

# The Sexual State and the Culture of Death

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# Why a talk about Culture of Death at Acton?

- Is the “Culture of Death” really about the “culture?” or about the state?

# Culture of Death defined:

- A culture in which human life is not an end in itself, but can be used as a means to something else.
- Pope St. John Paul II used the phrase in 1995, in *Evangelium Vitae*.
- Generally includes: abortion, population control, euthanasia, embryo-destructive research.

# As advertised:

- This talk is not about end of life issues.

***The Contraceptive Ideology.***

***The idea that a good and decent society should:***

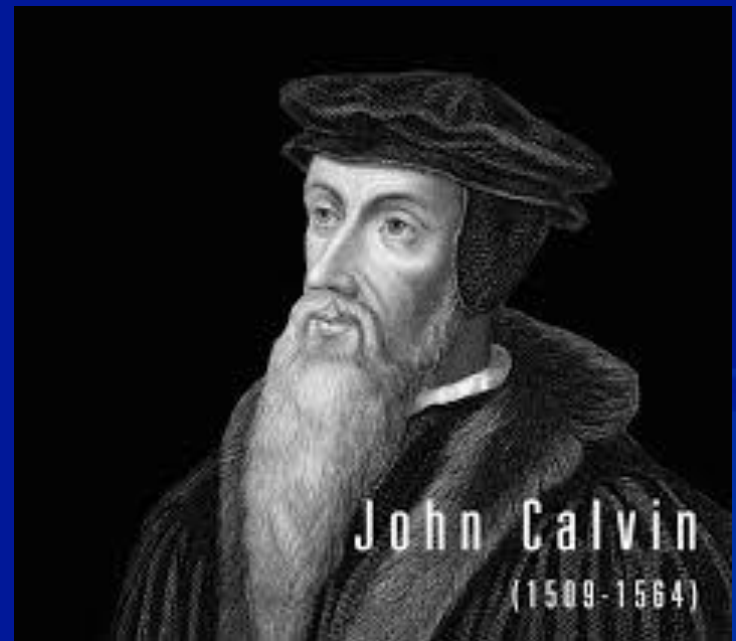
**Separate sex from babies.**

# Not a theological talk, although...

**Martin Luther opposed it.**



**John Calvin opposed it.**



All Christian churches opposed  
contraception until the 1930  
Lambeth Convention of the  
Anglican Church.  
Married couples, serious reasons.



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# Lecture Outline:

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# The Ruth Institute dream

*that every child be welcomed into a  
loving home with a married mother and  
father.*

## *The United Nations also has a dream:*

Reproductive health can be defined as a state of well-being related to one's sexual and reproductive life. It implies, according to the ICPD Programme of Action, "that people are able to have a satisfying and safe sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so."



United Nations

*Who actually believes they are entitled  
to “a satisfying and safe sex life?”*



# Stanford rapist Brook Turner and his father.



# United Nations references:

UN Population Fund, “FAQs”

<http://www.unfpa.org/frequently-asked-questions>


International Conference on Population and Development, Programme of Action, 1994.  
Item 7.2, page 59.

[http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/programme\\_of\\_action\\_Web%20ENGLISH.pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/programme_of_action_Web%20ENGLISH.pdf)

# Contraceptive Ideology requires:

1. Contraception works perfectly.
2. Contraception is costless, with no negative health, psychological or social consequences
3. There are no realistic alternatives to artificial contraception.
4. Abortion is available as a back-up, in case of contraceptive failure.
5. Abortion is costless, with no negative health, psychological or social consequences.
6. There are no realistic alternatives to abortion, for women with unplanned or ill-timed pregnancies.
7. And, most important of all, sexual activity is necessary for a happy, healthy and fulfilled life.

# Contraceptive Ideology

- The separation of sex from babies 
- Every person old enough to give meaningful consent is entitled to unlimited sexual activity.
  - ❑ Free contraception
  - ❑ Free Abortion
  - ❑ Pornography

# Contraceptive Ideology

- “Free” Means zero cost in every respect
- Reduce all out of pocket costs.
- Minimize inconvenience.
- Deny risks and harms, such as:
  - ❑ Post-abortion stress syndrome
  - ❑ Abortion- breast cancer link
  - ❑ Health risks to contraception
  - ❑ Contraceptive failure

# Danish Study of 1.3 million women:

- Hormonal contraception risks:
  - Risk of strokes, for the most commonly used formulation, comparable to smoking.
  - Risk of contraceptive “patch” and “ring” greater than smoking.
- Thrombotic Stroke and Myocardial Infarction with Hormonal Contraception," Lidegaard, Øjvind, Løkkegaard, Ellen, Jensen, Aksel, Skovlund, Charlotte Wessel, Keiding, Niels, **New England Journal of Medicine**, June 14, 2012 366(24):2257, <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1111840> (last accessed, November 29, 2013) Table 1.

# Meanwhile, the Headlines:

WebMD



## Heart, Stroke Risk Low With Birth Control Pills

No-Estrogen and Lowest-Estrogen  
Contraceptives Safest, Study Finds

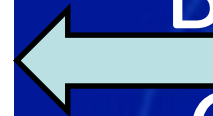
By Salynn Boyles

## Birth control pills raise risk of heart attacks and strokes, but only slightly

By Deborah Kotz June 13, 2012

Some formulations of oral contraceptives, which contain a mix of estrogen and progesterone, can double a woman's risk of having a heart attack or stroke, according to the new research, but in absolute terms the risk is very low because young women under age 50 rarely have heart attacks or strokes.

Boston  
Globe



# Contraceptive Ideology

➤ Deny risks and harms of hormonal contraception:

- ❑ Strokes
- ❑ Heart attacks
- ❑ Cancer
- ❑ Glaucoma
- ❑ Depression
- ❑ Decreased libido



The Langharts:  
Erika: died at 24 in 2011  
double pulmonary embolism  
Her mom: suicide in 2016

# Risks associated with abortion

- Immediate risks:
  - hemorrhage, infection,
  - uterine perforation
  - cervical laceration
- Longer term risks in future pregnancies:
  - Placenta previa
  - Cervical incompetence
  - Pelvic Inflammatory disease
- Breast cancer

# References:

- **Complications: Abortion's Impact on Women**, Angela Lanfranchi, Ian Gentles, Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy, (Toronto: The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research, 2013), pp. 96-108.
- Joel Brind, "Early Reproductive Events and Breast Cancer: A Minority Report," March 10, 2003, published at the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, [http://www.bcpinstitute.org/papers/NCI\\_minority%20report-3\\_2003-brind.pdf](http://www.bcpinstitute.org/papers/NCI_minority%20report-3_2003-brind.pdf)



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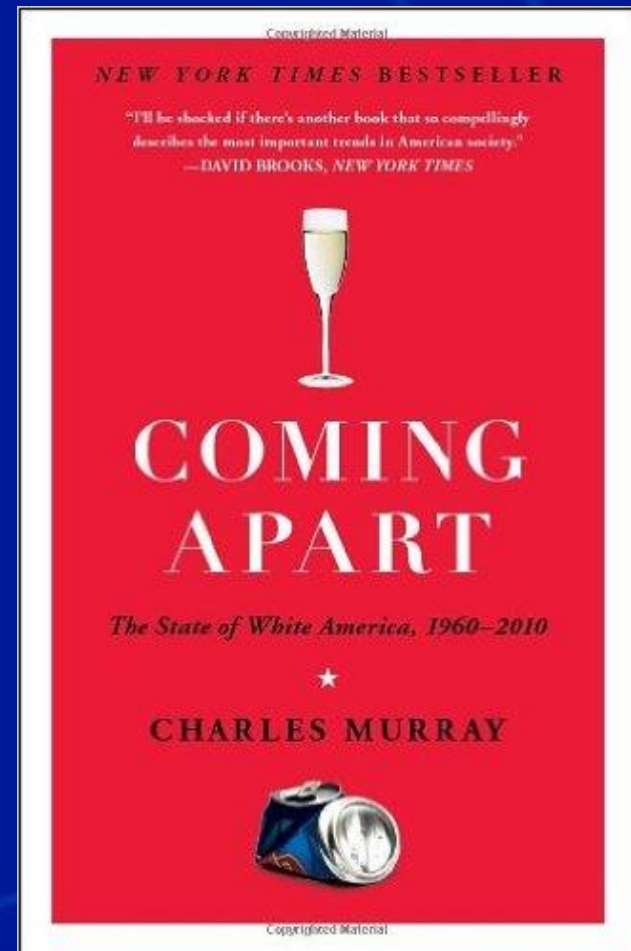
# Other consequences, among the educated:

- Upper end of the economy built around delayed child-bearing
- Decision-makers disproportionately from the childless.
- Wider spacing between generations.
- Delayed maturity



# Other consequences, among the lower classes:

- Contraceptive ideology, combined with welfare incentives: marriage has disappeared.
- Multiple-partner fertility.
- Family break-down or non-formation.



# “Over 41 million anonymous members!” Unthinkable w/o Contraceptive Ideology.



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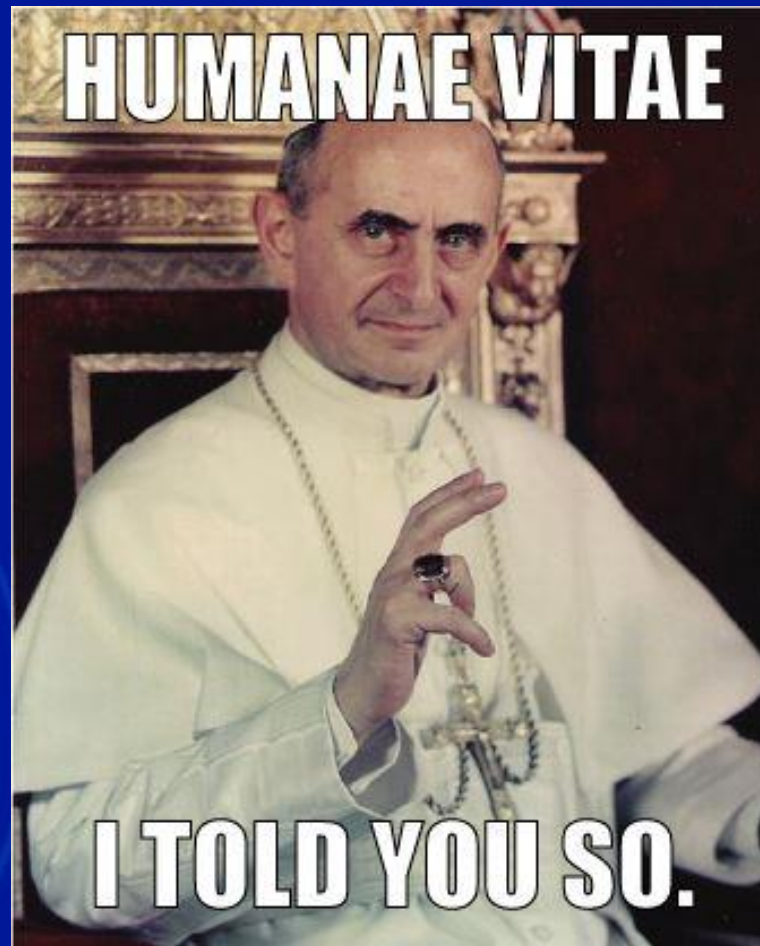
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**100%**  
**DISCREET**  
SERVICE

**SSL**  
Secure Site

# Prophetic Voice of Blessed Pope Paul VI



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# The Supreme Court's role in disaggregating the family

- Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965.
  - Found a right of *marital* privacy.
- Eisenstadt v. Baird, 1972
  - Disaggregated the couple
  - “Whatever the rights of the individual to access to contraceptives may be, the rights must be the same for the married and unmarried alike.”
- Roe v Wade, 1973

# Campaigns leading up to *Griswold v Connecticut*

- Attempts to repeal the 1879 “Comstock Law” began in 1923
- On one side: wealthy, members of Yale public health, medical school and law faculties.
- (Eventually CBS News, Eric Sevareid referred to the case as “the Yale Project.”)
- On the other side, the Catholic Church defending poor immigrants.
- Source: **Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of *Roe v Wade***, David J. Garrow (NY: Macmillan Publishing, 1994). pg 214.

# Why *Griswold v. Connecticut*? Why strike down seldom-enforced laws?

- “Their presence made it impossible for the state to encourage contraception, something it now increasingly deems necessary to do. The middle income and the affluent, married and unmarried, use contraceptives. The poor have babies. When the poor, often racial minorities, are on the welfare rolls, taxpaying Americans rebel and expect the state to do something about it.”
- --Leo Pfeffer, *God, Caesar and the Constitution, The Court as Referee of Church State Conflict*, (Beacon Press, 1974) pg. 96.

# Why *Griswold v. Connecticut*? Why strike down seldom-enforced laws?

- “The national government already established this policy (ie heavily promoted and subsidized contraception) as part of its program of aid to underdeveloped countries, but the States could hardly follow suit as long as their own laws forbade the practice.”
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- Population control and eugenics
- 1959, Draper Commission recommended population control as part of US foreign policy
- Office of Economic Opportunity: birth control funds to states (1965)
- subsidized sterilization of poor in birth control clinics (1971)
- pilot program rural Louisiana, nearly half of the 22,175 women sterilized in 1972 were black.

In the background of all this, the shadow of Malthus and Darwin

- Reference:
- "The Bipartisan blunder of Title X," Allan C. Carlson, **Family Policy**, September-October 2000.

# Hugh Moore: Inventor of the Dixie Cup and Population controller

Robert Zubrin,  
"Merchants of Despair"  
Radical  
Environmentalists,  
Criminal Pseudo-  
Scientists, and the Fatal  
Cult of Antihumanism

**We can't lick the pollution problem without considering this little fellow.**



Every 75 seconds, a new baby is born. By the century 2000, that's 75 million babies. That's 75 million mouths to feed, 75 million pairs of eyes, 75 million pairs of feet, and 75 million pairs of hands. That's 75 million pairs of hands to hold the world.

**Population stabilization is essential.**

#### 1987 Edition Release

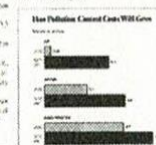
#### Check & Pollution

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*Hugh Moore's Campaign to Check the Population Explosion warns that babies threaten the Earth's environment.*

# Behind The Pill

## Katherine McCormack, Financier of The Pill



## Margaret Sanger



# Notice:

- Success in the Courts, not in legislatures.
- Not in the culture itself.
- **This pattern continues.**

# The case of the Philippines: “legal” is never enough.

- Contraception legal since 1966.
- Contraceptive “prevalence rate” = 49% in 2011.
- “Reproductive Health Law” passed in 2012.



# Philippine Phertility Phacts

## 1960

- Total Population= 24 mil
- Total Fertility Rate: 7.15 births/woman
- Infant Mortality = 85 infant deaths/ live birth
- Maternal mortality = 253 maternal deaths / live births
- Lifespan = 58 years

## 2010

- Total Pop = 94 million
- TFR= 3.15 births / woman
- Infant mortality= 13 / 1,000 live births
- Maternal mortality = 96 maternal deaths / live births
- Lifespan = 68 years

## Statistics from previous slide:

- **CIA World Fact Book.** Philippine statistics:  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/rp.html>
- The Google Public Data function, and are based on World Bank data.  
[https://www.google.com/publicdata/explore?ds=d5bncppjof8f9\\_&ctype=l&strail=false&bcs=d&nseim=h&met\\_y=literacy\\_rate&fdim\\_y=age:2&scale\\_y=lin&ind\\_y=false&rdim=region&idim=country:PHL:THA:USA&ifdim=region&hl=en&dl=en&ind=false](https://www.google.com/publicdata/explore?ds=d5bncppjof8f9_&ctype=l&strail=false&bcs=d&nseim=h&met_y=literacy_rate&fdim_y=age:2&scale_y=lin&ind_y=false&rdim=region&idim=country:PHL:THA:USA&ifdim=region&hl=en&dl=en&ind=false)

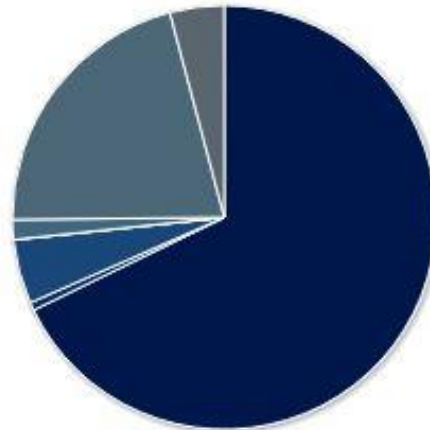
# USAID spending

## HEALTH IN PHILIPPINES

Results of USAID's Health spending

FY 2013 \$30.2 M

Family Planning and Reproductive ...	\$20.5 M
HIV/AIDS	\$0.2 M
Maternal and Child Health	\$1.5 M
Nutrition	\$0.0 M
Pandemic Influenza and Other Em...	\$0.5 M
Tuberculosis	\$6.3 M
Water Supply and Sanitation	\$1.3 M
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>\$30.2 M</b>



- Source:
- <https://results.usaid.gov/philippines/health#fy2013>

# The Sexual Revolution:

Is irrational and impossible.

It cannot stand on its own. It requires:  
force  
propaganda

A pagan ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.

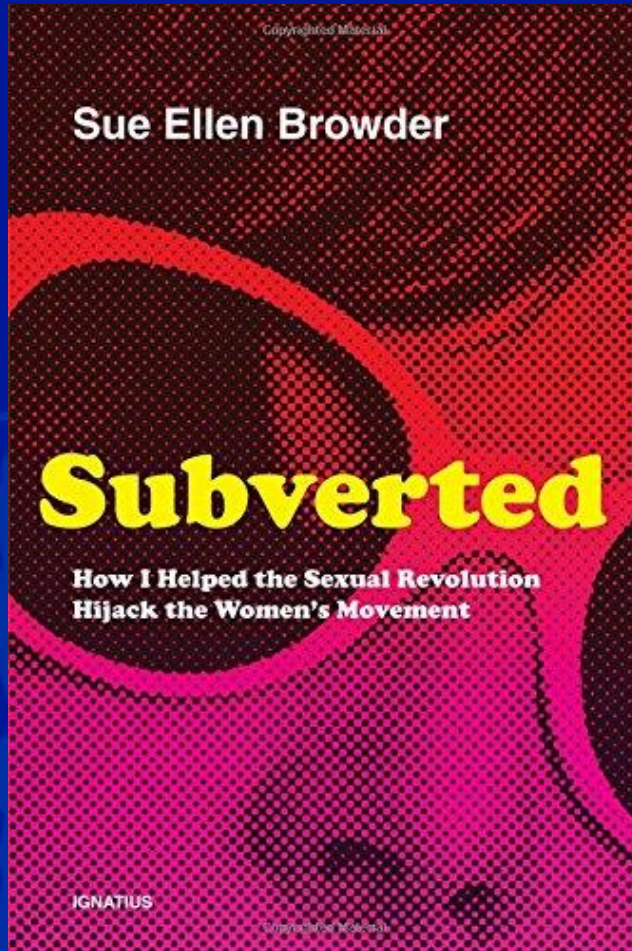
# The Sexual Revolution:

Are we being too tough on the pagans?

A ***totalitarian*** ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.

All these issues create separations among people. But what we really want is reliable love.

# Motives of Sexual Revolutionaries



- Population control
- Making money
- Having sex
  
- Acquiring power: ordinary people lose
  - their connections with others: isolation.
  - their self-command

# Alpha Males Like the Sexual Revolution

The Fix

**Meet the billionaire hedge fund manager quietly shaping the GOP gay marriage debate**



Thos Robinson | Getty Images for The New York Times.

Founder and president of the Elliot Management Corp.  
New York Times DealBook Conference on 11/11/13

**Warren Buffett has given \$1.2 billion to abortion groups**



By Dan Gaior · Published May 13, 2014 · FoxNews.com



**PRO-ABORTION BILLIONAIRE GEORGE SOROS HOSTS STRATEGY SESSION WITH PP PRESIDENT TO COUNTER LIVEACTION EXPOSE**

BY THOMAS PETERS



**Bill Gates Philanthropy**

**UNFPA, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to Boost Family Planning in Developing Countries**  
18 April 2014

# How Many Victims? I estimate:

- **Contraceptive Ideology:**
- **Post-abortive women:** if about 1 million abortions take place each year, and only 10% of the women are traumatized, that is still about **100,000 per year, every year since 1973!**



*Hasn't this gone on long enough?  
Isn't it time someone did something  
about this?*

*We think it is!!*

*Ask me what we're doing about it!!*

# “Put on Love”

- *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”  
Colossians 3:14.*



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- *See you at the next lecture:*
- *The Divorce Ideology and the Sexual State.*
- Thursday, June 22 - 3:45 PM to 5:05 PM



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