

MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2002

FRAUD COMMITTED BY THE KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Public Funding With Taxpayers' Money

In January of this year, NKRTL authored a letter to all members of the **Kenton County Fiscal Court, Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd, and Commissioners Barbara Black, Dan Humpert, and Adam Koenig**, transmitting a proposed Resolution which would restore the policy previously in existence in this county, **prohibiting the use of funds appropriated by the county to advance artificial contraception, or its advocacy, not only by employees of the county, but also by recipients of county funds.**

We transmitted, simultaneously to each member, medical evidence demonstrating that some of the materials denominated "contraceptive," are indeed abortifacient, including Norplant, the IUD, the morning after pill, and the so-called standard birth control pill, all of which function, at various times, **to prevent implantation in the womb of the already newly-conceived human being, resulting in the death of the child.** (See insert, infra.)

Other so-called barrier forms (condoms, foam, diaphragm) are indeed contraceptive. Many social agencies distribute both types of "contraceptives" to teenagers without parental notification or consent. NKRTL furnished to these legislators the overwhelming evidence of the medical and societal disasters accompanying these practices, from infectious disease specialists from Lexington, Ky., formerly with the Center for Disease Control, and from local physicians, etc.

When the issue was ignored by each member of the Fiscal Court for more than two months, NKRTL eventually requested a public hearing on the issue at their meeting of April 16. Following a temperate and factual presentation by a lawyer, a physician, and another local community leader, the Pro-Life delegation was exposed to a vitriolic diatribe by Commissioner Black, accusing them of calling people who practice the barrier forms of contraception as "abortionists," which was a patent distortion of NKRTL's testimony and position.

For complete details about the ongoing dispute concerning public taxpayers' funding of abortifacients and contraceptives, by the Kenton County Fiscal Court, and by the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board, watch "Gift of Life," on Insight Cable, Channel 17, throughout the month of May - each Friday at 10:30 p.m. and each Monday at 10 p.m.

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NKRTL was then denied an opportunity by the County Judge-Executive to respond to her

name-calling presentation ("bullying," "mean spirited," "liars"). Five times Murgatroyd promised

that all would be given that opportunity to respond at a subsequent meeting at which the Fiscal Court would vote on this matter. It was originally suggested that that meeting would take place at the next regular meeting, on April 23, but Commissioner Black objected that that was not enough time to marshal all of the evidence.

Murgatroyd emphasized that this was an important matter and everyone needed to have an opportunity to be fully informed, and the Fiscal Court wanted to be fair and see to it that everyone had a chance to be heard, and so the matter was scheduled for a special meeting on April 30, which would be devoted entirely to this matter, and everyone would be given a full opportunity to be heard before the Fiscal Court decided. **The following quotes were taken from the videotape of the Fiscal Court meeting of April 16:**

Judge Murgatroyd speaking at the end of all presentations, said: "We'll take this Resolution under consideration, put it on the agenda. These folks will have an opportunity to come back and speak again."

-- Murgatroyd again: "I am trying to treat this thing like anything else. We try to run this court by the rules and by the law."

-- Commissioner Koenig said, "Judge, I feel very comfortable with the opportunity to look at this information and digest it. I feel very comfortable getting the opportunity to read it over, digest the information, and look at it at a future time, at which time there would be another opportunity for everyone who wishes to speak."

-- Murgatroyd again: "It is my determination we need to take this up when we have had a chance to look at it and everyone's had a chance, and we will invite all these people back for further comments for further consideration. ... Since we are on a public forum, I think that in fairness we ought to be able to do that."

-- Challenged again by Cetrulo, who said that he should be able to respond tonight before the same television viewers to the personal criticism and misrepresentations by Commissioner Black, Murgatroyd responded, "You will have the opportunity to do that at the time when we bring this up next for future consideration. I will take this up, and we will look at it very seriously and in a forum to allow for comments."

-- **Commissioner Black commented that the Resolution is not restricted to anti-abortion, but is an effort to "tell the county that it should not expend any funds for artificial birth control."** (A slip by Mrs. Black, exposing the fact that she really did understand our candid Resolution, and its narrow focus — no public funding of these activities)

-- Another quote from Black (after Murgatroyd had wanted to set the issue for resolution at the next meeting of the Fiscal Court on April 23): "I don't know if you're going to be able to do this within a week." Murgatroyd accepted Black's suggestion and then said, "We will set it up for a special meeting on the 30th, with this being the only item on the agenda so that we will have time to hear it out." (the fourth promise by Murgatroyd that we would have adequate time to respond to these arguments, on April 30).

-- Murgatroyd then addressed Black and said, "If you think you're not ready, then we'll schedule it for two weeks and have a special meeting on the 30th. We will then set it up as a special agenda and no other business to attend to. We will set it up for the 30th of April at 7 o'clock here in the Independence Courthouse." (the fifth commitment from Murgatroyd that NKRTL would have an opportunity to present our arguments in support of the proposed Pro-Life

It was therefore a considerable shock for us to learn by the *Kentucky Post* on Wed., April 24, that the Fiscal Court had taken the matter up at its regular meeting on the 23rd, and passed a "sham" Resolution, wherein they wrap themselves in the Pro-Life flag with rhetoric, but specifically decline to prohibit the use of county funds for "these birth control methods" (some of which are truly contraceptive and some of which are abortifacient, but none of which are appropriate for the Fiscal Court to fund).

Resolution)

Surprise Fiscal Court Meeting of April 23

With no notice to NKRTL or any other interested parties, the Fiscal Court violated its previous commitment, and took up the issue of public funding prohibition of contraceptives at its April 23rd meeting and passed a meaningless, cosmetic cover Resolution introduced by Commissioner Black (who had just previously told NKRTL seven days earlier that one week was not enough time to develop the information necessary to vote on the issue). Her Resolution does not prohibit county funds to agencies which deal in contraceptives to teenagers without parental notification or consent. It passed unanimously.

Some quotes from the videotape of this April 23rd meeting are enlightening:

--- "This Resolution is not doing what Mr. Cetrulo has demanded of this Court for the past several months. It does not prohibit 'any official, employee, agent, contractor or assign of a county, to furnish, distribute, pay for, or refer anyone for the distribution of condoms or any other device or material or drug

which might be used as artificial birth control.”
(Commissioner Black)

-- “As an educator and defender of life, I believe we also must adopt education programs that bring an end to the mixed messages our society continues to send to our young people. We must make sure they understand promiscuity is wrong, but if you’re going to do it you must work to protect yourself.”
(Judge-Executive Murgatroyd)

-- Following the passage of the Fiscal Court’s own formulated Resolution, Judge-Executive Murgatroyd said, “At our last meeting we discussed the *potential* [???] of a special meeting on April 30 to take up this issue, and since you have voted tonight on this Resolution, I would ask at this time what is the pleasure of the Court with regard to the April 30?” (Judge-Executive Murgatroyd)

-- Commissioner Black responded, “I think we have dealt with the issue. Individuals who wanted to speak last week were invited several times if there were any additional comment.” [???]

-- “It is the decision of the Court and the consensus of the Court there is no need for a special meeting on April 30.”
(Judge-Executive Murgatroyd)

Copies of these tapes of the April 16th and April 23rd meetings of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, demonstrating this Pearl Harbor politics, may be obtained through the **Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, 3414 Decoursey Ave., Covington, Ky 41015 (phone 261-1300).**

A Look at the Record

While Murgatroyd, Black, Humpert, and Koenig of course all call themselves “pro-life,” a look at the record is instructive. Humpert and Koenig have never been involved in the Pro-Life movement in any way, and had never done anything affirmative, nor had been compelled to take a vote on the issue, until this one, which they failed miserably.

Black’s record is spelled out in detail in the enclosed insert pointing out her campaign commitment in answer to our questionnaire four years ago when she ran for this office, that she would not support in any way any public funding of chemical abortifacients, which she violated in her first vote on the **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board**, as designated representative of Judge-Executive Murgatroyd. She later changed her position back to a Pro-Life position, and then reverted once again to a pro-abort position which she continues to occupy now. Murgatroyd has continued to have her represent him as his personal designee on the Health Board, even over NKRTL’s protests.

Our society came to accept **artificial contraception** and **body-mutilating sterilization**, and then of course **godless sex education** which of course promoted **sexual promiscuity**, resulting in tremendous increases in

Murgatroyd himself made the same commitment four years ago in his campaign for County Judge-Executive, that he would not appoint anyone to any board that would support chemical abortifacients. He has violated that not only with respect to Commissioner Black, but also with respect to another member of the Health Board, **Mr. Don Kiley**, who was a member of the Health Board and had voted pro-abortion prior to Murgatroyd’s election, and who was reappointed by Murgatroyd. Kiley voted pro-abortion again after his reappointment. **Dr. Michael Kirkwood**, another appointee of Judge-Executive Murgatroyd to the HealthBoard, also voted pro-abortion.

These four elected members of the Kenton County Fiscal Court have each thoroughly discredited themselves, not only by their anti-life stance, but also by their incredible dishonest techniques of scheduling a meeting on an issue and promising everyone a chance to be heard, and then secretly rushing through a dispositive Resolution of the issue before the scheduled meeting, breaking their promises, and canceling their scheduled meeting. They have each violated every decent rule of representative government.

Salvation From Scientism

So as our society continues this degenerative descent into degradation, led by pitiful, shameless, and deceitful

Whirlpool of Death graphic

politicians, beating their breasts with self-conferred “I’m Pro-Life” claims, many are indeed like that poor frog in the kettle of water on the burner with the heat being turned up imperceptibly.

CONTRACEPTION’S LEGACY: THE WHIRLPOOL OF DEATH

venereal disease and **teen pregnancy**, thereby creating the contrived case for **abortion**, which then led to open advocacy (and now fairly widespread acceptance) of **euthanasia** (since of course if we can kill people for being

too young, we can certainly kill them for being too old, if someone determines that they are not “meaningful life” — see *Roe v. Wade*). Now, the **infanticide** of **partial birth abortion** is legalized whereby we deliver the child four-fifths out of the womb with only the head remaining inside and puncture the nape of the neck and suck out the brain so we don’t have a “live birth.”

And some of these hypocritical politicians who have contributed to each step of this compromise, leading us down this deadly descent, now express surprise at the increasing acceptance of cannibalizing **stem cells from aborted babies** “in the name of science.” (Does anyone remember Nazi Germany?)

Our **President, George W. Bush**, approved that, breaking the only campaign promise he made to Pro-Lifers, and now attempts to oppose the next logical step, **cloning**, the artificial creation of human beings for the sole purpose of human and medical experimentation. The Kentucky legislature just refused to support the Pro-Life bill prohibiting this latest bestial degeneration. President Bush has already given up the high ground of moral consistency, and apparently doesn’t have a clue as to why we are apparently going to lose this next fight as well.

The simple truth is that it all began, historically and logically, with artificial contraception, and now the Kenton County Fiscal Court has refused even to require people to pay for it by themselves, but instead chooses to continue to require all taxpayers to subsidize a permissive sexual lifestyle. Incredible? Maybe not. Ask the frog!

“Put not your trust in princes, in man whom there is no salvation.” Psalms 145:3. While it is true that there is only One in whom we can place complete trust, and the vast majority of politicians continue to demonstrate themselves increasingly untrustworthy, God does not expect us to give up the fight. So we must persist both in prayer, as well as in political activity, in order to elect leaders who will uphold the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life and turn the rascals out of office.

We had better “croak,” before they croak us!

PUBLIC EDUCATION ON ABORTION - BILLBOARDS

The never ending job of the right to life movement is the continuing education of the public of the simple fact — so obscured by our media and our secular society — that abortion kills an innocent unborn child. We are denied access through the television and the secular press to carry this point home, and even the so-called religious press gives it little coverage, and excludes the pictures of abortion as “tasteless,” ignoring the basic truism that “a picture is worth a thousand words.”

NKRTL is blessed with many members of imagination and generosity, including the **Brueggeman** and **Kunkel** families which operate **Bavarian Trucking Company** of

Walton, Ky. They have just erected — at their own expense — this magnificent billboard on their choice property overlooking I-71, exposing the heavy north and

Abortion Is Murder billboard (billboard larger)

southbound traffic both to confront the “tastelessness” of

Abortion Is Murder billboard (billboard smaller)

abortion.

We ask God’s blessings — and your thanks — to Bavarian Trucking Company for its persistent, and unapologetic, and financially generous support and defense of innocent human life.

We encourage others to consider similar use of their strategically located properties. Please call NKRTL if we can assist.

ANOTHER FAILED KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The cause of these continued failures lies with a small band of dedicated pro-abortion legislators, and a larger group of wolves in sheep's clothing in the **General Assembly**, who claim to be Pro-Life, but avoid public votes on these issues by having the bills locked up in committees in the House of Representatives. Now, in the Republican-controlled Senate, we are witnessing the fracturing of that Party on the Pro-Life issues.

Northern Kentucky Right to Life and its state affiliate, **Kentucky Coalition for Life**, actively promoted the same three pieces of legislation that they did in the 2001 session: (1) fetal homicide; (2) civil wrongful death; (3) pharmacists' conscience clause; and this year a fourth Pro-Life bill which was introduced by strong Pro-Life advocate **Rep. Joe Fischer (R) of Campbell County**, which would prohibit artificial cloning of a human being.

Not only did all four lose, but, worse than even last session, a strong pro-abortion bill passed not only the House, but the Republican-dominated Senate. This bill authorizes nurses working with local health boards to prescribe medication, including the so-called birth control pill.

Fetal Homicide

The **fetal homicide** bill would render a person guilty of criminal homicide when he causes the death of an unborn child under circumstances which would constitute homicide for the death of a born person. This legislation has been enacted in many other states (and was just overwhelmingly passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, as to Federal offenses) and would avoid the result, for example, achieved in the Kentucky courts several years ago when a man forcibly reached into the birth canal and destroyed the unborn child. The Kentucky Supreme Court held he could not be tried for the murder of the child, but only for the much lesser crime of assault on the woman.

The pro-aborts aggressively oppose this legislation (even though *Roe v. Wade* does not give a hunting license to non-mothers), for the reason that the legislation obviously establishes the personhood of the unborn child, which demonstrates the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of their position.

Civil Wrongful Death

Civil wrongful death legislation would extend back to the instant of conception the right of the unborn child to bring a damage suit for injuries received in the womb, or for death caused in the womb, through the negligence of a third person. Presently by judicial decision in Kentucky, that right exists from the moment of "viability" onward.

Since we all know that "viability" does not measure the human-hood of the unborn child, but simply our technology in preserving life out of the womb, and is a constantly-changing time frame, many states have chosen

to recognize the obviousness of personhood of the unborn child from the instant of fertilization onward, since he is then biologically a separate human being. Again, the principle of personhood causes the pro-aborts to oppose this otherwise clearly meritorious legislation.

Pharmacists' Conscience Rights

The **third bill** would extend to **pharmacists** the same rights currently enjoyed by doctors, nurses, and other hospital personnel, in refusing to become involved in the abortion process, where it violates their conscience. Here, however, we are up against the modern "sacred cow" of the secular pro-abortion movement, since they now recognize that the age of surgical abortion is dwindling, and that their wave of the future is chemical abortion, which they must protect at all costs. Accordingly, they deny to the pharmacist his "right to choose."

In 2001, a significant number of Senate Republicans watered down our drafted legislation, so that the only thing that pharmacists would be justified in refusing to fill is a prescription for RU-486, which isn't even delivered through pharmacies, but directly by doctors, and is useless legislation.

They ducked the uncontroverted medical evidence which we introduced for them showing that the so-called birth control pill in fact operates in many cases to prevent implantation in the uterus of the newly-conceived human being. This function of the pill is clearly spelled out in the wrapper that comes with the pills from the manufacturers.

The so-called Pro-Life Republican majority in the Senate was unwilling to stand up for the conscience "right to choose" of Pro-Life pharmacists, even though women would still have the right to obtain these chemicals from other willing participants in the abortion process!

This year, the bill drafted by the Republican majority again attempted the compromise, and ignored the reality described above, and although it passed the Senate, it failed to pass the House. In any event, it would have been useless legislation.

Extending the Killing to Additional Outlets

House Bill 67 passed the overwhelmingly Democratic-controlled pro-abortion House of Representatives, but to the shock of the Pro-Life community passed the Republican-controlled so-called Pro-Life Senate by a shocking vote of 32 to 6, even though the Republicans control a majority of the 38 members in the Senate. The only Pro-Life votes were cast by three Northern Kentucky senators, **Richard Roeding (R)**, **Katie Stine (R)**, and **Jack Westwood (R)**, and **Elizabeth Forgy Kerr (R) of Lexington**, **Albert Robinson (R) of London**, and **Elizabeth Tori (R) of Radcliffe**.

Artificial Creation of Human Beings

House Bill 138 (an anti-cloning bill) passed the Kentucky House of Representatives 91 to 0, with 9 (mostly pro-aborts) not voting.

On the other side support for the so-called “therapeutic cloning” was urged by our pro-abort governor, **Paul Patton (D)**, who called a press conference to plead with the Senate to approve the amendment to the anti-cloning bill. At his side at the press conference was the **University of Kentucky President Lee Todd** and **University of Louisville President John Schumaker**.

The newspaper account describes that following Gov. Patton’s press conference, “heated words were exchanged on the issue in the hall nearby”: “This is all about abortion,” said **Lexington State Rep. Kathy Stein**, a staunch pro-abortionist. She’s exactly right! This vote showed that the Democratic Party is just about totally lost, and the Republican Party not far behind.

When it got to the Senate, officials at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville became aware that the anti-cloning bill not only would prohibit reproductive cloning, which results in a live born duplicate human being, but also therapeutic cloning, in which the human being is created for the purpose of dismemberment and use in scientific research. The Kentucky Post news story, and other pro-abort euphemisms, characterized therapeutic cloning as a procedure “in which stem cells are removed from an artificially created human embryo for use in medical research.” They neglect to point out that the embryo is then killed.

Our all-too-timorous legislature bought into this pro-death scam, ignoring the clear medical evidence to the contrary. The Mar. 7, 2002 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (the most prestigious medical journal in the United States) reports that researchers at the **University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston** have found that stem cells obtained from the blood of the patient himself will travel through the recipient’s blood stream and quickly transform themselves into liver, abdominal, and skin tissue.

This latest finding reinforces the ground-breaking stem cell research reported in 2001 in the scientific journal, *Blood*, by **Dr. Katherine Verfaillie of the University of Minnesota**.

Commenting upon Dr. Verfaillie’s research findings, **Dr. David Prentice, Adjunct Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine** said: “[The] result validates the contention that adult stem cells have the same plasticity [as embryonic cells] in being able to form any adult tissue.”

Adult stem cells are already used to treat leukemia, and research has previously indicated their ability to form bone, cartilage, muscle, liver, heart and brain tissues. Unlike embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells have not shown a tendency to produce tumors, and since they can be taken from a patient’s own body, they are not subject to transplant rejection.

Another Agenda!

Since it is obvious that the medical evidence overwhelmingly has found that embryonic stem cells have proven not only inadequate, but dangerous for implantation in other patients, and that adult stem cells (obtainable without killing the donor) have been very successful, it is apparent that those who continue to press unreasonably for the use of embryonic stem cells (obtainable only through killing of the embryo) have another agenda!

Of course, the premise of such advocacy is itself false. As pointed out by **Dr. Walter Jones, of Lexington, Ky.**, Pennsylvania, which is one of nine states that have banned destructive embryo research, ranks third in the nation in biotech investment. Also, of the two states that have banned all forms of human cloning, Michigan ranks in the top 10 for research funding and is also one of the fastest growing biotech-invested states in the nation.

Moreover, adult stem cells have been shown to be able to form all of the tissues of the body, and have proven successful in treating a host of debilitating human conditions, and the scientific literature has shown absolutely no therapeutic benefit whatsoever in humans from the use of embryonic stem cells.

Finally, of course, the hypocrisy of their position is exposed, since, by scientific definition — taught in biology textbooks used at both UK and U of L — embryos are living human beings.

Another newspaper story characterized the procedure as one “in which DNA from a female egg is extracted and replaced with the DNA from another body cell, such as a blood cell, to create a human embryo. The artificially-created embryo matures for five to seven days, at which point scientists remove the stem cells...The rest of the cells are discarded.” [Read “the human embryo is killed.”]

Stem Cell
Research
cartoon

In reality, there is only one type of cloning, i.e., the artificial creation of a new human being from the cells of another human being. The question then becomes what do we do with the child. There is practically uniform opposition to so-called “reproductive cloning,” but the pragmatists, who apparently see nothing wrong in the Nazi mentality of abusing and killing some individuals for the benefit of others (precisely as was done by the Nazi physicians 60 years ago), favor the legalization of so-called “therapeutic cloning.” It is certainly not “therapeutic” for the newly created human who is then cannibalized and ultimately killed.

There is the true standard, folks — and anyone who falls below that bar, is not Pro-Life. He may be less “pro-death” — but he is not Pro-Life!!!

Alumni of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville might want to write to the presidents of those respective institutions who appeared and testified in favor of this outrageous legislation which would authorize this barbaric research. Let them know that you will no longer contribute to such institutions which favor conduct for which we prosecuted and executed Nazi politicians and scientists at Nuremberg 55 years ago.

In the Senate, an **amendment to House Bill 138** passed, which would have made “therapeutic” cloning legal, while barring “reproductive” cloning. **Sen. Richie Sanders (R) of Franklin** wept openly, the newspaper says, as he talked of his cousin who died of cystic fibrosis on Christmas day, and voted for the amendment which he characterized as a “vote on the side of hope.”

Sen. Bob Leeper (R), who was characterized in the press as “another pro-life supporter” (although when he was a Democrat voted pro-abortion, and now that he is a Republican has cast another pro-abortion vote), said he stayed up all night debating the issue and “It was an agonizing decision,” but he also voted for the amendment, calling it “not as black and white as we think. It’s not as pro-life only as we think.”

Sorry, Sen. Leeper — it is!

Again, the three Northern Kentucky senators, Roeding, Stine and Westwood, voted against the anti-life amendment. This time, the Senate majority leadership, which includes the **President David Williams (R)**, moved to table the anti-cloning bill after the approval of the amendment which gutted the bill, since they recognized that this was indeed amoral legislation.

And yet, Sen. Williams, and other members of the Republican majority leadership in the Senate, voted in favor of expanding the distribution of the abortifacient chemicals to your teenage daughters without parental consent by having the prescriptions written by nurses in local health departments!?!

Lowering the Bar

All the while, of course, if you watch these debates on KET, or obtain the videotapes, you will watch **Sen. Borders (R) of Ashland**, voting in 2001 to deprive Pro-Life

But the meaning of the phrase “pro-life” is not given by Johnny-Come-Lately, self-interested politicians who have inconsistent standards regarding innocent human life. Rather, the true definition is better exemplified in a statement of Dr. James Dobson, who said that it is never right, under any circumstances, for any reasons, to kill one innocent unborn child!!!

pharmacists of their conscience rights to refuse to fill prescriptions for these chemical abortifacients, and Sen. Leeper arguing that cloning for killing “is not as black and white as we think,” and all of these people of course self-lauding themselves as “pro-life”! And again this year Sen. Borders spoke for and voted for House Bill 67, while of course explaining for the cameras how Pro-Life he is.

Possibly Our Last Chance to Avoid the Hitlerian-Frankenstein Model

Civil bills pending in the U.S. Congress parade as “anti-cloning” bills. In fact, there is only one which would actually ban all human cloning — the **Brownback-Landrieu Human Cloning Prohibition Act, Senate Bill 1899**.

Other bills masquerading as anti-cloning bills include those that would not prohibit the use of the cloning procedure to artificially develop human beings for experimentation, such as one which was given high profile coverage in the media in a recent hearing before the **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee**, supported by actor **Christopher Reeve**, and others.

A letter from the **U.S. Bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities** pointed out that that bill simply constituted an effort “to ensure that human clones will be mass-produced in our nation, but only in order to be killed for speculative benefit to others.”

“Unity in Truth”

Recently, President Bush has been taken to task on the television for his position that those who fund and support terrorists are themselves terrorists and need to be held accountable. The answer of course is that he is correct.

But then, he doesn’t follow that same fundamental principle of truth in the important area of the dignity of every innocent human life, or he would state (and act on it) that those who finance and support pro-abortionists for office are themselves pro-abortion, and need to be held accountable.

Such a principle, of course, would wipe out about half of his Cabinet, to say nothing of a significant number of Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and governors that he dutifully supports for reelection, and who then exercise the authority of their office to maintain in place the killing machine.

Truth is consistent. Violation of it produces bizarre — and catastrophic — results!

The Bottom Line: The Decline of Morality in the Face of Secular Materialism

For all of the political machinations and “cover” practiced, one can only understand this continuing spiral of degeneration by a recognition of the reality — the West, including the United States, is in a downward moral spiral, fueled largely by secularism, hedonism, and materialism.

We would refer the reader to the excellent new book by **Patrick J. Buchanan**, *The Death of the West*, and set forth here some brief but salient quotes typifying the problem discussed in this article:

“America has undergone a cultural and social revolution. (P. 1)

“There is a religious war going on in our country for the soul of America. (P. 7)

“Do not ‘indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion,’ said **George Washington** in his Farewell Address.” ‘Of all the dispositions and habits that lead to prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.’ **John Adams** agreed: ‘Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.’ (P. 198)

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“She was once a Christian nation, and a majority yet call themselves Christian. But our dominant culture should more accurately be called post-Christian, or anti-Christian, for the values it celebrates are the antithesis of what it used to mean to be a Christian. (P. 5-6)

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“A new generation has now grown up for whom the cultural revolution is not a revolution at all, but the culture they were born into and have known all their lives. Public homosexuality, pornography, abortion, trash talk on TV and in movies, and filthy lyrics in popular music have all been around since before they can remember. (P. 214)

“Like every institution, the churches have been under constant fire and exhibit signs of battle fatigue. Beset by schisms over abortion and homosexuality, plagued by scandals from womanizing televangelists to pedophile priests, they are not the churches of yesterday. Like muscle tissue, moral authority unexercised shrivels up.”

“As Dorothy said, ‘Toto, I don’t think we’re in Kansas anymore.’ “ (P. 252)

But make no mistake, Buchanan is not recommending surrender:

“America is a paradox. She remains the greatest nation on earth, the land of opportunity, possessed of a vitality and energy unlike those of any other nation. We are the most blessed people on earth. Our science, technology, and medicine are the envy of mankind. ... We have so much to be thankful for, and we all owe America. And while no one can deny the coarseness of her manners, the decadence of her culture, or the sickness in her soul, America is still a country worth fighting for and the last best hope of earth.

“Seated on his coffin in the wagon carrying him through the Virginia countryside to his place of execution, the old abolitionist John Brown was heard to say softly, ‘This is a beautiful country.’ And so it is. That is why we must never stop trying to take her back.” (P. 267-268)

Integrity, however, begins with truth. And we must not color something pretty when it is ugly, nor permit others to do so. The truth is that the vast majority of members of the Kentucky General Assembly, of both Parties, are not Pro-Life — and our task is monumental.

It must begin of course with prayer, and it must persist with uncompromising insistence upon absolute principle: The defense of innocent human life is the most important issue facing the world today, and no one ever has the right to justify the taking of one innocent human life.