

OBAMA'S PRO-INFANTICIDE VOTE



Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments as follows:

In last night's GOP debate, Newt Gingrich charged that in the last presidential campaign the elite media never asked "why Barack Obama voted in favor of legalizing infanticide." Gingrich wasn't off by much—Obama was rarely asked about it, and never was he pressed on this issue. Even now, the media cover-up that Gingrich alleges is patently true.

From a Lexis-Nexis search linking "Obama" and "infanticide," scouring all U.S. Newspapers today, we learn that only four papers, and one wire service, reported on Gingrich's remark. As I will explain, actually there were five newspapers that made mention of this.

The *Chicago Tribune*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and the *Washington Times* all gave accurate accounts. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* was factually wrong when it said that "Gingrich was referring to Obama's opposition to...partial-birth abortions." No, Gingrich was referring to Obama's opposition in the Illinois state senate to bills in 2001, 2002 and 2003 that would have mandated that a child born alive as a result of a botched abortion be given medical care.

AP mentions what Gingrich said but does so by citing Obama's support for "infanticide." Why the quote marks? Intentionally letting an infant die who is completely born is nothing less than infanticide.

The top prize for deceit goes to the *New York Times*. In the paper's early edition, the story by Jeff Zeleny and Jim Rutenberg offers the Gingrich quote but then adds a curious

parenthetical: “(It was a reference to Mr. Obama’s opposition to bills in Illinois that would have provided legal protection to aborted fetuses showing signs of life; Mr. Obama said he had seen the measures as attacks on women’s reproductive rights.)” This attempt to bail out Obama, as bad as it is, was stricken altogether from later editions—there is no mention of the infanticide issue—and does not appear in a Lexis-Nexis search. By the way, in 2008 Rutenberg wrote that accusations surfaced “accusing Mr. Obama of supporting ‘infanticide’ (he does not).” The bias can’t be more blatant.