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Barack Obama and the ‘Comfort Room’

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Jill Stanek fought to stop “live-birth abortion” after witnessing one as a registered nurse at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill. In 2002, President Bush asked Jill to attend his signing of the Born Alive Infants

Protection Act. In January 2003, “World Magazine” named Jill one of the 30 most prominent pro-life leaders of the past 30 years. Jill Stanek now writes a regular column published by World Net Daily.

In March 2002, then Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama and I engaged in an interesting exchange during my testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which he was a member.

I was speaking in favor of the Illinois Born Alive Infant Protection Act for the second time, which had failed the year before.

The previous year, I had told Obama and the committee of my experience holding a live aborted baby until he died in my capacity as a labor and delivery nurse at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill.

That year, I described Christ Hospital’s Comfort Room, unveiled in December 2000 to counter my public statements that personnel were shelving babies to die in the department’s soiled utility room next to dirty linens, bloody and biohazardous waste, and a urinal:

“Four months ago, Christ Hospital unveiled its ‘Comfort Room.’ So now I can no longer say that live aborted babies are left in

our Soiled Utility Room to die. We now have this prettily wallpapered room complete with a First Foto machine, baptismal gowns, a footprinter and baby bracelets, so that we can offer keepsakes to parents of their aborted babies. There is even a nice wooden rocker in the room to rock live aborted babies to death.”

I did not mention the Comfort Room when I testified again in 2002. But Barack Obama remembered.

Of over 4,000 pieces of legislation introduced in the Illinois General Assembly in 2001, Obama apparently recalled my description of Christ Hospital’s Comfort Room. He stated, according to the *State Net* transcript:

“Ms. Stanek, your initial testimony last year showed your dismay at the lack of regard for human life. I agreed with you last year, and we suggested that there be a Comfort Room or something of that nature be done. The hospital acknowledged that and changes were made and you are still unimpressed. It sounds to me like you are really not interested in how these fetuses are treated, but rather not providing absolutely any medical care or life to them.”

Obama had actually not agreed with me the year before. He had agreed with ACLU attorney Colleen Connell that “living is not the same as viability” when he voted against Born Alive in committee and went on to be the sole senator speaking against it on the Senate floor.

And “we” suggested the Comfort Room? I was

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the one who told him about the Comfort Room four months after the fact, also providing photo evidence.

What was going on? Obama hadn't been coached had he, perhaps by fellow Trinity United Church of Christ member Dr. Jane Fidler-Hoffman, who also happened to sit on the board of Christ Hospital's parent company, Advocate Health Care?

Or by Rev. Dr. Ozzie Smith Jr., another Advocate board member and former associate pastor at TUCC under Rev. Jeremiah Wright? Or by Wright himself, who sat on the board of Christ Hospital's parent company from 1986-89? Or by Christ Hospital CEO Carole Schneider, a UCC member? Or by fellow state Rep. Renee Kosel, a Christ Hospital board member who opposed Born Alive on the House side?

I'd like Sen. Obama to tell us whether he received counsel from any of the aforementioned to oppose Born Alive.

Obama may have thought it impressive to wrap the baby one was killing in a blanket surrounded by silk flowers rather than leave him naked on a steel sink sideboard, but he was right – I was nonplussed. I responded:

“What the hospital did was try to make things look better. What it really is, is that the baby is still dead.”

I didn't know it then, but I was describing future presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign: attempting to repackage liberal extremism to look comforting.

In this case, however, Obama was pleased with a neonatal Soylent Green killing room, taking American liberal extremism to a new place. □

BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA ON THE RIGHT TO LIFE

In his own words

Jill Stanek's revelation that Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois was engaging in “labor-induced abortion,” that is, inducing labor and delivering a live baby, only to leave the infant alone to die,

resulted in the introduction of a bill in the Illinois General Assembly that would prohibit this barbaric practice. It was named the **Born Alive Infant Protection Act**. It was passed by both Houses and signed into law the year after Obama left the Illinois Senate.

During debate in the Illinois Senate on the **Born Alive Infant Protection Act** on March 30, 2001, he said:

“I just want to suggest . . . that this is probably not going to survive constitutional scrutiny.”

“Number one, whenever we define a pre-viable fetus as a person that is protected by the equal protection clause or the other elements of the Constitution, what we're really saying is, in fact, that they are persons that are entitled to the kinds of protections that would be provided to a—child, a 9-month old—child that was delivered to term”

“I mean, it—would essentially bar abortions, because the equal protection clause does not allow somebody to kill a child, and if this is a child, then this would be an anti-abortion statute. For that purpose, I think it would probably be found unconstitutional.”

Before voting “NO” for the second time in the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 5, 2002, Obama stated:

“What we are doing here is to create one more burden on women, and I can't support that.”

([World Net Daily](#), “Obama's 10 Reasons for Supporting Infanticide,” 1/16/08)

On January 22, 2008, the 35th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, Barack Hussein Obama issued a [statement](#) in which he said, “*With one more vacancy on the Supreme Court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's fundamental right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade. The next President may be asked to nominate that Supreme Court justice. That is what is at stake in this election.*”

“Throughout my career,” Obama said, *“I've been a consistent and strong supporter of reproduc-*

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[The Freedom of Choice Act would wipe off the books nearly every law restricting or regulating the practice of abortion in the last 35 years.]

On July 17, 2007, Obama gave a [speech](#) to Planned Parenthood in which he spelled out for them his total commitment to abortion-on-demand:

“For the first time in Gonzales vs. Carhart, the Supreme Court held—upheld a federal ban on abortions with criminal penalties for doctors. For the first time, the Court’s endorsed an abortion restriction without an exception for women’s health. The decision presumed that the health of women is best protected by the Court—not by doctors and not by the woman herself. That presumption is wrong. . . .

“I have worked on these issues for decades now. I put Roe at the center of my lesson plan on reproductive freedom when I taught Constitutional Law. Not simply as a case about privacy but as part of the broader struggle for women’s equality. Steve and Pam will tell you that we fought together in the Illinois State Senate against restrictive choice legislation—laws just like the federal abortion laws, the federal abortion bans that are cropping up. I’ve stood up for the freedom of choice in the United States Senate and I stand by my votes against the confirmation of Judge Roberts and Samuel Alito.”

As Terry Jeffrey said in the January 13, 2008 issue of *Human Events*, “Barack Obama is the most pro-abortion presidential candidate ever.”

Barack Hussein Obama must **NOT** become President of the United States.



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