

## “Political Necessities”

The coming election is about many things. One issue that should be debated is whether “we the people” wish to continue to allow unelected federal judges to decide what the law should be.

The latest outrage comes from the chambers of one Phyllis Hamilton, a U.S. District judge in San Francisco. Judge Hamilton, who was appointed by Bill Clinton, has ruled that the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act passed by congress and approved by even some strongly “pro-choice” members is unconstitutional because it infringes on a “woman’s right to choose.” She not only bought the illogic of Planned Parenthood’s attorneys, she also adopted their disingenuous language.

This isn’t about abortion. This is child sacrifice, a practice associated with ancient cults and pagan rituals. It is also about politics, which can obscure logic and reasoned argument. And it is about the pro-abortion lobby seeing any restriction on the extermination of a child with a beating heart and brain waves and the ability to live outside the woman is a step toward banning all abortions. So for the sake of maintaining “political purity,” the pro-abortion lobby continues to stain humanity by endorsing this horrible procedure.

The American Medical Association has said there is no medical necessity for “intact dilation and extraction.” But the pro-abortion lobby believes there is a political necessity for it.

Numerous polls have shown that when the procedure is accurately explained, 70 percent or more of respondents oppose it, with some calling it manslaughter. But a single federal judge can change the will of a large majority of the people and their elected representatives. This is what dictators do.

Responding to the San Francisco ruling, Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt said it’s not only about “a woman’s right to choose,” but “a doctor’s right to practice medicine.” If partial-birth abortion is “practicing medicine,” is the beheading of Nick Berg by Islamic terrorists last month in Iraq a “surgical procedure”?

What’s the difference? Berg had a heartbeat and brain waves. So does the baby targeted for extermination while emerging from the woman’s womb.

If Judge Hamilton’s ruling is allowed to stand, **it will serve as one more judgment on us as a people**, on what we believe, on what we are willing to permit and whether the value of human life exists, or is determined solely by how federal courts define it.

This is where our increasingly secular society has taken us. Once viewed by our Founders, most theologians, politicians, and doctors as unique creatures whose rights are not granted by government, but endowed by “our Creator,” we have become pieces of meat subject to the butchering whims of unelected judges and of women who have been herded like cattle to this slaughter, making them co-victims with the baby they have chosen to kill. And if we see ourselves as meat, then meat we shall become.

President Bush should make the judiciary a central focus of his reelection campaign. Cal Thomas – ©  
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