

Words matter

(Condensed from a letter by Barbara Listing, President, Right to Life of Michigan)

"The word quickly spread all over the world that Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, was pregnant. It was announced from the rooftops that her "baby" would be third in line to the very throne of England, behind only Prince William and Prince Charles.

"So why is Kate Middleton carrying a "baby" while women entering abortion clinics are routinely told they are carrying a "blob of tissue" or a "product of conception?"

"This abortionist has some insight for us:

"You have to become a bit schizophrenic. In one room, you encourage the patient that the slight irregularity in the fetal heart is not important, that she is going to have a fine, healthy baby. Then, in the next room you assure another woman, on whom you just did a saline abortion, that it is a good thing that the heartbeat is already irregular... she has nothing to worry about, she will not have a live baby.... All of a sudden one noticed that at the time of the saline infusion there was a lot of activity in the uterus. That's not fluid currents. That's obviously a fetus being distressed by swallowing the concentrated salt solution and kicking violently and that's... the death trauma... somebody has to do it, and unfortunately we are the executioners in this instance [.]" (Dr. John Szenes, quoted by Magda Denes. "Performing Abortions," *Commentary*, October, 1976, pp 33-37)

"He's right!

"You have to be 'a bit schizophrenic' to believe that a 'baby' can be instantaneously transformed into a mere 'blob of tissue' simply because that's what you decide to call it.

"Here's another example of how words are used to shape this debate — this time a little closer to home. In March of 2012, we released a report that documented the ways in which most of Michigan's abortion clinics have ignored dozens of state laws and regulations.

"We provided 52 pages of words in the form of an investigative report documenting that many Michigan abortion clinics were in blatant violation of basic health and safety standards. We then spent the remainder of 2012 working diligently to pass House Bill No. 5711, a prolife omnibus package of bills that were drafted in response to that report. This package of legislation will help protect a woman's life and health if she decides to go through with an abortion.

"For too long, the abortion industry has gone unregulated and unchecked. Patients' safety will now be put ahead of abortion profits. House Bill No. 5711 will now require licensing and inspections for the first time for these clinics. The law was also needed to prevent women from being coerced into an abortion, to end the reprehensible practice of disposing of bodies of aborted babies in garbage cans, and to avoid the dangerous chemical abortion drug RU-486 from being dispensed via the Internet.

"In the wee hours of the morning on December 14, the last day of the lame duck session, prolife legislators passed this package of bills that will clean up abortion services in Michigan more than anything we've ever done!

"Just 12 days later, on December 26, the City of Muskegon closed down the Women's Medical Center. According to the now public investigation, the conditions of the clinic were 'filthy' and 'downright disgusting.'

"Investigators found mold from a leaking roof. There were buckets strewn about the floor catching rainwater. Garbage was found piled up right next to a procedure table complete with unsterilized surgical equipment.

"According to one report, investigators found 'blood on the floor and walls in multiple locations' as well as blood dripping from a sink trap in a patient room. There were also 'uncovered buckets containing unknown fluids' in the operating room.

"This is precisely the kind of abuse that we outlined in our report. This is a perfect example of why we felt compelled to intervene on behalf of these women seeking an abortion. Yet, throughout the entire process, from start to finish, as we attempted to pass this package of bills, we were accused of waging a 'war on women.'

"When a reporter called the abortionist for an explanation, he said, 'The last time I was there, when I left, everything was pristine.' And how was he rewarded? He got hired by another abortion business in Detroit.

"This is the real 'war on women.'

"If you will go to our website, www.RTL.org, you can find this story complete with 19 photographs. Brace yourself. Words simply cannot describe what you will see." •

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Friday, May 24 - 8am—3pm
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Everybody
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You're Invited to **NOT**
Attend...
OUR \$30K IN MAY
NON-EVENT



Well, it won't take 30 days,
and you won't have to run a 30k...

...but you are invited to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore continue helping kids reach their potential through professionally supported mentoring relationships!

As you know, we are passionate about the impact Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs have on our community.

Please help us continue our work creating **Competent, Confident** and **Caring** children that will grow up to be healthy & productive adults through our...
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- _____ \$100—I'd run a 30k for you, but I really don't have the time.
- _____ \$50—I'd run a 30k for you, but my Nikes need resoling.
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- _____ \$10—I'd run a 30k for you, but I don't like Gatorade.
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We're not running and we hope you will consider not running too—for a great cause. We also ask that you help raise \$30k during the month of May by inviting your friends and family to **NOT** attend this worthwhile event.

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