

Looking FORWARD To & DREADING IT At The SAME TIME

January is a month I look forward to and dread, at the same time.

I look forward to it because my birthday falls in January and every year my wonderful husband, Jim, takes me out to dinner and insists that the wait-staff refer to me as “Your Highness” or “Princess Karen.” We have yet to be served by someone who didn’t play along with his request. (My husband is such a doll!)

But then there is the OTHER thing that happens every January: The anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the Supreme Court cases which legalized abortion in all 50 states for any reason up to the moment of birth.

Every January for the last 20 years I have spoken about abortion in a variety of venues, including my home church. As a post-abortive woman, I know how “exercising the right to choose” can be rationalized, and I also know the toll that choice will take afterward. Been there, done that. Just mentioning abortion has the potential to inflame political passions and crush human spirits. Any *Positively Waiting* newsletter which features an article on abortion or pornography, inevitably means a few supporters will request to be dropped from our mailing list. For all I know, this newsletter might do the same. But, even if it does, more than



ever, silence isn’t an option. Not since the Senate Judiciary Committee released a report called “Human Fetal Tissue Research: Context And Controversy.”

The report was in response to undercover videos exposing Planned Parenthood executives discussing acceptable specimen fees and clinicians explaining they could use “less crunchy protocols.”

In a 500 page report that relied almost exclusively on documents acquired under subpoena from the businesses who do the actual buying and selling of body parts of human fetuses and abortion clinics.

It’s weird to see ordinary invoices including the terms of

payment on other invoices, “Accounts not paid within 30 days of invoice are subject to a 1.5% monthly finance charge.” The documents are very normal looking. Each one has account number and invoice number. And because they were created by lawyers and accountants, in sanitized, boring and clinical language, the reality of what it IS, can be overlooked.

For example, one passage describes:

“In June 2014, the ABR technician obtained a 20 week old fetus at a clinic. From that one fetus, ABR sold its brain to one customer for \$325; both of its eyes for \$325 each (\$650 total) to a second customer, a portion of its liver for \$325 to a third customer; its thymus and for \$325 and another portion of liver to a fourth customer; and its lung for \$325 to a fifth customer.”

In another place in the document are the separate service fees for “shipping, disease, screening, cleaning and freezing,” as applicable. In this case, a single



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fetus produced \$2,275.00 in revenue for the clinic. The technician was paid \$15.00 per hour, and “processed” four fetuses in one morning.

In the Fetal Tissue Procurement Industry nothing goes to waste. But it is ILLEGAL to profit from the body parts of fetuses or indeed any human body parts. Forgive me for being blunt, but if these **criminal** acts had been an episode of *Forensic Files*, it would have been described like this:

“The pregnant woman was deceived into waiting an extra month for her procedure so the baby would be more fully developed. On the day of the murder, the woman was anesthetized, and the 5 month old baby pulled feet first through the birth canal. Then the killer removed the viable organs, in this case, the liver, lungs, thymus and eyes, which he gave to his accomplice who later sold them for \$2,275.”

Language changes everything, doesn't it?

My New Year's wish and my birthday wish is that 2017 would be the year abortion becomes both **unnecessary and undesirable**.

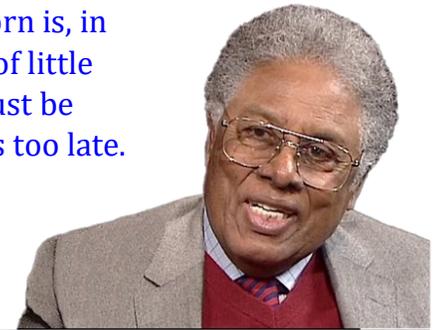


The Brilliance of Thomas Sowell

Economist, writer and professor Thomas Sowell retired at 86, in December 2016.

You can raise independent, thoughtful children just by passing along his wisdom.

1. The most basic question is not what is best, but who shall decide what is best.
2. It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who will pay no price for being wrong.
3. People who have time on their hands will inevitably waste the time of people who have work to do.
4. It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance.
5. Each generation born is, in effect, an invasion of little barbarians who must be civilized before it is too late.



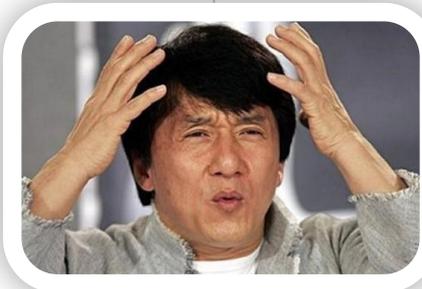
Now Who Is Discriminating?

The argument goes like this: *Men can pursue careers, education, etc. without having to put anything on hold if they are expecting a baby. Therefore the “anti-abortion” position deprives women of those same opportunities.*

In other words, abortion **prevents** discrimination against women. But what if abortion *itself* discriminates on every other level?

For instance, there are now approximately 120 or 140 boys born for every 100 girls as a result of gender-based abortion. Isn't that sexism? Isn't abortion because of genetic anomaly “disability discrimination.” More black and Hispanic babies are aborted than whites. Isn't that racism?

If there was a “gay” gene discovered and some parents aborted because they didn't want to raise a homosexual baby, wouldn't that be homophobia?



But the abortion-related discrimination that is the most difficult to defend is that abortion clinics should NOT be required to pass regular health inspections – unlike restaurants, tanning salons, or other medical facilities. Abortion advocates claim requiring clinics to maintain a clean and sanitary facility would run them out of business.

Yes, you read that right. The Pro-Choice position is to OBJECT to facilities that specialize in surgical procedures being required to pass an inspection at least as rigorous as the fast-food joint where your kids eat lunch.

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