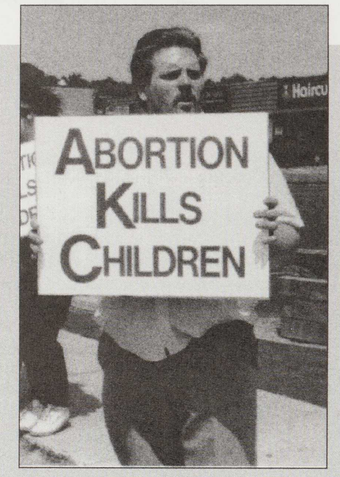
Religious Bigotry?

by Mike Rice

There's new excitement in the media as recent stories have unfolded regarding cult members in Waco, Texas, and the killing of an abortionist in Florida. The media's enthusiasm level rivals that of sharks drawn to blood, as the presses grind out article, after editorial, after cartoon, depicting Christians as something akin to heavy breathing monsters. Local secular newspaper articles titled "How Religious Fanaticism Fosters Terrorism," "Terrorism in the name of Life," and "Thou shall not kill, except...," add to the continuous barrage of attacks against Christians who dare to move from their church pews.



What the media have failed to see however, is that in their unrelenting zeal to attack Christians, they have also revealed the ugliness of their fevered hysteria. It's the same bigoted hysteria that had black men lynched in the Old South...the same frenzied hysteria that fed the Nazi brownshirts as they ransacked Jewish shops... the same racist hysteria whipped up against civil rights leaders in the 1950s and '60s. Today's society doesn't condone bigotry against blacks, Jews, or women, so the latest "whipping boys" of the media moguls are Christians. Using their time-honored methods of "racist logic," they attempt to beat the "whipping boy" into submission, to keep him on his knees, and keep him out of "trouble." Racist logic is a process of bending and twisting the truth to fit one's own bigoted beliefs. Racist logic says that if a man with pigmented skin kills, then all black men are killers. One "churchgoer" kills, so all Christians are killers.

None are safe from these media lynchings. When public officials even appear to offer a kind word to Christian pro-lifers, the pro-abortion propagandists immediately launch a venomous assault that makes the late Senator Joe McCarthy look like a Sunday school kid. In Milwaukee, Circuit Judge Diane Sykes narrowly escaped a media execution after pro-abortion forces accused her of complicity with pro-lifers for stating that she respected their "courage of convictions" before sentencing them to 60 days in jail. She escaped only after pro-abortion friends came to her defense. District Attorney E. Michael McCann has been under constant attack for refusing to single out those engaged in non-violent pro-life civil disobedience, penalizing them with additional criminal charges. Apparently the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees equal protection under the law, is of no consequence to the radical pro-abortionists and their hysterical media.

These propaganda weapons have been used well in this century to victimize groups, races, and even entire populations. If history shows us anything, it shows that this type of bigoted media propaganda invariably brings violence against the intended victims, and as expected, there is an escalation of physical and verbal abuse toward pro-lifers in front of abortion mills. While the media pick up on some obscure death threat to an abortionist, nothing is ever said about the numerous death threats to pro-life leaders and their families. Nothing is mentioned about vandalism to pro-life centers including the recent fire-bombing of a Right to Life office in Gainesville, Florida. Nothing is mentioned about the attempts by crazed motorists who swerve their vehicles toward pro-life picketers in an attempt to hit or scare them, or about the bottles and other projectiles tossed at Christians engaged in prayer in front of abortion mills. While U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is absorbed with attempts to criminalize pro-life activities, federal courts and law enforcement officials turn a blind eye to the safety and welfare of Christians engaged in peaceful protest, fully protected by the Constitution.

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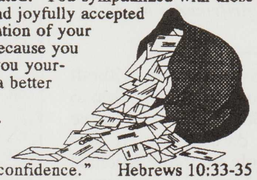

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