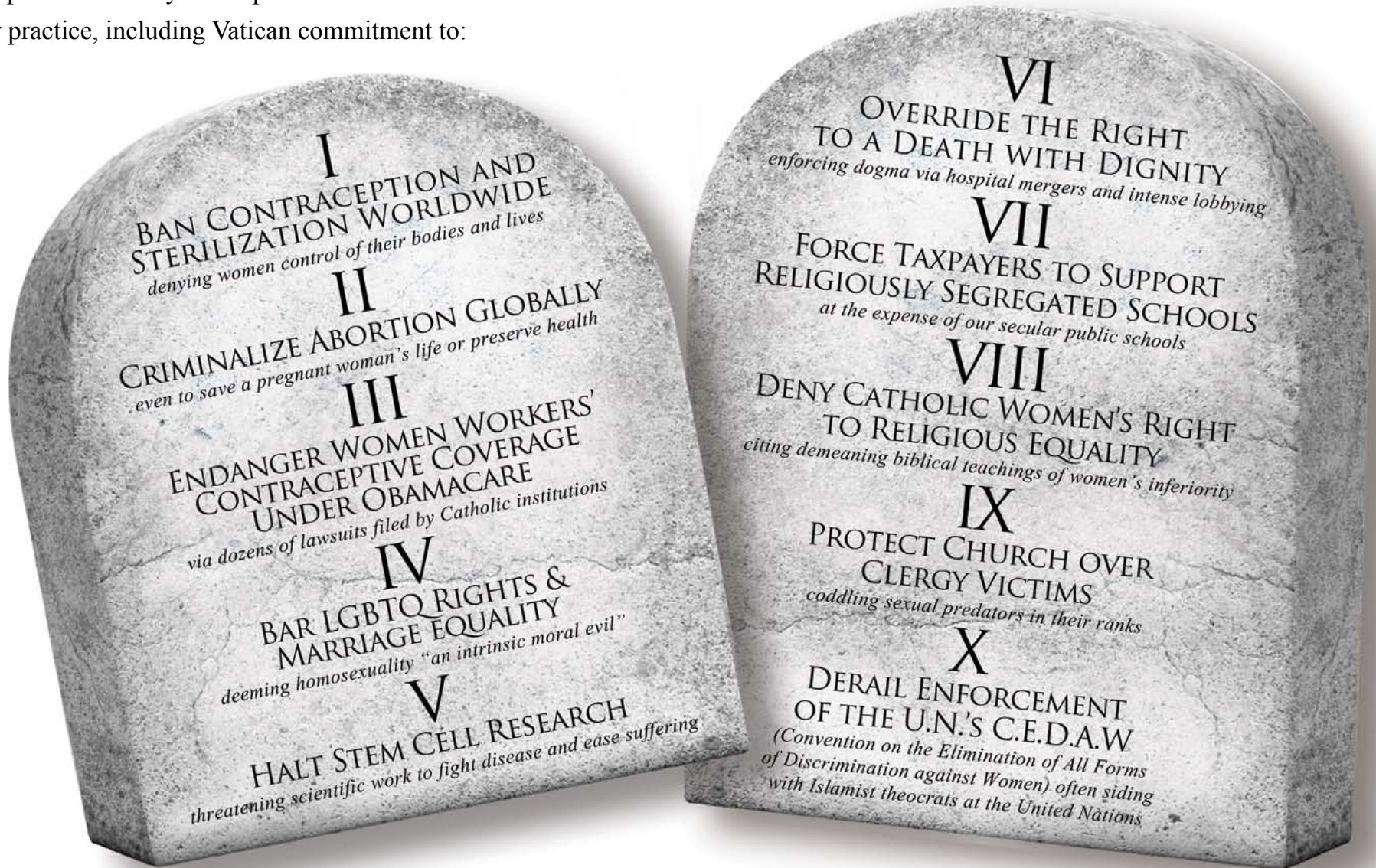


GLOBAL WARNING

RELIGION & GOVERNMENT — A DANGEROUS MIX

It's an affront to our nation's secular values that Roman Catholic congressional leaders are granting the leader of their religion — the pope — an unprecedented opportunity to address a joint session of Congress.

Pope Francis has yet to repeal even one harmful Catholic doctrine or practice, including Vatican commitment to:



Even the pope's more laudable focus on global warming is hypocritical. The root cause of global warming is out-of-control population growth, which is exacerbated by fallible papal teachings. Since Pope Paul VI irresponsibly issued "Humanae Vitae" in 1968 reaffirming the church's ban on contraception, the world population has more than doubled from 3.5 billion to 7.3 billion.

Regardless of what Pope Francis' message is, Congress shouldn't be "blessing" him or handing him a government-endorsed pulpit. The framers of our godless Constitution wisely envisioned what John F. Kennedy described as "an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish — where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope . . . where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials."

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