

# Delay Execution, But Not Abortion

☒ A couple of stories caught my eye this week. One was about those whacky, naked kids over at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), protesting in Seattle against fishing because fish are intelligent, sensitive animals that feel stress and pain when they are hooked or hauled up in nets.

On a more somber note, the fate of convicted murderer, Troy Davis, hung in the balance hoping that somehow, some way, he would be spared a lethal injection in Georgia for the 1989 killing of off-duty policeman, Mark MacPhail. After twenty-two years of legal maneuvers, including a new trial granted by the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time in fifty years, he was executed on Wednesday night.

On one end you have the loons at PETA concerned about the pain fish feel and on the other you have the worldwide protests outside our embassies in Paris and London as well as here in the States, to spare a man who was lawfully convicted and afforded every appellate procedure allowed under our system of justice. Like it or not, twenty-two years later, Mr. Davis had a tenacious group of defenders who exhausted every avenue of review on his behalf.

Among Davis' numerous supporters were the NAACP, and, of course the ACLU.

Should that surprise any of us? Probably not. But while they shout at the top of their lungs about why a convicted murderer should be spared, they also vigorously oppose the rights of the millions of innocent unborn babies being aborted by the millions in this civilized country.

For example, in Atlanta where 60% of abortions are of black

babies, the NAACP repudiated the Radiance Foundation's billboard campaign with the message "The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Freed us, Abortion Enslaves Us" yet openly supports Planned Parenthood and NARAL.

Even more surprising is the about-face taken by the NAACP on a bill in Georgia which would've made it a crime to abort a child because of its race or gender. While the local NAACP initially endorsed the bill, it later had a change of heart. Looks like when it comes to abortion, politics trumps race every time.

This past summer Planned Parenthood along with the ACLU opposed a state law that required women to wait three days and receive counseling before aborting the baby.

Arkansas' "Unborn Child Pain Awareness and Prevention Act" which requires doctors to give patients seeking abortions at 20 weeks or older information on fetal pain 24 hours before the procedure was opposed by the ACLU. It also opposed Wyoming's law which required doctors to provide mothers with ultrasound information.

Both the ACLU and Planned Parenthood similarly opposed Alabama's recently enacted "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act." California's "Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2006" was also opposed by the ACLU.

The PETA loons are so concerned about the stress and pain of fish, I'd really like to know what they think about the stress and pain an unborn child feels during an abortion.

The ACLU, while supporting endless motions, petitions, writs and other legal maneuverings, requesting the judicial system to take a moment, sit back and reflect on the fate of this convicted murderer, it supports no such time for introspection when it comes to abortion— it opposes every bill which would require the mother to take a moment, sit back and reflect on

the fate of her unborn child.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.