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Failing to Learn the Lessons of History

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Listening to Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards and her defenders try to justify the gruesome practice of baby organ harvesting during abortions, we are again reminded that the primary lesson of history is that we do *not* learn the lessons of history.

In *Justice at Nuremberg*, Robert Conot relates the chilling testimony of Nazi neuroscientist Julius Hallervorden, who was ultimately found guilty of war crimes. During the trial, Hallervorden stated what he once told the death camp soldiers as they were preparing to kill a large number of Jewish prisoners:

I heard that they were going to do that and so I went up to them and said: 'Look here now boys, if you are going to kill all these people, at least take the brains out so that the material may be utilized.' They asked me, 'How many can you examine?' And so I told them an unlimited number — the more the better! [i]

Hallervorden was every bit as corrupt, though not as infamous, as his Nazi colleague and fellow war criminal, Joseph Mengele, who fled Germany after the fall of the Third Reich to set up shop in Argentina as an abortionist.

United States Senator Brock Adams [D-WA], echoed Hallervorden in 1992 when he said that “We can either use the [fetal] tissue in what we know to be lifesaving research, or we can bury it. That is the choice.”[ii]

And now we have videos from the Center for Medical Progress showing Planned Parenthood abortionists and

medical officials casually negotiating for compensation for adjusting abortion techniques to harvest and deliver baby hearts and livers. In response to public outrage, Ms. Richards tells us, with no small hint of desperation in her voice, that such tissue “donation” is “important and compassionate, and it should be respected and not attacked.”

When will we ever learn?

[i] Robert E. Conot. *Justice at Nuremberg*. Basic Books, 1984, page 208.

[ii] James J. Kilpatrick. “Fetal Tissue Issue Will Haunt Bush.” *The Oregonian*, April 26, 1992, page B4.

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A Message for Post-Abortive Women Following the Planned Parenthood Viral Videos

By now all of us have at least heard about, and most of us have seen the videos being released by the Center for Medical Progress, showing several Planned Parenthood senior management, most of them doctors, casually discussing the sale of fetal organs for research. Many of the people watching these videos have had - or participated in - an abortion. For those who have had second thoughts about their abortion, these videos are hard to process. If that's you, or someone you know is in this situation know you are not alone, and there is help available.

Perhaps at the “clinic,” you chose abortion because your pregnancy was unplanned and you felt

unsupported. Perhaps you signed a consent form, believing you were donating tissue, blood, or cells, and hoping that your abortion decision might lead to something good through medical research.

Now, you may feel cheated, deprived of the information and support you needed when you were making your pregnancy decision. Had your consent form mentioned the fetal heart or other organs, perhaps you wonder if you would have asked other questions, or had a different type of conversation with the abortion provider.

Linda Cochrane author of *Forgiven and Set Free*, and Eve Gleason Director of Center Best Practices at Care Net share Six Things Post-Abortive women should know:

1. There were actual body parts. The consent form you signed in the abortion clinic for donating “products of conception” or “pregnancy tissue” for science likely did not describe the reality of what is involved in fetal tissue procurement and distribution as clearly as detailed in the videos. Hearing this news may bring back memories of the abortion and the feelings surrounding the abortion decision. You may think that you might have made a different choice if you had been aware that your baby had developing organs or that the abortionist may have gone to special effort during the abortion to preserve them.
2. Your abortion provider may have sold your fetus’s body parts. Only an investigation will show whether such an exchange was legal or not. It is illegal to profit from the sale of fetal tissue and organs (42 U.S.C. 289g). You may not have even known that the abortionist could require payment for harvesting or transporting fetal tissue. If you never intended your baby’s body to be treated as valuable merchandise after the abortion, you may feel shocked and used.
3. Your baby’s value is not in his or her parts. You may have a strong reaction to the thought that your “fetus” could have been more valuable dead than alive (to the abortionist or medical researchers). No matter what dollar value anyone assigns to a fetus’ organs, head, arms, or legs, the worth of a human being does not come from her parts but from who (s)he is

inside. Everyone deserves the chance to be valued for who they really are.

4. You may have feelings of victimization after abortion. You may feel victimized again if the abortion left you feeling lied to and helpless. Reading this news may increase or remind you of feelings of being abandoned, lied to, or used.
5. Abortion is a type of pregnancy loss. You may be at a different place in life than you were when you chose abortion. When an abortion decision is made quickly, or without adequate information, women may be shocked to later learn that they view the aborted baby as their child, miss him or her, and have intense feelings of grief or regret around the anniversary of the abortion or the anniversary of the day their child might have been born.
6. There is a safe place to share your feelings now. Feelings of sorrow, confusion, grief, anger, and shock are normal after being reminded of a traumatic event. If you believe you may be experiencing unwanted emotions associated with a past abortion, contact your local pregnancy center. To find the one closest to you see: <http://www.care-net.org/find-a-pregnancy-center> . These centers offer abortion recovery support groups facilitated by people who know what you are going through.

Women who had an abortion or men who encouraged abortion might experience a strong reaction to the facts detailed in these videos. These reactions are normal. Whatever reaction you may feel, there is hope and help available.

Linda Cochrane is author of *Forgiven and Set Free* a best-selling abortion recovery study. (Available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble) She is also a Center Services Specialist, providing expert advice to Care Net affiliates.

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**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?
Make sure they get the facts first!
A LIFE depends on it...
1-800-712-HELP (4357)
Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>**

A Hero is Born Every Minute

With all the publicity on the immoral “donation” and sale of fetal parts by Planned Parenthood (and most likely other abortion mills) here is an example of a donation that can make a difference and save lives, without in any way injuring the baby, or compromising “treatment plan” for the mother or baby.

You could cure someone’s blood cancer just by giving birth. Give birth to hope® by donating cord blood

Heroes are born every minute because a baby’s umbilical cord blood could save a life. Thousands of critically ill patients with blood diseases like leukemia and lymphoma are in urgent need of a life-saving transplant. Umbilical cord blood, which is typically thrown away, is rich with the blood-forming cells that can give blood cancer patients hope for a cure. Donating your baby’s cord blood to a public cord blood bank can help patients get the transplants they need.

Cord blood donation is safe and free

Cord blood donation is completely safe for you and your baby. No blood is taken from your baby. It’s only taken from the umbilical cord itself after your baby is born. Your labor and delivery will not be affected. And when you donate your baby’s cord blood to a public cord blood bank there are no collection or storage costs. Your baby’s cord blood will be listed on Be The Match Registry®, where it’s available for anyone in need of a transplant.

Learn how your decision could save a life For more information on donating cord blood visit: <https://bethematch.org/Support-the-Cause/Donate-cord-blood/> where you can:

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- Understand your cord blood options
- Read basic cord blood donation guidelines
- Review the cord blood donation process
- Find answers to frequently asked questions
- Hear from cord blood donors

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Around the Office

Cecelia Cody, Administrative Director

Exciting (and very busy) times around the office... The ongoing release of a stream of videos by the center for Medical Progress ignited a plethora of rallies. On Tuesday July 28th a number of our members coordinated and/or participated in one of the #Women Betrayed national rallies outside local Planned Parenthood locations. We will be following this up with another “National Protest of Planned Parenthood” on Saturday August 22nd. I also received a call from a man who is considering informational picketing at Stem Express, one of the “procurement companies” mentioned in the videos released by Center for Medical Progress.

Legislation to allow Physician Assisted Suicide in California is currently stalled in committee in the state Assembly. An attempt to “legislate from the bench” through two lawsuits was unsuccessful. A lawsuit filed in San Diego was dismissed by San Diego Superior Court Judge Gregory Pollack ruling that “it’s up to the Legislature or the people to change the law.” The second lawsuit filed in San Francisco was also dismissed by Judge Ernest Goldsmith who repeatedly expressed concern about the possibility that, if the law was changed, a patient who is suffering financially from a terminal illness would be able to choose to die simply because their family wasn’t able to afford their continued medical expenses. Our coalition continues to monitor this issue. For now we are in the ‘lull before the {possible} storm.’ Our opposition is also considering a ballot initiative for the 2016 ballot; you can help stop this by NOT signing any initiative signature gathering effort should it arise.

Schools are starting, so we are anticipating requests from students for assistance in kicking off their campus pro-life clubs. Your donations provide the materials for these information tables in the Quad, and other resources. (Where did the summer go?)

Calendar of Events

*For the latest updates of events see
www.calendarforlife.org*

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted

Children – On Saturday, September 12, 2015 pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the second annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community. To find a location near you, see: <http://abortionmemorials.com/sites.php>

40-DAYS FOR LIFE – Sept. 23-Nov. 1, 2015

See: <http://40daysforlife.com/> for a location near you.

LIFE CHAIN – October 4, 2014 in most locations.

For a location nearest you, visit: <http://lifechain.net/>

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