

Letter Exchange With Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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25 January 2008

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Dear Senator Biden,

This is in response to your letter of January 10, 2008 thanking me for sharing my thoughts with you and my research on child abuse and neglect.

My professional and civic life concerns go well beyond the subject of child abuse and neglect. I have addressed the fundamental role of women in society with the extraordinary violence waged against her and her children throughout the world, a subject matter that concerns you greatly. I have emphasized that the conditions of women and her children are worse off today than they were in 1970, the year that celebrated the 1970 White House Conference on Children and notwithstanding the efforts of the NICHD/NIH since 1970.

Attached are two documents: (a) NICHD History of Betrayal of Mothers and Children; and (b) Congressional Actions To Be Taken for your review and action. I am specifically requesting that you forward these documents and copies of previous correspondence with supporting materials to: Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, for his review and action.

I am also requesting that you reconsider your inaction on my requests and that you write a letter to Dr. Zerhouni, Director, NIH comparable to the letter written to DHHS Secretary Schweiker by Senator McC. Mathias of February 23, 1981 and his reply of May 11, 1981. Dr. Zerhouni's attention should be drawn to the attachments with a request for his explanation of this history and his refusal to conduct the brain-behavioral studies requested on young adults who have been breastfed for "two years or greater"; and the consequences of the perinatal trauma of circumcision.

The abuse and neglect of children committed by the U.S. Government in their refusal to support the critical scientific studies on the origins of violence that would illuminate their causes is unconscionable.

Your continued support on behalf of the women and children of this nation is badly needed.

Sincerely,

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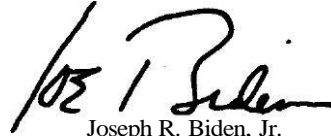
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Dear Dr. Prescott:

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for your continued correspondence regarding your concerns about the **NICHD/NIH**. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

I commend you on your research on child abuse and neglect, and you can be sure that I will keep your thoughts in mind. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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19 December 2007

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Dear Senator Biden,

This letter is a follow-up of my letter to you of 23 October 2007 requesting that you investigate the NICHD/NIH's abandonment of the mothers and children of this nation by unlawfully divesting itself of its agency responsibility to support research on child abuse and neglect and my wrongful termination of a 17 year federal career in defending the abused and neglected children of this nation.

You have to ask yourself whether the health and well being of the mothers and children of this nation today are better off than they were in 1970, the year of the 7970 *White House Conference on Children*. Homicides and suicides among our children and youth are at a staggering unacceptable level where children are killing children; school shootings continue unabated; psychiatric medications of our children are at an epidemic level and the continuing levels of suicide among our children and youth go unexplained.

More children and youth (ages 5-24 years) have committed suicide in the past ten years than the total number of American combat lives lost in the ten year Vietnam War (est 55,000 v 47,355) yet little or no public attention has been given to this reality and what it represents. Why do so many of our children and youth prefer death through suicide than living with their own families and in America? For the 5-14 year age group suicide/homicide ratios have systematically increased from 1979: 36%; 1994: 60%; 1998: 73%; 2004: 88%.

I have previously pointed out that failure of high **affectional** bonding in the mother-infant/child relationship is the principal cause of this mortality that has been ignored by the NICHD/NIH. I have reported that 77% (20/26) tribal cultures whose weaning age is 2.5 years or longer are low or absent in suicide, a finding that I have requested from the NIH be replicated on modern human cultures. The NIH has refused to conduct such studies.

The NIH has further refused to conduct MRI and fMRI brain studies on young adults who have been breastfed for "two years or longer"--WHO/UNICEF recommendation- compared to non-breastfed young adults in their infancy. Brain structure and function underlies all behavior and it can be expected that brain

differences exist between these two groups, particularly, where depression and suicide are also present in the non-breast-fed group that is also driven by a history of child abuse and neglect, behaviors that are strikingly absent in the high breastfeeding group.

I have submitted extensive documentation to you of the history of child abuse and neglect research by the NICHD, programs which I initiated when I was Health Scientist Administrator, Developmental Behavioral Biology Program, NICHD (1966-1980). Attached are supplemental information that confirms this legacy in *The NIH Record*, September 16, 1979 and January 4, 1972, which illustrates my receiving the CINE Golden Eagle Award for my scientific consultation in the production of the Time Life documentary "Rock-a-Bye Baby" that was premiered at the 1970 White House Conference on Children.

Also attached are dramatic photographs of the consequences of maternal-infant separation-no abuse-just separation, the failure of physical affectional bonding; and a *History of Betrayal of Mothers and Children* at the NIH. The key to understanding cultures of peace from cultures of violence can be found in Table 1 that illustrates how life paths of peace or violence are set by how the developing brain is sculptured by early life experiences of pain or pleasure.

I am, again, requesting that you give some priority to my requests; that you ask Dr. Zerhouni to reconcile the statements made in *The NIH Record* of September 16, 1979 and January 4, 1972 with the false statements made to the Congress and by Secretary Schweiker: "The NICHD has never supported a program of research in child abuse and neglect" that justified the wrongful termination of my 17 year federal career in Science Administration.

I do not wish to dwell on the extraordinary losses that my family and I have suffered due to this wrongful termination and my desire to restore my professional integrity and dignity.

Your early response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Prescott:

Thank you for your continued correspondence letting me know of your support for the equal representation of women in Congress. I appreciate your taking the time to contact me on this matter.

I enjoyed reading your letters to both the **Huffington Post** and Sally Field, regarding Ms. Field's acceptance speech at the 2007 Emmy Awards, and I applaud your commitment to women's rights. I also appreciated having your insights on legislation that would require 50 percent of Congress to be **women**, as well as the harmful effects of compulsory motherhood. The number of women serving in the Senate has grown steadily since I began serving over three decades ago. This increase has been good for both the institution and the country as a whole. You can be sure that I will keep your thoughts **in** mind.

Again, thanks for sharing your thoughts and suggestions with me. I hope that you will continue to keep in touch on matters of importance to you. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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23 October 2007

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Re: National Institutes of Health

Dear Senator Biden,

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter of 23 October 2007 to Dr. Zerhouni, Director, NIH, with attachments, that details a history of false statements, denials and suppression of the truth to the Congress by officials of the National Institutes of Health concerning my wrongful termination of a 17 year federal career in science administration in 1980; that has resulted in the wrongful termination of agency responsibility to support research in child abuse and neglect and developmental origins of violence by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) that was not resumed until the mid 1990s; the continuing refusal of NIH officials to correct the unlawful actions of Dr. Norman Kretchmer, then Director, NICHD who exceeded his legal authority to abolish the NICHD mission to support "research and training in the special health problems and requirements of mothers and children" (Public Law 87-838, Sec 441); the failure to acknowledge and support research that documents impaired brain development and behavior in children consequent to impaired and failed bonding in the maternal-infant/child relationship; and the failure to initiate health programs that are known to prevent the devastating consequences of maternal-infant/child separation--the increasing violence against mothers and children; the increasing sexual exploitation of women and children; the increasing and unacceptable suicides of children and youth over the past quarter century; and the massive psychiatric medications of children and youth to correct disorders that are highly preventable and which were unheard of a generation or so ago.

I am requesting that you, Senator Carper and Representative Castle review the enclosed documents and hold Congressional hearings on this history of the NIH and its failure to act to prevent the health crises of America. Congressional remedial actions are necessary to correct the increasing depression and violence that now afflicts America, as the NIH has failed in its mission. Most of the depression and violence among our children and youth are preventable.

In a New York Times report, Representative Chris Cannon of Utah pressed Mr. Fielding on whether he "understood that a lie would be prosecutable", even if the interview was not conducted under oath." He said, 'Yes, we understand that,' Mr. Cannon said. "Lying to Congress can be a crime even if the false statements are not made under oath" (attachment, Stolberg, NYT 3.21.07, "Bush Clashes with

Congress"). The many statements made by NIH officials to the Congress concerning its research history and programs on child abuse and neglect- over the years- have been false and are crimes.

I am "**petition(ing)** the government for a redress of grievances", under my First Amendment rights, to correct a grave injustice to myself and family; and to the mothers, children and families of America who have suffered needlessly through the torrents of depression and violence that has been made possible by the abuse, betrayal and neglect by the National Institutes of Health.

As we face a new administration in the forthcoming elections, it is necessary in my view, to re-organize the health science bureaus of this nation where a Department of Science needs to be created with an Undersecretary for the Physical Sciences and an Undersecretary for the Life Sciences. Health, in its broadest sense, goes beyond the limitations of the biomedical-pharmaceutical enterprises and the straitjacket of the genomic sciences that is strangling health research and policy in this country.

No living organism— from microbe to man-can grow to become a healthy organism by living in a toxic environment. America and the world has been so contaminated by corporate-industrial enterprises that a healthy environment to raise children is almost impossible to find.

The pristine environments of **pre-industrial** tribal cultures have documented that high **maternal-infant/child affectional** bonding (baby-carrying during the first year of life) can predict 80% of the peaceful and violent homicidal nature of 49 cultures studied. The exceptions could be accounted for by whether youth sexual affection was permitted or punished. 77% (20/26) of cultures where weaning age was 2.5 years or longer were found to have low or absent suicides; and 82% (14/17) of these cultures that permitted youth sexual expression were rated low or absent in suicide. Can child and youth suicides today be traced to the lack of breastfeeding bonding and youth affectional sexual expression-issues that the NIH refuses to address!

Additional documentation is posted at <http://www.violence.de>.

Your attention to this petition is appreciated.

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Dear Senator Biden,

This letter is a follow-up of my letter to you of 28 August 2007, where I urged you to introduce legislation that would give woman equal representation in the Congress, specifically the Senate. As I had emphasized in that letter, if 50% of the Senate were women we would not be in Iraq today nor would we have gone to war in Vietnam some 35 years ago.

It has taken 144 years for women to realize the equal right to vote that has not translated into the equal right of representation. The time has come to end the male- dominated Congress.

Sally Field, in her Anti-War-Moms acceptance speech of her award for Best Guest Actress on a Comedy Series at the 2007 Emmy Awards Ceremony, stated the issue more forcibly. She declared, "If mothers ruled the world, there would be no god-damned wars in the first place", which Fox News censored from the broadcast as millions of viewers watched a silent TV screen of the stage. You should investigate this event as an abuse of the censorship laws that further erodes freedom of speech in our society (documents attached from *The Huffington Post*).

There are millions of American Women who share Sally Field's convictions and you have a unique opportunity to mobilize this force to advance freedom in America and to assure a balance of power and perspective that is now lacking in our legislative bodies.

I urge you to join Sally Field and the millions of American women who want an equal voice in the legislation of this nation's affairs. Fifty percent of women in the U.S. Senate-no more, no less.

I am copying this letter to Sally Field; Arianna Huffington, *The Huffington Post* and Michael Mendizza, *Touch the Future*, who hopefully will assist you in placing this issue on the national agenda for the election of the next President of this nation.

With best wishes,

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28 August 2007

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Dear Senator Biden,

I read with more than a passing interest your interview with the *Christian Scientist Monitor* with Gail Russell Chaddock (August 27, 1970). I was particularly struck by your mother's comment to the nun in your defense ("I'll come back and rip that bonnet off your head"); and her admonition to you concerning your Papal meeting: "Don't you kiss his ring". Your mother's admirable example of independence from proclaimed authority has obviously rubbed off and her spirit deserves to be remembered by the further actions that you can take on behalf of all women, which are summarized below.

There are three issues that I wish to discuss with you concerning how to break through the barriers in your Presidential campaign. It is becoming clear that our next President needs a seasoned veteran with the experience and human values that will guide our future and extract us from the disastrous course of the Bush Administration and Bush Republicans.

First, is the role of women in society. We would not be In Iraq today if 50% of the Senate were women; nor would we have gone to Vietnam, if 50% of the Senate were women. Consistent with your record on the "1994 Violence Against Women Act"--and her children-it is imperative that you announce your intention to launch legislation that would make fifty percent of the Senate women. Without gender equality in our legislative bodies, America is doomed to a future of the past. Vietnam, now Iraq, next Iran and then what follows?

It has taken America 144 years for women to achieve the equal right to vote but have been denied to this date the equal right of representation. Full equality for women would be easily accomplished with fifty percent of the Senate being women-one woman and one man from each State of the Union. With this one stroke you would gather the majority support of women notwithstanding Hillary Clinton. See my OPINION piece in the San Diego Union on this issue (enclosed), at <http://www.violence.de/politics.shtml>.

Second, the Iraq war--a *religious war*--is not just a civil war. Iraq is beyond repair and your solution is the correct one. The partitioning of Iraq, already well under way, that reflects the religious/ethnic divisions of Iraq- which have been at war with one another for *centuries*--with an equitable sharing of national resources, must be our objective and the central theme for "changing course".

Third, the Constitutional and Human Rights of women to be mothers by choice where abortion denied is a sentence to compulsory motherhood that is prohibited by the **Thirteenth Amendment**: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude (to religious **dogma**)...shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction". The violation of the **First Amendment-Separation** of Church and State, which states that the "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion", which imposes no religious belief upon all Americans by civil legislation; the **Fourth Amendment** "The right of the people to be secure in their **persons**.... shall not be violated"; the **Fourteenth Amendment**: "All *persons born* (not the unborn) or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside".

The American Jewish Congress published a Declaration "Abortion and the Sacredness of Life": An Open Letter to those Who Would Ban Abortion", which is the finest statement on the abortion issue that I have read and concludes:

In the face of such great moral and religious diversity, the proper role of government in a free society is to allow different traditions to advocate their respective views, and to leave the decision to the woman, answering to God and to her conscience.

This statement is attached and is posted at: <http://www.violence.de/politics.shtml>.

A strong defense of **women's** Constitutional and Human Rights to the Freedom of Motherhood, rather than the alternative of Compulsory Motherhood, would go a long way to gathering support from women.

There is a more fundamental issue at stake and this is the recent doctrine of *immediate hominization* declared by Pius IX in **1869** that replaced the doctrine of *delayed hominization*, which was taught for centuries by the Church and many prior Pontiffs. Why should the teaching authority of these Popes and that of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas be called into error by Pius IX and what new information did Pius IX have in 1869 that was denied to prior Pontiffs in his declaration of *immediate hominization*--the infusion of the rational soul at conception rather than later during gestation.

St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine taught that "Abortion, if early is not homicide", the doctrine of *delayed hominization* that modern humanity and science can live with. An acorn is not an oak tree. Your support for the theology of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas would challenge the violation of Church history by Pius IX, and provide a strong foundation to return humanity to its heritage, as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

Attached is my letter of May 30, 2006 to Pope Benedict XVI that requests his review and reversal of the doctrine of *immediate hominization*. This theology has, unfortunately, permeated our political process and has become the unconstitutional law of the land that now threatens Roe v Wade. (<http://www.violence.de/politics.shtml>).

Hopefully, these comments will encourage you to be more forceful in your defense of women and our Constitution and the future of America.

You have distinct qualification for being our next President that is not matched by the other candidates. I wish you every success.

With best wishes,

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