

The Newtown Slaughter-- A Pro-Life Commentary

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On December 16, 2012, Barack Obama visited Newtown, Connecticut—scene of the slaughter of the Innocents—namely those 20 school children gunned down by a mad man. In the flash of an eye these precious children, with six adults, were gone in an unspeakable, unimaginable act of cruelty. Obama attended a religious memorial service at the Newtown public high school—a service drenched in prayers to God—notice the ACLU dared NOT raise a voice of protest. There Obama delivered a speech.

What you will read below is a commentary on that speech—a commentary intended to point out this president's incredible moral disconnection—and the moral disconnection of a nation that can so rightly mourn the deaths of the 20 Newtown children, condemn the violence perpetrated against them—yet tolerate, even defend a culture and a law that sends millions of innocent children to their deaths every day in the slaughter of the innocent unborn.

We must shed a spotlight on and face up to this grave moral disconnection.

Many have offered reasons for what happened at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. Even if the cause of these murders can be traced to the deranged mind of 20-year-old Adam Lanza, or we can perhaps fault his mother (whom he also murdered) for irresponsibly leaving assault-grade weapons accessible to him, yet we need to ask ourselves what role our violence-worshipping culture plays in the repeated incidents of mass slaughter such as the Newtown shootings.

Mental illness is nothing new. But acts of violence like the Newtown massacre are nearly historically unprecedented. Our culture is saturated with violence. TV, films, and video games are full of the most horrific, bloody, graphic violence—scenes that depict the torture and killing of human beings are regarded as merely entertainment. Add to this the 50 year societal decline in the recognition of the sanctity of human life. American culture already teaches that human beings are expendable, and may be eliminated, even in acts of violence, when they become a burden, are inconvenient, or are simply unwanted.

We cannot be surprised that the mass slaughter of the Innocents should take place outside of the womb when our culture has created the moral environment for such killing. It is more than disturbing to realize that, while Obama mourns these children, he would have supported their being aborted if the mothers of the Newtown children had chosen to do so—meaning that, in the end, human life is not sacred. Our nation only mourns the loss of children who are loved and wanted.

Below are some of the truly heartfelt statements Obama made in his December 16th speech. These words, profound and beautiful are nonetheless infused with a sad moral disconnection. I believe that Obama was truly affected by the mass killing of these Innocents. The question is—how can he be so pathetically BLIND to the killing that he supports and defends EVERY DAY? How can our Nation be so blind?

Yes, my friends, this is a pro-lifer's anguish to be so awfully aware of our nation's moral disconnection. I believe that it is the pro-lifer who bears, in a peculiar way, the burden of the Sandy Hook slaughter—as we who fight for the unwanted unborn are aware of death every day, carry the burden of our nation's crimes every day, cry out for justice for Innocents slaughtered every day—because the pro-lifer, by virtue of a sharpened sense of the sacredness of life, sees

and understands the meaning of life more than most people do and thus carry a grief that those who advocate legalized abortion cannot realize.

I have offered many prayers for the parents and family members who suffered the incredible loss of their children in Newtown, Connecticut—and I encourage you to do the same. They bear a grief only the true God can heal. And it is this same true God to whom we must turn and beg on our knees to save our land from the blood of those lost and un-mourned in legalized abortion.

Obama's Words from Memorial Service for 20 Slaughtered Children:



"But we, as a nation, we are left with some hard questions. Someone once described the joy and anxiety of parenthood as the equivalent of having your heart outside of your body all the time, walking around. With their very first cry, this most precious, vital part of ourselves - our child - is suddenly exposed to the world, to possible mishap or malice. And every parent knows there is nothing we will not do to shield our children from harm."

"This is our first task - caring for our children. It's our first job. If we don't get that right, we don't get anything right. That's how, as a society, we will be judged."





"And by that measure, can we truly say, as a nation, that we are meeting our obligations? Can we honestly say that we're doing enough to keep our children - all of them - safe from harm?"

"Can we claim, as a nation, that we're all together there, letting them know that they are loved, and teaching them to love in return? Can we say that we're truly doing enough to give all the children of this country the chance they deserve to live out their lives in happiness and with purpose?"



"I've been reflecting on this the last few days, and if we're honest with ourselves, the answer is no. We're not doing enough. And we will have to change."

"We can't tolerate this anymore. These tragedies must end. And to end them, we must change. We can't accept events like this as routine."



"Are we prepared to say that such violence visited on our children year after year is somehow the price of our freedom?"

"We know we're always doing right when we're taking care of them, when we're teaching them well, when we're showing acts of kindness. We don't go wrong when we do that."

"'Let the little children come to me,' Jesus said, 'and do not hinder them - for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

"Charlotte. Daniel. Olivia. Josephine. Ana. Dylan. Madeleine. Catherine. Chase. Jesse. James. Grace. Emilie. Jack. Noah. Caroline. Jessica. Benjamin. Avielle. Allison."

"God has called them all home. For those of us who remain, let us find the strength to carry on, and make our country worthy of their memory".

