

NONE OF THE TACTICS PRO LIFERS SUPPORT FOR ABOLISHING LEGALIZED ABORTION HAVE A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS

WHY DOES THE PRO LIFE MOVEMENT CONTINUE TO WASTE LIVES, TIME AND THE SOULS OF PEOPLE IN FUTILE TACTICS? HAS THE DELUSION PAUL DESCRIBED TO THE THESSALONIANS FALLEN?

2 Thessalonians 2:¹¹ *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

The cover of this issue of the Abortion Abolitionist is a grim example of black humor. The idea that one hundred years after Roe v. Wade the USA will still be legally butchering God's children is one of the most gruesome and terrible ideas that can clank around inside a person's mind. But the cover image resonates because it captures the failures of the pro life movement in the past. It also resonates because deep in our hearts, many people already sense that nothing the pro life movement is supporting today has the power to arrest legalized abortion in the future.

An Abortion Abolitionist wants to see legalized abortion abolished. There is one thing preventing that event from occurring in our lifetime: the self-deception of the pro life movement. Unless this self-deception is overcome, there is no reasonable prospect legalized abortion will be arrested in the foreseeable future.

The pro life movement is tactically and strategically bankrupt.

To prove this point, this article will spotlight and summarize all the tactics presently being supported by people who claim to be opposed to legalized abortion today. If you will read it, you will see undeniable evidence that proves every tactic that is being supported by the pro life community has been tried on numerous occasions for years and has failed in the past to abolish legalized abortion. It will also be seen that nothing in the present iteration of these failed tactics has any reasonable chance of successfully leading to the abolition of legalized abortion.

FAILED TACTIC #1: "SHOW THEM THE DEAD BABIES" FAILED TACTIC #2: "TRUST THE CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT"

Gregg Cunningham and his Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) is a case study in the bankruptcy of the first two tactics we will examine.

2004 will be a "huge political year for the prospects of reversing Roe v. Wade...We will be ready to seize the moment...Legalized abortion is hanging by a thread." So says Gregg Cunningham, the head of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform.

And what is Mr. Cunningham doing that makes him believe legalized abortion is going to fall?

One news article explained: "Pro-life activists are taking 'horrifying' images of aborted babies to Florida and 18 other states, as part of their effort to "push abortion to the forefront of the 2004 election...The Center for Bio-Ethical

different stages of development.

CBR has said that 2004 will be a "huge political year for the prospects of reversing Roe v. Wade...We will be ready to seize the moment," the group said in a January press release. "Legalized abortion is hanging by a thread."

LEGALIZED ABORTION IS HANGING BY A THREAD?

The scary part of the idea that legalized abortion is hanging by a thread is this: many people who call themselves Christians probably believe it. Those are the same people who say they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. By committing themselves to believe palpable nonsense like the idea that legalized abortion is hanging by a thread, Christians destroy any credibility they might hope to have when they tell people about their faith in Jesus Christ.

Let me be specific. Gregg Cunningham probably actually believes that the signs on those trucks are going to play a key part in the 2004 election and that the 2004 election will provide the knife that cuts the "thread" legalized abortion is hanging by. But anybody who actually looks with eyes that see at the 2004 election will see that the only person running for President who might actually do something to create the Constitutional crisis necessary to abolish legalized abortion has already said and done things that make it clear that even if he should be reelected, he will do nothing whatsoever to protect the life of one child being brought to be slaughtered. Not one.

Look at the proof yourself. On October 24, 2003, USA Today told us what we can expect from President Bush after the 2004 election, "President Bush, who campaigned as an opponent of abortion, said Tuesday that Americans aren't ready to support a complete ban.....Bush has never called for a ban on all abortions."

"I don't think the culture has changed to the extent that the American people or the Congress would totally ban abortions," Bush said in answer to a question at a news conference.

I can already hear Gregg Cunningham, the lawyer, saying, HE SAID TOTALLY BAN! That doesn't



Reform (CBR) says the 'Key States' project includes a large fleet of box-body trucks, displaying billboard-sized color photos of aborted babies...CBR's fleet of reproductive 'choice' trucks will display 8' x 22' images of aborted fetuses at

mean he won't be willing to ban some abortions! Look at what he did with partial birth abortions!

And of course it is that kind of convoluted thinking that is a perfect example of the willful self-

deception that has been the dominant characteristic of pro life leadership for over three decades. Gregg Cunningham finds hope and solace in the fact that the partial birth abortion ban was passed in spite of the fact that the ban will not prevent ONE, SINGLE BABY FROM BEING BUTCHERED! He believes legalized abortion "hangs by a thread" because he has actually convinced himself that President George W. Bush will do something to materially effect legalized abortion.

If you don't believe that Gregg Cunningham demonstrates the mindset of large numbers of pro life Christians in this country, look at the facts. Those trucks pictured on the preceding page cost about \$50,000 each. There are seven of them displayed on Mr. Cunningham's web site. That's \$350,000 invested in trucks. Obviously he has what most of us would call a lot of money available to implement his projects. That money does not come out of his own pocket but out of the pockets of thousands of pro lifers around the USA.

This entire organizational edifice is pouring what probably amounts to over a million dollars into a project that will have no material effect whatsoever in actually abolishing legalized abortion.

For example, listen to Mr. Cunningham describes the anticipated effects of running a few trucks up and down the roads of Florida along with a plane pulling a banner with pictures of aborted babies. "Anyone who is outdoors is going to see these images," Cunningham said, "... including children, who may be frightened," he admitted. "If we run these billboard trucks and tow-banner airplanes, born children will be upset," he said. "If we don't, unborn children will die."

Mr. Cunningham suggests that vast numbers of Floridians are going to be exposed to the pictures of dead babies when a few trucks and a plane show the images. It does not take much imagination to visualize how many of the actual inhabitants of Florida might be expected to see such images.



CBR Trucks in the city

But here's the fact that shows that Cunningham's tactics will fail to abolish legalized abortion: Even if one grants that every person in Florida will see them, I can say with as much certainty as anyone on earth that seeing the pictures of dead babies will not abolish legalized abortion.

As I implied earlier, I am in the running for the

world's record for showing pictures of dead babies. Through my web sites alone, at least five million sets of eyeballs looked at Malachi and the other pictures. But that's not all. One day on CBS Evening News, the Abortion Cams Project was instrumental in Malachi's picture being broadcast to 11 million people.

For months, I watched and listened closely to measure the effects of so many people seeing the pictures of the dead babies. What I have learned is the images cause people to harden their hearts as much as they deter people from supporting legalized abortion. I have seen it with my own eyes and I have learned this from experience: We can show every



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person in the USA the bloody pictures of dead babies in close and direct detail and that will not result in creating the power to abolish legalized abortion. So when pro life leaders like Mr. Cunningham give people the impression that by doing that work they are participating in abolishing legalized abortion, they are deceivers.

Am I saying stop showing the pictures? No. That is a commendable work, one that I continue to do myself. Do it everywhere. Do it all every chance you get. An individual here or there might be deterred from killing a child of God! Do everything you can to save some. If you will not cooperate with the strategy that can save many by abolishing legalized abortion entirely in these presently united States of America, you can at least take some solace in the fact that you helped snatch one back from the grave.

The point that I am making in this article is not to stop people from doing anything that might have the power to deliver one person from unjust death. My point is that pro life leaders who try to persuade people that they are participating in an action with the power to abolish legalized abortion by showing dead baby pictures, or by expecting material change from any President elected by any existing voting majority, are offering false hope and are

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deceiving people.

FAILED TACTIC #3: LEGISLATIVE ACTION AT THE STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL WILL OVERTURN ROE V. WADE

FAILED TACTIC #4: PRESENT COURTS WILL OVERTURN ROE V. WADE

Just as Gregg Cunningham was an example of how two separate tactics can be embodied by one person, Tactic #3 and #4 become equally entangled because any abortion legislation that is passed anywhere in this nation will finally find itself sitting in front of the same Supreme Court majority that has sustained Roe v. Wade for over thirty years.

The fundamental fact is this: all legislation in the nation is subject to final review by the Supreme Court of the United States of America. The Supreme Court is presently the final lawmaking agency in this nation, all protestations to the contrary notwithstanding.

For over thirty years pro life leaders and pro life politicians at both the State and Federal level have pulled enormous financial and career support by passing legislation that they pretend will overturn Roe v. Wade.

After over thirty years of politicians gaining the support of millions of pro lifers for those actions, it is simply impossible to believe that these people are acting in good faith. I can believe that the majority of Christians have been able to ignore the facts that are taught in every high school Civics class in this nation. These Christians have certainly not been required to obtain such information by their pastors. But it is impossible for me to believe that professional politicians are so unschooled about the way the legal system presently operates in the USA.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATION IS EXHIBIT ONE

The latest legislation in the process of being passed by pro life politicians in South Dakota is a perfect example of how ostensibly intelligent people keep doing the same things over and over when the recent past proves conclusively that the things they are doing have no power whatsoever to abolish legalized abortion.

People across the nation are watching the scene as if it has never happened before. For example the Boston Globe carried this headline on 2/26/04, **"For abortion foes, a South Dakota strategy."** The article stated, "Abortion opponents are trying to use this state as a national platform to challenge the US Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, as the Legislature moves toward passage of a state law that would outlaw virtually all abortions."

If people would do just a little homework they would see what the politicians in South Dakota are doing is literally a waste of time because the Supreme Court has already been confronted by a State legislation (in *PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, ET AL. v. CASEY, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, ET AL.*) that attempted to do much less in deterring people from legalized abortion than that which is contemplated in South Dakota and the Supreme Court used the legislative action as a way to further buttress the horrible stronghold erected around legalized abortion.

Listen to what the Supreme Court said about Pennsylvania's attempt to create parental notification laws and then extrapolate from that to what the same Court will say to a State that is attempting not just to notify parents but to actually outlaw abortion. The Court majority ruled in *Casey*. "At issue are five provisions of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act of 1982: § 3205, which requires that a woman seeking an abortion give her informed consent prior to the procedure, and specifies that she be provided with certain information at least 24 hours before the abortion is performed; § 3206, which mandates the informed consent of one parent for a minor to obtain an abortion. The Court ruled, "1. Consideration of the fundamental constitutional question resolved by *Roe v. Wade*, [410 U.S. 113](#), principles of institutional integrity, and the rule of *stare decisis* require that *Roe's* essential holding be retained..."

The Court was split 5-4 on the *Casey* decision. The majority argued that anything that interfered with a woman's

"right" to an abortion was unconstitutional. Four of the Supreme Court Justices, Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas and White clearly believed *Roe* violated the Constitution. In the years since that decision, one of the four dissenters, Justice White, died and President Bill Clinton replaced him with Ruth Bader Ginsberg, an abortionist at heart and soul.

Instead of there being a rational basis that legislation passed at the State level would be used by the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe*, precisely the opposite projection is required by the facts.

Wishful thinking can ignore those facts. In some cases, wishful thinking is not a major problem. Where legalized abortion is concerned, wishful thinking costs the terrible slaughter of untold thousands of the least of God's children plus the horrible slaughter of the credibility of the God of Abraham in the process.

But for nearly thirty years, wishful thinking is about the only kind of thinking the pro life movement can be accused of.

Take another example of the kind of "thinking" that large numbers of pro life people are supporting.

Norma McCorvey has launched a lawsuit that she and her legal advisors would like us to think might overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Ms. McCorvey bears the distinction of being the complainant in the original case called *Roe v. Wade*. Her lawsuit contends that she has the right to change her mind and effectively withdraw her complaint, thereby making *Roe v. Wade* null and void. As if she has not already done enough to confuse America, Ms. McCorvey, along with her pro life leader advisers, actually believes her new lawsuit has a snowball's chance in hell of moving the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Unfortunately for Ms. McCorvey's "strategy" the federal district judge took one look at her case and dismissed it in two days. Not to be dissuaded, Ms. McCorvey's legal counselors took the case to the 5th District Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

If you look closely at the "news" stories about Ms. McCorvey's case, you will gain some insight into one of the primary methods of self-deception that pro life "leaders" use to keep their pro life supporters ever hopeful and ever willing to continue to send in the financial contributions that fund their "solutions" to legalized abortion.

WorldNet Daily ran the headline: **"Court to hear 'Roe's' challenge to '73 ruling."** It was impossible to read the article and not feel hopeful. The article stated, "In a move hailed as a breakthrough by abortion opponents, a federal appeals court agreed to hear oral arguments in an attempt by the original plaintiff in *Roe vs. Wade* to overturn the landmark decision."

Obviously that statement implied the Appeal Court's hearing the case was some kind of "breakthrough" when in fact any party in a lawsuit has the right by law to appeal any unfavorable ruling. But Ms. McCorvey's counselors were intent on getting their supporters to believe a "breakthrough" was at hand.

The news article continued, "Allan Parker, CEO of the Justice Foundation, said the court's decision to hear oral arguments is "quite a breakthrough," since only about 10 percent of cases filed receive oral arguments and the state of Texas is not opposing the case." Actually that "breakthrough" did not materialize since the Court reversed its decision to hear oral arguments. And what did Ms. McCorvey's counselors do? They spun the Court's reversal to mean good things were happening in their case. The Texas Justice Foundation, the legal group representing McCorvey, called the court's decision to review the suit an "advance" on the road to overturning the 1973 *Roe* decision..." "I think it will be decided quickly and ultimately go before the Supreme Court," said Linda Schlueter, a staff attorney for the San Antonio-based group.

With the pro life movement such "hope" springs eternal even if the only thing they are doing is things that have been tried over and over again over a period of three decades and failed ignominiously every time to abolish legalized abortion. Invariably, such "hope" depends on twisting the facts so that everyone except the "hopeful" pro life leaders label it with the vulgar term for male bovine excrement.

FACE THE FACTS ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT

There is a Supreme Court majority that is absolutely determined to perpetuate legalized abortion, and that Supreme

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to abolish legalized abortion in the USA. It ended with that same man totally abandoning the civil disobedience tactics he said God called him to utilize.

Remember the earlier interview where Randall Terry explained how he was in a prayer meeting and he heard God call him to the leadership of Operation Rescue. The public record contains not one account of Randall Terry explaining when and why God changed His mind about Randall Terry's original calling.

It is no wonder then that Randall Terry has now been embraced by the leaders of the pro life movement because Mr. Terry literally became one of them when he surrendered in the FACE of the power of the federal government.

Randall Terry proves that many of the pro life leaders have literally given up, surrendered, on the idea that legalized abortion will be abolished in our lifetime. To see what I am talking about, look at the change that has occurred in him since he became a pro life leader. In 1988, Mr. Terry explained why he organized Operation Rescue, "I realized that we were losing the war. The pro-life movement is losing. Unless the Church repents and rises up to do rescues, which is the fruit of repentance, we will never win...In the spring and summer of 1986, during prayer and introspection, I began looking at American history and realized that we were losing the war. I began to get a sense of what God wanted to do... The Lord got a hold of my heart and showed me that I had a responsibility to do something to protect the mothers and children from the holocaust. I wasn't influenced by any books or films. But at a prayer meeting God spoke to me, and all I knew was that I was supposed do something."

So Randall Terry was led by God to organize thousands of people across the country to engage in non violent civil disobedience designed to obstruct people's access to abortion "clinics". The purpose was clearly to obstruct access to those "clinics" so people would have more time to change their mind about killing their--and God's--unborn children.

That was in 1988. The conclusion of the Operation Rescue story can be seen in an article entitled "Randall Terry Makes a Comeback" by John W. Whitehead published on Feb 10, 2003 in the Rutherford Institutes on-line magazine called OldSpeak. In that article Mr. Terry announced he is returning to public action with the avowed goal of leading Christians pro-lifers again as he once led the "pro-life rescue" movement and he announced a "new" strategy. "My goal," Randall Terry told John Whitehead, "is to find 20- to 25-year-old kids and help them think in terms of biblical Christianity and Christian history. I want to see those people leading the country so that 20 years from now Roe v.

Wade will be on the ash heap of history."

In other words, the point of the Randall Terry interview was this: After three decades of Roe v. Wade, we are now to prepare for at least two more decades according to the "strategy" Randall Terry is going to teach to the "kids".

And there you have a clear metaphor for the "rescue" phase of the nonviolent civil disobedience movement. It began under the leadership of a man who said he was called by God to use the tactics of nonviolent civil disobedience to abolish legalized abortion in the USA. It ended with that same man totally abandoning the tactics he said God called him to utilize.

When confronted with the cost that continuing Operation Rescue tactics would require, Terry and most of his followers proved they had the capacity to treat the unborn babies being slaughtered as an abstraction in exactly the way the rest of the pro life movement had always treated them.

Now are you beginning to see why this issue of The Abortion Abolitionist is called The Surrender Issue? Truly, unless something new is brought to the battle against legalized abortion, we might as well admit it that the pro life movement has surrendered.

It is The Creator's Rights party that is carrying out the vision for change using non violent civil disobedience that God once gave to Randall Terry. If you ever thought you were part of an action of God when you worked with Randall Terry, you must now decide whether to continue to follow the road God once called you to or you must join with Randall Terry in surrender. Did God call you to spend yourself in non violently resisting the desecration of God's children? Then The Creator's Rights Party is the logical and necessary fulfillment of your calling. End

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Court majority is nowhere near being replaced by a majority willing to overturn Roe v. Wade.

It is a fact of political life that the only way the Supreme Court majority "might" change is if people opposed to legalized abortion were appointed to the Court. That means a President of the United States of America has to appoint people who will be willing to take legislation or a lawsuit and use it as a basis for rendering an opinion that outlaws abortion. The only President in sight, President George W. Bush, who might have the opportunity to appoint people who would nullify the bogus "right" has already said that he does not think "the American people" are willing to have that "right" overturned. Just as his Republican daddy appointed an abortion supporter to the Court that maintained the status quo, so too the son will do the same should his time come to make an appointment. Anyone who thinks differently is simply not listening to what the President is saying.

The signs of tactical and strategic bankruptcy are everywhere we look in the pro life leadership.

Flip Benham has started out on a "Walk Across America." Carrying a donkey, a white horse, and an aborted baby, the "ministry team" will walk across America, Benham says, "...as a living parable carrying a prophetic message to America." His press release states, "This marks our most ambitious effort, our greatest adventure, and most arduous task in service to our Lord Jesus Christ and the unborn made in His image." The press release continues, "When words fail, as they

have in the abortion wars, God speaks through parables...Every step of this 3000 mile journey, which will take 6 to 7 months, carries a prophetic word of warning to America. The killing of God's babies in the womb must cease or we will face the increased judgment of a Holy God upon our sin-soaked and blood-stained land."

It is a sad and certain sign of the bankruptcy of the pro life movement when the only "strategy" being offered by the pro life leaders are "strategies" that contain not one sentence that begins to explain a plan showing how we can force this nation to abolish legalized abortion in our lifetime.

The only good thing that can be said about the self-deceiving and/or hopeless "solutions" bandied about by pro life leaders like Gregg Cunningham and Flip Benham and Norma McCorvey and the pro life politicians in North Dakota is they at least don't act like they've surrendered the idea of abolishing legalized abortion.

SUCH TACTICAL FAILURES LEAD INEVITABLY EITHER TO SURRENDER OR EXTREME ACTION

Effective surrender is the option many pro life leaders and organizations have employed since the first day they stood up and lobbied to become pro life leaders.

Think about whether or not God called you to non violently disobey the desecration that has overtaken and presently rules this nation. If so, then you have a work to do in The Creator's Rights Party.