

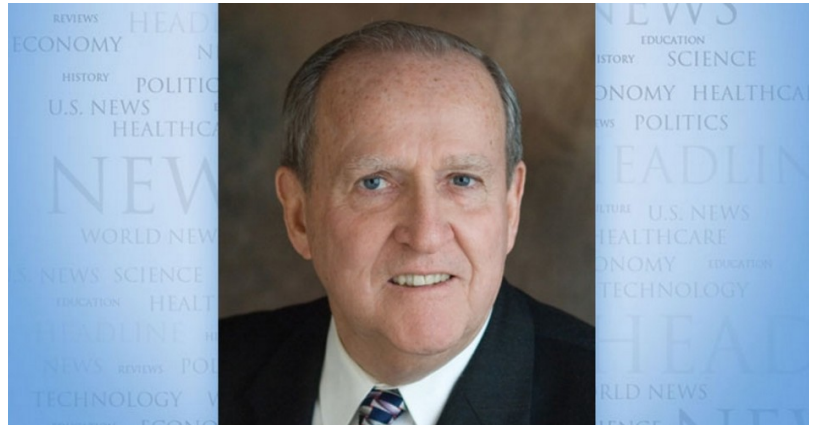


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## America's Culture of Death

LifeNews.com regularly reports on the continuing horror of abortion in the United States. The site's posting dated November 26, 2014 led off with the headline, "[Since Michael Brown Died, 981 Black Babies Have Died in Abortion in Missouri, But There are No Riots.](#)"

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Anyone can and should lament the tragedy involving the Missouri teen who was killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. But every civilized person should also abhor the rioting and destruction of property occurring in that community and across the nation. And especially abhor the millions who have been killed in abortion mills.

Michael Brown died on August 9. But aborting babies, a large number of whom are black, continues in the state where he lived, and the silence about their passing deserves mention. Abortion's partisans frequently comment that abortion doesn't kill a human being in the womb if the deed is done during the early stages of a pregnancy. Science has proved over and over again, however, that they are wrong because life begins at conception and terminating it at any point before birth amounts to killing an innocent human being.

Missouri's aborted black babies, of course, are not the only victims of abortion. Snuffing out a tiny but viable life [occurs throughout the world](#) whether an infant be black, white, brown, yellow, etc. And the United States is numerically among the leading countries allowing the practice. After 1973 when the Supreme Court legalized killing the unborn, more than a million pregnancies in the United States have been terminated year after year. No rioting protested their deaths. True, no one should riot to draw attention to abortion. But many more than already do decry abortion should protest.

Proponents of abortion claim to be "pro choice." But each abortion terminates a life. Anti-abortion activists are rightly termed the "pro-life" faction. The opposite of their stand isn't a mere choice; it involves killing a live human being. Its partisans should be labelled "pro death," not the deliberately obfuscating term "pro choice."

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision ruled on the termination of the pregnancy of a woman named Norma McCorvey. Her name was shielded at the time, but she has publicly admitted not only that it was she whose case was being heard, but that she was tricked into cooperating with the legal team given her. For many years, she has been a spokesperson for the pro-life, anti-abortion cause.

Hillary Clinton, whose determination to become president of the United States is no secret, recently intensified her long-standing pro-death stance. While substituting the words "women's reproductive health" for the onerous practice of abortion, she told an audience at a gathering of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: "You cannot make progress on gender equality or broader human development without safeguarding women's reproductive health or rights." Not satisfied with abortion's



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grisly statistics, she wants abortion legalized worldwide, even in countries that now forbid the practice. The grand jury in the case of Michael Brown has delivered its verdict and federal officials are reviewing their options. All those who wreaked havoc because of his death should also be held accountable. But abortion takes the lives of millions every year without punishment. Abortion needs to be outlawed. And glossing it over with fancy terminology indicts even more the person who advocates such a horror.

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