



It's a baby. It's a baby.

I'll never forget this moment. During the September 1996 US Senate debate over partial-birth abortion, Sen. Rick Santorum stood just feet from Sen. Barbara Boxer as the two sides argued over the humanity of the unborn child. Pointing to an illustration, Santorum passionately declared, "That is not a blob of tissue. It is a baby. It's a baby."

At that precise moment, in the sudden silence of the Senate chamber, the cry of an actual baby rang out from the hallway outside. According to the *Washington Post* reporter who witnessed it, no one acknowledged the cry, but for several seconds, no one spoke.

That was 30 years ago.

Today, I am virtually speechless over the awful, demonic spectacle out of Massachusetts, where Gov. Marcia Healy, to the gleeful applause and cheering of women behind her, signed a law repealing any and all restrictions on abortion in that state. Now, in Massachusetts, abortion is permitted, indeed applauded, right up until the moment of birth. They claim it's "health care." No, it most certainly is not.

My friend, attorney and columnist Christine Flowers, just wrote an [opinion column for the Delaware County Daily Times](#) about this terrible injustice. I encourage you to read it:

People used to tell me that I wrote too many columns about abortion.

The staunchly "pro-choice-but-who-are-we-kidding-pro-abortion" readers were tired of hearing me expound on the value of the unborn. But even my allies in the pro-life movement wanted me, at least after Roe was overturned, to perhaps tone it down a bit.

They read the room and saw that the growing hysteria from those who supported abortion and their sky-is-falling rhetoric didn't need any more triggers. Christine, they said, cool it. And I actually did. Looking over my work product over the past months, I counted four columns strictly on abortion.

Since I write every week, that accounts for less than 10% of my yearly output. That gave me an opportunity to trigger people about immigration, Gaza, Trump, Taylor Swift-Kelce, and other assorted topics.

But there are times when you cannot look away and pretend that things are normal. There are moments when the winds shift, and you are engulfed in a stench so foul that you choke. And then you raise your head and open your eyes and say: Where was I, and how did this happen on my watch?

That happened this week, when Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey signed into law a bill that would permit abortion until the moment of birth. Let me repeat that for the readers who are still convinced that our national goal is "safe, legal and rare."

Massachusetts has just legalized abortion until the moment of crowning, when the child's head is centimeters from exiting the womb. That child's right to life, to be born into the world, depends upon the will of his mother and her physician.

If they determine that birth is too dangerous for momma, the excruciatingly thin filament between life and extinction is irrevocably snapped. And that child's head is consigned to eternity, at the very moment she should be crying out "I'm here!"

I posted about this on social media, and of course, the well-oiled Planned Parenthood machine started whirring. People I'd never before noticed climbed onto my page to tell me I

was misrepresenting the law, that it was health care designed to save a woman's life. They kept cutting and pasting links to friendly articles that purported to confirm it was only an extreme measure. They also excerpted strategic language from the actual law, taking it out of context so it actually looked like life-saving triage. And to those who support this triage, it made sense. Who would not want to save the life of a mother who would die of sepsis?

Who would force a mother to give birth to a dead child, or one destined to die moments after taking her first breath, or who would live a diminished life? Except for those crazy Catholics, no one could be so cruel, right?

Except that this law misrepresents the facts and the science.

It has never been medically necessary to perform a craniotomy, namely, to crush a child's skull and dismember the body in order to save a mother's life. C-sections, while always risky, are the preferred method.

Somehow, though, we are being told to believe that crushing a baby and pulling it out in pieces is much safer for the mother. But think of this: We are not talking about a child that died in the fourth month of pregnancy.

We are not talking about a first-trimester abortion, which to me is still murder but which somehow satisfies the conscience of most Americans. We are talking about a woman and her enabling physician who wait until minutes before a child will be born to decide there's a need to crush her into pieces.

The idea that this could not have been contemplated even weeks or days prior is incomprehensible. This is nothing less than infanticide dressed up as health care. This is the final step in a rushing mudslide down the hills and into the valleys of barbarism.

You know which prior societies condoned this? The Aztecs, who saw the child as a sacrifice.

As I watched the white, privileged women who surrounded Healy break into peals of joy as they applauded the bill at its signing, I thought of those Aztec princesses offering their children up to the heavens. But of course, that's hyperbole. We don't sacrifice children to nameless gods any longer.

What we have done since the days of Margaret Sanger is dehumanize inconvenient lives, those that are less perfect, the wrong IQ or race or gender. Eugenics, the foundational source of abortion policy.

That, and the sick idea that one human can control another.

This was on full display in Massachusetts, as they celebrated their new blank check to erase babies on their "birth" days. And don't let them tell you it's health care. The babies, if they could speak, would disagree.

So we will speak for them. – *Christine Flowers* © *Daily Times*

Indeed we will, and indeed we must! Here is your opportunity: Pro-life champion and former US Senator Rick Santorum is the keynote speaker at this year's [Pennsylvania March for Life](#).

This year's March is on Monday, September 21, on the steps of the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg. Please plan on joining thousands of others as we gather to pray, engage, and use our voices to call for the protection of all innocent human life from conception until natural death. For [details](#), including bus information, go to [pafamily.org/march](#).

It's a baby. It's a baby.

For life,



Michael Geer



President
Pennsylvania Family Institute

P.S. Don't miss our 2026 Hershey Friends of the Family Banquet, featuring a keynote speaker who is living out her pro-life convictions, Fox's Rachel Campos-Duffy. Visit pafamily.org/banquet for more info and to register!



[Donate to PA Family Institute](#)

Pennsylvania Family Institute
23 N Front St | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 545-0600 | mail@pafamily.org

