

## Abortion Overreach

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The New York Times, a respected spokes-paper of the secular and liberal East Coast establishment, attacked the administration for caving in to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on whether the federal government will mandate that Catholic institutions must include coverage for birth control and even abortions via offering so-called morning after pills for employees.

The White House didn't cave in to the bishops. Now the cost of birth control and abortion-causing drugs is merely being shifted to the insurance companies that insure the employees of Catholic institutions. In other words, the administration's response is a circus shell game. This is a purposeful slap in the face to the Catholic conscience and the rest of us who believe that abortion on demand is a national tragedy.

Some Catholic officials indicated that if the administration's original Obamacare initiative became practice, they would resort to civil disobedience. Out-of-touch East Coast media seemed to have been caught flat-footed by the backlash. All of this should have been no surprise. The Roman Catholic Church has been a vocal and principled opponent of abortion for years.

Conservative Protestants have been part of the backbone of this country since its founding. They are much more accommodative of birth control, but they have been part of the pro-life movement in this country since Roe v. Wade federalized the abortion issue in 1973. In just one recent example, Dr. Richard Land, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, said Baptists will not comply with Obamacare mandates requiring religious institutions to cover abortifacient products.

Many secular folks, some who do not regard themselves as conservative, regard the war on the unborn in this country as abominable. Thoughtful folks, concerned with our aging demographics, see our free-for-all abortion environment as bad social policy. They are aware that aging populations (which we are) rarely sustain themselves.

Others question the racial politics of the origins of the pro-abortion movement. Planned Parenthood's founder Margaret Sanger subscribed to the racial eugenics movement and sought to limit the population of certain racial and ethnic groups in America through abortion and other means. This was before the Nazis endorsed such views.

Planned Parenthood is still the leading provider of abortions in America, killing 332,278 babies in 2009. It appears at least some in the Obama administration would prefer Catholic hospitals engaged in the same activity. At the very least, they would force them to pay for birth control and abortion services. No one's tax dollars should ever pay for an abortion, regardless of how one feels about abortion overall.

Birth control is available in this country at private cost; so is abortion, unfortunately. Some in the administration have stated that unplanned children are a threat to family stability. No doubt that unplanned pregnancies are a challenge, but they are not a threat to be disposed of, especially in a family environment.

During the whole national healthcare debate, neither birth control nor abortion coverage in Obamacare was rarely if ever mentioned by those who helped pass the law in both the administration and the then-Democrat Party-controlled Congress. Their real agenda is now apparent. They are attacking head-on those who wish to follow their religious beliefs. More importantly, they want to exploit the lives of the unborn to make a point.

Former Democrat speaker Nancy Pelosi said in 2009 that we have to pass the healthcare bill to see what is in it. With all the discretion that the 2009 Democrat Congress left in the bill to this administration, which has no value for unborn life or religious liberty, we now know.

How long will it be before the ghouls who promote this kind of abomination with your tax money will want to pick which sick or elderly person is denied care?

Ultimately, we must replace our own population, or someone outside our borders will &ndash; perhaps by force. No doubt our own demographic collapse will assist. Americans of all races, blends and beliefs are increasingly a melting pot. That is a good thing as long as we reestablish a culture of life and respect in this country. All innocent human life, of all races, should be celebrated and protected, not extinguished &ndash; whether paid for by government insurance or not.

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