## The detestable act of abortion shows insight on our nation

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Anyone who is a dog owner has had that moment when they catch their dog drinking from the toilet bowl. Upon admonishment, the dog gives you a quizzical look that says, "Is something wrong"?

Perhaps it is an unfair comparison, and it is obviously not even in the league with things that go on in society, but it does convey the analogy that people often become so desensitized to detestable things that they not only don't detect that their behaviour is wrong, but fully believe that absolutely wrong is absolutely right.

We have seen this repeatedly during human history, case after case of man's inhumanity to man, where one man no longer perceives another man as a human being, and thus feels no shame or remorse at the mistreatment of his counterpart.

Of course, the most prevalent example of this is one that took place during the lifetime of some of our oldest living citizens, Adolph Hitler and Germany. An acquaintance of mine who grew up in Germany during Hitler's rise to power said that he was seen as someone who was going to save his or her nation. At that time Germany had suffered a humiliating defeat at the end of World War I, and was in a deep depression, both financially and mentally.

Hitler convinced his fellow Germans that the Jews were the cause of their problems. Through a campaign of propaganda that taught not only that Jews were sub-human, but that Germans were superior to all other human races. Hitler created an entire class of people that saw absolutely nothing wrong with the wholesale slaughter of Jews.

Likewise, the Japanese nurtured an entire culture, especially through its military, that the Japanese were humans, but other races were not. The treatment of American prisoners of war was proof of this, as they were brutalized and executed with intense hatred, but many of us have forgotten that Japanese soldiers would routinely toss Chinese babies in the air to catch them on their bayonets. But man's inhumanity to man dates back much further, ironically to the history of the Jews that is found in the Old Testament.

It is a recurring theme in the books of 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles that records the history of Israel and Judah that describes the vacillating state of culture that culminated with the death of one king and the assumption of power of another. The history in these books will say of one king, "he did what was evil in the Lord's sight", and of the next, "he did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight".

Those that did what was evil promoted, even commanded, pagan worship of idols. One example was Manasseh, who set up Asherah poles and "practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, in addition to constructing altars for worshipping Baal. He was so evil that he burned his own sons

to death as a sacrifice to the pagan god Molech. It is likely that, just as the Germans followed the lead of Hitler, Manasseh's subjects also followed his lead in killing their own children.

How do people reach this state of mind that they do not understand that such acts were evil, and in fact believing that such acts were the right thing to do?

I think that answer can be found in peer pressure, deception and rationalization. When people lose their moral bearings, they listen to those around them and ignore the conscience that God instilled in all of us.

The news of this past week has been gut wrenching, and so I have decided to veer away from the usual things of my column to express enough outrage at the detestable practice of abortion that has permeated our country since 1973. Over 55 million children have been brutally murdered, and we have far too many say that there is nothing wrong with it.

How is this possible when surveys still show that the vast majority of Americans believe in God? How is it possible that even some Christian denominations see nothing wrong with abortion?

In a recent interview between Sean Hannity and Juan Williams, Hannity pressed Williams to see why it was so wrong for Planned Parenthood to harvest body parts from aborted babies, but Williams asserted repeatedly that there was nothing wrong with the practice; he was convinced it would lead to a greater good.

Hopefully, the barbaric acts of abortion and harvesting of human parts committed by Planned Parenthood will wake Americans up. It is time to defund Planned Parenthood. It is time to make abortion illegal. More than that, it is time for America to regain its conscience and its ability to tell right from wrong. The Germans and Japanese now see what they did was wrong; it is time for Americans to do the same.



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