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# ABORTIONISM

## The Growing Cult Of Baby Murder

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■ ON January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down the latest and by far the worst in a long series of appalling decisions which has seriously undermined the foundations of the moral order in America. The decisions in favor of criminals, perverts, and pornographers; the decisions striking down so many reasonable and necessary provisions for order, loyalty, and discipline in government service and in teaching, the decisions undermining the stability of the family and the right of parents to control the education of their own children... all of these reached their logical and apocalyptic culmination in a decision legalizing mass murder of the innocent unborn.

There are still some good people who do not want to call abortion what it really is, of course. Some are honestly not yet fully aware that abortion is murder. Others, out of timidity or a misplaced charity, euphemize and ameliorate and excuse. But abortion is killing. The action of an abortionist makes live babies dead.

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Anyone who doubts it can study the photographs, now readily and widely available, of what an aborted baby looks like. And since abortion is killing, surely any terms which blunt the harsh truth about this act make it easier to evade the moral imperatives involved, to blank out the termination of millions of the human innocent and to take refuge in fashionable cant about "not imposing our morality or our religion on others."

Did we think it was "imposing our morality or our religion on others" when we executed the commandants of the Nazi death camps after World War II? Hardly, for we had seen the photographs of the emaciated, tortured shadows of men who survived to be liberated, and the dismembered bodies and piled ashes of those who did not.

The aborted baby, too, is dismembered and (usually) incinerated, after being dissected alive in the womb (dilatation and curettage), ground to a pulp (suction), pickled alive (saline injection, the equivalent of being burned to death — the whole body turning an ugly red), or cut out of the womb and allowed to die whole in a bucket (hysterotomy). And the unborn baby can and does feel pain. He dies in indescribable agony in each of these commonly used methods of abortion. Many nurses refuse to assist at abortions because they can't bear to hear the pitiful screaming of the unborn child as it is destroyed.

The fight for life is so fierce that a few of the babies live through abortion. But even when they are born viable, they have not altogether escaped their would-be murderers. At Greater Bakersfield Memo-

rial Hospital in California last year, a baby was born alive seven months after conception when a saline injection to bring about an abortion failed to kill him. A nurse put the baby, clearly alive, in an oxygen-equipped "isolette" for premature infants. The abortionist doctor then appeared and ordered that the oxygen be turned off so that the baby would die. The attending nurse and her supervisor refused to do it, and that doctor has been indicted for "solicitation to commit murder." But no such order to execute the child by turning off the oxygen would have been possible if he had not just finished trying so hard *legally* to kill that very child. It is to just such absurdities and worse that our laws on infant homicide are now reduced.

In a similar case in California the baby was less fortunate. Baby Girl Wolfe, born at Canoga Park Hospital on May 1, 1970, also survived a saline injection. But the facilities necessary to save her life were not available at that hospital. The nurse on duty, who wanted to save her, was refused permission by the abortionist doctor to transfer the child to a better-equipped hospital. In desperation she even called the fire rescue squad. It was too late. Several hours later Baby Girl Wolfe died of oxygen starvation. Commenting on her case in *Triumph* for March 1973, Kenneth M. Mitzner observed:

*According to Baby Girl Wolfe's death certificate, for twelve hours she was a citizen of the United States. "Last occupation: Infant." "Number of years in this occupation: Life." For twelve hours she was a constituent of State Senator Anthony Beilenson, author of the law under which she was exterminated.*

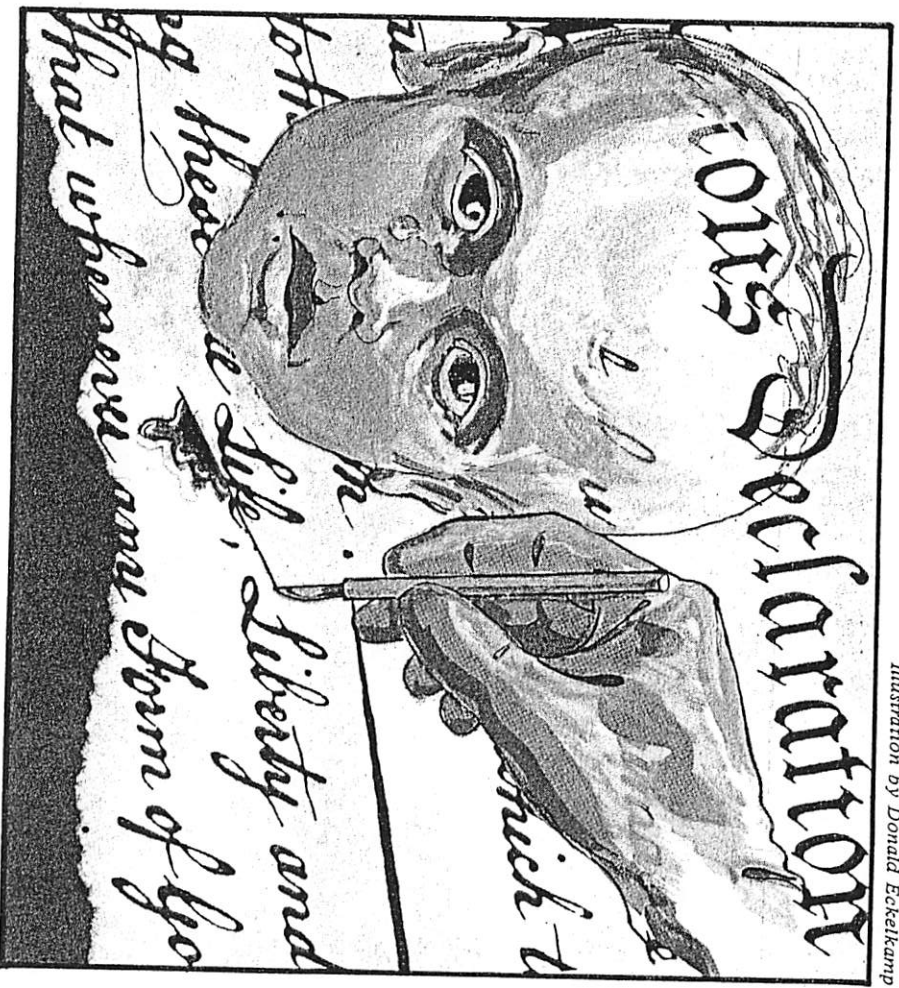
I was a California State Senator in 1967 when that extermination law — a forebear of the deadly edict which has

made such murder the law of our land — was passed. I sat through the Hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee when the bill was debated . . . from eight o'clock in the evening to one-thirty in the morning. I was there when the "Liberal" Committee majority refused to permit the playing of a recording of the heartbeat of an unborn baby considerably younger than the fetal age at which the proposed legislation would allow babies to be killed. That bill was approved in Committee by a vote of seven to six, passed on the Senate floor by a bare minimum of twenty-one to eighteen, and signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan. It was an act for which the Governor later profoundly apologized. But by then, as for Baby Girl Wolfe, it was too late.

Those of us who fought the California law — only the second "liberalized" state abortion law in the country — warned the decent and well-meaning among its supporters, as we warned Governor Reagan, that its clause allowing abortions for the sake of the "mental health" of the mother was an invitation to abortion on demand. And it proved to be exactly that. By 1972, the last year before the Supreme Court's abortionist decision — with the California law still in effect which limited abortions to situations where the health of the mother required one — approximately 160,000 abortions were performed in the state. More than ninety percent of these were for reasons of "mental health." Forty percent of these little murders were actually paid for by the taxpayer through the "MediCal" program.

The kind of blood money involved is demonstrated by the history of the leading abortionist doctor at Avalon Memorial Hospital in Southern California, to whom a Los Angeles group called Problem Pregnancy Counseling Service habitually referred women seeking abortions. According to press reports, he stated that he routinely did forty to fifty abortions a

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Millions have been killed by abortion since the January 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision in which Justice Blackmun declared: "The word 'person,' as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn." Now, according to the *New England Journal Of Medicine*, even full-term infants ranging up to several months of age have been deliberately allowed to die because parents and doctors decided their "humanhood" might not be "meaningful." Noble laureate James Watson has proposed in an A.M.A. publication that no one "be thought of as alive until about three days after birth," so those with "defects" might be liquidated. Dr. Peter A.J. Adam of Case Western Reserve University has experimented on the severed heads of aborted infants; he believes such "research" on live aborted babies should be done in full public view. There are even federal "guidelines" to prescribe which aborted babies may be experimented upon while still alive. Funding this slaughter are the Rockefeller Foundation, the Playboy Foundation, and the taxpayers. In fact, forty percent of the 160,000 abortions in California in 1972 were paid for by the taxpayers through "MediCal." So lucrative is this ghastly business that the leading abortionist at Avalon Memorial Hospital in Southern California reports he grossed \$250,000 in three months. Abortions are even being billed through Master Charge. And Dr. Sterling Cary, the radical head of the National Council of Churches, has stated: "I personally am convinced abortion is an act of grace."

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day for fifty-five dollars a head — execution pay amounting to up to \$2,750 a day. This abortionist stated under oath that his gross income for the first half of the year 1971, alone, was over a quarter of a million dollars. That same year, according to figures confirmed in the *Los Angeles Times* of July 23, 1972, the Planned Parenthood operation in California earned right at half a million dollars for referral and transporting mothers to such abortion parlors.

New York State had meanwhile passed a law dropping all pretense of requiring “medical indications” for abortion and allowing any unborn baby to be killed up to six months after conception so long as a doctor could be found to kill it. During the following thirty months, before the Supreme Court decision, 540,245 unborn babies — over *half a million* — were legally murdered in the State of New York. This included many babies from twenty-one to twenty-four weeks after conception, an age at which the child is so fully developed as often to be saved when born prematurely.

Appalled at the slaughter, the people of New York demanded that their elected representatives in the state legislature repeal the 1970 abortion law. After a great public outcry, they did so in 1972. But Governor Nelson Rockefeller vetoed the repeal bill and the slaughter continued. A few months later, the U.S. Supreme Court decision had the effect of applying the New York law, and even worse, to every state in the Union.

Monstrous as it was, that Supreme Court decision came as no surprise to me. The history of the Court since Earl Warren became Chief Justice in 1953 had made it very clear that the High Court was capable of almost unlimited infamy. I was puzzled by the confidence that many Americans still had, right up to the day the decision on abortion was announced, that the Supreme Court would do something to check this spreading evil rather than bless and propagate it. So, as a

Member of Congress, I introduced in the late spring of 1972 the first Constitutional Amendment explicitly guaranteeing the right of the unborn child to life and extending to him the protection afforded to the lives of all American citizens by the First Amendment. Since the Court’s decision of January 22, 1973, many other Amendments have been introduced for this purpose. All have been blocked in a House Judiciary Subcommittee headed by pro-abortionist Congressman Don Edwards, a radical Democrat from California.

The carnage continues. And it now develops that, when its language is closely examined, the Supreme Court decision is even worse than most of its critics yet realize. For, as Professor John T. Noonan of the Harvard Law School has observed, it means that “up to nine months, abortion is the law of the land.” Publicity about the decision has tended to concentrate on its blanket authorization of abortions during the first three months of pregnancy, leaving the impression that significant legal limitations on abortions at later stages may be enforced by the states. But, in fact, Justice Blackmun’s decision *explicitly denies* that *any* unborn child has the right to live. Here are his words, cold and stark as the death sentence which they are: “The word ‘person,’ as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn.” And not even the two judicial dissenters from the decision challenged that feature of the majority ruling. It is only the second time in history that the Supreme Court has officially ruled a class of human beings to be “un-persons” so far as their rights under the Constitution are concerned. The other time was in the Dred Scott decision of 1857, which made the same finding regarding black slaves.

Most Americans believe that the abortion decision read into the Constitution the Women’s Lib slogan that “a woman has the right to do whatever she wants with her own body.” That is simply not

so. Justice Blackmun's opinion for the Supreme Court flatly denies this as follows:

*Appellants and some amici argue that the woman's right is absolute and that she is entitled to terminate her pregnancy at whatever time, in whatever way, and for whatever reason she alone chooses. With this we do not agree. . . . The Court has refused to recognize an unlimited right of this kind in the past. . . .*  
Buck v. Bell, 274 U.S. 200 (1927).

The sleeper is to be found in the cited case of *Buck v. Bell*. It is one of the most infamous dicta of a Supreme Court Justice who was canonized by our "Liberal" Establishment because he did not believe in objective law, and said so. In that decision, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes declared it fully constitutional forcibly to sterilize the "mentally defective," offering the chilling pronouncement: "Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

So the Supreme Court's abortion decision is not only a death warrant for millions of babies; it is also a clear-cut assertion of the authority of government to take and dispose of human lives at whim, granting mothers license to kill their babies on the one hand while at the same time sanctioning the forcible deprivation of the right of other women to bear children. Not exactly a charter for human liberty!

And what have been the consequences of this legalization of baby murder in America, culminating in this abominable Supreme Court decision?

Six years ago, in 1968, shortly after only two states — Colorado and California — had "liberalized" their abortion laws, the estimated total number of unborn babies killed by abortion in the entire United States was eighteen thousand. By 1972, the last year before the Supreme Court decision, when abortion except to save the life of the mother was

still unlawful in the majority of states, the estimated total of such little murders was 1,340,000 — about twice the total of all the battle deaths in all of our wars since 1776. The complete figures for 1973, the first year of nationwide abortion on demand, are not yet in. But preliminary estimates indicate a large and deadly increase. In New York City, for example, more babies are now being killed by abortionists than are born alive; in the federal city of Washington, D.C., the ratio is two killings by abortion for every live birth. And Dr. John Knowles, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, says the new objective is to create the capacity in the United States to perform somewhere in the neighborhood of two million "legal" abortions a year.

What next? The unholy trinity for the next stage in the anti-life society is vivisection of aborted babies, infanticide, and euthanasia. On April 9, 1973, a set of federal "guidelines," drawn up more than a year before by the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council for the National Institutes of Health, surfaced in a doctors' newspaper called *Ob.-Gyn. News*. These "guidelines" relate to federally authorized medical experimentation on *live human fetuses surviving abortions*. We are not talking about poor little crushed bodies in buckets. We are talking about *live* babies. The purpose of these federal guidelines was to prescribe the size and gestational age of the fetus to be experimented upon, dissected, or whatever.

The resulting storm of Congressional protest did lead to the amending of several federal appropriation bills to prohibit use of the taxpayer's money to pay for cutting up live aborted babies. But nothing was done to outlaw the practice! And reported instances of experimentation on aborted babies verge upon the Satanic. Consider this sworn testimony from a Connecticut doctor who worked at the Yale-New Haven Medical Center and describes what he saw there:

A baby was aborted by hysterotomy [a procedure in which the aborted baby is usually brought out alive]. Then it was taken to another room with a medical student. . . . They wanted to get something out of it. . . . They were going to get some kind of an abdominal organ. I think it was the liver.

According to the *Washington Post* of April 10, 1973, the National Institutes of Health is even providing your tax money for scientists to go abroad to cut up the live fetuses of aborted foreigners. Dr. Peter A.J. Adam, associate professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, conducted a study at the University of Helsinki, Finland, on the severed heads of twelve babies aborted in 1972 by hysterotomy. His report to the American Pediatric Society on his work was summarized in *Medical World News* of June 8, 1973. Responding to criticism of this "research," Dr. Adam said it would be "unethical as well as irrational" to prohibit scientific experimentation on aborted babies so long as abortion is legal. He said opposition to such work is a kind of "ritualistic absolutism" which can and should be dispelled by carrying on "research" of this nature in full public view.

One hopes this does not mean that Dr. Adam will line his office with the severed heads of babies, or employ them as bookends, or shrink them for use as decorative pendants. One can hope, but one hardly rests assured.

After all, infanticide has already begun — not surprisingly in that same Yale-New Haven Medical Center where medical students are cutting out the livers of live babies even as the mothers lie on the abortion table. An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* for October 29, 1973, reveals that from January 1970 to July 1972 at least forty-three babies, ranging in age from a few hours after

birth to several months, were deliberately allowed to die in a New England hospital by withholding routine care from them — because their parents and doctors decided that they were not capable of "meaningful humanness." All suffered from birth defects, some of which might eventually have proved fatal, others of which would not have been. In another article in this same issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dr. Anthony Shaw defends this kind of infanticide, saying: "My ethic considers quality of life as a value that must be balanced against a belief in the sanctity of life."

And such infanticide is being heavily promoted within the medical profession. Writing in *Prism*, a publication of the American Medical Association, Nobel laureate James Watson has proposed that "no one should be thought of as alive until about three days after birth," so that those with "defects" might be quietly liquidated.

Not far behind infanticide is euthanasia — the "good death" for the elderly whom nobody wants to take care of any more. Already bills have been introduced in the legislatures of five states to legalize such "convenience killing" of the sick and elderly. A Florida state legislator who introduced the first of these bills sought specifically to authorize doctors and relatives to decide that a patient should die whenever he is in such a condition that they cannot obtain his consent. Where will it all end? Here is how the law would work in the ideal anti-life society, as explained by Martha Willing of Population Dynamics, Seattle, on Page 174 of her book *Beyond Conception, Our Children's Children*:

After the third child is born, both mother and father will have to present themselves at the hospital to undergo sterilization procedures. [Remember Mr. Justice Holmes in *Buck v. Bell*? If the couple does not appear, or if only one appears,

*there will be NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED to the third child, but instead a third-child paper. The mother can be tattooed or marked to signify a third birth to any subsequent doctor. Instead of the missing parent, THE CHILD CAN BE STERILIZED ON THE SPOT, insuring that this undue share of the gene pool will not be carried forward. [Emphasis in original.]*

The most appropriate comment on that passage I can imagine has been made by Randy Engel, a pro-life publicist who reported it: "The only thing more physically revolting than having to read the above paragraph is having to print it." Yet, it is a *serious* proposal which has widespread support among collectivists. As William Hoar observed in *The Review Of The News* for September 26, 1973:

*The scientific elite have even devised a scheme for licensing parents. Science News told of a meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association where Roger McIntire of the University of Maryland maintained that technology should be used to limit parenthood to those who are "qualified." McIntire observed that one of the members of the population council at Rockefeller University, Sheldon Segal, has developed a capsule which can be implanted in a woman to prevent pregnancy until she obtains a license from the government to bear children. Federal bureaucrats would then control population by limiting licenses.*

The American people have been subjected to a massive, well-managed, and heavily financed propaganda blitz against the idea that human life is sacred. Dr. Sterling Cary, radical president of the National Council of Churches, has gone as far as to declare: "I personally am

convinced abortion is an act of grace." (*Boston Globe*, November 28, 1973.) It has all been made so easy that mothers may now have their abortions billed through Master Charge, and may arrange to have their unborn infants killed during the lunch hour so as not to miss an afternoon date. So monstrously has this been hustled that on May 16, 1972, New York's public television network broadcast an abortion show — public murder of the unborn, actually filmed on *Mother's Day*, with some of the killings performed by an abortionist who was not even licensed to practice medicine. See how easy it is! And of course federal funds have been poured into abortion promotion, with the Office of Economic Opportunity (O.E.O.) as the principal conduit, and with the active support of Dr. Louis Hellman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Federal money appropriated for "family planning" — a euphemism for contraception — is being used to procure abortions despite an explicit statutory prohibition on such use of these funds.\* The O.E.O. still has on its books a prohibition known as Special Condition Number Seven, which forbids the use of any of its funds for abortion, yet an investigation last year into O.E.O.-funded units operating in three major hospitals — one in Charleston, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and McGee in Pittsburgh — showed that the federal units in all three were "routinely carrying out surgical abortions" in total disregard of Special Condition Number Seven.

\*When I led the opposition on the House floor to passage of the Family Planning Act of 1970, the first Congressional authorization for the use of federal funds in this area, I warned that it would inevitably lead to such abuses. The Family Planning Act had actually passed the Senate without even a roll-call vote, and the same would have happened in the House had I not demanded one.

On March 31, 1973, the *Indianapolis News* summarized the prevailing attitude as follows:

*Now that the Supreme Court has legalized abortion, says Dr. John Knowles, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, government at all levels should get busy and see to it they are performed as quickly and cheaply as possible. The free market, he asserts, is okay for soap and automobiles, but abortion should be a matter for government.*

Programs of all kinds to limit and control populations are now being, and for some time have been, massively funded by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations. In 1972, for example, the Rockefeller Foundation gave half a million dollars to the Population Council to study "new approaches to conception control," and nearly \$100,000 to Wake Forest University for its "research on reproductive immunology."\* The fact is, John D. Rockefeller III is one of the most vociferous advocates of population control. He headed a federal commission which called for abortion at whim, government-financed abortion, and the teaching of the abortion psychology in the schools. And, it was Nelson Rockefeller who vetoed legislation that would have stopped abortion on demand in New York. Any cause in which the Rockefeller family is really interested is not only sure to be well-financed, but the full extent of that financing is *most unlikely* to be made available in any source accessible to the ordinary American.

Nevertheless, opposition to this legalized baby murder continues and grows. Far from dying away in ninety days as

\*And Dr. Gloria Heffernan is quoted as follows in the *Chicago Tribune* for June 2, 1972: "It is no surprise that Playboy Foundation money is now competing with Rockefeller Foundation money to promote the concept of permissive abortion."

the abortionists had confidently expected when the Supreme Court made its decision a year ago, the fight for life has developed into a nationwide movement that has refused to be beaten. In the course of the past year at least 188 anti-abortion bills have been introduced in forty-one states, including many directly challenging the Supreme Court ruling. Several states have enacted, or are retaining, tough anti-abortion laws in defiance of the Supreme Court.

Forty-one members of the House of Representatives have sponsored anti-abortion legislation. Tax support for abortion was reduced by amendments for that purpose included in a number of appropriation bills passed in Congress during 1973. Many Congressmen are receiving more mail on this subject than on any other. Legislation has been introduced to create a special House Committee to handle nothing but bills and Constitutional Amendments relating to abortion. On January 22, 1974, to mark the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion decision, more than twenty-thousand people from all over the United States converged on Washington for a massive and convincing demonstration against that decision, marching in a "circle of life" around the Capitol building and past the Supreme Court building.

Americans recognize that a country where government takes for itself the power to decide who shall live and who shall die is a country where no man's life is secure. And a country where millions of people approve of legalized murder, or even look upon it as an issue that ought to be calmly debated like reforming the electoral college, is fast slipping into moral bankruptcy. If we will not fight to save the lives of millions of our own innocent babies, we are not very likely to fight to save anything else of value. This struggle could be America's last possible turning point, her last crossroads. The battle is now joined. Let us fight it well. ■ ■