

In conclusion, said the article, students should be taught that "abortion is no longer a favor to bestow but, rather, an obligation to perform." There should also be tighter law enforcement around abortion clinics, to discourage picketing.

More evidence: the magazine Contemporary OB-GYN published another justification of abortion. Is the fetus a patient that deserves proper care? No, if the mother doesn't want it, it's "temporarily" not a patient. The fetus's only legal standing is to be killed, but it has no legal standing to have its life protected.

And what of euthanasia? It is becoming more acceptable as the rationing of health care gains ground. Liberal pro-lifer Nat Hentoff described euthanasia as the legalization of ending life. The trend ends as it has in the Netherlands, Hentoff writes, where more than 1,000 people die every year from "involuntary euthanasia" (known as murder to me).

It is not difficult to persuade the severely depressed to go along with suggestions of suicide because the nature of the disease has them already thinking that way. Most physically ill people are depressed to some degree. "Their physicians were so consumed with compassion that they decided not to disturb the patients by asking their opinion on the matter," writes Hentoff. With this trend in medical ethics, he says that the slope has now become a chasm.

I recently received a call from a minister who is on a medical ethics panel at one of

Texas' major medical centers. He wanted me to speak there, to denounce these pro-death, unethical trends. But since he only has one vote, I don't know if he will succeed. I will give you a follow up on this later.

Make no mistake: if our culture is not willing to recognize the value of life, it can never be persuaded to recognize the derivative obligations to respect private property, limited government, sound money, etc. That's why the opinions of the medical elite are a threat to our entire civilization. (Want a copy of my latest book on abortion? It's available for \$10 from our office.)

Condoms?

A rally at a high school in Galveston, Texas, organized by the students, protested the policy of passing out condoms at school. The 18-year old student who led the rally correctly called this a "moral issue." The student pointed out that sex between minors under 17 is still a felony. Another speaker told the principal, "If you give kids condoms, you are [guilty of] a sex crime on a child." A similar stupidity is having governments pass out needles and syringes to addicts on the streets.

Spaasky vs. Who?

When the champion chess match between Bobby Fischer and Spaasky got underway, it was called the game of the century. Major newspapers had hotlines for updates. Daily 1,000-word essays chronicled every move.

Then something happened. Fischer began to lay waste to Spaasky, and the press attention nearly disappeared. What happened?

It turns out that the brilliant Fischer, who has all the makings of an American hero, is very politically incorrect on Jewish questions, for which he will never be forgiven, even though he is a Jew. Thus we are not supposed to herald him as the world's greatest chess player.

Left-Wing Takeover

The Smithsonian museums have been totally taken over by the left. We know this because of a series written by Mises Institute student Matt Hoffman in the Washington Times. Consider the exhibit "Etiquette of the Undercaste." Members of the public are asked to crawl into a morgue drawer to be reborn as a crack baby and to be led into a life of crime and drugs thanks to oppressive capitalism. In the course of this "exhibit," people are treated to the sounds of prostitutes having sex.

It is only one of many similar stunts pulled by Robert McCormick Adams, the current head of the Smithsonian. Another is "The West as America," which displays beautiful paintings of the Old West with labels underneath designed to smear the artist and his subject. "American Encounters" says Mexicans living in the U.S. "have suffered repression, discrimination, bloodshed, and loss of land, life, and liberty." The exhibit on Columbus attacks the whole of Western culture as exploita-

tive. "From Parlor to Politics" presents a loving view of early feminists.

One of the stranger exhibits is "From AIDS to Airplanes." Says Hoffman: it "inexplicably combined the subjects of AIDS, aerodynamics, and clubhouses built by Puerto Rican children in New York City."

What should be done? Let's privatize it. The government has no business running museums. If it's still leftist, at least we won't be forced to pay for it.

Willie Horton's President

From his prison cell in Maryland, rapist and murderer Willie Horton endorsed Bill Clinton for president. He was "touched," said Willie, by "what the Democrats are doing," while he disagreed "with the Republicans because of what happened to me." What unfortunately did happen to him was his release from prison!

Seizing Property at Gunpoint

Forfeiture is the seizure of private property in absence of due process. The most recent report from the Asset Forfeiture Office boasts that \$2.6 billion has been confiscated. Proudly it said: "Asset forfeiture can be to modern law enforcement what air power is to modern warfare." The trouble is, innocent people are being bombed.

This procedure grows out of a bill that I opposed, the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984. The report says: "Anyone with an interest in the