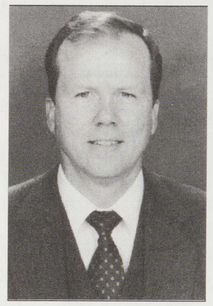
"Terrorist!"

Do you remember the first time you were called a terrorist? I do! The first time an abortionist publicly called me a terrorist was in early 1985, about ten years ago.

I and several others from the Portland area had been picketing a couple of local abortion mills for only two or three months before the administrator of the "Lovejoy SurgiCenter" was quoted in our local paper, saying that those of us who were picketing were "terrorists" who had been trained in "terrorist camps" to interfere with abortions.



My first reaction to being called a terrorist was to wonder, *what was it that I had said or done, protesting on the public sidewalk, to be called a terrorist?* After all, from the early days of AFLM to the present, I have always encouraged and promoted nonviolent protests against abortion. Was it the sign I carried that said "abortion is murder"; was it the songs we sang like, "Jesus loves the little children"; or was it the bumper sticker on my car that proclaimed, "Everyone deserves a birthday—STOP ABORTION?"

It was only a few months later that someone sent four mail-bombs to all of the local abortion mills and Planned Parenthood. Immediately, our little band of protesters were again called terrorists, and one abortuary operator publicly charged that Advocates for Life was responsible for the attempted bombings—even though we had publicly denounced the act. She said that if we hadn't done the deed ourselves, that our rhetoric had incited someone else to do it. (By the way, we were informed a couple of years later that the man who sent the bombs was the father of a baby who had been killed at one of the "clinics"—this information, however, never reached the media.)

Does this sound all too familiar? I have recounted these two incidents only to remind you that being called a terrorist is nothing new to those who try to save innocent babies from being slaughtered. In fact, simply telling the truth about abortion will almost always engender this response from those who shed innocent blood.

The latest wave of charges against pro-life leaders for "inciting violence with their rhetoric" is nothing new. But a lie repeated often enough becomes believable by some. The unfortunate thing is that those who scream the loudest—abortionists—are the ones who get heard and responded to.

Even though it is the abortionists who commit terror against babies each and every day, it is they who are quoted by the media and coddled by the courts when they cry "foul" because their violence has come back to haunt them. They kill and maim for a living every single day, but when one of them is killed or injured they protest as though they were "day care" workers who are serving humanity with kindness and good deeds instead of slaughtering children.

And to add insult to injury, they claim that, though they are the ones that are killing innocent people every day, it is those "anti-choice terrorist" who are to blame for any act of protest or defense on behalf of their victims. The denial that the abortion industry is operating under in incredible. But, none-the-less, their specious charges against truth are being heard and now being acted upon.

In the past year the U.S. Justice Department has launched several investigations against anti-abortion activists. Those who have been targeted for investigation haven't bombed any buildings, shot anyone, or even made threats to do so. They have been singled out simply because of what they *believe* concerning the unborn—that morally they are deserving of equal protection under the law.

This month's issue of *Life Advocate* covers the beginnings of another important story concerning a judicial system out of control. Regina Dinwiddie, radio host of "Rescue Report" in Kansas City, Missouri, is being charged with violations of FACE for doing nothing more than saying that *'God will judge those who shed innocent blood.'* The judge has stated that her words are a violation of FACE and have created "irreparable harm" to the baby-killers in her town. He has enjoined her from what he calls the "escalating practice of threats and physical acts intended to intimidate and interfere" with those who kill children, though she has never been found guilty of attempting to injure anyone.

The judge also stated that he believes that Dinwiddie "harbors a serious intent to do bodily harm" *(now they think they can read our minds)*, and therefore must be stopped. To do so he has enjoined her from saying *anything that might*, in his mind or the minds of his pro-abortion constituency, *might* intimidate or incite someone to violence.

Dinwiddie's judge made it clear. Her practice of declaring *abortion to be murder*, and that *God will judge against those who support the shedding of innocent blood*, is tantamount to threatening and inciting physical violence against the abortion industry. In addition to enjoining her from telling the truth about abortion, she has also been told that she cannot go within 500 feet of any facility that provides "reproductive health care" in the federal jurisdiction of the court.

Regina is not the first nor the last one who will have their Constitutional rights trampled upon. We must not give up the fight for the lives of the babies. The truth must be spoken—long and loud. Don't let the name-calling of the baby-butchers intimidate you from telling it. Next month we'll bring you a full report on Regina Dinwiddie's case and other abortionist efforts to outlaw anti-abortion speech.

Serving Him for Life,

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Darla Nguyen comforts Ryan after his complicated escape from death.

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On the wall

The handwriting is on the wall. Rescue's days are numbered. If thousands upon thousands had sat down regularly in front of the doors of death, the abortion industry would have been dealt a mortal blow. The natural next step is the one Paul Hill took. All other avenues failed for the babies — Paul Hill's didn't.

Kathleen Krivak
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"Treachery [still] afoot"

Thanks for the "treachery afoot" piece by Randall Terry. I hope that Christians everywhere will think about what our brother has to say. Better [to] not be over confident about what the new Republican leadership is going to do for us (or the unborn babies!) because most of them were picked by a pack of wolves. I refer to so-called "Christian Right" leaders who are willing to compromise. They talk about long-range plans to get back to godly government, but their talk is just "blowing smoke." They're promoting politicians who don't care enough about God and the babies to take a firm stand for them before they get into office (and while they still need our votes), and they will care even less once in Washington with a paycheck guaranteed.

I read *Life Advocate* every month from cover to cover. I don't always agree with the editorials but it sure has made me think more. Keep up the good work.

Joe Brightman
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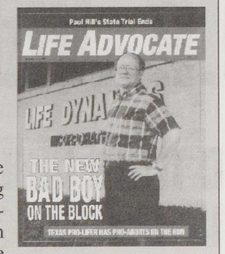
Pietism and politics



I spent a couple hours this morning in front of a "pro-choice" business in the rain. I love what Paul deParrie wrote about the recent elections. I'm not very cheerful here; listen, your magazine is a bright spot. The biggest shock to me in the four and a half years I've been on the streets in pro-life is the fall of the Church. So, people like you with conviction, prayers, hard work, and no tolerance for sin [are] so refreshing.

So many "Christian" books in America and so much sin . . . *Excuse me Mr. Pastor, and Deacon, and choir leader, I think there are severe problems in America, like Judgment!* And they say, "That's so right hon, but we are overcomers in Christ Jesus . . ." Oh well, I'm sure you know. Your magazine really blesses this little "radical fringe" domestic "terrorist."

Tobra Potter

The article in this last [*Dec. '94*] *Life Advocate*, "Hi, I'm from the government and I'm here to help you," was chilling. Has our country come to the place where beliefs have become criminal?

Chuck Wygant
Nashville, TN

Mom/baby "delivered" safe

I've just returned from my daughter's home where I helped out after the birth of her baby girl, but perhaps the best is her deliverance from the great evil of Planned Parenthood.

We are pro-life Christians, but when my daughter married and moved away, her and her husband began to experience financial difficulties. To make a very long story short, she went to PP when she got pregnant. She and her husband believed the only way they could afford this baby was to enlist the financial help of PP. Several months went by as she got her prenatal "care" from the #1 baby murderers in the country.

As I talked to her on the phone one day, my daughter confessed about PP. I was so taken aback I could hardly speak. When I did find my voice, I gave her both barrels! My grandchild in the hands of murderers, not to mention my daughter! Any money she gave them counteracted money I'd sent to pro-life groups. She was selling out to the god of money and sacrificing her baby there. My husband offered to send her money if she'd just get away from PP! She wanted to do it all "on her own." We talked for awhile, and she agreed to pray about changing doctors. I believe she had justified her actions in her own mind thinking God would understand that they couldn't afford a regular doctor.

A few weeks went by while we prayed for God to deliver my daughter and grandbaby.

One day I got a disturbing call from her. She and her husband had begun to hear a baby crying upstairs in their home. She said it sounded more like a very young baby screaming! Three different people heard the crying at different times but always near the room she'd prepared for the new baby. The crying had started about the time we'd started praying. There seemed to be no explanation, so she'd called me to ask if I thought a demon could be in her house. Without even thinking I said, "Maybe this is the answer you and I have been praying for. Maybe God's allowed you to hear the cries of just one of the aborted babies of PP!"

She instantly dropped the phone and began sobbing as God convicted her of her sin. When she could finally talk again, she asked God's forgiveness and made up her mind to find a pro-life doctor immediately, even though she didn't know how they could afford it. She still refused our help but I assured her God would make a way as long as she was willing to follow Him.

Since the day my daughter decided to leave PP, no one has heard the baby crying again.

I thank God for all His goodness. We can make some stupid, sinful moves in our Christian walk sometimes, but He loves us enough to correct us (and our children). I believe because of my daughter's obedience she had an easier birth, good doctors and nurses and a beautiful healthy baby girl! Thank You Jesus!

Brenda Cook
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Don't want truth

For the idiot that cancelled because you printed info on Paul Hill—I enclose two subscriptions. Interesting—we can continue to subscribe to secular newspapers that, for the most part, lie all the time, or turn on the TV and hear and believe more lies; but we apparently don't want truth from a Christian magazine.

Diane Curley
Fredericksburg, VA

L.A. an effective tool

It is impossible for me to express to you the importance of the *Life Advocate* magazines which bless us each month in profound ways. Were it not for the education, information, and inspiration which they provide, our effectiveness as anti-abortion activists would be greatly diminished. My heartfelt thanks to each one who has a part in faithfully producing this critical magazine each month. God bless you.

Elizabeth Harden
Hancock, ME

The Hill exception

I knew it! The death penalty abolitionists are not really abolitionists. For Paul Hill (or anyone who kills an abortionist) they see nothing less than death as justice. Of course, Paul Hill killed someone who carries out the one big exception they have always had: living in the "wrong" womb at the "wrong" time. For that they want the death penalty legal, with no one but the mother as "judge" to sentence. Isn't it crazy?

Well, I'm glad that the Author of life will be the final judge. We can trust Him.

Angie Bell
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