

INSIDE THE HEAD OF AN ABORTION LOVER

Most people who call themselves pro-choice do not support abortion-on-demand, and indeed favor restrictions on when and why a woman should be able to abort her child. But there are some extremists who want no restrictions. There are even some who really love abortion.

Patricia Lunneborg is a woman's study professor and author of the book, *Abortion: A Positive Decision*. Atheist queen Anne Nicol Gaylor is the author of *Abortion Is A Blessing*. Ginette Paris, a French author, wrote, *The Sacrament of Abortion*. And in the U.S. Congress we have Massachusetts Democrat Sen. Ed Markey.

Markey showed up at the State of the Union address wearing a Planned Parenthood pin (he was apparently the only one in the chamber to do so). It simply said, "ABORTION"; right in the middle of the two "O's" was a heart. He was not referring to the baby's heart—it was just an expression of his love for abortion.

What makes people like Markey tick? What's going on inside his head?

Markey's pedigree is that of an all-star Irish Catholic. He attended Immaculate Conception School and then went to Malden Catholic High School. Next up was Boston College, followed by Boston College Law School. It makes you wonder—what happened to this guy?

Markey's voting record sports a 100% approval rating from Planned Parenthood and NARAL, the two pro-abortion giants. Predictably, he earned an "F" from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

His lust for abortion is so strong that he even voted against a measure to prohibit taxpayer funding for abortions for unborn babies diagnosed with Down's syndrome. He also does not support bills that would provide medical services to children born alive as a result of a botched abortion. Doctor-assisted suicide merits his approval as well.

It would be a serious mistake to think that Markey categorically devalues human life. Not at all. When it comes to rapists and serial murderers, he is very supportive of their lives.

During the 2020 riots, Markey voted to defund the police by moving money slated for cops to nurses and social workers; how they were supposed to be a credible substitute for armed cops he did not say.

He also sought to ban the police from using tear gas, a non-violent way to subdue violent thugs, calling it a "weapon of war." Again, he did not say what the police were supposed to do when fired upon by criminals who knew in advance that using tear gas was off the table. Call the nurses and social workers?

What about serial murderers sentenced to death? "Abolish the death penalty," he tweeted in 2020. The following year he voted to prohibit the death penalty at the federal level, and demanded that we re-sentence those on death row.

What about the Boston bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the convicted domestic terrorist who killed three innocent persons and wounded hundreds of others at the 2013 Boston Marathon? Markey said he should not be given the death penalty.

In other words, the unborn have no rights that we need to respect, even though they have never harmed anyone, but convicted murderers have rights we need to respect, and not simply the right to due process—the right to be spared capital punishment.

In 1957, psychologist Leon Festinger published, *A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance*. He sought to understand how people manage to hold two or more contradictory ideas at the same time (the definition of cognitive dissonance). How a person manages to resolve the inconsistencies varies, but it includes ignoring their source and changing one's beliefs.

Diagnosing Markey's cognitive dissonance is fascinating. It appears that what he was taught in Catholic schools about life and death issues has been ignored, allowing him to develop a militantly secular moral code. Either that or he was taught by those who sought to subvert Catholic teachings.