

destroying the humanity and cultural values of America.

Accommodating to economic collapse

Unlike most other purveyors of the same bestial policies, Lamm has exposed the fallacious premise of all the arguments for rationing and triage: that one must accept as a given the destitute and degenerating condition of the U.S. economy. If one accepts that premise, there is indeed no way that necessary health care can be provided. If one does not change what for Lamm is this immutable reality, then virtually everything he delineates, from the breakdown in health care to the “painful remedies,” is inevitable, regardless of one’s moral outrage.

Lamm believes Americans will do nothing fundamental to reverse the depression. In 1984, he wrote an article for *Playboy* magazine saying that George Orwell’s 1984 was not wrong, but merely a bit late. He titled that article “1994: A Prediction,” and wrote:

“I believe we are now heading toward a gloomy future filled with major economic, political, and social traumas, and it’s not that we can’t alter that trend but that we *won’t*. Thus, we’re careening toward disasters of our own making. . . . These hard problems . . . won’t get better, they’ll get

worse—unless attacked immediately. What follows are my own best-guess predictions about where certain political, social, and economic forces are taking us. I have borrowed a technique from Orwell, whose book projected 35 years into the future to help us conceive the inconceivable. In this case, I have merely added 10 years to this date.

“We will see a Depression-like economic trauma before 1994” from the “new reality of the static economic pie. . . . By 1994, it will have become clear that the U.S. is a country in liquidation. . . . 1994 will see the U.S. with a substantially reduced middle class, and we will have moved toward a two-class society. . . . 1994 will see a bitter battle over a shrinking number of jobs. . . . I predict that 1994 will see America’s cities largely full of angry, frustrated, and unemployed minorities. . . . America’s health care system will be bankrupt by 1994.

“The Third World will be bankrupt by 1994. . . . By 1994, the U.S. will have an international welfare caseload to add to its domestic welfare caseload. . . . We will see constant political turmoil on our southern borders” (emphasis in original).

In a 1985 lecture series at Pacifica School of Religion in Berkeley, California, Lamb underscored his contention that

Abortion counseling ban: Bush’s circus

When the Republican Party rallies votes and funds from anti-abortion as well as “pro-choice” Republicans, it says the party is a “big tent” with room for differing views on abortion. Actually, the “big tent” concept refers to how George Bush uses abortion issues as his personal political circus. His newest act is the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) amendment to the ban on abortion counseling at federally funded clinics.

The HHS Office of Population Affairs (OPA) says the purpose of the Title X program is to provide preventive, pre-pregnancy family planning services. Once a woman is pregnant, she no longer needs Title X services and must be referred for comprehensive prenatal and social services. Grantees of Title X funds (clinic operators) cannot provide abortion as a method of family planning, nor, as a 1988 rule stipulates, can they counsel or make referrals for abortion in Title X-funded projects. The loophole in the largely unenforceable and unenforced rule was that it did not apply to a grantee’s activities not part of the Title X project. This allowed the abortion industry, most notably Planned Parenthood, which receives tens of millions of dollars in Title X and other federal program funds annually, to operate abortion clinics in tandem with their

Title X-funded projects for years.

Despite the fact that abortion doctors almost *never* counsel women on medical care (even teen “counselors” arrange the abortions), Planned Parenthood built a campaign out of accusing the administration of interfering with the doctor-patient relationship, gagging doctors, and endangering the lives of poor women. They took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. When the Court upheld the ban last June in *Rust v. Sullivan*, the abortion lobby whipped up congressional support for legislation which overturned Bush’s “gag” rule. Bush vetoed the legislation, garnering adulation from anti-abortion layers. But, behind the charade—both Bush’s and the abortion lobby’s—is the fact that the rules were never enforced. Planned Parenthood even boasted recently that it has ignored the rules altogether.

Bush’s latest amendment lets Title X doctors (but not clinic staff) give abortion advice to women for medical reasons. The abortion brigade, which now admits that counselors, not doctors, see patients, is calling the (still unenforceable) amendment a political ploy. The amendment, full of loopholes the OPA will not discuss, is like a funhouse mirror: you see in it whatever you want. For instance, it stipulates that Title X projects can refer women to full-service providers who give abortions, but “not to those whose principal activity” is abortion. So, if clinics give out condoms and birth control information *and* perform abortions, they qualify.