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“Children Not Only Die from Abortion, They Suffer Pain”

Rep. Chris Smith (NJ-04)
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Pain.

We all dread it. Avoid it. Even fear it. And go to extraordinary lengths to mitigate its severity and duration.

By now, many Americans know that abortion methods are violent and include dismemberment of a child’s fragile body, chemical poisoning and hypodermic needles to the baby’s heart.

But the relatively new scientific understanding that unborn babies are forced to endure excruciating pain in the performance of later term abortions—and perhaps even earlier—should shock us. Children not only die from abortion—they suffer. This is a wakeup call to all Americans: **unborn children feel pain.**

Mr. Speaker, **this is the most common method of abortion used in the late second trimester and is known as “D&E,” a dismemberment abortion.** It involves using a long steel tool to grasp and tear off, by brute force, the arms and legs of the developing baby—after which the skull is crushed and removed.

Dr. Colleen Malloy testified, “There is no reason to believe that a born infant would feel pain any differently than that same infant were he or she still in utero. Thus, the difference between fetal and neonatal pain is simply the locale in which the pain occurs. The receiver’s experience of the pain is the same. I could never imagine subjecting my tiny patients to horrific procedures such as those that involve limb detachment or cardiac injection.”