, causing her to miscarry at 13 weeks.

Army investigators found he'd bought the drug online under a fake name after multiple failed attempts elsewhere. He received the maximum sentence under his plea deal and a dismissal from the Army.

//www.thecentersquare.com/washington/article_0caa3fd1-2871-43ce-ad2a-b8f9d2a5c6bb.html

IRELAND APPROVES PAID LEAVE AFTER ABORTION

Ireland's Cabinet approved a bill granting five days of paid leave after pregnancy loss — including abortion — even as parliament advanced legislation to eliminate the existing three-day waiting period required before abortions.

The proposed Pregnancy Loss Leave Bill would cover losses occurring before 23 weeks of pregnancy. Although government officials have primarily presented the measure as compassionate support for women suffering miscarriages, reporting on the approved framework confirms that women who obtain abortions would also qualify as long as a doctor certifies the end of the pregnancy.

Pro-life advocates called the combination a contradiction, noting the government is acknowledging abortion causes grief while removing a safeguard that leads roughly 17% of women to reconsider.

https://www.rte.ie/news/politics/2026/0714/1583212-cabinet-paid-miscarriage-leave/