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The American family is under attack on all fronts. At both the local and national levels, dangerous legislation is discussed daily that further negates the right of parents to raise their children. Christianity and Christian values are constantly downplayed and are in danger of being outlawed completely. For us at Faith and Family, this is totally unacceptable. Christian values and the strength of the family are two principles that this country was founded upon and we cannot afford to let our guard down and see these precious values slip away from us.

To that end, Faith and Family was established as a watch-dog society to protect these rights and fight for them where and when they are attacked. It is because of you and your support that we can do just that.

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Protect our children

As discussed in the last *Faith and Family Newsletter*, we are working hard to promote the Michael Reagan Online Child Protection Act in Congress. This act will require all Internet sites that contain pornography or material harmful to minors to be assigned the .xxx domain name. In addition to forcing these sites to register under the .xxx domain name, the legislation will also enforce penalties for those Web sites that do not comply.

The bill is currently being discussed in Congress and we are working hard to ensure its passage. This legislation is an important step in protecting our children's innocence and right to use the Internet without being permanently scarred by sexually explicit material. If you have not done so, we encourage you to contact your U.S. Senator and Representative and encourage them to support the Michael Reagan Online Protection Act.



Stem cell research- a little truth wouldn't hurt



MICHAEL REAGAN, Chairman

Stem cell research was one of the major issues in many campaigns across the country this election year. At the heart of this debate is the issue of the sanctity of human life and the importance of family.

In the interest of truth in politics it's worth noting that there are two kinds of stem cell research – one involving embryonic stem cells (ESC) and the other using adult, or cord-blood, stem cells. The overwhelming number of candidates, Republican and Democratic, favor research on stem cells gathered from adult and core-blood sources. But many, mostly Republicans, oppose ESC research because harvesting the cells requires killing a living human embryo, and in many cases results in cloning and killing human embryos for the sole purpose of harvesting the stem cells.

All across the country, Democrats and their lackeys in the media distort the issue by portraying those opposed to embryonic stem cell research as being opposed to all stem cell research, refusing to draw the crucial distinction between the two types.

In addition to this dishonest tactic, proponents of ESC research inevitably claim that it holds the most promise as an effective means of curing a host of serious physical and mental disorders, while either ignoring or downplaying the incredible results now demonstrated in adult and cord-blood stem cell research.

Moreover, a great falsehood has been spread that President Bush and fellow Republicans who are opposed to embryonic stem cell research have attempted to ban it outright, when the truth is that all they have done is seek to deny it government funding. Those who want to pursue it are free to find other sources of revenue, which – if the promises made on its behalf were credible – would be readily available from sources such as drug companies.

Such funding is not forthcoming for very good reasons.

Think about it this way: there are about 70 to 80 million baby boomers right now on the cusp of reaching the age at which they will be susceptible to Alzheimer's disease.

With that many Americans facing the threat of Alzheimer's, wouldn't you think that if there were an answer to the disease – as the use of embryonic stem cells has been widely touted to be by its proponents – that the drug companies would be falling all over themselves to throw money at those wanting to do ESC research and come up with cures that would make them hundreds of billions in profits?

The fact that the drug companies have turned their back on ESC research should tell you something. One reason is that there is absolutely no basis for the claims that ESC holds a cure for ailments such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and spinal cord injuries. It's all smoke and mirrors and most of it is based on a single source, the thoroughly discredited claims of South Korean scientist Hwang Woo-suk, who has been convicted of falsifying his research data.

One negative result of ESC research is the fact that when the cells are injected into lab animals, many grow brain tumors, some malignant and fatal. Thus far, that is the sole fruit of ESC research – fatal brain tumors. Drug companies aren't interested in funding that kind of outcome. There's no money in producing brain tumors.

In contrast to the dismal results of ESC, research on adult and cord-blood stem cells has produced real results, helping to cure such maladies as sickle cell anemia, lymphoma and juvenile leukemia. As a result, funding is no problem here.

Claims that the president and his party are opposed to stem cell research fall flat on their back when you recall that last year Congress overwhelmingly passed – and the president signed – a bill that provided \$150 million in funding to save and store therapeutic cord-blood stem cells.

That's the truth of the matter.



A word from our founder & director

MARY BETH BROWN

I've chosen to highlight a shining example of the importance of faith and family in one woman's life in this issue of the *Faith and Family Newsletter*. Read on to see what a difference it can make.

Condoleezza Rice has come a long way in just three short generations, from when her grandparents were born the children of slaves to when she became the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

During a speech for African American History Month in 2005, Rice discussed the common experiences that united African Americans and "made this African American community prosper and thrive despite the tremendous, tremendous obstacles since Africans first landed here in America."

I believe she summed up her life story best when she said, "I would say it's a story of faith. It's a story of family, the importance of family ties that hold us together. And you know, it's not just your mom and dad and grandmother and your grandfather, it's your aunts and your uncles and your cousins and your cousins' cousins and your aunt and uncles' cousins' cousins. You know that when we talk about family, we mean extended family in the African American experience. And, of course, it's valuing education. Now, my experience is an experience of faith and family and education, all brought together in one story."

Retelling the story at the Republican National Convention in 2000, Rice said, "In America, with education and hard work, it really does not matter where you came from; it matters only where you are going. But truth cannot be sustained if it not renewed in each generation, as it was with my grandfather."

Calling him Granddaddy Rice, she continued, "He was the son of a farmer in rural Alabama, but he recognized the importance of education. Around 1918, he decided he was going to get book-learning. And so, he asked in the language of the day, where a colored man could go to college. He was told about little Stillman College, a school about 50 miles away. So Granddaddy saved up his cotton for tuition and he went off to Tuscaloosa."

"After the first year he ran out of cotton and he needed a way to pay for college," Rice said. "Praise be, as he often does, God gave him an answer. My grandfather asked how those other boys were staying in school and he was told that they had what was called a scholarship. And they said, if you wanted to be a Presbyterian minister, then you can have one too. Acting as though this is what he had planned all along, Granddaddy Rice said, 'that's just what I had in mind.' And my family has been Presbyterian and college-educated ever since."

"But you know," she added, "That's not just my grandfather's story, that's an American story – the search for hope, the search for opportunity, the skill of good, hard work."

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