

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. David Rhodes
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Dear Mr. Rhodes:

As Members of Congress, we seldom, and with good reason, take the opportunity to communicate directly to you our views on the subject matter of your national news broadcasts. However, we write this letter to express how profoundly appalled we are that your networks have largely ignored two significant stories: Planned Parenthood's lobbying efforts in support of infanticide in Florida last month as well as the ongoing criminal murder trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia.

Surely, the Planned Parenthood lobbying scandal and the ongoing Gosnell murder case, which has been described as a "*House of Horrors*," meet your threshold criteria for a national news segment. Yet despite this obvious fact, coverage of these stories has eluded your news divisions. Our modern world offers no shortage of calamities and crimes to occupy the time of writers, video editors, and announcers. Nonetheless, we see no excuse for your failure to report these stories other than blatant media bias. There is nothing "politically incorrect" about reporting the negative impacts of abortion on women and children. People's reliance on your networks for information has been sorely betrayed as it relates to these cases and it undermines your credibility in the public square.

We welcome your response to tell us that this is not so – that you can explain why Planned Parenthood's public endorsement of the right to deny medical treatment to children who survive abortion is not of interest to the general public. Help us understand how one of the most notorious cases in our nation's history of patient abuse of mothers and babies does not merit airtime on your programming. These sentiments have also been raised by community leaders who wrote to you on April 4 under the auspices of the Media Research Center. Their inquiries deserve a response not merely in terms of public accountability, but also as a measure of common decency.

Health care and the protection of the weakest members of society are subjects of high priority for any civilized society. As Americans assess these cases, the condition of our culture, and the utility of our laws, they depend on you. Additionally, public officials and lawmakers rely upon an unprejudiced press to follow the truth and report the news, good and bad, for all to see and evaluate appropriately. For these reasons, we urge you and your colleagues to take seriously our concerns.

Sincerely,



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