



BIO WESLEY SMITH

Award winning author Wesley J. Smith is a special consultant for the Center for Bioethics and Culture. In May 2004, because of his work in bioethics, he was named by the National Journal as one of the nation's top expert thinkers in bioengineering. In 2008, the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life for his work against assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Smith left the full time practice of law in 1985 to pursue a career in writing and public advocacy. He is the author or coauthor of eleven books.

His book *Forced Exit: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and the New Duty to Die* (1997, Times Books), a broad-based criticism of the assisted suicide/euthanasia movement has become a classic in anti-euthanasia advocacy and is now in its third edition published by Encounter Books in 2006. Smith's *Culture of Death: The Assault on Medical Ethics in America*, a warning about the dangers of the modern bioethics movement, was named one of the Ten Outstanding Books of the Year and Best Health Book of the Year for 2001 (Independent Publisher Book Awards).

Smith's most recently published book is *Consumer's Guide to a Brave New World*, in which he explores the morality, science, and business aspects of human cloning, stem cell research, and genetic engineering.

He formerly collaborated with Ralph Nader, co-authoring four books with consumer advocate.

Smith has published hundreds of articles and opinion columns on issues such as the importance of being human (human exceptionalism), assisted suicide, bioethics, the morality of human cloning, legal ethics, and public affairs. His writing has appeared nationally and internationally, including in *Newsweek*, *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Forbes*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, *The Age* (Australia), *Western Journal of Medicine*, and the *American Journal of Bioethics*. He has also been published in regional publications throughout the nation and internationally in newspapers in the UK, Italy, Australia, and Canada.

Throughout his career in public advocacy, Smith has appeared on well over a thousand television and radio talk/interview programs, including such national programs as *ABC Nightline*, *Good Morning America*, *Larry King Live*, *CNN Crossfire*, *CNN World Report*, the *CBS Evening News*, *Coast to Coast*, the Dennis Prager syndicated radio show, the Mike Gallagher syndicated radio show, *Afternoons with Al Kresta*, *EWTN*, *CSPAN-Book TV*, *Fox News Channel*, and *CNN Talk Back Live*. He has appeared internationally on *Voice of America*, *CNN International*, and programs originating in Great Britain (BBC), Australia (ABC), Canada (CBC), New Zealand, Germany, China, and Mexico.

Smith is often called upon by members of legislative and executive branches of government to advise on issues within his fields of expertise. He has testified as an expert witness in front of federal and state legislative committees, and has counseled government leaders internationally about matters of mutual concern.

Smith is an international lecturer and public speaker, appearing frequently at political, university, medical, legal, disability rights, bioethics, religious, and community gatherings across the United States, Europe, Canada, South Africa, and Australia.