# **Kermit Gosnell**

Pulling Back the Curtain on the Reality of Abortion

### The Facts

In April 2013, abortionist Kermit Gosnell was convicted on three counts of murder in the deaths of 3 newborn babies.

Gosnell routinely delivered live babies and then ended their lives by severing their spinal cords with scissors. The Grand Jury Report estimates hundreds of babies met similar fates at Gosnell's Philadelphia abortion center.

Gosnell preyed on vulnerable women with his abortion business and subjected them to dangerous and unsanitary conditions. One woman named Karnamaya Mongar died at Gosnell's center after an overdose of Demerol. After Mongar's death, a former employee said Gosnell reassured her that she'd done nothing wrong.

According to the Grand Jury Report, for political reasons, the PA Department of Health ceased inspections of abortion centers allowing the atrocities to continue for years.



"This case is about a doctor who killed babies and endangered women...Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it."

- Grand Jury Report, Jan. 2011.

"Gosnell had a simple solution for the unwanted babies he delivered: he killed them. He didn't call it that. He called it "ensuring fetal demise." The way he ensured fetal demise was by sticking scissors into the back of the baby's neck and cutting the spinal cord. He called that "snipping." - Grand Jury Report, Jan. 2011.



#### Media Blackout

Initially, the media refused to cover the Gosnell case. Pro-life advocates and bloggers stormed social media to compel the media to cover the trial. The effort led to national coverage and resulted in a Fox News documentary entitled "See No Evil."

"I asked one of the court staff why so few are interested. 'If you're pro-choice, do you really want anybody to know about this,' he said, motioning to the filthy medical equipment set up in the courtroom." - JD Mullane, reporter for the Bucks County Courier Times \*

"Infant beheadings. Severed baby feet in jars. A child screaming after it was delivered alive during an abortion procedure...Let me state the obvious. This should be front page news...

We've forgotten what belongs on Page One." - columnist Kirsten Powers\*



## **Implications**

The Gosnell case provides further evidence that a great deal of the late abortion iceberg is below the water.

Kermit Gosnell was convicted of murder for severing the necks of justborn babies, but those babies would have died just as painfully if he had killed them inside the womb, as most late-term abortionists do. The result is the same for the baby whether it meets its end in a shabby clinic like Gosnell's or a brand new Planned Parenthood facility -- a painful death.

"(Details of the Gosnell trial) have shocked the nation's conscience regarding the culture of abortion. This trial and this verdict will generate serious discussion about abortion policy in the United States and elsewhere." - blogger Mollie Ziegler Hemingway\*

"Gosnell pulls the curtain back from the inherent violence of abortion. You can't sit in that courtroom and learn about what abortion does to the unborn child and to the woman in many cases ... you can't sit there day after day and week after week and listen to that testimony and not be changed, and not have a change of heart, or at least reconsider your position." – reporter JD Mullane\*

### Protecting Life

National Right to Life strongly supports the passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would provide nationwide protection for unborn children who are capable of feeling pain, beginning at 20 weeks fetal age (equivalent to "22 weeks of pregnancy"), the beginning of the sixth month.



"This legislation reflects the views of the overwhelming majority of both men and women," said NRLC President Carol Tobias. "The Obama White House, and all but a handful of House Democrats, fought for essentially unlimited abortion in the sixth month or later, despite growing public awareness of the violence perpetrated by late-term abortionists such as Kermit Gosnell and the pain they inflict on unborn babies."



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