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It has always been a mystery to me how typical Germans could have allowed their country to descend into a culture of euthanasia and death for so many innocent people. One clue to this mystery became clearer when I came across the phrase, "Life Unworthy of Life".

This phrase has an interesting history in relation to Germany during the 1930's and 1940's. According to Wikipedia, these words first appeared in 1920 in the title to a book by two German university professors. The beginning of the title is even more chilling – Allowing Destruction Of Life Unworthy Of Life.

Later, as described by Wikipedia, the ideas in the book were put into practice. Various groups of people designated by the government to be inferior, disabled, or merely "disposable" were put to death by those in power. Sadly, many Germans became apathetic and eventually considered these policies to be "normal".

After World War 2, people who were tried during the Nuremburg trials could not understand why they were being judged for destroying lives – after all, what they were doing was legal for them to do.

Unfortunately, it appears that we have not learned the dangers of allowing the legalized destruction of life considered unworthy of life. Thus we come to LD 1619. It was very clever to call the bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws". Then, by crossing out one important phrase, "to preserve the life or health of the mother", politicians in the legislature propose to expand destruction of the unborn. If you vote for this bill, you are choosing to join the ranks of many people in history who have used clever means to achieve diabolical ends.

In the Bible, Psalm 106 speaks of those who "shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters . . . and the land was polluted with blood". Our culture is sacrificing the lives of sons and daughters to the gods of convenience and political whims. To put it mildly, the God who created those lives, does not approve! If you pass this bill, you would make Maine one of the few places in the world, outside of Communist China and North Korea where the destruction of a child in the womb is legal at any time before birth. Is that a distinction that we want for our favorite state?

LD 1619 allows a physician to judge when the abortion after viability is considered "necessary". A woman faced with a crisis pregnancy can be especially vulnerable when relying on a physician for final advice on whether the child that she is carrying is worthy of life. Even healthcare providers can become desensitized when they lose their respect for the sanctity of every human life, and the border between healing and medical killing can be crossed. The mystery of how this can happen, and the serious consequences are documented in an interesting article in the New York Times Magazine archives {"German Doctors and the Final Solution" by Robert Jay Lifton}.

In this scientific age, when mom can actually see on sonogram the thrilling development of her baby inside her womb, how can we deny the value of that awesome LIFE coming into perfect preparation for entry into the "outer" world? That special little person has been designed and created by God right down to the unique fingerprint and individual DNA. The potential of that special life is amazing!

Shouldn't such a wonderful creation be worthy of a very basic right – the right to be BORN ALIVE! Your vote on LD1619 makes a vital difference. Will your legacy be one that values the worth of every life – even the very young? Or will you make legal the shedding of innocent blood – and in God's eyes, so pollute our land?