

Reaction reflects reality

There have been a number of letters taking strong exception to the graphic pictures of aborted fetuses displayed by anti-abortionists on May 16.

While I understand and sympathize with some of the comments and concerns, such as the appropriateness of exposing pre-teens to this sort of graphic material, other comments seem more concerned that displaying the results of a choice to have an abortion would make those who have had or plan to have one feel badly.

If indeed having an abortion involves little more deliberation or morality than removing a wart as implied by some pro-choicers, then displaying or seeing the end product should not result in this strong reaction.

I suspect this reaction reflects the reality, that whatever it's legal status, people know a fetus is more than a collection of tissue.

If not, and one truly believes abortion is nothing more than removing unwanted tissue like a tumor, why care other than to insure those exposed are those mature enough to make appropriate choices.

If, however, the problem is that the pictures evoke feelings of guilt that are uncomfortable to have, then the pictures may have served some purpose in at least forcing that acknowledgement, though I suspect that rather than looking inward, the common

reaction will be to shoot the messenger for telling us what we don't want to know.

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Protest observations

During the discussion about the 'Pictures' shown in public, there are some interesting agreements:

- These were babies - not blobs of human matter;

- These babies were not allowed to live;

- It is all right to protest but pick a private place or 'wait until 8' as the Peterborough Utilities advise.

Was the source of these pictures a deleted chapter in some health booklet used in the concerned schools?

There was no reference to the cost of the misuse of the 'plumbing' shown at the schools. This meant (health authority statistics) that one lady had to be 'rescued' six times and another lady was 'rescued' eight times.

It is amazing what the public knows yet the federal government, since Trudeau, has been silent on this whole matter despite repeated urgings of the Supreme Court and public petitions.

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