

ABORTION

“Right to Choose” — Choose What?

*Open your mouth
for the speechless,
in the cause of all
who are appointed to die.*

Proverbs 31:8

*Deliver those who are
drawn toward death,
and hold back those
stumbling to the slaughter.*

Proverbs 24:11

When people say,

“It’s a woman’s right to choose.”

You can say,

“Once a woman is pregnant, she already has a child; the choice is what to do with him or her. Although the word ‘choice’ sounds so positive, the actual choice is whether to have a *live child* or a *dead child*.”

When people say,

“You can’t legislate morality.”

You can say,

“We hear the familiar cry that morals can’t be legislated. This may be true, but behavior can be regulated. The law may not be able to make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

(We are trying to regulate behavior, *not* legislate morality. We are not trying to make the abortionists love the children; we just want to stop the “lynching.”)

When people say,

“This is a religious issue.”

You can say,

“Just because one of the Ten Commandments is, ‘You shall not steal,’ does not mean that laws against theft are based *solely* on religion. The life of the baby is dramatically more valuable than any personal property which is protected from theft!”

Science is in Agreement: *It’s a Human Life*

“Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception (they defined fertilization and conception to be the same) marks the beginning of a human being — a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological, and scientific writings.”

—Report, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judiciary Committee S-158, 97 Congress, 1st Session 1981, p. 7.

Pro-Abortionists Agree: *It’s a Human Life*

Abortion Provider Admits that Abortion Kills Babies:

In 1965: “An abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health. It may make you sterile, so that when you want a child you cannot have it.”

—Planned Parenthood, *Plan Your Children for Health and Happiness*, 1965

In 1989: “Women are not stupid . . . women have always known that there was a life there.”

—Faye Wattleton, past president of Planned Parenthood, NBC television broadcast, May 15, 1989

The Founding Fathers Agree: *It’s a Human Life*

“The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

—Thomas Jefferson

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted . . .”

—*The Declaration of Independence*

“. . . Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law.”

—Amendment XIV, U.S. Constitution

Do we, as a nation, protect all human beings, or do we discriminate based on age, race, and place of residence?

The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships.

It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts—a child—as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience.

—Mother Teresa

Resources:

Folger, Janet L. *True to Life*. Fort Lauderdale: Coral Ridge Ministries Media, Inc., 2000.

The Pro-Life Debate: Winning for the Next Generation. Edited by Janet L. Folger.

Willke, John C. and Barbara H. *Why Can't We Love Them Both*. Cincinnati: Hayes Publishing Company, Inc., 1997.

For these and other resources, visit reclaimamerica.org.

ABORTION ON DEMAND IN AMERICA

Legal for Any Reason for All Nine Months

Roe v. Wade and its companion decision *Doe v. Bolton* legalized abortion on demand for any reason for the **full nine months** of pregnancy. (Note: In the Supreme Court, companion decisions are meant to be read together in order to get the complete effect of the ruling.)

Roe said:

“For the stage subsequent to viability, the State, in promoting its interest in the potentiality of human life, may, if it chooses, regulate, and even proscribe abortion, except where it is necessary, in appropriate medical judgment for the preservation of the life or health of the mother.”

—*Roe v. Wade* (U.S. Supreme Court No. 70-18, XI, p. 49, January 1973)

Then *Doe*, the companion decision, defined “Health . . .”

“. . . in light of all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health.”

—*Doe v. Bolton* (U.S. Supreme Court No. 70-40, IV, p. 11, January 1973)

(That means that a 27-year-old at *any* stage of her pregnancy could state either that she is “too old” or “too young” to have a child, and an abortion would be perfectly legal under *Doe v. Bolton* since “age” is a factor of health.)

The Individual Child's Development in the Womb

All that is added to the new human life from the moment of fertilization is time and nourishment . . . the same as for any growing child, teen, or adult.

At **conception** a genetic code exists that is completely different from that of the mother. About half of the time the baby's sex differs from the mother.

At **18 days** (before the mother even knows she's pregnant) her unborn baby's heart is beating. (Abortionists usually do not let the mother considering an abortion hear the heartbeat or even tell her it exists.)

At **19 days** the baby's eyes begin to develop.

At **four weeks** the baby's arms and legs begin to develop.

At **five weeks** the baby's mouth, ears, and nose are taking shape.

At **six weeks** the baby kicks and has measurable brain waves.

At **eight weeks** all body systems are present—the baby sucks his thumb and can feel pain.

At **10 weeks** the structure of the baby's body is completely formed—even fingerprints and eyelashes.

At **11 weeks**, in the first trimester, the baby's organ systems are complete and functioning: he or she breathes (fluid), swallows, digests, sleeps, dreams, wakes, tastes, hears, feels pain, and can be taught things.

From this point on, the baby grows only in size.

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