The Mind of a Child

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It is possible for some people to rationalize almost anything when it serves their needs. Destroying another human being while he or she is developing in their mother's womb is perhaps the most horrific act that one could perform. Yet those involved in this common type of killing refuse to admit that an innocent person has been gruesomely killed every time that an abortion occurs. Despite the number of adults who are pro-abortion, I think that one would be hard-pressed to find a young child who would say that it is okay to kill an unborn person. However, many children lose their seemingly natural pro-life position as they age and mature. Through education, children can continue to hold a pro-life position as they grow. In turn, this can end the rampant killing of the unborn that has been going on in America for over thirty years.

All of my close, young relatives knew that their pregnant mothers were carrying a brother or sister that was yet to be born. I feel certain that this is a common scenario in households all across the United States and the world, even in families where older siblings and adults are clearly proabortion. Ask a young child who has a pregnant mother what is inside his mother's "tummy," and he will likely respond that it is his baby brother or sister. It is so simple to a child. Truth usually is simple.

They seem to know this fact even before they have reached the age of reasoning that we normally associate with the human mind. However, as they grow older, this truth becomes muddled and corrupted in their minds. It is quite apparent that their young brains are sponges that can quickly learn that the unborn are simply "things" to be disposed of without consequence. Children learn this in various ways, including from their family, in school, and from exposure to various environmental elements. With education, they can retain the truth of *life before birth* that they seem to naturally know at such young ages. We have an obligation to not let their innocent and impressionable minds continue to become soiled with the barrage of lies from the always-present, pro-abortion inputs.

Indeed, we are our "brother's keeper." This clearly applies to people of all ages, born and unborn. With the ongoing slaughter of babies, both in and partially out of the womb/birth canal, we must focus our attention on the actions that can stop this most evil and cruel of all killings. Through comprehensive education, we can ensure that the young, school-age children of the United States develop a fervent understanding that unborn babies are persons that deserve the same rights and protection as the rest of us. By doing this, we can take confident steps in the direction that will end this American holocaust. With hope, this could then eventually lead to the protection of the unborn all over the world.