



Impact Report

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Opinion on Abortion Pill**

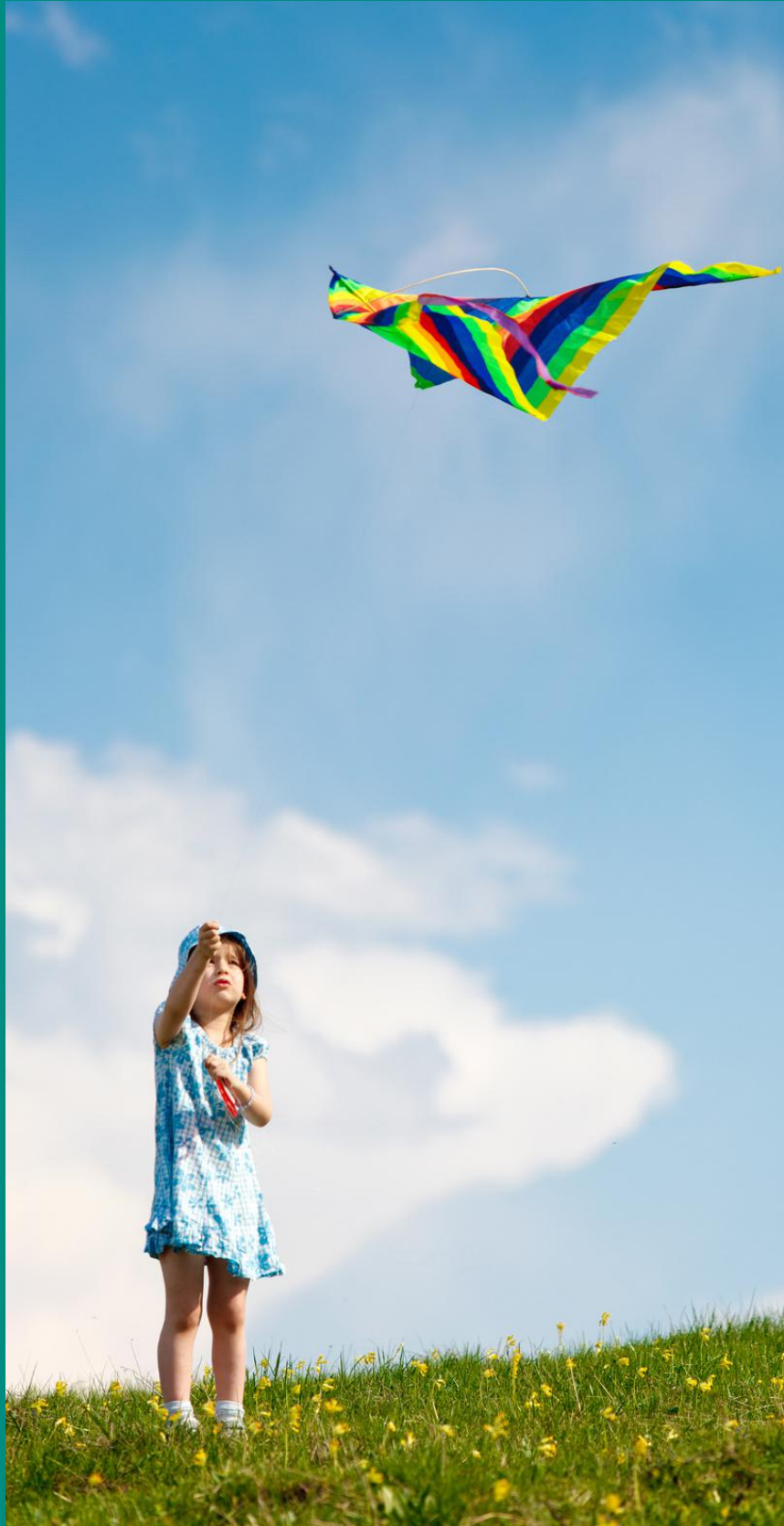
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On the cover: According to the Center for Disease Control, Down syndrome is the "most common chromosomal condition diagnosed in the United States." In recent decades, prenatal diagnostic testing has become increasingly common, including for Down syndrome. While testing can be a valuable tool for identifying and treating conditions that threaten the health or life of the mother and/or child, it is also being used to abort children who have been diagnosed with potential genetic abnormalities. (credit: Lakshmi3)



Letter from John Mize

Chief Executive Officer, Americans United for Life



**“Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army.
For the battle is not yours, but God’s”
– 2 Chronicles 20:15**

Americans United for Life is deeply grateful for your continued support. Because of your partnership, AUL is able to defend pregnancy centers, equip pro-life leaders, strengthen protections for women and unborn children, and advance policies that recognize the dignity of every human life.

The pro-life movement continues to make real, measurable progress toward a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. But we also face significant challenges. The abortion industry is well funded, politically connected, and increasingly focused on expanding access to abortion, particularly through abortion pills shipped across state lines and brought directly into homes and communities.

In moments like these, it can be easy to focus on the size of the opposition. My faith instead reminds me of the words of 2 Chronicles 20:15: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.” Those words are a powerful reminder to remain steadfast, even when the opposition seems overwhelming.

Across the country, AUL is helping to defend pregnancy centers that provide women and families with compassionate care and practical support. We are equipping lawmakers and public officials with the legal and policy resources they need to protect life. We are confronting efforts to weaken pro-life laws and working to ensure that women and unborn babies are not forgotten as the legal landscape

surrounding abortion continues to change.

This work requires more than good intentions. It requires sound legal strategy, strong policy



leadership, timely research, and the ability to respond when pro-life laws and organizations come under attack. Your support makes that possible. As you read the impact report that follows, I hope you will see the direct result of your partnership . Your faithful support gives AUL the ability to respond when pro-life laws are challenged, provide policy makers with trusted legal expertise, defend organizations serving women and families, and pursue policies that protect the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for standing with us as we work to build a nation where every human life is protected, valued, and welcomed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "John Mize".

Our Purpose

OUR VISION

Americans United for Life strives for the day when all are welcomed throughout life and protected in law.

OUR MISSION

We advance the human right to life in culture, law, and policy.

OUR METHOD

We equip advocates and lawmakers with the facts and strategies that change hearts and minds and protect human life.

OUR MOTIVATION

All human rights flow from the human right to life. We are all equal members of the human family and equally worthy of respect, solidarity, and love.



“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.”

Thomas Jefferson



Impact at a Glance

Americans United for Life constantly evaluates many key metrics to measure our impact, effectiveness, and reach. Key indicators include, but are not limited to, the number of lives saved, changes in public opinion, legislative successes, and other internal measures. Statistical data from health departments can track trends in abortion rates. By analyzing these factors, AUL can determine the efficacy of our efforts and identify areas for improvement to better support the mission. Each quarter we strive to share a selection of our key metrics in this report.



3,105,774

Babies' lives saved-to-date in AUL history*

* Based on research conducted by social scientist Dr. Michael New. An adjustment in calculation was made since last report resulting in slight decrease in reported numbers.



62

Model bills written by AUL



100%

AUL participation in every abortion-related case before the U.S. Supreme Court



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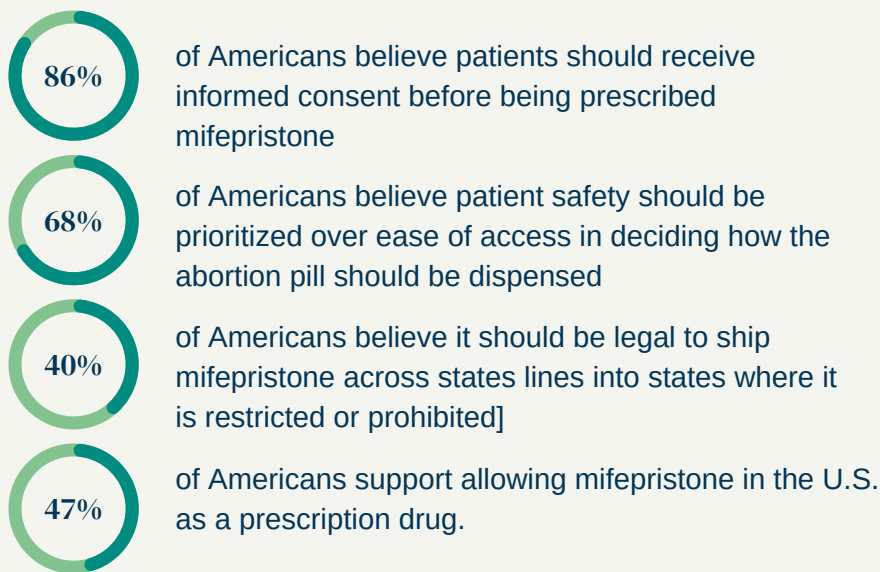
Raised in the past three years to support critical pro-life work

AUL/YouGov Poll Reveals Public Opinion on Abortion Pill

After the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, nearly two in three abortions are now performed using the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approved medication abortion regimen, including mifepristone and misoprostol. Mail-order access to these abortion drugs has undermined the *Dobbs* decision by allowing these drugs to be shipped into states that otherwise restrict chemical abortion.

Nearly four years after this historic Supreme Court decision, an Americans United for Life/YouGov poll showed that Americans overwhelmingly value women's safety and right to informed consent. According to the poll we conducted, safety should guide abortion pill regulation, not ease of access to the abortion drugs.

The June 2026 AUL/YouGov poll found:



“Americans predominantly agree that safety and informed consent should be the highest priority, and now we have the polling to show that the abortion pill is no exception. Increased safeguards are popular considering the risks at hand and align with the best interest of women nationwide.”

– John Mize, CEO
Americans United for Life

This poll of 1,000 U.S. adults nationwide included 39% Republicans, 39% Democrats, and 22% independent voters, with a $\pm 3.5\%$ margin of error. Notably, only 64% of those polled has heard of mifepristone, or the “abortion pill,” before being polled.

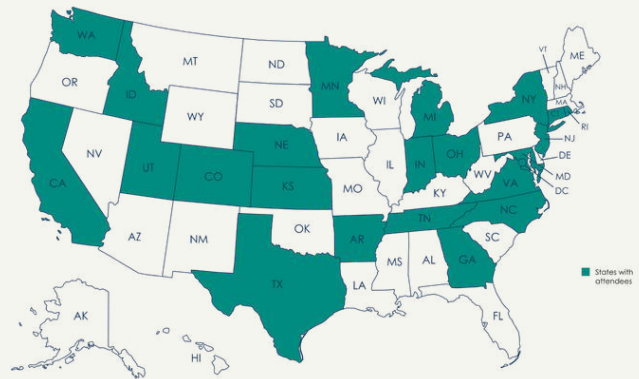
While the FDA continues to review the safety and efficacy of the abortion pill, this poll shows Americans broadly support ensuring women are protected from dangerous and politicized deregulation. Elements of drug's Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy have been eliminated under pro-abortion administrations, and Americans recognize the importance of informed consent, which is virtually impossible to guarantee while pills are shipped to women, often without so much as an ultrasound or consultation.

From Pregnancy Centers to Capitol Hill

Every day, pregnancy centers serve on the front lines, meeting women in their needs and supporting them through pregnancy. Stories of women being provided hope and children being given a chance at life are essential to implementing pro-life and pro-family policies among legislators in Washington, D.C. and in each of the 50 states. That is why Americans United for Life (AUL) hosted the first annual Pregnancy Center Advocacy and Hill Day this past June.

Leaders from 51 pregnancy centers across 23 states traveled to Capitol Hill to join our vision: equip pregnancy center leaders with the knowledge, confidence, and relationships they need to become effective advocates, not only for their own centers, but for the women, children, and communities they serve.

23 states
56 registered attendees
45 pregnancy centers
16 speakers



Legal experts, policy leaders, and experienced advocates gathered for a full day to train pregnancy center staff. AUL's Senior Policy Counsel, Evangeline Bartz, discussed the ins and outs of lobbying rules as a 501(c)(3), encouraging centers that they can engage and have a seat at the table when policy is being shaped. Pregnancy center leaders were briefed on the innerworkings of Congress and legislatures by former congressional staffers, including AUL's Government Affairs Director, Brad Kehr.

Working with essential partner organizations and sponsors, including Heartbeat International, Care Net, and the Leadership Institute, among others, pregnancy center leaders learned how to become effective advocates, and then spent an entire day lobbying their members of Congress. Their experience on the Hill culminated with a luncheon featuring Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon, Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL), and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), who expressed their gratitude for the work of pregnancy centers who fight day in and day out to support women in a hostile political environment.

AUL's CEO John Mize left these leaders with a word of hope: "Stories bring the humanity of the Imago Dei to the disease of the death-obsessed secularism that infects our culture ... As we celebrate 250 years of our nation, let's... double down on the commitment that as humans we are all endowed with the unalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These rights are bestowed on us by God, who looks at each of us individually as treasures in His Kingdom. We are all equal, deserving of the same principles that have made America the envy of the world."

Investigating Claims of Abortion Pill Injuries

The Center for Client Safety has been hard at work behind the scenes on our billboard campaign targeting chemical abortion. Through 71 billboards placed across four cities, the campaign generated multiple reports from women who might otherwise have remained unaware that they could help hold those who harmed them accountable. Billboards placed around Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, Rochester, New York, and Syracuse, New York garnered more than 138 million impressions.

Reports generated through the campaign strengthened CCS's investigation into the online distribution of abortion pills across multiple states, including those with expansive pro-life laws. By examining publicly available information from online abortion-pill providers, CCS identified serious concerns about how these drugs are marketed, prescribed, and distributed online.



The website AbortionPillInjuries.org provided a safe place for women to share their stories of harm caused by abortion pills

One provider acknowledges that abortion pills will not treat an ectopic pregnancy but does not indicate that patients are screened for this potentially life-threatening condition before receiving the drugs. Women can be approved to receive the drugs and have them mailed directly to them within one to two business days, all without a single phone or video conversation with the clinician.

Even more troubling, this provider offers abortion pills through 13 weeks of pregnancy, beyond the time frame approved by the FDA. While claiming the drugs can still be effective later in pregnancy, its website admits that women may experience heavier bleeding, more severe cramping, and the delivery of a larger, more developed unborn child. The provider even advises some women with a suspected miscarriage to take abortion drugs to make sure the pregnancy has fully passed.

These findings raise serious questions about women managing potentially dangerous medical situations without an in-person examination or meaningful medical supervision. They also provide CCS with critical intelligence about questionable emerging practices in the rapidly expanding online abortion-pill industry.

The billboard campaign has accomplished far more than increasing public awareness. It has connected women with confidential support, generated actionable reports of abortion harm, exposed concerning online distribution practices, and strengthened CCS's investigative and enforcement work. Through this campaign, CCS is working to uncover those warning signs sooner, give harmed women a voice, and help ensure that dangerous practices do not remain hidden until it is too late.

Viral Story Highlights Protecting Babies with Down Syndrome



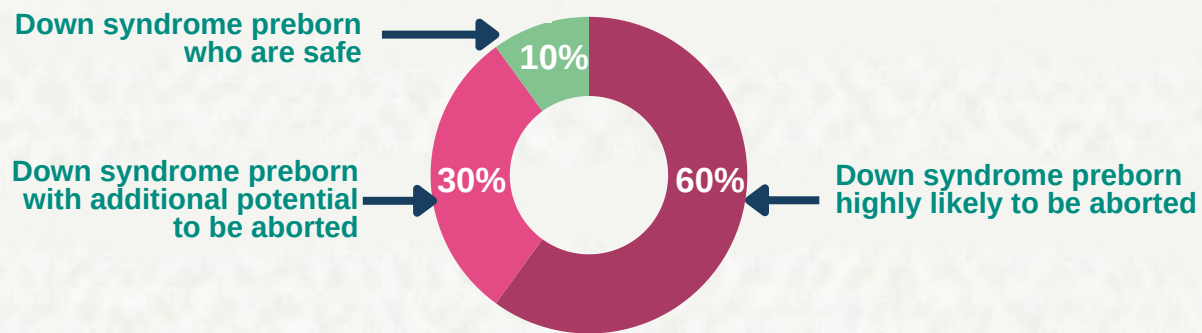
Nearly 4 in 5 parents (79%) report having a more positive outlook on life as a result of raising a child with Down syndrome. (*American Journal of Medical Genetics*)

In June, YouTuber Jesse Ridgway and his wife, Ashley, publicly shared that they had aborted their first child after prenatal testing confirmed Down syndrome. The couple had announced the pregnancy in March and had been documenting it for Jesse's audience of more than four million YouTube subscribers. Their story quickly became part of a national conversation, with The New York Times publishing a feature about the couple and their decision.

These conversations matter because social media gives the pro-life movement a chance to reach people with a life-affirming message when they are already listening. Sadly, in the United States, systematic

reviews have consistently found that approximately 60–90% of pregnancies with a confirmed prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome end in abortion.

PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS OF DOWN SYNDROME CASES ENDING IN ABORTION



AUL responded to the Ridgway story with timely social media content, and the results demonstrate just how far that outreach can extend: 74.4% of the views came from people who did not already follow our organization. That means nearly three out of every four people reached were outside AUL's existing audience.

This is the opportunity your support makes possible. Digital outreach allows us to move beyond communicating only with people who already agree with us. When millions of Americans are suddenly talking about abortion, Down syndrome, prenatal testing, or another life issue, we can meet them in that conversation with information and a perspective they may not otherwise hear.

Thanks to you, we can continue building our capacity to recognize these moments, respond quickly, and reach thousands of new people when they're already paying attention

Shaping the Next Generation: AUL's 2026 Summer Fellowship

Each summer, Americans United for Life hosts students from across the country during our annual Summer Fellowship. This year, we had ten talented fellows that worked with our expert staff to further the mission for life, from law and policy to enforcement. Our 2026 Class of Summer Fellows included ten students from nine universities: Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law; Auburn University; Ave Maria School of Law; Regent University School of Law; Roger Williams University School of Law; Rutgers University; University of Notre Dame Law School; Washington and Lee University School of Law; and Willamette University College of Law.

Our eight-week program equips our fellows for real work in the pro-life movement and beyond, where they learn from some of the top experts in the field. In addition to the legal minds within our own staff, students were able to hear from Wesley Smith, J.D., Dr. Michael New, Ph.D., Dena Espenscheid, Mark Rienzi, J.D., and Rachel Morrison, J.D.

Here are just a few testimonies from our standout fellows:



"This fellowship was more than a summer internship. It was an opportunity to meaningfully contribute to the cause that I've felt most called to over the last decade, while learning from attorneys and policy experts who have advanced the pro-life movement and helped bring about the end of *Roe v. Wade*. As a returning fellow, it was especially meaningful to be entrusted with greater responsibility and help foster the next generation of pro-life advocates."

— **Brooke Paz, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law '27**



"This internship was a blessing from God. I always seek his guidance and hand in my career goals and opportunities, and this internship was something the Lord lovingly dropped in my lap. Not only has it been a blessing to have an internship for the summer, but I was able to connect with so many of the amazing attorneys and employees from AUL, and with the other interns. It deepened my desire to use my law degree to fight for the unborn and vulnerable in our culture."

— **Genevieve Rusnac, Willamette University College of Law '27**



"I've learned a lot of useful skills I didn't ever realize could be useful before. Learning about state administrative law and processes like FOIA requests and Health Board complaints was a great tool to learn about that I think all lawyers should have. Learning about alternative means of getting justice for people outside of the courtroom is a great way to reduce cost for clients while still doing good for the world."

— **Ian Pasterkiewicz, Ave Maria School of Law '28**

A Chance to Live: Baby Gabriel's Story

Over the summer, the story of Baby Gabriel captured national attention and raised difficult questions about surrogacy, the rights of birth mothers, and what happens when adults disagree about the future of a child facing a serious medical diagnosis.

Gabriel's surrogate mother, McKenna West, learned that her son had hypoplastic left heart syndrome, or HLHS, a serious congenital heart condition following a 20-week ultrasound. This occurs when the left side of the baby's heart is severely underdeveloped including the left ventricle, aorta, and mitral and aortic valves.

Babies with HLHS are unable to pump oxygen from their heart to the rest of their body without intervention. **The condition is serious, but advances in medicine, including a series of staged surgeries performed after birth, have led to survival rates as high as 100% in some children with HLHS.**



A few weeks after Gabriel's diagnosis, his intended parents asked McKenna to terminate the pregnancy. She refused. She chose to continue the pregnancy and

give Gabriel the chance to receive the treatment he needed. He was born in Texas in August and began receiving specialized care for his heart.

As the legal questions surrounding Gabriel reached the courts, Americans United for Life (AUL) filed a brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene and protect the birth mother's right to care for her child.

Then Gabriel's story became personal for our AUL family. One of our board members has a grandson who was born with the same heart condition. After bravely undergoing two open-heart surgeries, he is now 22 months old and thriving.

His story is a reminder that a diagnosis does not determine the value of a child's life. A child is not less worthy of love because the road ahead may be difficult, and every child deserves the chance to be welcomed with love.

That is why your support matters. Your generosity allows Americans United for Life to continue defending vulnerable children, supporting life-affirming care, and reminding our culture that every life has value.

Gabriel's story is still being written because people were willing to stand for him.

With your help, we can continue standing for children whose lives may be complicated or medically fragile, but no less valuable.



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