

This series of well over a dozen Letters to the Editor of the Waco Tribune-Herald began with a letter from Pro-Life Waco Director John Pisciotta. The goal of the letter was to reveal the humanity the over 1,900 babies in the womb lost in the 1994-2013 abortion holocaust in Waco. In February, the Planned Parenthood of Great Texas spokesperson reveal the goal of restarting their Waco abortion branch sometime in 2017

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LETTERS



Never again!

"A Day Without a Woman" (March 8) urged women to refuse to work so they could participate in public protests around the world. A key target was President Trump's Mexico City Policy which bans U.S. aid to international organizations which perform and/or promote abortions.

As far as I know, there was no protest rally here in Waco. Still, Waco should reflect on living without women.

The lives of over 9,500 women were lost to abortions from 1994 to 2013. And now, Planned Parenthood has a fresh new license to restart the destruction of very young females from across Central Texas.

Just think about the women lost during 19 years of Planned Parenthood's first abortion enterprise. Girls eliminated during Planned Parenthood's first year would now be tackling the world of work, possibly graduating from college and or starting a family.

Girls aborted in 2001, the year Planned Parenthood began RU-486 chemical abortions, would be in the midst of their high school years. Some would be struggling with the challenges of life. But each would have a life to live.

The abortions of 2010 cut short the lives of girls who would be in their first years of school, learning to write, read and get along with others.

Finally, abortions ceased at Waco Planned Parenthood in August of 2013. Still, pre-born baby girls died that year. I can imagine these feisty girls nagging parents or grandparents for special toys in McDonald's Happy Meals.

It is likely that some of the lives of women aborted in our city would have taken a negative trajectory. Some would likely be incarcerated. However, since I do not support capital punishment for convicted criminals, I cannot support the preemptive death penalty of abortion.

Planned Parenthood has revealed its plan to restart the provision of "abortion care" in Waco in 2017. If they succeed, the trail of death will resume. Waco would again be the abortion destination for thousands of pre-born baby girls and boys who will never fuss over their first teeth breaking through or create an exhilarating commotion with their first steps.

Pro-Life Waco is collaborating in a campaign summarized in a simple message to the community we love: "Never Again in Waco!"

John Pisciotta, Pro-Life Waco

MARCH 15, 2017

Pisciotta fundraiser

Every time John Pisciotta of Pro-Life Waco writes a letter to the editor, I donate to Planned Parenthood. Many of my friends do the same. Perhaps we should donate an amount per word, so that the longer the rant, the more money PP receives in his name. Thank you, Mr. Pisciotta, for your continued, roundabout support of Planned Parenthood. Access to medically accurate information and contraception is the proven method of reducing the abortion rate, not shame and obstructive legislation.

Rebecca Fox, Waco

MARCH 16, 2017

Since John Pisciotta delivered his rose-colored version of what he thinks the future would be without safe, legal abortion, I'm compelled to describe a future I yearn for. I long for a world where women's choices are respected. A society where women and their families are trusted with their own decisions regarding their reproduction. A government where legislators are not determined to get in the middle of intensely personal medical decisions. An experience for women who choose to end a pregnancy

that doesn't include walking through a gantlet of hate or enduring intimidation. Where the decision to end a pregnancy is a private decision.

And a world where I never have to read or respond to another "pro-life" letter to the editor.

Cheryl Foster, Waco

MARCH 18, 2017



Abortion showdown

Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta's March 14 letter rambled in nonsensical yammerings. In his world, he seems to always forget abortion continues to be a legal procedure in the United States and Texas. He cannot fathom the myriad of reasons women choose to have abortions. It may have been Atticus Finch, and I paraphrase, who said you never understand a person till you climb into his skin and walk around in his shoes.

One important issue: When Planned Parenthood is defunded, so are essential medical-health services for women so desperately needed in our state and nation. That's one reason for the Women's March. And what part of federal-funds-do-not-fund-abortions do those yahoos out there not understand? How can our elected officials disregard an entire population they supposedly serve?

I stand with Planned Parenthood and the women of the United States and around the world. Congress, which wants to refuse to fund women's health services in countries around the world that not only

Pisciotta's fairy-tale letter describes an imaginary world. I, too, abhor abortion, but when Planned Parenthood, a leader in the delivery of contraception to thousands of women, has to close its doors because of defunding, women's access to birth control is drastically reduced. Thus, more unplanned pregnancies occur; thus, more abortions occur. A vicious cycle ensues. Does Mr. Pisciotta truly believe women will not have back-alley abortions if proper clinics no longer are able to offer procedures by certified health-care providers? Land of Make Believe. Abortions were performed under appalling conditions prior to legalization and many women either died or their bodies were butchered. perform abortions but even discuss abortion as a choice to unplanned pregnancies, should be seriously scolded. As for you, Mr. Pisciotta, stop submitting your absurd letters to the newspaper. Every letter makes you sound more preposterous than the previous one. Your letters change no one's opinion regarding abortions performed by responsible health-care providers.

Donna M. Myers, Waco

MARCH 18, 2017



Ms. Rebecca Fox's vitriolic reactions to John Pisciotta's postings have encouraged us to act likewise. Today we gave a donation to both Pro-Life Waco and Care-Net Pregnancy Center of Central Texas in honor of "Rebecca Fox and friends." I urge others of like-mind to contribute to these two organizations as well. We have known Mr. Pisciotta for many years and have found him to be an honorable, honest and very dedicated man. He has put himself out in support of the unborn even in the light of constant personal attacks and denigration by the pro-abortion/pro-Planned Parenthood crowd. We will continue to make similar contributions every time Ms. Fox attacks any pro-life organization or person. One good turn deserves another?

Nonie and Tina Orosco, Waco

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Abortion debate



Pro-Life Waco should correctly be called Forced-Birth Advocates Waco. John Pisciotta, the organization's director, tried to twist the meaning of our "Day Without Women" protest into some sort of anti-abortion drivel. The protest was about the importance of women to our society and how we are tired, in the year 2017, of still being treated like second-class citizens in some areas of our lives. It had nothing to do with his views on abortion or Planned Parenthood.

I find it very telling that it is a man who oversees the forced-birth advocates' organization in Waco. The truth is, we don't need a man to "mansplain" to us anything at all about our reproduction and health care. He demonizes Planned Parenthood. Most

of what this outstanding organization does provides birth control and screenings for low-income women.

What gets me about him and his organization is that he objects to abortion, which is legal in the United States. Yet he and his organization will not support programs which have been shown to significantly reduce the need for abortions. These include making birth control easily and cheaply available to any woman who wants it. Also, realistic and comprehensive sex-education programs in the schools for both boys and girls have been shown to be very effective.

Forced-birth advocates' concerns have little, if anything, to do with "the unborn" or morality. It has everything to do with controlling women. When women gained control over our reproduction with birth control and abortion as a backup, we could no longer be so easily controlled. Some men, like Mr. Pisciotta, have been trying to regain that power ever since.

Linda Robinson, Bellmead



Some years ago, two teenagers were killed by their father in Dallas. The girls had shamed the family by wearing tight clothes and dating boys not approved of by their parents. The father was arrested for murder.

I long for a world where parents' choices are respected. A society where parents and their families are trusted with their own decisions regarding their children. A government where legislators are not determined to get in the middle of intensely personal decisions.

That's what I saw when I read Cheryl Foster's letter about pro-life. I see no difference between an unborn child and those two teenagers.

Peggy Cunningham, Bruceville

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

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Where your right ends

Rebecca Fox, who in her March 16 letter claims she donates to Planned Parenthood every time Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta writes a letter to the Trib, has every right to gather as many financial supporters as she can to contribute to Planned Parenthood. At a luncheon in Fort Worth a few weeks back, Planned Parenthood raised over \$400,000 in one hour through similar supporters. So if Planned Parenthood has that many financial supporters who can raise that kind of money, why does this organization need to depend on 42 percent of its funding from taxpayers?

Furthermore, PP claims that abortion only represents 3 percent of its clinical procedures. If that's true, then why not eliminate the abortion feature from PP clinics and focus on real "women's health" issues?

Even in a democratic society, limitations exist to our freedoms. Your right to take a life ends at another's right to life. Pro-Life Waco never intends to "shame, hate or intimidate" any woman in her pregnancy. On the contrary, our goal is to love those women through their pregnancy.

Bob Lehman, Meridian



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Abortion thoughts

This letter is in response to the recent letter from Donna Myers expressing disdain for Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta. Where does Donna get the idea that Planned Parenthood is a health-care provider for women? It is one of the largest providers of abortions in the United States and killing the unborn is its primary money-maker. Although abortion is a legal procedure in the United States, that does not make it a morally correct procedure.

The Declaration of Independence supposedly gives every person the "right to life" and this includes that person in the mother's womb. Although many might argue that personhood does not occur at conception, what other species kills its own prior to natural birth? This goes against natural law, which even the uneducated tribes and peoples of all ethnic groups have recognized for centuries. For nearly 200 years abortion was illegal in this country. It was definitely considered to be morally wrong and that has not changed among most believers. Ms. Myers may recall that slavery was once legal in this country but that was finally changed.

In defense of John Pisciotta, she obviously does not know or understand him. He is a very loving, intelligent and caring person. Why does she fear him and attempt to make him something that he is not?

Bill McBride, Woodway



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"Pro-life" surely includes everyone. Even the 45-year-old national nonprofit NPG (Negative Population Growth), which recognizes that our current population is too large to be sustainable for much longer, only advocates for a smaller population. And it advocates attaining this by contraception rather than by the otherwise inevitable alternatives: war, famine, disease and natural disasters.

Could we all agree that we want to alleviate human misery as much as possible and then put our minds to figuring out how to do that? If you consider all of the above, is it not clear that contraception is the least miserable?

Also, Planned Parenthood is not "pro-abortion." It would much rather minimize abortions and actually strives to do so by providing education and easy access to contraception. The number of teenage mothers and abortions both decrease in populations when this combination is available.

Yet there will always be some unintended pregnancies and some problems during pregnancy, such as eggs attaching within the Fallopian tubes rather than in the uterus. To prevent abortion in such cases often dooms teens to a life of poverty and may result in the death of pregnant women. In such cases, abortion is the least miserable outcome, undesirable though it may be.

Not all Americans are Christians, but those who are have been instructed by Jesus to be compassionate, serving and forgiving. It's not an easy challenge, but it is certainly admirable behavior. Should we not try? An outbreak of kindness would be welcome these days.

Bill Franklin, Waco



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Facts & fanatics

Let's set the record straight, Bill McBride [Sunday letters]. We disagree. Without disagreement, our country cannot be progressive or democratic.

You defended Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta and his biased ideology by stating I obviously do not understand him, therefore, I fear him. Allow me to debunk your argument by saying that I have never feared your "loving" Mr. Pisciotta. I object to fanaticism of any form — and I do consider him and his followers fanatics.

In this current era of history, lies and fake facts are becoming the norm. Your statement that Planned Parenthood is not a leading provider of women's health care is a fake fact. Your



insistence that Planned Parenthood's major income is from performing abortions is another fake fact.

According to FactCheck.org, "abortions represent 3 percent of total services provided by Planned Parenthood... The other 97 percent of services were for contraception, treatment and tests for sexually transmitted diseases, cancer screenings, and other women's health-care services." As you know, taxpayer funds are *not* used for abortion services. Anyone can check these facts by a simple Google search. Fox News is not a reputable source for facts. If you are going to defile something or someone, get your facts correct.

Oh, by the way, even though it's at birth, bears, felines, primates, rodents, sloths, dolphins and other species eat their young, according to National Geographic.

Donna M. Myers, Waco

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I recently got involved with Pro-Life Waco and have befriended John Pisciotta. What a genuine person who loves life and all it stands for. Waco needs more people like John. When I read the two letters the other day bashing John and the work he does to protect and proclaim life for Waco and the surrounding area I was appalled. Planned Parenthood performing abortions in Waco is not a good thing for Waco no matter how anyone spins it. It's a horrible image for our city and should never again happen in Waco. I support John and Pro-Life Waco with all my mind, body and soul.

Brad Strickland, Lorena

Prescription for pro-choice persons who endorse "legal, medically safe" abortion — in reality, the murder of pre-born babies: Read Psalm 139 and Revelation 20 to relieve symptoms of angst from Mr. Pisciotta's letters in the Trib.

Kay King, Eddy



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Bubble gum & abortion

Regarding Donna Myers' recitation of supposed facts, including the low incidence of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood: She can cite "facts" from Factcheck.org all she wants, but if one doesn't understand how these facts are derived, one can be deceived.

To arrive at the 97 percent figure she cites for non-abortion services, Planned Parenthood counts every "procedure" as a separate activity such as giving a teenager a birth-control pack — one procedure; taking vital signs in preparation for an abortion — another procedure, etc. So by accounting for "procedures" this way, they can reflect the 350,000 abortions they perform (they count as one giant "procedure")



as a percentage of 10.6 million procedures. Easy, deceiving math is $350,000/10,600,000 = .033$. Amazing!

But suppose I stock a store with bubble gum, lollipops and assault weapons and, on average, I sell 97 bubble-gum packs and lollipops a month and only three times do I sell an assault weapon. You are outraged that I sell assault weapons to young people, but I can say, "Oh, no, I run a candy store and 97 percent of my activities are harmless candy sales!"

We at Pro-Life Waco learn of these Planned Parenthood tricks from great guest speakers we get like Abby Johnson and Carol Everett, former (and reforméd) directors from the Planned Parenthood hierarchy. And that's the service that Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta works to provide — shedding the light of truth on this evil organization.

Mitch DeLaRosa, Waco