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### **STUDENTS CELEBRATE PLAN B VENDING MACHINES ON CAMPUSES**

**God, open the eyes of university students about the value of all human life. We pray that the flippancy and capriciousness that is so common on many campuses would be replaced with broken hearts before You, oh God. We pray also that you would save the lives of the unborn who are threatened by “Plan B” pills.**

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Pv 9:10 )***

Some universities are installing vending machines where students can purchase emergency contraception, an effort to remove barriers to and anxiety surrounding products like Plan B. Barnard College in New York said it would soon install a vending machine, months after Columbia University did. Stanford University, Dartmouth College and a few University of California campuses have added vending machines with Plan B or its generic alternative in recent years. Yale University students have pushed for one, and the student council at Miami University in Ohio voted last month in support of selling emergency contraception in campus markets as well

Access to emergency contraception has grown significantly since Plan B, sometimes called the morning-after pill, came to market in 1999. It is now sold over the counter to customers, regardless of age.

Many schools offer free or reduced-cost emergency contraception in their student health centers.

But campus medical offices or pharmacies aren't always open when the pills are most needed, including on weekends, students say. They also may prefer the anonymity of buying from the machine.

The vending machines haven't prompted public objections on campuses, where they're largely seen as an extension of existing services. The machines on most campuses, small boxes attached to a wall or dispensers resembling those for Snickers or soda, also sell other health products like cold medicine and condoms.

At Barnard, the pills are free for students covered by the university's health insurance plan and \$15 otherwise at the health center, and \$15 in the machine, said Mary Joan Murphy, Barnard's executive director of student health and wellness programs.

Vending-machine company Vengo has placed its small, digital machines stocked with Plan B on 10 campuses, said Brian Shimmerlik, the company's chief executive. Mr. Shimmerlik says his company didn't have the idea to offer Plan B and didn't do any marketing to attract campuses. The product is a better seller than cellphone chargers or ear buds, he said.

A 2018 survey from the American College Health Association estimated that nearly 17% of sexually active undergraduates used, or reported that a partner used, emergency contraception in the prior 12 months.

Yale's undergraduate student government initially expected to stock its vending machine with emergency contraception and other health-related items but learned this month that a Connecticut law bars it from vending over-the-counter drugs.

"This is a big disappointment," said Yale College Council president Saloni Rao. She aims to still stock it with condoms. (Excerpted from The Wall Street Journal, Melissa Korn and Melanie Grayce West reporting.)

### **HOW U.S. PRESIDENTS ACCELERATED PROPHECY**

**Lord, we as your people continually pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

***And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech 12:9)***

Beginning in 2005, when President George W. Bush coerced and pressured then Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to remove some 8,500 Israeli Jews from Gaza, U.S. presidents set America on collision course with the one true God. Within a few days of the Gaza evacuation, Katrina hit the U.S. coast. Inside of six months, Sharon suffered a stroke and spent eight years in a coma before passing. Americans elected the immediate past "president," who promised "A New Beginning" with Muslims and the banned Muslim Brotherhood became his major foreign policy partner. Today, Israel is under attack and the new US president is trying to fix the problems the previous presidents helped create.

In 2005, the terrorist group Hamas took over Gaza the moment the Israelis left. This was the true beginning of what five years later in 2010 became known as the Arab Spring where national Arab governments were being replaced with Islamist, Muslim Brotherhood-backed, al Qaeda-supported rebellions. In elections, the people who claim to be Palestinians elected Hamas over the other terrorist groups PLO and Fatah in Gaza. Hamas provided a clear model for the Muslim Brotherhood to use the leverage of a sympathetic White House to instigate rebellions in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Syria. The result was widespread chaos in the Middle East and a resurgence of terrorism surrounding Israel.

Today, the destabilization of Syria from Arab Spring has proven an ongoing threat to peace and has caused much human suffering. Hezbollah missiles rain down on Israel and clashes with Israeli military have become commonplace. Hamas has continued its missile attacks from Gaza and the West Bank (traditional Jewish lands of Samaria and Judea), as well as fomenting riots. On Thursday, December 6, the UN's Arab members joined together to vote down a US-sponsored resolution condemning Hamas as

a terrorist group. The vote was significant because the Trump Administration has been trying to turn the tide of anti-Israel sentiment that was further allowed to entrench during the previous White House.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley told the General Assembly before the vote that "peace must be built on truth. To its shame, the General Assembly has avoided the truth of Hamas terrorism for far too long" and that the assembly could make history by condemning "one of the most obvious and grotesque cases of terrorism in the world." Instead, the vote, which required two-thirds majority to pass, fell short 87 in favor to 57 opposed with 33 abstentions. Speaking of the end time Day of the Lord, Zechariah 12:9 says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." We can see how prophecy unfolds even by tracking very specific actions since 2005. This is how the nations so easily stand against Jerusalem and how the leaders we elect establish our destiny as a nation and a people. ([Daily Jot](#), Bill Wilson December 17, 2018)

### **PRAY ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT AND LIFE ISSUES**

**Father we ask that You would quicken the hearts of our Supreme Court justices to follow the dictates of Your heart on all matters regarding the issues of life of the unborn.**

**Join us in prayer at the March for Life. Visit [iPRAYforLIFE](#) for details.**

***Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the One who formed you from the womb, 'I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone . . . .' (Is 44:24, NASV)***

Here are some quick bullet points on the Kavanaugh vote in the Planned Parenthood case.

- First, the case was a Cert Denial which means the Supreme Court voted to not take the case and, therefore, did not take a position on the merits of the case. This left the lower court ruling in place which is not a good thing.
- For me, the vote line was the most concerning item because the three most conservative Justices all agreed (Thomas, Alito and Gorsuch), the four known liberal and pro-abortion Justices all agreed (Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor & Kagan), while Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Kavanaugh joined the liberal wing in denying consideration of the case.
- The case was only tangentially about abortion, but the issue presented was not at all about abortion. In fact, Justice Thomas even said this twice in his dissent: (1) the "question presented has nothing to do with abortion" and (2) "[t]hese cases are not about abortion rights."
- The cases were about the limited issue on appeal which, according to Justice Thomas, was "whether Medicaid recipients have a private right of action to challenge a State's determination of 'qualified' Medicaid providers under [federal law]."
- The background of the cases is generally as follows:
  - Planned Parenthood was caught on video illegally harvesting and selling fetal body tissues.
  - Louisiana state lawmakers stripped Planned Parenthood of state Medicaid funds.
  - Medicaid recipients and Planned Parenthood sued claiming that they could not be deprived of funding.

- The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals over Louisiana (5th Circuit) ruled that Medicaid recipients did have a right to maintain a lawsuit to keep Planned Parenthood as a provider.
- Other federal courts have disagreed and that was the reason Justice Thomas said the Supreme Court should have taken the case to resolve the conflict.
- Kavanaugh and Roberts did not agree to take the cases.
- This does not necessarily mean that Kavanaugh and Roberts would have ruled for Planned Parenthood on the merits.
  - In fact, it is possible that they believe Medicaid recipients have a right to maintain a lawsuit but Planned Parenthood should still be denied Medicaid funding.
  - Also, perhaps Kavanaugh and Roberts believe it is wise to wait for another case to come up before the Court and to then rule against Planned Parenthood.
- It cannot be said that this case proves that Kavanaugh will vote to uphold Roe, or even that he thinks Planned Parenthood must receive state or federal funding. To say that would not only be patently untrue but would be an unwise premature surrender of Kavanaugh as a pro-abortion or pro-Planned Parenthood vote. That could backfire and push him away from the pro-life cause.
- However, what is most concerning about the case is the vote-line: it is early evidence that Kavanaugh has voted with Roberts and the liberals, while the known three most conservative Justices all voted the opposite way.
- Also, Justice Thomas' boldness in stating his suspicion that the reason the other justices did not take the case has "something to do with" Planned Parenthood being a party is concerning because Thomas knew Kavanaugh and Roberts were not willing to take this case.

My recommendation is that we should continue to pray fervently for Justice Kavanaugh, especially in these early days that can define his philosophy and position with conservatives and liberals on the Court. (By Phillip Juaregui, Judicial Action Group. Like this analysis? Sign up for reports from Judicial Action Group [HERE](#).)

### **PRAY ABOUT A PROPOSED DISASTROUS ACTION BY CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND NATIONAL EVANGELICALS**

**Lord, open the eyes of the American Church to the deceptions of evil hearts that are set upon destroying Your principles laid out so clearly in Your Word for us to follow. Have mercy on us all, Lord Jesus.**

***For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. (Rom 6:14)***

This past week, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), two of the nation's foremost evangelical organizations, publicly announced they now support adding "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as officially protected minority classifications to the ranks of federal nondiscrimination law.

Explaining their support for the "compromise" that is dubbed "Fairness for All," (a legislative initiative driven by the argument that religious freedom can only be achieved while also conceding "no one should face unjust discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, or gender identity"), one

spokesperson who serves on the board of both the CCCU and NAE explained: “We are increasingly persuaded that the most viable political strategy is for comprehensive religious freedom protections to be combined with explicit support for basic human rights for members of the LGBT community.”

**This is a fool’s errand.**

First, it is **legally and politically untenable** to pretend you can grant minority status to any group of people and then maintain for yourself an “exemption” to deny these people the minority protections you just granted them.

If “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” (a moving target and transient definition if there ever was one) are granted minority class status under federal law, what in the world makes the religious institution think that its “religious freedoms” should or will ever trump the civil rights of the protected group it just recognized?

Even Chai Feldblum of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission agrees with this fact when she boasts of the “zero-sum game,” **where the rights of LGBT Americans will be secured only by curtailing the rights of religious Americans**. LGBT community rights “cannot be adequately advanced,” says Ms. Feldblum, “if pockets of resistance are permitted to flourish.”...

The fact that the leaders of the CCCU and NAE think “the most viable political strategy for comprehensive religious freedom protections” is **capitulation and appeasement with those who are the self-described enemies of religious freedom is nothing short of astonishing**. One can only think of the image of an ostrich with his head stuck in the shifting sands of his own denial; yes, secure in his own mind, but yet oblivious to the real world around him and the predators that seek to have him for lunch....

Finally, the statements by CCCU and NAE are logically foolish and teleologically unmoored. And moreover, these leaders just capitulated to the terribly-flawed ontological claims of those who say our identity is nothing more than the sum total of our sexual appetites and inclinations....

How can the church — the Evangelical church, the Holiness church — not see the salvific tragedy in celebrating and codifying any group of people based on their desires? I thought the message of salvation and sanctification meant our identity was in our Lord and not our libido? Whatever happened to “dying to self,” being “born again,” becoming a “new creation in Christ,” and “holiness unto the Lord?”

This message from CCCU and NAE is disastrous.... (Excerpts from Everett Piper article in [The Washington Times](#))