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Everything Is Bigger in Texas — Even the Anti-life Lunacy

“We like to think that we’re quite close to the ancient world, that they were really just like us,” said Oxford ancient history lecturer Josephine Quinn in 2014, talking about Carthaginian infant sacrifice. The “truth is,” she continued, “that they really weren’t.”

While true that even some contemporary cultures (e.g., the Taliban) are alien to us, never mind B.C.-era, North African pagans, we may have a bit more in common with the Carthaginians than the academic thinks. Those ancients, after all, sacrificed babies because they wanted better lives. The common explanation for their bloody habit, said Quinn, was “that the gods ‘heard my voice and blessed me.’” Today’s infant sacrifice is likewise driven by a desire for “better lives,” though the god worshiped isn’t Ba’al Hammon but materialism, hedonism, and “self-ism.”



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This “religious” zeal is on full display in the response to the new Texas prenatal infanticide law. Having taken effect September 1, it essentially bans abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detectable (at approximately six weeks’ gestation). Making it unique — and possibly allowing it to get around the flawed *Roe v. Wade* decision, say analysts — is that the law doesn’t permit the Texas government to enforce it. Rather, “private citizens may bring a civil enforcement action against someone who performs an abortion in violation of the law or assists someone in obtaining an illegal abortion,” writes the *Daily Signal*. It’s apparently effective, too: *National Review* reports that prenatal infanticide mills have, as of this writing, been scared straight and that “much of the machinery of abortion” has “ground to a halt in Texas.” Critics lament that with the law prohibiting 85 percent of prenatal infanticide, many “clinics” (i.e., killing centers) will be forced to close. To abortionists this is a matter of profit, after all, not principle.

One argument not currently heard much from the “professional” abortion enablers is “My body, my choice!”; they discarded that (proving they never meant it), though it will be resurrected when convenient again, upon becoming Branch Covidians and deciding people should be coerced into donning face diapers and taking untested drugs based on no sound science whatsoever. It’s a matter of faith, apparently — a dark variety.

Good theologians instruct that proper faith is “an act of the will informed by reason,” but our neo-Carthaginians want prenatal infanticide for no good reason. Speaking of dark faith, among these modern blood seekers is the Satanic Temple, which the IRS recognizes as a legitimate “church” and which states on its website that women in Texas seeking prenatal infanticide are welcome to “undergo”



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its “Satanic Abortion Ritual” (using baby-killing drugs). Interestingly, the Satanists call the heartbeat measure “likely unconstitutional” and “an unjust law” — the standard Democrat line.

Now, there was a time when finding yourself aligned with Satanists would make you wonder if maybe, just perhaps, you were on the wrong side. But not today. In fact, some leftists are making the temple seem tame. And while Joe Biden and CNN’s Jeffrey Toobin — the latter of whom once, while married, pressured a mistress to have an abortion — just called the Texas law “outrageous,” “religious” reformer Frank Schaeffer really took the cake. Speaking on MSNBC, he likened the “American evangelical right-wing movement” to “an American Taliban that is weirdly similar in so many ways to the Middle Eastern Islamist terrorists.” It perhaps escaped him that the Taliban are also quite adept at killing, though their body count pales in comparison to that of Schaeffer’s pro-prenatal-infanticide fanatics. But this is a man who even more recently, hopefully tongue-in-cheek, called for “drone strikes” on the “worst offender” anti-mask/vaccine podcasters. Again, so much for “My body, my choice!”

This really is all largely about convenience, about what the late Mother Teresa lamented when saying, “It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.” While some pregnant women are scared, too many people will say they’re not “ready” for a child or that one would “interfere” with their education or careers or would be too expensive. Whatever the rationale, it all would be moot if they’d accept that if they’re not ready for a baby, they’re not ready for sex.

Is it a coincidence that the *Roe* opinion (1973) closely followed what rightly should be called the Sexual Devolution? Would prenatal infanticide, not to mention 2012’s contraception-mandate debate, ever have been a hot-button issue if people were content reserving sexual activity until marriage? Moderns insist on indulging the mistake of free sex, and babies must pay for it — with their lives.

In fairness, though, we’re not actually like the Carthaginians. Quinn estimates that they had approximately 25 ritual infant sacrifices yearly, while we’re up beyond 600,000. So even accounting for the population difference, we make them look like pikers.



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