

# PRO-LIFE "BUTS"

You've all heard them say it. "Yes, I'm pro-life, **BUT...**"

Once they utter the terrible "but" there is no longer any reason to wonder what they will say next. They can be depended on to mumble one of the growing list of reasons "pro-life" Christians give for doing nothing that has the power to force this nation to abolish legalized abortion. **As a regular feature of The Abortion Abolitionist**, we will focus on one of the "pro-life butts." This issue the "pro-life" leader who embodies the mindset and the tactics that must be judged and removed from influence before legalized abortion will ever be abolished in this nation is:

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## JOHN W. WHITEHEAD by Neal Horsley

Decades ago, John Whitehead started out as the Great Legal Hope of what could then be called, without quotation marks, the Pro-Life Movement.

As the founder of The Rutherford Institute, a Virginia-based legal organization founded in 1982, Whitehead was a Christian attorney determined to marshal all the powers of Christian lawyers across the nation and pit those awesome forces against the forces supporting the Supreme Court's historic usurpation of legislative powers in the USA. As the leader of the legal wing of the pro-life movement, when John Whitehead spoke, people opposed to legalized abortion listened.

And John Whitehead spoke often. In October 1984, John Whitehead wrote in his book "Arresting Abortion" the following powerful words, "The abortion holocaust is, without a doubt, the most crucial issue of our day. Now is the time for everyone concerned about protecting the rights of the unborn to act." During that same period, Whitehead told his rapt pro-life audience that he considered, "his number one priority the defense of the sanctity of all human life."

That was then; this is now. During the twenty odd years between 1982 and 2003, John W. Whitehead went through a transformation that turned him into the Number One Example of a Pro-Life But.

For example, on January 27, 2003, the eve of the thirtieth year of *Roe v. Wade*, the same person who once proclaimed "his number one priority the defense of the sanctity of all human life," wrote in an article titled "*Roe v. Wade: Human Beings Caught in America's Killing Fields*,"

"...If only those concerned about the inhumanity of abortion would turn their primary attention from attempting to overturn *Roe v. Wade* to the real issue of the religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation, we might begin to see some real changes."

### Did you get that?

Whitehead is saying we should forget about immediately overturning *Roe v. Wade*, forget that each day that passes over 3000 little babies are going to be legally butchered in the United States of America, and do something else.

If there are any people left who actually believe, as Whitehead once stated, that "the abortion holocaust is, without a doubt, the most crucial issue of our day," when those people get the meaning of John Whitehead's action in focus, they will join with me in holding John Whitehead up as a perfect example of the pro-life leaders who have sold the carcasses of babies for money just as surely as the people in the baby parts business have sold their little corpses.

### Whoa! Wait a minute: Did I really say that?

I know that such an accusation is so harsh as to be almost unbelievable and I also know that I have sometimes used parody in the past to make a point in my writings, so let me make this as clear as words can make it: I am actually accusing John Whitehead of being a man who, now, for the sake of money, is literally doing that which makes the slaughter of God's children as inevitable as the people who are actively profiting from the body parts industry. In other words, I am saying that I can show you that his decision to tell people to quit

trying to overturn *Roe v. Wade* can be proven to be an action that was done to perpetuate John Whitehead's cash flow even though one of the corollary results will be to inevitably perpetuate the legalized slaughter of God's children in the USA.

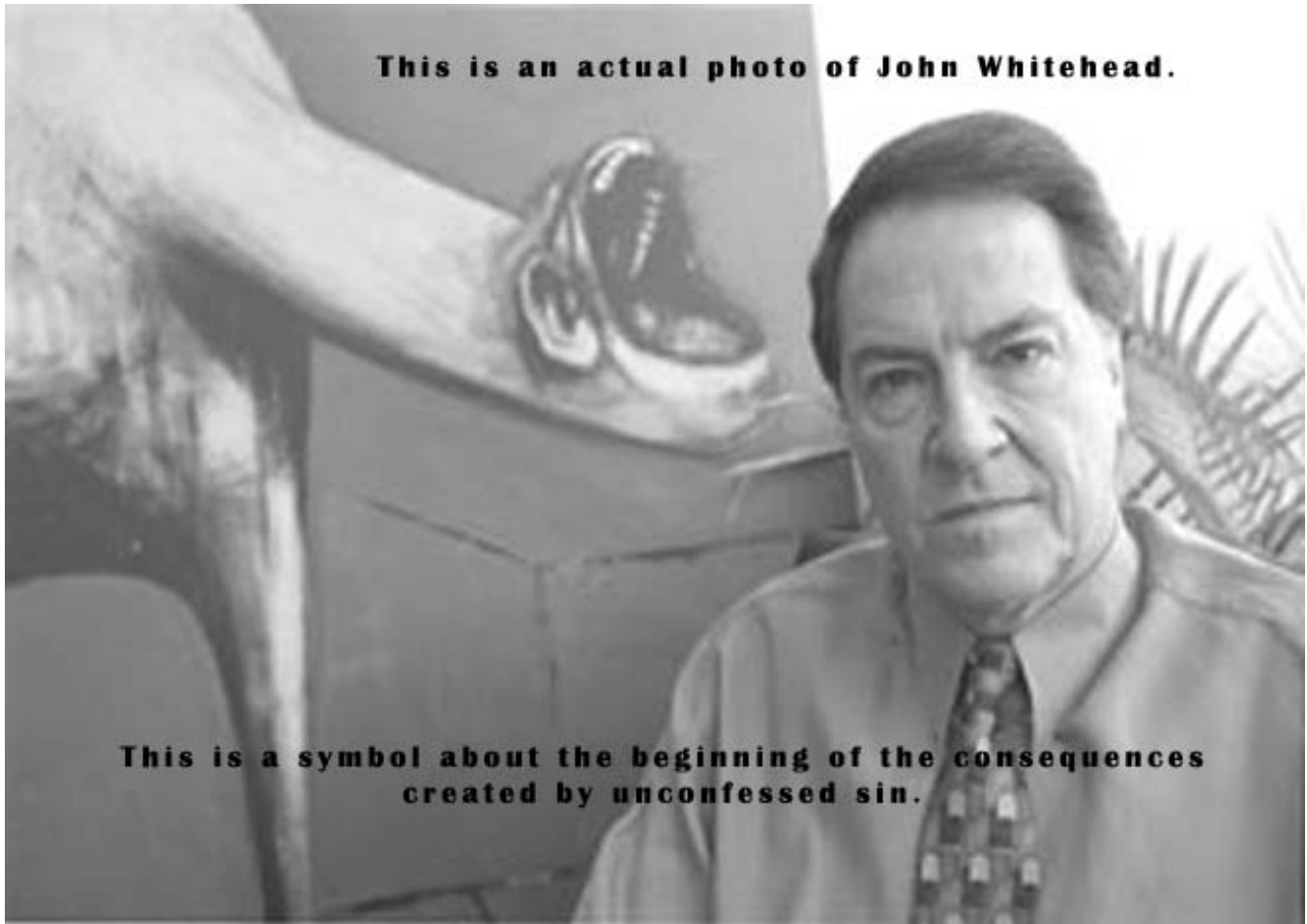
To understand why I say this about John Whitehead, you must be willing to examine closely the advice he is now giving the Christian community in the USA.

Look closely at what he said, "...If only those concerned about the inhumanity of abortion would turn their primary attention from attempting to overturn *Roe v. Wade* to the real issue of the religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation, we might begin to see some real changes."

Examine the implications of that statement closely and you will see that Whitehead is implying that:

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-Neal Horsley



1) most Christians who are concerned about the inhumanity of abortion have been trying to overturn Roe v. Wade; and

2) their focus on overturning Roe v. Wade has interfered with their focus on “the real issue of the religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation...” interfered so much that if they will shift priorities they will create “real changes” in the United States of America. Those two implications are self-evident.

A detailed examination of Whitehead’s implications raises serious questions about whether John Whitehead is a servant of the truth or an agent of some other power.

For instance, can it be honestly said, as Whitehead implies, that “Christians who are concerned about the inhumanity of abortion” have been trying to overturn Roe v. Wade so much that that effort has replaced “the real issue of the religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation”?

To answer that question, first examine the “Christians concerned about the inhumanity of abortion.”

Who are those “Christians?”

Anyone who has paid any attention whatsoever to Christians over the last thirty years knows without doubt that for thirty years the vast majority of Christians—whether they be Protestant or Catholic—have been saying they were “concerned about the inhumanity of abortion.” Literally tens of millions of Christians in the United States of America have said they were “concerned about the inhumanity of abortion.”

Those tens of millions of Christians comprise the huge majority of Christians in the USA. Certainly there was no monolithic consensus among people who identified themselves as “Christians.” But every Christian knows it is only a small minority of “Christian” denominations—the same ones who have ordained homosexuals—that pretend Christians can justify abortion.

Just about everything from Papal Encyclicals to pious pronouncements from such Protestant Cardinals as Pat

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**Randall Terry:**

his unconfessed sin and his Twenty-Year “Strategy”

## **From Page 16: Whitehead**

Robertson and Jerry Falwell and James Kennedy and Chuck Colson proves without a doubt that Christians en masse are “concerned about the inhumanity of abortion.”

But have those tens of millions of Christians been trying to overturn Roe v. Wade so much that they downplayed the importance of the “religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation...”? That is what John Whitehead is implying.

Remember what he said, “...If only those concerned about the inhumanity of abortion would turn their primary attention from attempting to overturn Roe. V. Wade...”

Obviously he is saying that the tens of millions of Christians have made “their primary attention” the attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Do you see how weird it is that a supposedly rational lawyer like John Whitehead would mouth words suggesting the vast majority of Christians in the USA have made their “primary attention” the attempt to overturn Roe. V. Wade?

We’ll examine later why he must be making such a preposterous statement, first let’s follow through on what the vast majority of Christians have actually been doing. That will help understand later why Whitehead is making his preposterous comments.

Instead of the vast majority of Christians making their “primary attention” the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the vast majority of Christians has paid lip service to the idea that they were opposed to the “inhumanity of abortion” but have actually done nothing with the power to overturn Roe v. Wade.

How can we know that? Roe v. Wade remains in effect and any person who wants to butcher an unborn baby can do so at any time they “choose.” If the vast majority of Christians have made overturning Roe v. Wade their “primary attention” then the wealthiest people in the United States of America who have the most education per capita and have something approaching a majority representation in every political bailiwick in the nation are functionally impotent to obtain what they make up their mind to get.

Does anybody actually believe the vast majority of Christians have made their “primary attention” the overturning of Roe v. Wade?

I doubt it.

What have the vast majority of Christians been actually doing?

Anyone who has listened to the millions of messages that have passed from the pulpits of America in the last thirty years would find a huge majority of those messages have been saying that all Christians need to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ FIRST then Roe v. Wade would be taken care of ! That’s what the vast majority of Christians have been doing over the last thirty years.

Instead of trying to overturn Roe v. Wade the vast majority of Christians have been doing what Whitehead advocates they now do!

Whitehead said, “If only [Christians]...would turn...their primary attention from attempting to overturn Roe. V. Wade to the real issue of the religious, spiritual and moral health of this nation, we might begin to see some real changes.” I cannot overemphasize

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the importance of this point, so I’ll repeat it. Look closely and think about it: John Whitehead is advocating that tens of millions of Christians do what it is that they have been doing all along!

Do you see the significance of John Whitehead saying those things? Here we have this pro-life guru, this Great Legal Hope of the Pro-Life Movement, telling tens of millions of Christians that the thing people concerned about the inhumanity of abortion should do is what those tens of millions of Christians *have been doing all along*.

Can you see that while pretending to be suggesting a new direction that what Whitehead is actually doing is giving as close as possible to an “official” pro-life validation to the idea that people should abandon trying to overturn Roe v. Wade? In other words, John Whitehead, one of the key leaders of the “pro-life movement” is providing an “official” validation to the “evangelical revival agenda” that has been dominating this generation of Christians and has given those Christians the rationale for why they have been avoiding throwing their power into the effort to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Why is John Whitehead doing this? That answer to his intentions lies hidden in John Whitehead’s heart.

But some things are as obvious as the sun in the sky and not hidden at all.

For instance, when the “pro-life leader” John Whitehead validates Christians who want to do nothing to overturn Roe v. Wade, one thing is certain: the consciences of the millions of Christians who follow that “avoid overturning Roe v. Wade” strategy will not bother them when they hear people talking about the corpses of little aborted babies.

There is also another fact that is not hidden at all. That fact reveals itself when you ask what do you think Whitehead will get in return from all those tens of millions of Christians whose strategy Whitehead is validating?

Rub your thumb and index finger rapidly together and you will be making the universally recognized symbol for money. That is what John Whitehead will get from those people. They will send him contributions.

And that brings us full circle to the place where you can see why there is no difference between what John Whitehead is doing and what the people who sell body parts are doing. They are both using the dead corpses of aborted babies to generate cash flow, and they are doing it with a strategy that will make it inevitable that babies will continue to be legally butchered in the USA.

Shame and disgrace on John Whitehead and all like him!

The Abortion Abolitionist magazine exists because there are people in the USA, Christians mostly, but not exclusively, who understand that allowing people to legally butcher little babies in a place where the government derives its authority from our consent disqualifies us from any service to God except penance. Unless that is our first priority then we sow nothing but confusion.

So let the beginning of our penance be a determination to expose “pro-life leaders” who profit from dead babies . That’s one new thing we can do that hasn’t been done yet. Don’t you think that’s what comes next? END