

## **National Teacher's Union Showcases Abortionist**

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(March 19, 2008) One of the nation's most notorious abortion providers, George Tiller, M.D., was caught on tape giving a presentation in support of late term abortion at a conference held March 9 at the National Education Association's national headquarters in Washington, DC.

The video, which is available on You Tube, was made by members of Students for Life of America and reveals Tiller showcasing graphic pictures of infants with fetal abnormalities that he aborted to make the case for late-term abortion. He also admitted to aborting babies on the day before the mother's due date.

Tiller, who is currently under grand jury investigation and facing 19 criminal charges related to his abortion practice in Kansas, said during his presentation that "If the baby is born alive, that is sloppy medicine."

Later, in a personal interview that was also videotaped, Tiller was asked about the *Born Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002*, which protects children who are born alive during abortions from being murdered. He appeared to know little about it.

"Let's say you have 15 or 16, and you had one slip out with a heartbeat, that is not a viable fetus, but that is born alive or has a heartbeat," he said. "Then you have to take that non-viable fetus and rush it directly to the hospital against the woman's wishes."

The conference was part of the Feminist Majority Foundation's Annual Young Women's Leadership Conference which was held at the Washington DC headquarters of the National Education Association (NEA).

Representatives from Students for Life of America, executive director Kristan Hawkins and programs coordinator, Becky Banks, were in attendance and filmed both Tiller's presentation and a personal interview with him.

"What is most disturbing about this video is the point when Dr. Tiller shows footage of children he has aborted," stated Kristan Hawkins in a press release. "One had an extra arm: could not that child have survived and received corrective surgery? Was violently killing the child the only way to go?"

She also pointed out the fact that pro-lifers are regularly condemned for showing pictures of aborted fetuses, "but here the pro-abortion crowd and the NEA are more than happy to showcase these graphic images, and even gave Dr. Tiller's presentation a standing ovation."

Becky Banks was concerned that Tiller seemed to know so little about the federal law put in place to protect children born alive during abortions. "A man who performs thousands of abortions a year should know of this legislation and realize that any time 'something with a

heartbeat slips out,' the baby is then a protected person under the law.”

Marcia Mercer, a West Virginia teacher and former member of the NEA, said the conference illustrates why she quit the nation’s largest teachers union. “The NEA should not be involved in this issue; here they are hosting this controversial abortionist and his slide show of babies he has aborted. There is no way any of my money will ever be used to advance the radical pro-abortion agenda of Planned Parenthood and the NEA.”

Jill Stanek, the nurse who exposed practices at a Chicago-area hospital that led to the passage of the *Born Alive Infants Protection Act*, told *LifeNews* she could not understand why the NEA would allow an event promoting abortion.

“I’ll never understand how the NEA could possibly support aborting its future paychecks,” she said. Commenting on the video footage, she said, “What I found creepy even for an abortionist was Tiller’s slide show of dead babies he had aborted.

Operation Rescue President Troy Newman applauded the students who took the video and made it public on YouTube.

“This was an awesome piece of undercover work done by Students for Life of America. They did a great job getting the interview and asking tough questions. They are to be commended for their courage. We thank them for making these statements available to the public.”

The video can be viewed at [http://youtube.com/watch?v=wpr\\_sN04j\\_0](http://youtube.com/watch?v=wpr_sN04j_0)

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