

Who Will Save the Babies?

There is something terrible going on in Kansas and you should know about it. A doctor named George Tiller is performing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of late-term abortions using a variety of medical reasons, including the depression of the mother.

In Kansas, there is a mental health exception which allows an abortionist to terminate a fetus at any time up until birth. The exception is vague, and so is Tiller's oft-used depression diagnosis, according to documents currently under investigation by Kansas authorities. So the deal is this: If you want to walk away from your pregnancy at any time, just contact Dr. Tiller; he'll help you out.

But only if you have at least \$5,000. The doctor, known as "Tiller the Baby Killer" among some people who object to his practice, lays it all out on his website. He'll terminate your baby, and even cremate it for you if you wish. He's one-stop shopping.

According to published reports, Tiller injects the fetus with poison while in the womb, removes it, and disposes of the body. While it's true that sometimes a mother's health is severely impacted in late term, most doctors agree this is rare. Babies can now live after 22 weeks when removed by C-section. Late term abortions are almost never necessary.

Unless the mother wants out, that is. And that's what some people believe Tiller is doing—terminating viable, healthy babies because the mother simply doesn't want the child.

While the American media wails about alleged human rights violations at Guantanamo Bay, champions fetal stem cell research in the name of compassion, and hollers aplenty at the atrocities in Darfur, the press is largely ignoring the Tiller story, with the exception of the *Los Angeles Times*. It has

glorified Tiller.

An article by *Times* reporter Stephanie Simon focused on Tiller terminating babies who are seriously ill. Ms. Simon makes no mention of the "depression" factor. She does, however, report that Tiller is aborting Down Syndrome babies which, when you think about it, is kind of chilling.

George Tiller could not do what he's doing in ultra-liberal France or even in permissive Holland. In France, a baby cannot be aborted after 12 weeks unless two doctors certify a woman's physical health is endangered, or the fetus has a serious abnormality.

In the Netherlands, abortion is prohibited at all times once the baby is viable outside the mother's womb.

But in Kansas, if the mom is feeling a bit blue on Tuesday and carries a certified check, Dr. Tiller is willing and able to terminate the baby. Is this what the founding fathers had in mind when they created the Constitution?

I don't think so, but the secular press disagrees. Just this week *The New York Times*, whose editorial writers worship at the altar of abortion, called the investigation into Tiller's gruesome practice a "gross assault on privacy and legal rights [...]". You see, to the *Times* editorial board, no baby in the womb deserves any protection at any time. It's all under the secular-progressive banner of "reproductive rights."

But even the secularists who run France and Holland are not that militant. It is hard to believe that babies have more protections in Paris and Amsterdam than they do in Wichita. But that's the truth.