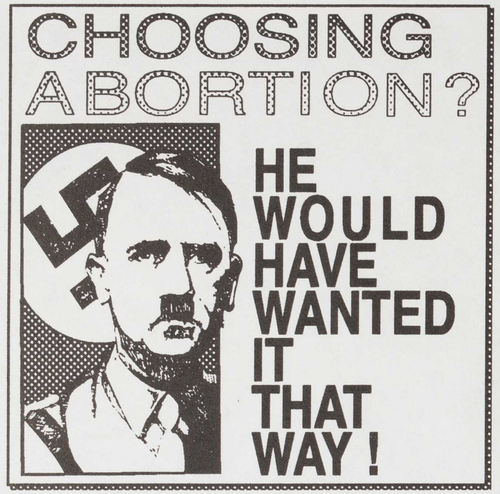


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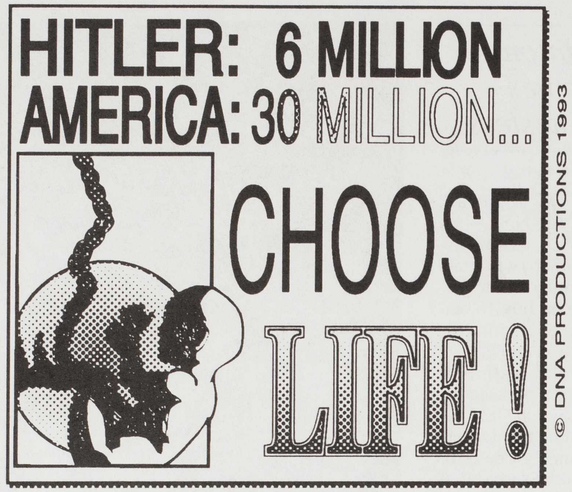


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# A look back at the deadly D&X procedure

by Cathy Ramey

In late January of 1993, Advocates For Life Ministries shocked the sensibilities of even the most resigned pro-lifers. In the February issue of *Life Advocate* our researcher, Jenny Westberg, did an outstanding expose on the abortion industries latest state-of-the-art technique for killing children. The new procedure, termed Dilation & Extraction (D&X), targets bigger babies and leaves no doubt as to the level of depravity that we have sunk to as a nation. Abortion is clearly no longer clouded in euphemisms. Our willingness to swallow the precise and premeditated killing of babies has progressed at such a pace that abortionists need not hide behind a facade of deceptive words and phrases. As the Haskell presentation at the 1992 National Abortion Federation conference demonstrates (see *Life Advocate*, Feb. 1993), those who butcher the unborn can talk about destroying children in almost completely unguarded terms now without the public or sadly the Church even batting an eye.

Since the publication of Westberg's research into the D&X procedure, *Life Advocate* has received scores of ads, articles, postcards, brochures, and political letters showing how pro-lifers have utilized the information in order to graphically demonstrate the truly evil nature of abortion. Many of those who sent examples our way did not even realize that *Life Advocate* was responsible for the original expose on this chilling procedure. This month we offer for your examination just two of the ways that Jenny Westberg's diligent work has found its way into the mainstream to fully articulate the lies surrounding "a woman's right to choose."

The first article in our D&X Special Feature is a word-for-word reprint of an article published by the American Medical Association in their July *AMNews* publication. It is a surprisingly even-handed report. While the implication is that the D&X procedure is being used primarily as a political tool on the part of anti-abortionists (and why not!), there is the lingering sense that even the AMA has qualms about killing *some* children.

The second article is a product of the Christian media. It is a well thought out letter produced by popular radio host and counselor, Dr. James Dobson. In it, Dr. Dobson draws on the obvious parallels between the idolatry of God's people of the Old Testament and our modern day form of Baal worship in which we sacrifice our children on the altars of Planned Parenthood and the like. It is the more chilling of the two. Like the nation of Israel under Ahab and Jezebel, we too face a severe judgment for tolerating ungodly practices.

After reading Dobson's letter, I would ask you to consider how it is that the Lord is asking you to repent and lead others in repentance. As you pray about the times we are in, seek the Lord for the log in the Church's eye that has prevented her from seeing rightly to remove the splinter of abortion from the world's eye. I would suggest that it goes much deeper than the surreptitious "therapeutic" abortions purchased by God's people. The fact that we can't dialogue openly about the equally reprehensible practices of birth control in our churches is extremely troubling. How dare we tell the world that they can't kill their children when we are killing ours through abortafacient "contraceptive" means at a pace that may out-distance the total number of all of the "procedures" perpetrated in America's abortion mills!

Our out of heart rejection of children as a blessing from God is no more righteous than the world's. In fact it is worse, because we have God's Holy Word of truth to mark our path and we have turned 'each to his own way.' By tolerating unrighteousness in our own ranks, we have led the world down a roadway marked for Hell. As judgment continues in the house of God and moves out into the world, we ought to seek forgiveness from those flooded out in the mid-west, and those washed away by the waves in South Carolina. You see, God doesn't declare some methods of child-sacrifice to be more sacred than others. The child killed at 28 weeks by a Martin Haskell, or the child killed at two weeks by an abortafacient consuming church-goer are no different in His sight. As you read the D&X information, pause and give that some thought.

Lastly, for those who are still with me, I want to take this opportunity to point out the obvious. *Life Advocate* magazine is a valuable resource that God has provided to you. *Life Advocate* readers were informed about the latest technique for dispatching babies months before most other reports appeared, and those reports were made possible because of the willingness of this magazine to make available all of our research material, including Haskell's paper from the NAF convention. For His own reasons, God has given us the responsibility to provide the concerned Christian community with information you will find nowhere else.

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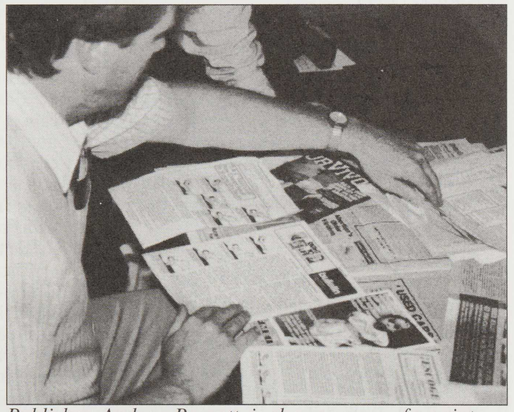

*Publisher, Andrew Burnett, is shown scores of reprint pieces as a result of the Life Advocate expose (see Feb '93) on D&X.*