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### **THE ILLOGIC OF PROGRESSIVE THINKING IMPLODES WOMEN'S MARCH**

**Ask the Lord to show you how to effectively pray into this developing news! Join us at our prayer tent at the March for Life, the day before the Women's March, and intercede for truth and life. Click [iPRAYforLIFE.com](http://iPRAYforLIFE.com) for more information.**

***The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. (Ps 37:30)***

The main event for the second anti-Trump Women's March in Washington, DC, is still on, but cancellations of "sister" marches continue to pile up amid charges that the leadership is anti-Semitic.

So far, marches are canceled in Chicago, New Orleans, Washington state, and California, with the latter now defending itself after claiming one of the reasons it halted the event was too many white people were involved.

The Times-Standard in Northern California reported on the canceled march in the mostly white Humboldt County:

*"After meeting periodically for several months, it became clear we were lacking a leadership group that properly represented our community," event organizer Allison Edrington told the Times-Standard.*

*Beyond race, the organizers determined that event leadership didn't include enough gender nonbinary people. Not all women have female reproductive parts, Edrington said.*

As Breitbart News reported in December the Washington state chapter of Women's March disbanded because of the anti-Semitic leadership controversy:

*The statement from the California Women's March chapter comes just days after the Chicago chapter announced it would not continue with its plans to have a 2019 rally commemorating the national group's third-anniversary march. The Chicago chapter cited high costs and insufficient volunteer hours as the reasoning behind the cancellation of the event.*

The Advocate reported on the New Orleans chapter of the National Organization of Women's (NOW) March's cancellation:

*In a statement posted to social media Dec. 29, NOW's Baton Rouge Chapter, which co-organized the New Orleans events, said the controversy is "dampening efforts of sister marches to fundraise, enlist involvement, find sponsors and attendee numbers have drastically declined this year."*

*NOW's national office said it will "withhold direct financial support until the current questions regarding leadership are resolved."*

*Rep @NydiaVelazquez, new Chair of the House Small Business Committee, is helping us spread the word: RISE UP. #WomensWave pic.twitter.com/OLlbKWp2lB*

— Women's March (@womensmarch) January 3, 2019

.... The Associated Press (AP) reported on the Chicago's Women's March's cancellation, with organizers citing high costs and not enough volunteers. (Excerpts from Penny Starr article on [Breitbart News](#))

### **PRAY ABOUT GENETICALLY MODIFIED BABIES**

**Father, we know that You are the Creator, not man. Have Your way in men's affairs, and stop us from self-destruction according to Your will. God values all human life, no matter how small. Sign up for an excellent devotional series on God's pro-life heart at [iPRAYforLIFE.com](http://iPRAYforLIFE.com).**

**"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word. (Is 66:2)**

Two remarkable things took place last month in the world of biotechnology: A Chinese doctor claimed to have created two genetically modified human embryos who were successfully nurtured to birth, and the worldwide scientific community roundly rejected this experiment as a violation of ethics.

In turn, the Chinese government condemned the doctor and called for an immediate investigation.

At issue is a developing biotechnology known as CRISPR-Cas9 that allows scientists to genetically edit cells. The technique holds potential to treat a variety of genetic disorders such as cystic fibrosis and sickle cell disease, as well as even more complex conditions such as cancers and heart disease. Indeed, the doctor says he genetically modified the two children in question (back in their embryonic stage) to make them resistant to HIV.

As promising as that sounds, the deployment of gene-editing to human embryos is rife with ethical questions: concerns about experimentation on minors, human embryo destruction, the creation of life in a lab, "designer babies," the boundary between therapy and "enhancement," and interventions in the genome that will be passed on to future generations.

In other words, genetically modified human embryos raise new versions of old bioethical problems, as well as some new ones.

First, countless embryonic human beings were killed in the process that led to the live birth of these two genetically modified children. Like all so-called "assisted reproductive technologies," many more embryos are created than are implanted and subsequently delivered. The remaining embryonic human

beings are either frozen in perpetuity or destroyed. This research poses an immediate threat to the right to life of the unborn....

We should also care about the dignity of life in its very origins. There is a great danger in creating children in the laboratory, a process that treats human subjects as if objects of technological mastery. That will have profound moral and cultural implications as the science progresses: Societies can come to view human life—all life, modified or not—as something that can easily be toyed with and discarded.

We forget the fact that children should be begotten, not made, at our peril. And we should be wary of practices that separate the life-giving act from the love-making act. Indeed, these new technologies are misnamed. They don't "assist"—they replace fertility and procreation with reproduction in a sterile lab. Human beings are to be welcomed as gifts, not manufactured as products....

There's also the specter of a kind of "brave new world" genetic arms race. Imagine John Edwards' "Two Americas," but between the genetic haves and the genetic have-nots. An America where the wealthy (and morally unscrupulous) design super-babies, while everyone else remains "unenhanced."

As the philosopher Leon Kass has explained, "As bad as it might be to destroy a creature made in God's image, it might be very much worse to be creating them after images of one's own."...

Furthermore, genetically modifying human embryos will modify their germ line (sperm and ova), entailing that those modifications will transfer to future generations. So, for these Chinese babies, not only has their genome been modified, but their entire lineage could be affected. Right now, it all amounts to an experiment.

Technologies such as CRISPR will impact all of us eventually, not just the scientific community. So even as they denounce the Chinese experiment, the claims from scientists that they can "self-regulate" fall flat....

Just because we can do something doesn't mean we should. To avoid the trap of falling into a technocracy, humans must govern technology, not the reverse. At the same time, we must avoid the trap of becoming Luddites. New biotechnologies hold the potential to cure and prevent disease, to promote human flourishing—but only if the deployment of technology is governed by morality.

The experiments in China with genetically modified babies is just the beginning of what could go wrong. (Excerpts from Ryan T. Anderson article in [The Daily Signal](#))

#### **PRAY FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN CONGRESS AND STATES AROUND THE NATION**

**Heavenly Father, we ask that you help our nation to deal righteously with matters of state. We are truly at Your mercy as we move forward in this year's 116<sup>th</sup> Congressional agenda.**

**Two state legislators prayed with IFA intercessors on the First Friday Prayer Conference Call Friday, January 4, 2019. It was powerful and encouraging to pray with them. You can pray with them—[click HERE](#).**

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Prov 1:7)***

The new, 116th Congress includes the first two Muslim women ever to serve in the House of Representatives, and is, overall, slightly more religiously diverse than the prior Congress.

There has been a 3-percentage-point decline in the share of members of Congress who identify as Christian – in the 115th Congress, 91% of members were Christian, while in the 116th, 88% are Christian. There are also four more Jewish members, one additional Muslim and one more Unitarian Universalist in the new Congress – as well as eight more members who decline to state their religious affiliation (or lack thereof).

While the number of self-identified Christians in Congress has ticked down, Christians as a whole – and especially Protestants and Catholics – are still overrepresented in proportion to their share in the general public. Indeed, the religious makeup of the new, 116th Congress is very different from that of the United States population.

Within Protestantism, certain groups are particularly numerous in the new Congress, including Methodists, Anglicans/Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Lutherans. Additionally, Protestants in the “unspecified/other” category make up just 5% of the U.S. public, but 15% of Congress....

But by far the largest difference between the U.S. public and Congress is in the share who are unaffiliated with a religious group. In the general public, 23% say they are atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular.” In Congress, just one person – Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., who was recently elected to the Senate after three terms in the House – says she is religiously unaffiliated, making the share of “nones” in Congress 0.2%.

When asked about their religious affiliation, a growing number of members of Congress decline to specify (categorized as “don’t know/refused”). This group – all Democrats – numbers 18, or 3% of Congress, up from 10 members (2%) in the 115th Congress....

These are some of the findings from an analysis by Pew Research Center of CQ Roll Call data on the religious affiliations of members of Congress, gathered through questionnaires and follow-up phone calls to members’ and candidates’ offices. The CQ questionnaire asks members what religious group, if any, they belong to. It does not attempt to measure their religious beliefs or practices.... (Excerpts from the [Pew Research Center](#))

## **DISRUPTING THE NEW WORLD ORDER - JAN MARKELL AND BILL KOENIG**

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