

The Sound of History Repeating

“Well, of course!” This would be a common and logical response to the question, “Are black people human beings with rights?” This may be obvious now, but it wasn’t in colonial America when they were treated as property, a commodity, at best three-fifths of a person. It wasn’t obvious in mid-century Germany when Jews were viewed as deplorables, filthy, no better than animals. Those who espoused these now-apparent heinous views *thought they were right*. Many even thought they were morally correct and therefore justified in their actions. This was played out in gruesome detail during the French Revolution, which ushered in a “godless state.” The Jacobin-led “Reign of Terror” resulted in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of lives at Vendée, including children, and is considered the first modern genocide. Their crime was the failure to comply with the assertion that the government should replace God. The Jacobins pronounced any act justified, including murder, as long as the end was good. “The end” being to eliminate religion and suppress dissent, thereby enslaving human society to the whims of the 18th-century woke and the conditions of their warped and self-serving “morality.” George Orwell wrote, “Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.”

Nowhere is this more apparent than from those who campaign for abortion rights. Reminiscent of those who defended slavery and the Holocaust, they will tell you that unborn children are not real persons and confidently claim the right to terminate them. Even when their god of science clearly proves otherwise. I look forward to the day when history views the treatment of the unborn in the same way that we now view the tyranny toward black people and the termination of the Jews. When public opinion will view the slaughter of over 65 million innocent lives (and counting) with abject horror. (Why this isn’t already the case is mind-blowing.) But how do we get there? How do we merge legislation, education, and activation to produce a culture of life in America? We may never know, but we must try.

First, we need to pay attention and stay informed. Next year, Missourians will have the chance to respond to one of the most permissive pieces of pro-abortion legislation in the country, which narrowly passed last year. Lives literally hang in the balance, so we can’t afford to look away. With respect to the abomination of slavery, “People’s moral intuitions could not be repressed,” wrote Professor George McKenna. “[T]hey would surface in all kinds of unexpected ways: in wincing and unguarded expressions, in labored euphemisms, in slips of the tongue. Lincoln was on the lookout for these, and he forced his opponents to acknowledge their significance.” We see this in the pro-choice community. It seems as though abortion advocates must be guarded so as to not let the façade of the party line drop and their instinctual humanity shine through. If we notice it, we can address it (in love, of course).

Next, we need to be ready and willing to speak up in our own communities as a beacon of light for the sanctity of life. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “Silence in the face of evil is itself evil.” We don’t have to be well-versed in pro-life apologetics to make a difference. Sometimes just one bold comment or thought-provoking question can have a ripple effect. Sometimes the unplanned conversation is the most effective. Although our message does not change, we may need to tweak our approach in light of the massive cultural shifts in the past several years. Now, feelings resonate over facts, and compassion over conviction. We must not sacrifice truth and reason, of course, but it needs to be wearing a cute and comfortable outfit or no one will want to try it on.

And finally, we need to get involved. Be open to volunteering your time and using your unique talents to promote the message of life, help women in crisis, influence others to vote pro-life. There will be plenty of opportunities in 2026 as we fight to protect women, children, and babies in Missouri. (Visit missourilifepac.org for updates.) Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.” Well we certainly do not want all these men dying, so let’s stand up!

