

Giving America New Life

Since 1775, 1,500,000 American soldiers have died in war; whereas, since 1973, 57,500,000 babies have lost their lives from abortion. Every one of these lives did not have a chance to live the American dream. They do not get to experience what the soldiers laid down their lives for. Americans mourn the death of these brave soldiers, yet many slaughter what these soldiers defended: the right to be an American, the right to live in freedom, and the right to live. Not only does abortion murder a living human, it strips babies of their right to live, endangers the mother, and depletes the value of life to nothing.

Though some claim the fetus isn't alive and is therefore disposable, science shows the unborn baby is alive. From conception, a baby meets the four criteria of life. The baby is constantly developing from the creation of the first cell. He can sense and react to change. The baby's DNA is unique to himself, proving that he is his own human, not an extension of the mother. At 22 days old, the baby's heart pumps its own blood supply. Within six weeks, the child has fully formed eyes, eyelids, nose, and mouth, and by eight weeks, the baby has all the organs he will ever have. At this point, the baby has brain activity. After ten weeks, he can move; at twenty, he can feel pain ("Basics"). Science clearly shows that life starts at conception.

Since babies are alive from conception, they deserve to live a full life. Aborted babies are treated with less respect than a bag of trash, thrown away because they are inconvenient and useless. Millions of babies lose their right to life because of the parents' decisions. The baby has a legal and moral right to live. The U.S. severely punishes murder, yet when a doctor murders a living, breathing baby, he is congratulated. The law does not differentiate between a murder victim that is one-year-old and one that is 87-years-old; so why should there be no penalty for

those who kill ones not yet born? America must enable the powerless to make choices of their own.

Not only is abortion medically unjustifiable and morally wrong, it endangers the mother physically and mentally. Scientific studies, such as the Montreal study, have shown that 97% of women who go through an abortion have reported physical pain afterward. Not only that, but abortion can cause future premature birth, which is the leading cause of infant death (“Physical Complications”). Abortion can also damage the mother’s reproductive system. A mother who has had an abortion is 3.5 times more likely to die within the next year than one who has not had an abortion (“Myths”). Another health issue abortion causes is that a woman who has had one is 30% more likely to get breast cancer (“Physical Complications”). One study of 1182 women who had abortions showed that 27 women had post-abortion infections that lasted for three days or longer (“After Effects”). Abortion isn’t a simple solution for the mother, offering her a way out; it endangers the mother and can leave her with long-lasting physical side effects.

Many mental side effects from abortion can also plague women. One study showed that out of 500 women, 50% had negative feelings and 10% of those developed serious psychiatric complications (“After Effects”). A big pro-choice argument is this: “It is the woman's body and choice.” Many males remove themselves from the situation because of this, leaving the woman to deal with it on her own (“Myths”). This puts stress and pressure on the woman, which can easily turn into depression and other mental disorders. The fact that the trauma caused by an abortion can create harmful side effects for the mother is shown in a study where 55% of women surveyed felt guilt, 44% had nervous disorders, 36% had sleep disorders, 31% felt regret, and 11% were prescribed psychiatric medicine (“After Effects”). The trauma of an abortion affects women mentally and physically. Abortion claims to be pro-woman, but, in reality, it is both anti-

woman and anti-life. If doctors truly cared about women, they would stop abortion because it is harmful to the baby, harmful to the mother, and also harmful to society.

A recent example of harm from abortion is illustrated by New York's recent law, which allows abortion up to the point of birth. The law not only rejects the fact that the baby is alive, it shows lawmakers' willingness to kill a baby because it is inconvenient. They have openly stated that life isn't important, that feelings and choice are more important than a living human being. Abortion has lowered the value of life so drastically that it no longer is important. Kermit Gosnell, an abortion operator in the early 21st Century, was convicted of murder because of killing babies as they were being born. He would cut through the back of the baby's neck and sever the spinal cord. How is New York's new law any different from this? Except for a couple minutes difference, the action is still the same: murdering a fully-developed baby. New York is now doing almost the exact same thing as Gosnell; but, since abortion has been accepted by our nation, there is no consequence.

Not only does abortion present many issues for the mother, it violates moral law and the principle behind our laws. It has devalued life and morals so much that Americans are willing to allow the murder of a fully-developed baby, a baby that is living and thriving like any other human. Women who go through abortions feel the full affect of their choice and often come away with side affects they have to deal with for the rest of their lives. Abortion in America not only destroys babies, it destroys the American ideals our soldiers died for, ideals that keep America alive.

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