

Harvesting souls

National Planned Parenthood's senior director of medical services, Deborah Nucatola, has been caught on video casually discussing how many of their local abortion clinics harvest and sell organs of aborted babies. Defending the indefensible, National Planned Parenthood Vice President for Communications Eric Ferraro states: "In health care, patients sometimes want to donate tissue to scientific research that can help lead to medical breakthroughs, such as treatments and cures for serious diseases. Women at Planned Parenthood who have abortions are no different."

Well, Mr. Ferraro, this justification won't work. The organs harvested by Planned Parenthood are not those of the mother. They are the organs of a separate human being who neither chose to

be aborted nor consented to donating his or her tiny heart, lungs and liver for medical research.

Planned Parenthood's rationalization is convincing only to a small segment of fellow travelers. Meanwhile, questions loom. Has Planned Parenthood profited from baby organs extracted during abortions? Planned Parenthood has admitted it sells pre-born baby organs out of its local abortion facilities. Does it alter abortion procedures to achieve the purposes of organ removal? Does it use the outlawed partial birth abortion procedure to facilitate organ harvesting? Does it "encourage" moms to consent to the extraction of baby organs? And what is the legal standing of a mom's consent for harvesting when the organs are not hers and the baby is perfectly healthy?

John Pisciotta, Pro-Life Waco, director

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We must always be careful when comparing any modern-day event to the Holocaust and the atrocities that were committed in death camps in World War II. However, the organ-harvesting policy of (Un)Planned Parenthood that was disclosed in a secretly recorded interview this month with Planned Parenthood's Dr. Deborah Nucatola comes reasonably close to some of the medical nightmares described in those extermination camps.

Regardless of your posture on the abortion argument, I would like to believe that any compassionate human being would find Dr. Nucatola's comments absolutely despicable and less than human. The callousness of ripping apart body parts of an unborn baby for science is incomprehensible in what should be a civilized society or any society. Even a depraved mind cannot comprehend what a "17-weeker," as mentioned by Dr. Nucatola, goes through in having its body in the womb dismembered. God help us.

Bob Lehman, Meridian

Let us not stretch and yawn and turn the page after reading about Deborah Nucatola's account of Planned Parenthood's "harvesting" and selling tiny human baby parts. We should be horrified, outraged, incensed and offended. We should also be ashamed; we give Planned Parenthood a lot of money every year.

At the lowest level of this evil, I could have been one of those babies. At a more important level, it could have been you. At the highest level, it could have been your child. We defend ourselves saying, "Well, that's not what I chose!" But who would? It's not what these babies chose either and who can honestly say whether their mothers even got to choose? Will we have a choice 20 years from now? Ten years? Five? What sort of Brave New World are we building? Defund Planned Parenthood today!

Linda Adkins, Waco

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How much longer?

The brutal dismemberment of babies in the womb is no longer questionable. It is a fact revealed by Planned Parenthood's own senior director of medical services. What a barbaric act to butcher babies, then to sell their body parts.

Yes, we need a full investigation and we must defund Planned Parenthood, which receives \$540 million from the federal government. But this is about killing innocent babies, 56 million since 1973. All abortions must end. Life is sacred and it is time to rid our land of this horror. Every person is created by God in his own image. God will one day say, "Enough." He will judge our nation.

Deborah O'Connor, Waco

Moral equivalence is used by liberals to argue against the idea of American Exceptionalism. They say we are no better than other countries. They may have proved their point.

Nothing ISIS has done is as morally despicable as the harvesting and marketing of baby parts by a government-subsidized entity (Planned Parenthood) participating in the fetal organ racket. President Obama is right in that we need to get off our high horse and recognize our own atrocities — not from 1,500 years ago but from today.

Fran George, Waco

states, "I want to be really clear. The allegation that Planned Parenthood profits in any way from tissue donation [hearts, livers, lungs] is not true." This means that Planned Parenthood does not sell babies' hearts, livers and lungs for more than their cost; hence no profit. But Ms. Richards does not say that Planned Parenthood does not sell the body parts of aborted babies.

Is your answer to the first question influenced by whether Planned Parenthood generates a profit from these sales or merely breaks even?

Tom Harrison, Waco

Letters

Planned Parenthood won't recognize the humanity of babies in the womb, but they are willing to distribute their body parts? If you recognize the utility of those body parts, you must also admit that abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. These human beings don't consent to being killed nor having their body parts distributed. Stop all funding of Planned Parenthood and stop making all of us pay for it with our tax dollars.

Liz DeLaRosa, Waco

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Planned Parenthood profits?

According to Dr. Deborah Nicotula, senior director of medical services at Planned Parenthood, hearts, livers and lungs are among the most in-demand body parts taken from aborted babies. Allegations that Planned Parenthood harvests babies' body parts for sale raises questions:

Should Planned Parenthood be selling the body parts of aborted babies? If so, why? If not, why not?

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America,