

SUPREMES BAN INFANTICIDE

Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, spoke today about the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to ban partial-birth abortions:

“The late New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a supporter of the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, once called partial-birth abortion ‘infanticide.’ So has former New York City Mayor Ed Koch. Today, the U.S. Supreme Court finally made the killing of innocent human beings who are 80 percent born illegal. The abortionists can now use their scissors to cut paper instead of cutting a child’s head to pieces.

“In 1995, Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, went on national television saying he ‘lied through [his] teeth’ when he ‘just went out there and spouted the party line’ about how rare partial-birth abortion was. Ever since, we’ve known that thousands of cases of infanticide occur each year, making the U.S. the only nation in the civilized world to allow this barbaric procedure. Until now.

“We are waiting for the anti-Catholic bigots to go bonkers over the fact that all five of the justices who voted against infanticide are Roman Catholic. Consider that when Samuel Alito was nominated, feminist Eleanor Smeal ominously warned that if he gets approved, ‘the majority of the Court would be Roman Catholics, which would underrepresent other religions, not to mention nonbelievers.’ NPR’s Dahlia Lithwick opined that ‘People are very, very much talking about the fact that Alito would be the fifth Catholic in the Supreme Court if confirmed.’ And when John Roberts was nominated before Alito, his Catholicism was batted around by the bigots to such an extent that the Catholic League devoted an entire section in its [2005 Annual Report on Anti-Catholicism](#) to all the vicious remarks made against him.

“Of course, being Catholic does not make one pro-life. Consider such Catholic stalwarts as Cuomo, Giuliani, Pataki, Kennedy, Kerry, Pelosi, Leahy, Durbin, Dodd....”

NB: The Catholic League filed an amicus brief in this case, and was represented by the Thomas More Law Center.