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Dear Pro-life Friend,

This letter starts off with bad news about men and abortion but read on and the story brightens considerably. On November 28, 2007, a seventeen-year-old boy from Elmira Heights, NY, said: "This has influenced my thought of abortion by the inhumanity of aborting a baby. Although it is very brutal, I feel it should still be legal because if a woman feels she does not want the kid, she has the right to abort it because she is the one conceiving it." His teacher assigns students to visit our website each semester, so you will note several Elmira Heights students are quoted below.

Notice that he says "she's the one conceiving it," as though no man ever contributes anything to any baby's conception. How convenient: It's her baby, so it's her problem. Unfortunately for the pro-life movement, this cold-hearted young man speaks for large numbers of other young males as regards abortion. Will he grow from adolescence to timely maturity?

An article in the Winter 2008 edition of the *City Journal* suggests that the odds may be poor. Titled "Man-Child in the Promised Land," the story begins with an all-too-common life-style description:

...[T]hen it's off to bars and parties, where you meet, and often bed, girls of widely varied hues and sizes. They come from everywhere: California, Tokyo, Alaska, Australia. Wife? Kids? House? *Are you kidding?*

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...[I]t's time to state what is now obvious to legions of frustrated young women: The limbo doesn't bring out the best in young men.

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This adds up to tens of millions more young men blissfully free of mortgages, wives and child-care bills.

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Take Tucker Max, whose eponymous website is a great favorite among his peers.

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He is utterly without conscience – 'Female insecurity; it's the gift that keeps on giving,' he writes about his efforts to undermine his prey's self-esteem in order to seduce them more easily.

The article's author, of course, makes no mention of the fact that many of these young men actually have lots of children; they have merely killed them all. Abortion is what makes it possible for these perpetual bachelors to devour women as a consumable commodity. When I was in high school and a guy got his girlfriend pregnant, it was not that uncommon for him to do "the right thing" and marry the girl, thereby committing to raise the child. Today's young men are just as likely to pressure the girl to kill the child and then dump her anyway.

The Elliot Institute, at AfterAbortion.org, reports that in 95% of all abortions, the “male partner played a central role in the decision.” They add that “64% of women [nearly two-thirds] felt pressured” to abort. The website provides footnotes for these findings.

Literally as I write, the Telegraph.co.uk newspaper published a story (February 22, 2008) titled “Artist hanged herself after aborting her twins.” The article says “... Ms. Beck had split up with her boyfriend ... after he ‘reacted badly’ to the pregnancy.” The victim’s mother said, “She was only going ahead with the abortion because her boyfriend did not want the twins.”

Abortion was supposed to “liberate” women but from the very beginning it has allowed men to oppress them. On January 7, 2008, the *Los Angeles Times* carried a front-page story headlined “Changing abortion’s pronoun.” The article tells the story of a man who took advantage of women and is now haunted by abortions which allowed him to avoid decades of child-support payments:

Chris Aubert, a Houston lawyer, felt only indifference in 1985 when a girlfriend told him she was pregnant and planned an abortion. When she asked if he wanted to come to the clinic, he said he couldn’t: He played softball on Saturdays. He stuck a check for \$200 in her door and never talked to her again.

Aubert, 50, was equally untroubled when another girlfriend had an abortion in 1991. ‘It was a complete irrelevancy.’

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Aubert wonders: What if his first girlfriend had not aborted? How would his life look different?

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He might have been saddled with child support as he tried to build his legal practice.

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‘I wouldn’t have the blessings I have now,’ Aubert said.

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‘That’s an intellectual debate I have with myself,’ he said. ‘I struggle with it.’

Relative to most aborting fathers, Mr. Aubert was generous in tossing his girlfriend a few bucks as he abandoned her. The Guttmacher Institute reports that “Some 74% of women pay for abortions with their own money; 13% of abortions are covered by Medicaid, and 13% are billed directly to private insurance.” Abortion has become a brutally effective way to avoid marriage, child rearing and child support. And since the baby is the “woman’s problem,” it is she who should help her (soon-to-be former) man dodge all these bullets by paying for “her own” abortion.

But regardless of who pays for the “terminations,” Mr. Aubert and millions of men just like him have essentially stolen funds which rightly belong to the children whose abortions enabled these men to evade child-support obligations. This wealth isn’t rightly theirs. It is blood money which belongs to their children. They should give it back, but of course they can’t. So the next best means of unburdening themselves of these ill-gotten gains might be to calculate the child support payment(s) they should have made and give that money to the child of some single mom who didn’t abort. Imagine the spiritual renewal the church would experience if every man who has pocketed the child-support payments he should have made would support a crisis pregnancy center every month.

In Luke 19:1-10 we read of the salvation of Zacchaeus, a dishonest tax collector to whose home Christ invited Himself. In verse 8, this new convert says, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” In verse 9, Jesus replies, “Today salvation has come to this house....” We can’t buy God’s favor (as in “indulgences”) but restitution is a profoundly Biblical way of restoring that by which we have been

unjustly enriched. Should men such as Mr. Aubert give back *four times* the child-support payments they have shirked? Perhaps, but God would likely settle for a one-to-one repayment plan.

Tragically, abortion is only one of the ways men exploit women. Examples of men preying upon women pervade the news. The *Los Angeles Times* Opinion section, February 17, 2008, published a front-page story titled “A war on women” with a subtitle which said “West Africa’s conflicts are officially over, but rape, brutality and terror continue.”

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* published an editorial on February 3, 2008 headlined “Al-Qaida sets new standard in evil.” The sub-headline read “Women described as retarded sent to market, blown up remotely.” The column said: “The chief Iraqi military spokesman in Bagdad ... said the bombers had Down’s Syndrome and that the two coordinated explosions were detonated by remote control, indicating the women may not even have been aware of the use to which they were being put.” The writer added that “Arab terrorists used an unwilling woman for a hotel attack, not long ago.”

Of course, Americans now abort nearly every baby conceived with Down’s syndrome. Is it worse to later blow them up?

On January 22, 2008, *The Orange County Register* reported a story headlined “Mexico City starts women-only buses” with a sub-headline reading “The service is designed to protect passengers from male harassment.”

Groping and verbal harassment is an exasperating reality for women using public transportation in this sprawling capital, where 22 million passengers cram onto subways and buses each day. Some men treat women so badly that the subway system has long had ladies-only cars during rush hour, with police segregating the sexes on the platforms.

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[For the same reasons] [w]omen-only buses or subways have been rolling for years in India, Brazil, Japan and other countries.

CNN.com reports that according to a document released by the office of the State Department’s historian on February 14, 2008, Communist China’s late dictator, Mao Zedong, attempted to barter the country’s women during trade discussions with the U.S. in 1973. “We don’t have much. What we have in excess is women. So if you want them, we can give a few of those to you, some tens of thousands.” China is still selling abandoned baby girls. Much larger numbers are aborted because male babies are favored and couples are only allowed to have one child.

There is nothing new about men using women as a throw-away commodity. The *Los Angeles Times*, January 4, 2008, carried an article called “Sex, drugs and second thoughts” with a second headline explaining in part that “Many Dutch think their open lifestyle has gone too far....” The article reports that “Local politicians across the Netherlands have concluded that by legalizing prostitution in 2000, they opened up their cities to international crime organizations trafficking in women, children and hard drugs.” The article doesn’t mention the fact that pimps often addict women to hard drugs to force them into a life of sexual exploitation – and that they use abortion to keep “their” prostitutes available for uninterrupted abuse.

The good news amid all this horror is that most pro-abortion men will change their minds about baby-killing if you show them what abortion actually looks like. Pro-abortion convictions are largely reversible but very few men are ever shown the truth which could change their minds. By God’s grace and with your help, CBR is working to correct that deficiency.

For instance, on January 30, 2008, a twenty-nine-year-old man from Michigan (no hometown listed) said that he had learned that his mother had almost aborted him “before I had a chance, so I decided to look for

some information [about abortion].” He went on to say: “Pictures help influence thinking. Prior to pictures, people would tell me it’s just a lump of cells.”

On January 28, 2008, a fifteen-year-old boy from Las Vegas, NV, wrote to say, “I hate it.... Through your site, I have realized what a horrible evil it really is. Before, I merely didn’t like it. But now, I outright despise it.”

On December 12, 2007, we got a note from a twenty-year-old man from Eldorado, TX, who was deeply moved by the abortion imagery on our website: “I can actually see what an aborted embryo looks like and it’s heartbreaking.”

On November 29, 2007, a twenty-one-year-old man from Glen Burnie, MD, said “Yes,” our website had influenced his thinking. When asked how, he said, “By watching the video. Period.”

On November 20, 2007, a nineteen-year-old man from Buffalo, MN said “It really put it all in perspective with provocative pictures.”

On November 5, 2007, a twenty-four-year-old man from San Bernardino, CA, said: “All this time I thought they would only do abortion when [it] was just a couple of cells.”

On December 21, 2007, a seventeen-year-old boy, also from Elmira Heights, NY, said: “I never realized what abortion really looked like. This has changed my mind about who should be able to get an abortion.”

Our images are also effective in activating pro-lifers who have been complacent. On January 28, 2008, a twenty-one-year-old man from New York City said that before seeing the abortion imagery on our website, “I was already pro-life. I attended the March for Life last week and got this website. Some of the most shocking, influential facts and photos I have ever seen. I will now commit my life to fighting and praying for the unborn.”

We know how to change the minds of young men and we thank God for your willingness to help us do just that. But we need more help. We are putting this letter online at our website URL (www.abortionNO.org). It will be on the home page as a text file which you can save and attach to e-mail messages through which I am asking you to forward it to your friends and family. At the same location we will place a link to the letter which you can forward in addition to or instead of attaching the Word file. This simple act could save many lives if those who receive your message can be persuaded to read our letter and support our work as faithfully as you.

Lord bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Cunningham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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P.S. On December 13, 2007, a man who signed his name “Chris,” without telling us his age or place of residence, wrote to say “... I fully support you in your campaigning against abortion! It is sick and wrong and should be stopped at all costs! Ten minutes ago, I had no real opinion on abortion, but I found your video HIGHLY disturbing and now I am firmly against it. I shall no doubt have nightmares for a year or two.” Let’s get more boys acting like real adults instead of juveniles with perpetually arrested development.