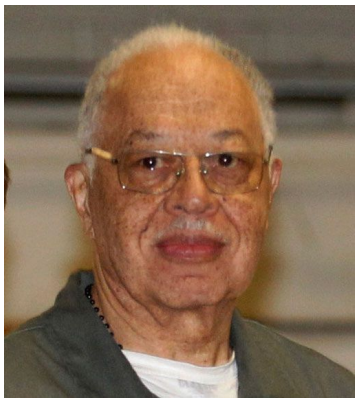
A precursor to today's Democrats' not-so-subtle defensive of infanticide–Kermit Gosnell's "House of Horrors"



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Abortion, by its very nature, is one endless story of brutality, viciousness, and moral myopia. But some atrocities must be remembered in vivid detail, lest we miss how they established a pathway to even greater inhumanity. No better example exists anywhere, in my opinion, than West Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell.

To this day—almost twelve years since a jury found Gosnell guilty of three counts of first degree murder and one count of involuntary manslaughter—there is the enduring misunderstanding that Gosnell murdered babies after they were born **because** he had "botched" the abortion. Not so. Not so at all.

He deliberately and with malice aforethought aborted late-late term babies in a manner that they were born alive and then he severed their spinal cords. Perhaps people (as they say) can't wrap their heads around this.

How could a man (even Gosnell) be so cold blooded that he would do something this hideous to a born child he had just removed from her mother and who might literally be staring him in the face?

In a real sense, Gosnell is a precursor to what we are seeing played out in debates over the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which Democrats pooh-pooh as "not needed."

Nobody—certainly no tender-hearted abortionist—would provide less care to an abortion survivor than he would to a premature infant who is born spontaneously at the same gestational age, right? Let's see.

Opponents of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act have a multiplicity of excuses, rationalizations, and less-than-candid explanations why the law is not necessary, even cruel. All are bunk.

The 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (BAIPA) already addresses the situation, we're told. In theory, yes.

But there is no enforcement mechanism if the abortionist chooses **not** to regard babies born alive during abortions as persons, as required by BAIPA, and does not provide "the same degree" of care. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act **does** have real penalties, which is why the Abortion Industry and its cat's paw, the Democrat Party, oppose it. Next we're told the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act requires "futile" treatment, indeed useless treatment at the expense of a suffering baby. This is among the least honest and cruelest dodges.

By **any** honest reading of the bill, it does not dictate bona fide medical judgments, let alone require "futile" measures. But (to repeat) the bill does require that babies born alive during abortions are treated in the same manner as those little ones who are born prematurely at the same gestational age. And so on and so on. Democrats' excuses are as unoriginal as they are utterly heartless.

There are other common misdirections employed by opponents, but you get the point. To come full circle to Gosnell, let me just touch on something I've written about in the past.

During his first term, a reporter criticized President Trump for publicly denouncing infanticide. In what he no doubt saw as a tour de force, this reporter wrote *Abortion-rights advocates say the Gosnell case proves their contention that existing laws are adequate.*Why? Because he was **eventually** convicted.

But that ignores a ton of other atrocities that took place over a span of decades at his "House of Horrors." They included the deaths of two women; the hundreds of violations of the state's 24 week abortion limit; the likelihood that Gosnell murdered hundreds (if not more!) of nearly full-term babies but escaped justice by destroying the records; the utter corruption of the Pennsylvania Department of Health which stopped inspecting abortion clinics at all (Gosnell's Women's Medical Society wasn't inspected for 17 years); and a National Abortion Federation inspector who came by, saw how horrific his clinic was, refused to allow Gosnell to join NAF, but **never reported any of the violations to the proper authorities**.

What can we say about abortionists and their enablers? When choosing between protecting their own, the health– even the lives of women—is a small price to pay.