

Abortion foe decries 'global holocaust'

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The millions of unborn children who are aborted worldwide each year are the equivalent of the Nazi Holocaust, a St. Louis sociologist told about 600 abortion opponents last night.

"The Nazis justified abortion for eugenics and the health of the mother," said William Brennan, a professor of social services at St. Louis University. "Does that sound familiar today? The Nazis denied the humanity of their victims, and so do the abortionists. The Nazis killed 6 million Jews, and abortionists kill over 45 million babies worldwide each year in countries where abortion is legal. If this does not qualify as a global holocaust, I don't know what does."



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Right to Life's
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Life banquet

Author of two books on the subject — "Medical Holocausts: Exterminative Medicine in Nazi Germany and Contemporary Society" and "The Abortion Holocaust: Today's Final Solution" — Brennan links abortion, euthanasia and infanticide as contemporary expressions of Nazi medicine.

He was keynote speaker last night for Right to Life of Louisville's 21st annual Celebration of Life banquet at the Executive West Hotel.

Brennan has drawn criticism from Jewish groups after speaking in other cities, and news of his appearance here generated a similar response.

Asked about comparisons between the Holocaust and abortion, the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville Inc. issued a statement that read, "To make a connection trivializes

the lives of 6 million people and millions who survived the horrors of the Holocaust."

"Attempts to use the Holocaust as an anti-abortion tool are an outrage," said a statement by New Jewish Agenda, an organization dedicated to social justice.

Brennan said the Holocaust "was one of the most monumental slaughters in history. But that does not mean we should be prevented from making parallels."

He expounded on that theme for more than an hour, ending with a slide presentation comparing graphic photographs of aborted fetuses with those of death camp victims.

"What is offensive is not what they graphically reveal but what has been allowed to happen to the victims," he said to applause. "What is happening today is a continuation of what was happening in the Third Reich. And we will demonstrate, protest and not stop our efforts until every killing center is shut down!"