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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

My wife Lois is CBR's Director of Crisis Pregnancy Outreach. She founded some of this country's first crisis pregnancy medical clinics. Now she also uses email conversations to lead pregnant women away from abortion. She encounters those at risk for abortion on the internet. One of these mothers recently sought to justify her impending abortion largely in materialistic terms: "The house won't accommodate us. Both cars would need to be replaced and the daycare expense could lead to financial ruin. I am beginning to see the choice that has been made [to abort] is the *right* one [Emphasis in original]. Additional stress and financial pressure in our relationship could cause severe problems. This is just not the time."

Note her exaggerated sense of entitlement. She isn't considering her baby's life. She is concerned about her house and her cars and her bills and her relationship with her baby's father. She is violently self-absorbed and she speaks for many of her narcissistic generation, at home and abroad. Abortion is just one terrible symptom of a much deeper problem. We must fight both cause and effect with equal ardor.

WashingtonPost.com, April 8, 2011, ran a column which describes the depths of our moral free-fall, titled, "A survival-of-the-fittest budget." It quotes House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's (R-Wis.) recent speech at the American Enterprise Institute: "Making the case for the GOP [austerity] budget plan, Ryan told the audience, 'America is drawing perilously close to a tipping point that has the potential to curtail free enterprise, transform our government and weaken our national identity in ways that may not be reversible.'" The article says: "He offered this vision of the two dangers that represent the tipping point: 'First, long-term economic decline as the number of makers diminishes and the number of takers grows ... and second, gradual moral-political decline as dependency and passivity weaken the nation's character.'" CBR believes that "makers" should do something for "takers" who can't "make," but nothing for "takers" who won't "make."

Greece may already have passed this dreadful point of no return. LATimes.com reported a June 15, 2011 story on Greek welfare riots by socialists who refuse to acknowledge that their society is disintegrating under the weight of a sovereign debt crisis. The government can no longer borrow enough money to service its staggering debt and fund its extravagant social welfare programs. A photo caption in the article said "Thousands of Greek workers girdled the sprawling grounds of Parliament in Athens, trying to choke off the start of a debate on the new austerity package." This is fiscal infantilism -- thugs are using tantrums to thwart even a discussion of reform. Not surprisingly, *The International Encyclopedia of Sexuality*, www2.hu-berlin.de/sexology/IES, reports that "Greece possesses the highest percentage of abortions among the European countries." The U.S. also has an abortion crisis borne of self-indulgence and we too are courting an economic disaster which resembles the Greek fiscal fiasco. Too many Americans are as determined as the Greeks to "choke off the start of a debate" on either peril.

Civilization owes much to Greek cultural influence but the Greek penchant for self-destructive self-indulgence is as old as recorded history. In the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Inhuman Bondage, The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*, David Brion Davis, Oxford University Press (2006), says that Ancient Greeks saw slavery as "... absolutely central to their entire economy and way of life." The author

explains that "... Greek free citizens came to disdain all types of manual labor. Within the city-state, at least, the free male Greek citizen needed time and leisure to participate in civic society and make use of his rational thought and creative powers."

He adds that "[The Greeks] could imagine no alternative [to slave labor]; the life of the citizens in the polis ... would have been impossible without the leisure they prized so highly, leisure to haunt the gymnasium, the roofed porches where men congregated for dispute, the theatre, the assembly, the courts, all the varied, time-consuming duties and pleasures of the free male citizen." Does this sound familiar? You must work so I can play. Many unemployed Americans are earnestly trying to find jobs -- but not all. A U.S. website called ListVerse.com carries a post titled "Top 10 Things To Do When You Become Unemployed." Number 4 is hang out at the "neighborhood gym."

Along with Ireland, Portugal, Italy and perhaps others, the U.K. has also grossly over-borrowed to keep imprudent welfare promises and must now sharply reduce its spending. More riots. The "culture of entitlement" has also doomed the UK to an abortion rate so high that a *Guardian* columnist recently termed it "awful." Reuters.com, August 10, 2011, detailed the broader problem in a story headlined "Analysis: Riots shake faith in UK austerity, stability." It says "The riots that turned London and some other English cities upside down this week have ... [raised] questions about the sustainability of spending cuts and a widening gap between rich and poor." As former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once famously lectured, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

In a NYTimes.com story on August 11, 2011 titled "Britain Debates Riots and Fears They Set a Pattern," current Prime Minister David Cameron lamented that "The sight of those young people running down streets, smashing windows, taking property, looting, laughing as they go, the problem of that is a complete lack of responsibility, a lack of proper parenting, a lack of proper upbringing, a lack of proper ethics, a lack of proper morals." He continued, "That is what we need to change."

Why should this moral collapse surprise Mr. Cameron? LifeNews.com reported a story headlined "British Pro-Life Group: David Cameron Won't Be Better on Abortion Than Brown," May 12, 2010. It quoted John Smeaton, the president of the UK's largest pro-life organization, who said, "David Cameron has made clear that faith schools should not be free to teach that abortion is wrong...." Is it fair for a government which refuses to teach children that killing babies is wrong to criticize parents for refusing to teach children that rioting and looting are wrong -- or corporations for refusing to teach executives that betraying the public trust is wrong?

Guardian.co.uk, August 11, 2011, ran a related story headlined "Tories on riot policing: Too few, too slow, too timid." It echoed the criticisms of the slow police response to rioters at BBC.co.uk, which posted a story headlined "London riots: 'Not enough Met officers on duty,'" August 12, 2011. The latter article quoted former Met Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick saying, "...we saw the pictures on the television of police officers standing back and allowing people to go looting...." But the London police don't "stand back" timidly when CBR's UK director Andrew Stephenson is displaying our abortion photos in London. They sweep down, in force, and place our people under arrest. They jail our staff and confiscate and abuse our CBR abortion photo signs. Mr. Cameron apparently believes peaceful picketers with abortion photos are a greater menace to public safety than a mob of murdering, looting, arsonists.

LATimes.com, August 27, 2011, carried a story headlined "In Britain, many see a moral decay across society." The article references an essay written by "... freshman lawmaker Matthew Hancock in the center-right Times of London, under the headline: 'It's not left-wing to link bankers and the mob.'" Mr. Hancock's point is that the upper class is as corrupted by an exaggerated sense of entitlement as the underclass.

“Good government” solutions are all well and good, but Britain’s “moral decay” derives principally from the fact that the U.K., like most of Europe and much of America, has become a post-Christian nation. The Telegraph.co.uk, May 2, 2011, ran a story, for instance, headlined “Christian preacher arrested for saying homosexuality is a sin.” The sub-headline said “A Christian street preacher was arrested and locked in a cell for telling a passer-by that homosexuality is a sin in the eyes of God.” This is beyond secularism. This is a pagan “holy war” being prosecuted against the most compelling moral code the world will ever see.

LA Times.com published another story about the relationship between morality and the economy headlined “South Africa’s powerful youth leader to face ANC hearing,” August 29, 2011. The article says that Julius Malema, the leader of the African National Congress youth league in South Africa, is advocating class warfare waged by takers against makers, through proposed “...nationalization of mines and banks and Zimbabwe-style land seizures that business analysts and even government ministers warn would be ruinous to the country’s economy.” Zimbabwe, of course, is the African country whose president, Robert Mugabe, dispatched hoards of murderous thieves to dispossess white farmers of their land. Now the country has essentially stopped exporting food and faces a severe humanitarian food crisis. Reparations are not an agricultural policy which increases crop yields.

Closer to home, Americans are also seeing the economic ruin wrought when incompetent government agencies (for instance, HHS) take over entire private sector industries (for instance, health insurance). Mr. Malema nonetheless insists “that it’s time for white farmers -- and businesspeople -- to hand over their ill-gotten gains to blacks: ‘Why should I pay for what I own?’” The article reports a widely held consensus that Mr. Malema “... might be the most influential person in the country.”

There is growing evidence that rabid class warriors are on the march in the U.S. as well. RCP.com, August 23, 2011, posted a video depicting Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) under the headline “Dem Congresswoman Blames Black Unemployment on Racism.” And Mediaite.com, August 11, 2011, filed an essay titled “Tavis Smiley and Cornel West Warn UK Riots Could Happen Here: ‘There Is a Bubbling.’” Tavis Smiley hosts programs on public television’s PBS and public radio’s PRI, and told broadcast journalist Amy Goodman, March 2, 2009, “I support reparations.” “Reparations” is the term which race-baiters use to describe their plan to force white people, who had nothing to do with slavery, to compensate black people, who had nothing to do with slavery, for the crime of slavery. More misplaced entitlement claims.

Reparations are also the unspoken rationale for much of the class warfare which animates America’s social welfare (and immigration) policy. But this invidious fraud must be confronted and discredited. In the book *Inhuman Bondage, The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*, David Brion Davis, *supra*, inferentially debunks the absurd myth that African slavery, indefensible though it was, constituted a compensable crime which only whites committed. In point of fact, white slave traders nearly always bought black slaves from the black wholesalers who had paid black raiders to capture them. Davis dismisses the “... widespread mythology claiming that [white] Europeans were the ones who physically enslaved Africans – as if a small group of sailors, who were highly vulnerable to tropical diseases and who had no supply lines to their homelands, could kidnap some eleven to twelve million Africans.” Will blacks pay reparations too?

Davis indirectly punches an even larger hole in the reparations scam by noting that because of the prevalence of slavery for millennia in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Arab World, etc., “... it seems highly probable that if we could go back far enough in time, we would discover that all of us ... are the descendants of both masters and slaves in some part of the world.” So who owes reparations to whom?

But our economic problems are far larger than out-of-control welfare costs and stupefying “stimulus” spending. Who’s going to pay for ruinous “entitlement” excesses? Liberals, of course, say “fix” Social Security and Medicare by “socking it to the rich.” *USA Today* published a story, August 23, 2011,

headlined “Obama: Rich should pay ‘fair share’ of debt reduction.” BigGovernment.com, April 8, 2011 (“Why Aren’t the Rich Paying 50 Percent in Taxes?”), says “The top 1% of filers [already] pay about 40% of income taxes.” How much more than that huge percentage would they have to shoulder to be “fair”?

On August 30, 2011, NationalReview.com echoed this phony populism in a story called “A Vineyard Too Far,” which reflects Mr. Obama’s ill-concealed contempt for the business owners who create America’s jobs: “At a certain point you’ve made enough money.” So give the rest to the government! We’ll let the rich know how much prosperity is enough.

Academic economist Walter Williams, however, counters this utopian tax scheme with a withering rebuttal posted at Townhall.com, April 13, 2011, titled “Eat the Rich.” He explains that “... roughly 2 percent of U.S. households have an income of \$250,000 [Mr. Obama’s definition of the “rich” to whom we should “sock it” with higher taxes] and above.” But he adds that “If Congress imposed a 100 percent tax, taking all earnings above \$250,000 per year, it would yield ... \$1.4 trillion. That would keep the government running for 141 days, but ... there are 224 more days left in the year.”

Then he breaks still more bad news. “Fortune 500 companies earn nearly \$400 billion in profits. Since leftists think profits are little less than theft and greed, Congress might confiscate these ill-gotten gains so that they can be returned to their rightful owners. Taking corporate profits would keep the government running for another 40 days, but that along with confiscating all income above \$250,000 would only get us to the end of June.” Dr. Williams’ point is that there simply aren’t enough rich people to finance the wildly delusional fantasies of our rampaging, liberal politicians. Confiscatory tax policy ensures that there will be ever fewer rich people left to squeeze.

The Wall Street Journal reported on August 7, 2011 (“Millionaires Go Missing”) that “This month the IRS released more detailed tax data for 2009, and ... [it revealed] the decline of the taxpaying rich.” The article says “In 2007, 390,000 tax filers reported adjusted gross income of \$1 million or more and paid \$309 billion in taxes. In 2009, there were only 237,000 such filers, a decline of 39%. Almost four of 10 millionaires vanished in two years, and the total taxes they paid in 2009 declined to \$178 billion, a drop of 42%.”

Author David Brion Davis, *supra*, tells us that “Greeks also accepted the right to enslave infant foundlings who had been abandoned by a parent.” It is always the children who pay for their parents’ hedonism. Whether through abortion, or abandonment, or enslavement to masters, or enslavement to debt which no future generation has any hope of paying back, it is always the innocent, defenseless children who pay.

We can’t do much to protect our children from suffocating debt -- until November 2012. But there is much we can do to protect them from abortion right now. Please go to <http://abortionno.org/pdf/CAPStarwoodStRegisWebsitePressRelease-1.pdf> to read more about CBR’s campaign to hammer Planned Parenthood’s corporate donors. We can’t do it without your help.

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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