

Descent Into Madness—

Inside the Mind of a Planned Parenthood Abortionist

And the Future of the Pro-Abortion Movement

Lisa Hope Harris, Harvard graduate and Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan—is also an abortionist at the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Ann Arbor.



All abortionists are dangerous people—but abortionists like Harris are especially dangerous as she exemplifies the ideologically-driven killer who provides the philosophical justification by which abortion providers learn to live with themselves while engaged in exterminating the innocent. The really dangerous abortionists are not the ones in it for the money, but the ones who *believe* in what they are doing!

Harris wrote what can certainly be described as the most disturbing ethical critique of the role of an abortionist— it would not be far off to conclude that Harris has constructed an ethical framework that rests on a kind of insanity. While her article: “**Second Trimester Abortion Provision: Breaking the Silence and Changing the Discourse**” was first published in 2008—(see link at end of this memo) only a few pro-lifers have paid attention to it, notably Life Dynamics. However, this inside look into the mind of an abortionist deserves more attention because it is abortionists like Harris who will carry the pro-death movement into the future. However, I already encountered the Harris proto-type when I met the so-called “nun” who worked at a Chicago abortion mill. See my book “***Abandoned—The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars.***”

As an abortionist who has killed many babies in the 2nd trimester, Harris seeks to probe why the majority of abortionists who offer abortions in the first trimester refuse to do them in the 2nd.

Pro-lifers really need to pay attention to what she says. Here are some of her incredible admissions:

*Abortion is different from other surgical procedures...It is disingenuous to argue that removing a fetus from a uterus is no different from removing a fibroid.

*What kind of dissociative process inside us allows us to do this routinely? What normal person does this kind of work? This brings me to the issue of violence... There is violence in abortion, especially in second trimester procedures.

*The last patient I saw one day was 23 weeks pregnant. I performed an uncomplicated D&E procedure. Dutifully, I went through the task of reassembling the fetal parts in the metal tray. It is an odd ritual that abortion providers perform – required as a clinical safety measure to ensure that nothing is left behind in the uterus to cause a complication – but it also permits us in an odd way to pay respect to the fetus (feelings of awe are not uncommon when looking at miniature fingers and fingernails, heart, intestines, kidneys, adrenal glands), even as we simultaneously have complete disregard for it. Then I rushed upstairs to take overnight call on labour and delivery. The first patient that came in was prematurely delivering at 23–24 weeks. As her exact gestational age was in question, the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) team resuscitated the premature newborn and brought it to the NICU. Later, along with the distraught parents, I watched the neonate on the ventilator. I thought to myself how bizarre it was that I could have legally dismembered this fetus-now-newborn if it were inside its mother's uterus – but that the same kind of violence against it now would be illegal, and unspeakable.

*The pro-choice movement has not owned or owned up to the reality of the fetus, or the reality of fetal parts... the fetus is usually neglected entirely, becomes unimportant, nothing. Instead of acknowledging what is on the [prolife] placards, abortion rights activists may say in response to them that they are fake pictures or that abortions don't really look like that.

*Even within the ranks of obstetrician–gynecologists, there is stigmatization and marginalization of those who do abortions.

Finally, Harris tells the story of killing an 18-week-old unborn child while pregnant with *her own 18 week-old baby*! Her narrative is about as harrowing as it gets and *no one would believe it*—except that this abortionist really had this experience: “I used electrical suction to remove the amniotic fluid, picked up my forceps and began to remove the fetus in parts, as I always did. I felt lucky that this one was already in the breech position – it would make grasping small parts (legs and arms) a little easier. With my first pass of the forceps, I grasped an extremity and began to pull it down. I could see a small foot hanging from the teeth of my forceps. With a quick tug, I separated the leg. Precisely at that moment, I felt a kick – a fluttery “thump, thump” in my own uterus. It was one of the first times I felt fetal movement. There was a leg and foot in my forceps, and a “thump, thump” in my abdomen. Instantly, tears were streaming from my eyes – without me – meaning my conscious brain - even being aware of what was going on. I felt as if my response had come entirely from my body, bypassing my usual cognitive processing completely. A message seemed to travel from my hand and my uterus to my tear ducts. It was an overwhelming feeling – a brutally visceral response – heartfelt and unmediated by my training or my feminist pro-choice politics. It was one of the more raw moments in my life. Doing second trimester abortions did not get easier after my pregnancy; in fact, dealing with little infant parts of my born baby only made dealing with dismembered fetal parts sadder.”



Wow—what is going on here?! An abortionist admits abortion is violence, admits that the “fetus” isn’t just a “nothing”, admits the photos shown by pro-lifers are true, admits the ethical and legal incoherency that she could kill a baby at 23 weeks, but another baby born at the same stage of development is protected by law—and she instantly, spontaneously erupts

in tears when her own unborn child moves in the womb while she kills another!

Despite all of this, Harris continues to advocate for abortion and kill unborn children at the Ann Arbor, Michigan Planned Parenthood. Why? She tells us in the article: **“There is always violence involved in a second trimester abortion...I must add, however, that I consider declining a woman’s request for abortion also to be an act of unspeakable violence.”** Notice, this isn’t just plain ol’ violence—it’s “unspeakable” violence!

And here is why we are confronted by a dangerous woman and why it is abortionists like Harris who will carry the pro-death movement into the future. The resolve of abortion providers is strengthened, not when they deny that what they are doing is violence and killing of living human subjects—but when they confront their moral, emotional, and psychological demons and cloak them with an ethical framework that enables them to go on with the killing. Now you have the truly dangerous baby-killer. They are like the Nazis (sorry but the analogy is apt), who dealt with their personal repulsion at sending Jews to the gas chambers—and managed to get over it. They get over the “visceral” response (Harris’s word) and, shall I say truly human response, to killing. They deliberately over-ride it or at least bypass it by constructing a corrupt moral premise that justifies the violence they are willing and “honest” enough to acknowledge and accept.

The evidence of the humanity of the unborn is simply irrefutable. Any abortionist who fails to acknowledge that reality is already living in a dark insanity—but it is abortionists like Harris, those who acknowledge abortion as **“a version of violence”**—who even weep bitterly as they kill the “fetus”, who are the future of the pro-death movement. As science and medicine more and more comes to appreciate the “fetus” as a true human being—the pro-death movement must rely more and more on the twisted ethics of a Lisa Hope Harris.

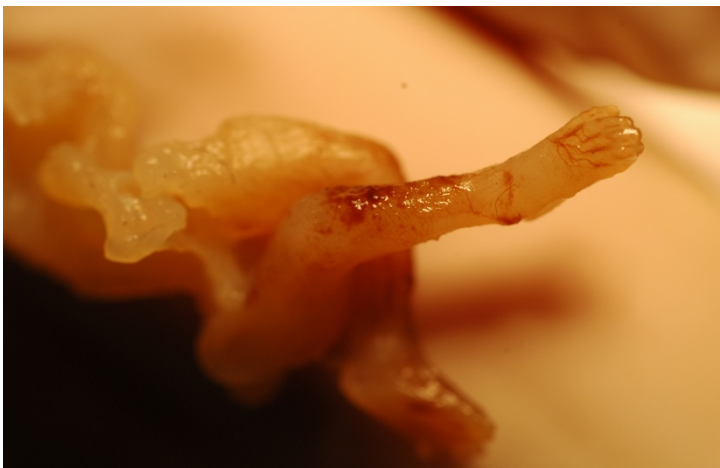
If, in the face of the humanity of the unborn, the pro-abortionists can still justify killing unborn human beings—and can sell this new ethic to the public—the pro-death movement will be culturally solidified. No argument can stand against them. This is their view—which, as a lie will not live forever, cannot ultimately prevail, but this is where the pro-abortion movement must go: confront abortion as violence, confront the humanity of the fetus and still justify killing the unborn. One might already see the

challenges the Harris doctrine poses for pro-life efforts to stop pain capable 20 week-abortion bans!

Harris tells us quite plainly that she is a feminist. She is willing to kill for her religion. Radical feminism is ultimately a cult of power—and abortion is the sacrament of this substitute religion that worships at the altar of self-determination. The “faith” requires human sacrifices—the immolation of children so women can be free—no matter how much abortionists experience “**increasing discomfort, grief or loss with later abortions.**”

Harris’s honest look at abortion only goes so far. While she may be willing to acknowledge the violence of killing an 18 week baby—such violence is only what is apparent to the practitioner—only what the abortionist has to deal with—as she thinks there are “**important differences between first and second trimester abortions.**” Ultimately for her the difference lies in the fact that in the 1st trimester the abortionist cannot see the baby who is being killed—and thus does not have to deal with that “visceral” reaction-- you know, of seeing “**that small foot hanging from the teeth of my forceps.**”

But Dr. Harris, not seeing the violence, because the baby is very tiny, doesn’t mean the violence isn’t there! Here’s a photo of a baby aborted at 8 weeks—whose legs are just as “separated”, torn from the body, as those in the 18 week abortion you performed.



In Conclusion—Harris seeks to accommodate through “clinical training” the misgivings of abortionists and staff in doing the late term procedures—as those misgivings become more acute as “**pregnancy advances and the fetus becomes more**

like a born person.” In this training, clinics would only “**gradually schedule patients at later gestations.**” One may characterize this as the “gradual” approach to killing and violence. These sessions are nothing more than a step by step indoctrination into the depths of insanity.

And Finally—The “thump, thump” Harris felt in her “own uterus” while killing an unborn child was really a prophetic “message” to her, a message she says that “seemed to travel from my hand and my uterus to my tear ducts”. Indeed it was a kind of silent scream which prompted her tears, but in the end abortionists like Harris dismiss the prophetic sign of life calling them to reality and choose, for the sake of power, madness instead.

The Harris article:

<http://lib.tcu.edu/staff/bellinger/abortion/Harris.pdf>