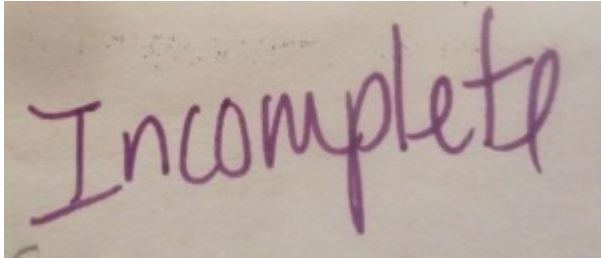


YAHOO NEWS ABORTION STORY IS INCOMPLETE



Bill Donohue comments on a Yahoo Global News story on abortion:

Katie Couric, the Yahoo Global News anchor, recently interviewed an official from a Queens, New York Planned Parenthood facility. The video, "What an Abortion Treatment Room Really Looks Like," was posted online today, and it is quite interesting. But it does not deserve a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F; rather, it merits an I, for Incomplete.

Three rooms are featured in the video: the waiting, treatment, and recovery room. They are spanking clean. The staff is professional, though for some reason the doctor speaks in vague terms. For example, she speaks about the "procedure," never explaining exactly what it is. Merriam-Webster defines a "procedure" as "a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting." It would be helpful if the viewer knew what the doctor was seeking to accomplish. Similarly, we learn that the "procedure" ends with a "termination." But termination implies a beginning. What was it that began, and how did it begin?

The story deserves an Incomplete grade because it inexplicably ends by showing the recovery room. We never learn the fate of that which was terminated. By way of analogy, if a reporter did a story on "What a Funeral Parlor Room Really Looks Like," and ended with the body being shown in a casket, it would beg the question, "What happens to the body next?" That would require Part II; it would focus on the gravesite.

We need a Part II to the abortion story. We need to see what

happens to that which was terminated. To be specific, what does Planned Parenthood do with the terminated remains? Or to be blunt, "What happens to the body next?"

Ask Yahoo News to do Part II: media@yahoo-inc.com