

Operation Outcry Testimony Influences 2nd Victory!

Second Major Court Influenced by Post-Abortion Testimony

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on June 27, 2008 upheld South Dakota's statute requiring abortionists to tell a woman that "the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being," defined as a member of the human species (*Homo sapiens*).

The most basic question many women ask before an abortion is "Is it a baby?" One would assume that abortionists and courts would be able to answer this question. However, Planned Parenthood does not want to tell women abortion kills a human being. They consistently do not tell women that abortion is being performed on a human being, a member of the species *Homo sapiens*, a living organism.

The women of Operation Outcry are extremely pleased that the Courts are now listening to real women who have been hurt by abortion and beginning to protect women from abortionists, rather than listening only to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. The women of Operation Outcry and other women are also extremely pleased that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals cited the portion of the Supreme Court's recent *Gonzales v. Carhart* decision in which the testimony of post-abortive women of Operation Outcry was referenced to prove that **"some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained. Severe depression and loss of esteem can follow."**

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals cited above Supreme Court language on page 16 of its opinion.

This citation of post-abortive women's pain by the courts demonstrates again that the voices of the women of Operation Outcry are beginning to have a deep and long lasting impact on the courts of the United States.

Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand on January 22, 1973, the tide has turned. It's the beginning of the end of *Roe v. Wade*.

In *Gonzales v. Carhart*, the first case referencing Operation Outcry testimony, the Supreme Court upheld the federal ban on the gruesome "partial-birth abortion" procedure, the Supreme Court cited The Justice Foundation's Amicus Brief (also known as a friend of the court brief) in its ruling. The brief was filed on behalf of Sandra Cano, who was "Mary Doe" of *Doe v. Bolton* (the companion case to *Roe v. Wade*), and 180 women hurt by abortion.

Citing the pages of post-abortive women's testimony that The Justice Foundation presented, the Supreme Court recognized that "some women come to regret" their abortions. **"Whether to have an abortion requires a difficult and painful moral decision" and is "fraught with emotional consequence,"** the Court said. The Court also noted that "severe depression and loss of esteem can follow" an abortion.

Why we collect Declarations

To save others from being hurt by abortion. Our primary motivation is a loving desire to save others from the devastation of abortion and to save children in the womb from death by abortion.

The power of testimony touched the Supreme Court, which cited pages of sworn testimony – not the legal arguments of The Justice Foundation.

Written testimony is the most confidential, private, simplest, long-lasting, and effective form of witnessing. Individuals who wish to protect their identity can provide sworn statement that can be used with only their initials.

The Court's ruling is an invitation to provide further evidence of the harm of abortion. See excerpts from the Court's opinion. For the first time ever, the Court is listening to the "wailing women" who can "teach our nation to mourn" for children lost to abortion. See Jeremiah 9:17-24.

We need to be ready. The Court will revisit the abortion issue, although we do not know when.

We need to show the Court the magnitude of the harm of abortion. We encourage all who have experienced the devastating and life-impacting effects of abortion to come forth as witnesses for truth and participating in a healing program. If the truth stays hidden in darkness and in the secret places of hearts, then the lie that abortion is good for women and men will continue. When women and men come forth, the truth will prevail.

States need evidence to regulate or ban abortion. For example, see the South Dakota Task Force to Study Abortion Report, which heavily quoted declarations of women hurt by abortion, at: http://ivotemyvalues.com/pdf/contentmgmt/Task_Force_Report.pdf.

What's next?

Your testimony can help restore justice and end abortion

Although both Courts' acknowledged the harm of abortion, they also stated they had "no reliable data to measure" the extent of the problem. The most effective way to show the Courts the magnitude of the problem is to collect a much larger number of testimonies.

The Justice Foundation has collected legally admissible testimony through its project, Operation Outcry, from approximately 4900 women. This is the largest known body of direct, sworn testimony in the world that shows the harmful effects of abortion

Your testimony in a Declaration can be used (confidentially, if desired) in legal cases and presented to state, national and international legislatures to end or limit abortion, such as an abortion ban, informed consent, parental consent, etc. To protect your identity, first name or initials only can be used if you wish. Personal contact information is never released. A Declaration form and instructions are available on our website or you can fill out and sign the Declaration online at: www.operationoutcry.org.

We praise and thank the Lord for the progress being made!



"As I left the abortion facility, I was told, "Everything will be alright. You can go on with your life... **My life was never the same.** ...I immediately went

Cindy Collins
Co-Host Faces Of
Abortion TV/Radio
The Justice Foundation/Operation Outcry



"Writing out your story can start the healing process. Sending this testimony and submitting a declaration is probably best after a significant amount of healing has taken place. Women who do not want others to hurt after abortion will want to do something to stop our national pain. Revelations 12:11 tells us "**We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony**."

Linda J. Cochrane R
Executive Director
Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center

For more information about Operation Outcry or assistance with completing a Declaration Form please email us at info@txjf.org or call us at 1-866-4-OUTCRY (or 210-614-7157)

Supreme Court Ruling on Partial Birth Abortion

- Excerpts -

"Respect for human life finds an ultimate expression in the bond of love the mother has for her child. ... Whether to have an abortion requires a difficult and **painful moral** decision. *Casey, supra*, at 852-853 (opinion of the Court). **While we find no reliable data to measure the phenomenon, it seems unexceptionable to conclude some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained.** See Brief for Sandra Cano et al. as *Amici Curiae* in No. 05-380, pp. 22-24. [This is the TJF Brief citing the women's testimonies.] **Severe depression and loss of esteem can follow.** See *ibid.*" (emphasis added).

"**The State has an interest in ensuring so grave a choice is well informed.** (emphasis added).