

abortions by imposing a 20-week limit, because babies feel pain after that time (some think even earlier). State legislatures are also introducing Born Alive Infant Protection Acts to protect those babies who survive abortions from being left untreated to die.

Where Does It End? Some ethicists are now proposing, “after-birth abortions,” to give women the right to choose to kill their infants, too, if they change their mind, their economic circumstances change, or the baby just doesn’t fit their lifestyle choices.¹¹ Some ethicists do not limit the time frame either, be it days, weeks, months, or years after the child is born. What the rogue ethicists are proposing is actually infanticide which is already illegal. Ultimately and inevitably, infanticide is where the abortion industry’s culture of death has led.



Bottom line: Gosnell’s house of horrors was not an aberration in the abortion industry’s culture of death.

What You Can Do:

- ❑ Urge your state legislators to introduce clinic regulation bills, bills that put limits on abortions after 20 weeks, which is when babies in the womb can feel pain and born alive infant protection legislation.
- ❑ Pray that the horrors of the abortion industry will be exposed, and it will go out of business.
- ❑ Urge your churches to speak out about pro-life options like pregnancy care centers and adoption.

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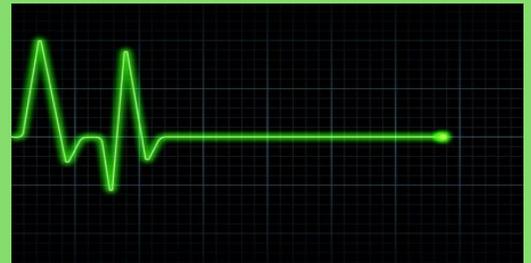


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Abortion’s Sliding Scale from Conception to Birth (and Beyond):

When Is It Okay To Kill A Baby?



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In a Nutshell: In 1973, the United States Supreme Court declared abortion legal during all nine months of pregnancy for any reason in the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions. Since those fateful decisions, 55 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. In contrast to the soft, euphemistic language of the “pro-choice” movement, the methods used to butcher the innocent in the womb, and in some cases outside the womb, are brutal.

In the spring of 2013, the trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell pulled back the curtain on the abortion industry to reveal its dirty secrets. Gosnell was a late-term abortionist in Philadelphia accused of murdering babies born alive by means of “snipping” their spinal cords, killing a 41-year-old woman during a botched abortion, abusing corpses by cutting off the feet of babies he aborted to keep in jars, and running a filthy clinic where women were injured and maimed. He was found guilty of three counts of first degree murder for three of the babies, involuntary manslaughter of the woman, 21 counts of violating Pennsylvania’s ban on abortions after 24-weeks, and a slew of counts for violating Pennsylvania’s 24-hour informed consent law.¹



Abortion Industry Denies Similarities with Gosnell

Abortion providers rushed to criticize Gosnell and to deny any similarity between Gosnell’s practices and other abortionists, but it was revealed that they knew about Gosnell’s slaughter and helped cover it up. Vicky Saporta, the President of the National Abortion Federation (NAF), said, “The important thing to

remember is that Gosnell’s practices are not representative of the quality abortion care available from the vast majority of abortion providers.”² The NAF denied Gosnell’s membership application but had no problem giving their seal of approval to a Delaware clinic that employed Gosnell as an abortionist.

Eric Ferraro, of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said, “The jury has punished Kermit Gosnell for his appalling crimes. This verdict will ensure that no woman is victimized by Kermit Gosnell again.”³ Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania admitted they knew about Gosnell for years but never once reported him to the authorities.

Ilyse Hogue, of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said, “We hope that the lessons of the trial do not fade with the verdict. Anti-choice politicians, and their unrelenting efforts to deny women access to safe and legal abortion care, will only drive more women to back-alley butchers like Kermit Gosnell.”⁴ Thanks to groups like NARAL, abortion-on-demand legitimizes doctors like Gosnell, allows their appalling actions to continue, and enables their main street butchering.

Gosnell Was Not an Aberration

Three other late-term abortionists who maim and kill are LeRoy Carhart, inventor of the brutal and macabre “partial-birth abortion” procedure; Douglas Karpen, known as “Gosnell 2” for claims by his clinic staff that he killed babies born alive during abortions by “twisting the head off the neck”⁵; and James Scott Pendergraft, IV, who did not wait long enough for the uterine contracting drug he administered to work and lacerated a woman’s cervix, resulting in her being rushed to an emergency room to undergo a hysterectomy.⁶ The report details many more examples of filthy clinics and unsafe practices that are eerily similar to those found in Gosnell’s clinic.

Clinic Workers Know the Truth

Clinic workers know the truth about abortion: “... It looks like a baby. That’s what it looks like to me. You’ve never seen anything else that looks like that. The only other thing you’ve ever seen is a baby ... You can see a face and hands and ears and



eyes and, you know ... feet and toes ... It bothered me really bad the first time ...”⁷

Clinic workers have also seen firsthand the harm abortion causes to women. Consider that these are just a few of the injuries discussed in this

report: infection, sepsis, cervical lacerations, uterine, bladder or bowel perforations and hemorrhage.⁸ Life Dynamics keeps a running list of the women whose death certificates list abortion as the cause of death — 347 women as of April 2013.⁹

Pro-Life Legislators Trying to Protect Babies

Pro-life legislators at the state and federal levels are working hard to protect women and babies from the death and destruction of the abortion industry. They are trying to pass common sense, protective, state clinic regulation bills to require things like hallways wide enough for gurneys to get through, trained and qualified medical staff in the clinics, and regular inspections to ensure hygiene standards are enforced. Groups like Planned Parenthood, NARAL and NAF fight these protections and call them TRAP (Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers) bills.¹⁰ The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act was introduced to try and prevent babies from being tortured during