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necessitated by the American or Floridian justice systems failure to protect millions of innocent defenseless babies and their mothers from greedy, self-serving abortionists, or even to protect a few or even one baby's life that day from imminent danger at the hands of Dr. David Gunn. No way! Those despicable pro-life activists aren't involved in saving anybody's life, but are just intent on interfering with women and their doctors exercising their "right to choose."

Nesler's fame is spreading, and money and support is pouring in from all around the country. She has even appeared on national TV talk shows. She will be tried for murder and has now pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. That she will be convicted of murder seems unlikely. It's a good bet that she will get probation, according to knowledgeable court watchers. Thousands of dollars have been contributed for her defense.

With the local community rallying so much to her support, the media questioned whether any local jury could be convinced to convict her, or whether "jury nullification" in which the jury exercises a right to, in effect, reject the legality of the charges would not occur. Prosecutors were asked about a change in venue in order to obtain a more unbiased jury, but they pointed out that a request for change of venue could not legally come from them, but only from Ellie Nesler, and she obviously would want a jury of those sympathetic to her righteous courtroom execution of Mr. Driver.

Now what about Michael Griffin? In Nesler's case, Daniel Driver was in custody. Whatever the outcome of his trial, at the time of his death he was not harming anyone at the moment. Nesler did not come upon him as he violated her son, nor was he about to do so. It had been several years since the molestation. Yet, assuming that he would eventually be free to molest again, and not be punished for what he had done to her son, she killed him on the spot. She shot him from behind, leaving him not even a chance to face death, not to perhaps even express some remorse for his crimes nor repent for his sins.

And Michael Griffin? He too has seen the failure of the justice system. In his case, he has for years been watching the ultimate fatal molestation of millions of babies, murdered by doctors sworn to uphold the ethics of medicine. He has seen the justice system protect the killers, and even protect them from criticism. The legal system has committed itself to attack and abuse those who would engage in peaceful, non-violent civil disobedience to protect the lives of babies and their mothers.

We have seen tens of thousands of peaceful people arrested and prosecuted for trying to save those babies from death. As Griffin saw Dr. Gunn approach the building where the abortionist would kill more babies, and as he knew the mothers were already there or would be there soon to give their bodies over to Gunn to have their babies killed within their wombs, perhaps it was that Michael Griffin, like Ellie Nesler, could take it no more, and perhaps what he might have known he would face from the justice system was not as important as saving the lives of many, or even one, innocent defenseless baby whom Dr. Gunn was surely intending to kill, that very day.

The point here is not to judge Ellie Nesler. The California courts will conduct a trial or trials to judge her by man's laws, and God will eventually render His judgment. But the astounding point here is that Ellie Nesler has been billed and even hailed by a good part of society and the media (and her attorneys) as having acted righteously. Her cause is good. No one likes pedophiles. We're better off without them, etc. etc.

And what then of Michael Griffin? His cause is bad — politically incorrect. Mass prenatal baby killers, like Dr. Gunn, are good. They "serve women," protect "choice" and "women's rights," and all the other Planned Parenthood slogans. For those with a more sophisticated and pragmatic "conscience" like many media moguls, the Dr. Gunns of this world are an essential element in achieving sexual liberation, in controlling population, and in "curbing crime," by controlling the proliferation of undesirable elements in society. Michael Griffin is then to be pilloried as nothing but a cold-blooded, deranged assassin. If any excuse is to be made for his behavior, it is only by attacking the pro-life or Christian community which in some way inspired or induced a poor unbalanced individual to think that "fetuses" are human beings and that Dr. Gunn and his mass abortionist colleagues were actually killing human beings. Thus Michael Griffin is a terrorist, and an exemplar of the dangers of the pro-life and Christian "right" mentality.

The media demanded that every known pro-life group or individual in sight immediately judge and denounce Michael Griffin under pain of being accused of being an accomplice in shooting Dr. Gunn. The pro-life people were expected implicitly to at least affirm that Dr. Gunn was not killing babies and represented no immediate threat to babies or their mothers — or to any human beings. They were expected to affirm that nothing more than continued "dialogue" should be appropriate in saving babies from abortion, and even the "dialogue" should be so tempered that not even one deranged person in the nation might get confused or think anything that might be said implied that there was any violence involved in the tens of millions of abortions which have been committed in the United States in recent years.

It is ironic that in California Penal Code Section 187, first-degree murder is defined as "the unlawful killing of a human being, or a fetus, with malice aforethought." Notice the explicit mention of "a fetus." The law then adds a section that says that it does not apply to any action taken under the so-called "Therapeutic Abortion Act," which curiously mentions the word "therapeutic" only in its title. The result is that deliberately killing a fetus in California is murder, unless you have the consent of the mother. But if the "fetus" manages to survive and be called a "baby" — even one minute past birth -- the permission of the mother to kill that baby "with malice aforethought" will not protect the killer from a charge of first-degree murder, even if the mother should kill the baby herself.

No "men's rights" movement is campaigning for a father's right to give legal consent to kill or to himself kill his child before or after birth. Pagan Roman fathers had that right!

A recent decision of the California Court of Appeals for the Fourth District in *People v. Davis* even concluded that the charge of first-degree murder could be sustained against a "fetus" killer, even if the "fetus" was not yet "viable," as long as the fetus killer did not have the mother's consent to kill the "fetus." The court even stated that "the culpability of the perpetrator of the killing seems equal, regardless of the age of the fetus."

And what will happen to Ellie Nesler and Michael Griffin? Ellie Nesler will get very sympathetic and respectful treatment by the judicial system, which is quite aware of the media's ability to bring public opinion and frightful political retribution against anyone who violates "political correctness."

Griffin, and anyone who is even involved in offering him due process and counsel, can expect the full wrath of a media-driven judicial system to be thrown at them. The baby-butcher industry and its friends in the media will see to it that he and pro-life activists and the "Christian right" are damaged to the maximum extent, even if that means inciting "hate crimes" against Christian churches and people, by the many unbalanced and deranged sexual liberationists and kamikaze homosexuals who are so numerous and violent in their "clinic defense" and "escort" activities. Churches in California which have hosted Operation Rescue rallies in the past are already being subjected to obnoxious picketing by ACT UP, the Queer Army, and the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" who feel emboldened now to openly denounce pro-life and Christian people as "killers." Some churches have already been defaced with graffiti obscenities.

Political correctness. The spirit and mentality of our times. To what extent will the media go in cultivating it and using it to rule this country? It has actually become a new and de facto form of government, which we may call "mediarchy," rule by the media.

The trials of Ellie Nesler and Michael Griffin and the media and editorial coverage of them will shine some light ahead on the path our country is being led along by our reigning mediarchy. ■

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