

“What I Saw in the Abortion Industry”

Carol Everett was involved in the abortion industry in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, area. As director of four clinics, and owner of two, Ms. Everett was responsible for the clinics' daily operation. Everett, who had an abortion herself now speaks out.

What is the governing force behind the abortion industry?

A. Money. It is a very lucrative business. It is the largest unregulated industry in our nation. Most of the clinics are run in chains because it is so profitable.

Why do you refer to “selling” abortions?

The product, abortion, is skillfully marketed and sold to the woman at the crisis time in her life. She buys the product, finds it defective and wants to return it for a refund. But, it's too late. Her baby is dead.

In what way is the woman deceived?

In two ways — the clinic personnel and the marketers must deny the personhood of the child and the pain caused by the procedure. Every woman has two questions, “Is it a baby?” and “Does it hurt?” The abortionist must answer “NO.” He/she must lie to secure the consent of the woman and the collection of the clinic's fee. The women were told that we were dealing with a “product of conception” or a “glob of tissue.” They were told that there would be only slight cramping, whereas, in reality, an abortion is excruciatingly painful. I know because I had one.

What type of counseling was offered at the clinics?

In the clinics in which I was involved we didn't do any real counseling. We answered only the questions the woman asked and tried not to “rock the boat.” We did not discuss alternatives to abortion unless the woman forced us to. We sold abortions.

What method of abortion did your clinics use?

For the most part, the abortion industry stopped using saline and prostaglandin procedures because of the number of live births. A live birth means you have to let the baby die, or dispose of it in some distasteful way. Most second and third trimester abortionists use the D&E (dilatation and evacuation) method. The abortionist uses large forceps to dismember the baby inside the mother's uterus and remove it in pieces. The baby must be reconstructed outside the uterus to be certain all the parts have been removed.

How did you dispose of an aborted baby?

In our clinics, we put them down the garbage disposal. We used the heavy duty model. Some second and third trimester babies' muscle structure is so strong that the baby will not come apart, so they must be disposed of through trash receptacles.

Abortion is supposed to be a “safe” experience. What complications did you witness?

We were doing a one-day traumatic dilatation, which has a higher rate of complication. In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500. Common complications that take place are perforations or tears in the uterus. Many of those result in hysterectomies. The doctor might cut or harm the urinary tract, which then requires surgical repair. A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowels through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some of those can be reversed, some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives.

How did you keep these complications and deaths from the public?

The woman would be loaded into my car (an ambulance outside an abortion clinic is terrible advertising) and transported to a hospital that would protect the doctor and the abortion clinic's reputation. The concern is



Carol Everett, the woman who ran four abortion mills.

not with the patient only in keeping an unblemished reputation. You have a built-in cover-up with the patient's family. They are dealing with their guilt and emotions over the situation and do not want to deal with the added pressure of exposing the truth through the media.

Why did you get out of the abortion business?

Two things came into play at about the same time. I experienced a profoundly religious transformation—a conversion. At about the time I was having second thoughts a Dallas television station did an expose disclosing the abortions performed at my clinic on nonpregnant women—all for money! I finally realized we weren't helping women—we were destroying them—and their children.

Aborted Babies Sold For Profit

Thinking about having an abortion? Did you know your baby's organs, limbs, or fetal tissue could be used for research and experimentation?

In 1999, Life Dynamics Inc. (LDI), of Denton, TX, uncovered a coordinated lucrative industry functioning for the specific purpose of obtaining and selling high-quality fetal organs for research.

A “procurement agent” from within the industry became a whistle blower and revealed how a team would go into late-term abortion mills to dissect aborted babies and procure fetal parts. The informant reported that the procurers would get a generated list each day letting them know which body parts or organs were in demand from the researchers, pharmaceutical companies and universities. The specimens included eyes, livers, hearts, brains, kidneys, spleens, and intact bodies.



LDI discovered that in many instances these babies were born alive, then killed, so the procurement team could get the tissue or organs while still fresh. The body parts are then packed in dry ice and shipped to their destination via UPS, Fed Ex, Airborne, or by special couriers. How does the abortion industry circumvent federal law which prohibits the sale of human body parts or tissue? Fetal tissue wholesalers pay the abortion clinics a “site fee” to place the “procurement agents” in the abortion mills. The abortionist then “donates” the tissue or body parts to the wholesaler. The wholesaler bills the researchers, not for the actual parts or organs, but for the cost of retrieval.

Documentation uncovered by LDI included wholesalers' purchasing lists with individual pricing per organ or body part, technically called “fee for services schedule.” A sampling of one of the wholesaler's inventory includes: an intact trunk (with or without limbs) \$500; gonads \$550; eyes \$75; brains \$999; livers \$150; and spinal cords \$325. There is also a 30% discount if the tissue is “significantly fragmented.”

It has become obvious that one of the reasons why the abortion advocates insist upon maintaining the cruel and inhumane practice of partial-birth abortion is to be able to deliver intact bodies, minus the brains, to the researchers.

COMMON ABORTION METHODS

Suction-aspiration

The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic tube into the dilated cervix. “This tube is attached to a suction machine. The suction machine is turned on. The uterus is emptied by suction.”¹ The suction tears the baby's body as he/she is being pulled through the hose.

Dilatation and Evacuation (D&E)

Used after 12 weeks. Once the cervix is dilated considerably further than in first trimester abortions, the abortionist inserts a narrow forceps that resembles a pliers. The pliers-like instrument is needed because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. The spine must be snapped and the skull crushed in order to remove them from the womb. Body parts are then reassembled and counted to make certain that the entire baby has been removed and that no parts remain in the womb.

Partial-Birth Abortion (D&X)

After three days of preparations, the abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother's abdomen and locates the child's legs and feet. The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby's legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down (breech) position. He continues pulling until the baby's leg is drawn into the birth canal.

Next, using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby's body in a manner similar to a breech birth. First, the child's other leg is delivered, followed by the torso, shoulders, and arms. The baby's head remains inside the vaginal birth canal.

The abortionist then performs the last step. Using surgical scissors in a closed position, he pierces the child's head at the base of the skull. He forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening. The abortionist then inserts a suction catheter into the brain and vacuums out the child's brain tissue with a machine 28 times more powerful than a household vacuum.

1. Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. *Abortion: Questions and Answers* (1991).