

Essay # 19

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# The Truth About Abortion

Abortion, the termination of a pregnancy so that it does not result in birth, has been practiced since ancient times. The first techniques were developed as early as 1550 B.C. by the Egyptians. Abortion's long history aside, the argument about whether or not it should be legal continues to divide Americans long after abortion was legalized as a “fundamental right” by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973, as a result of the Roe v. Wade case. Both sides – the pro-life (anti-abortion) and the pro-abortion (pro-choice) – have their own reasons for the side they choose. This essay will refute three common pro-choice arguments. (2)

Pro-abortion supporters claim that since nearly all abortions take place in the first trimester when the “fetus” cannot exist without the mother, the “fetus” cannot be regarded as a separate entity and thus is not eligible to the basic right to life. The problem with this argument is that even after the baby is born, he or she is still unable to exist without help from the mother or some other human. Dependence on another is no reason to kill the helpless. (1)

The second argument used by pro-abortion supporters is based on the treatment of “fertilized eggs” used for in vitro fertilization. They reason that if human life does begin at conception, then the routine disposal of unused “fertilized eggs” used in vitro fertilization is just as much a murder as abortion. This time, they are right! The disposal of the premature baby is murder! This pro-abortion argument is in fact a pro-life one. (1)

The last argument is yet another pro-life argument thought to be pro-abortion. Pro-abortionists claim that since less than 3% of white unmarried women and less than 2% of black unmarried women choose to give up their babies for adoption, adoption is not an alternative to abortion. But given the fact most mothers choose to keep their babies is strong evidence to the God-given affection a mother has for her child. It urges her to protect and nurture the child herself – a pro-life argument! (1)

Throughout my life, I have tried to take away the legality of abortions. When I six months old, my family started praying the rosary together every night, and we still do to this day. One of the nightly

intentions is for the end of abortion. I have also participated in many sidewalk prayer protests across from Planned Parenthood buildings and other abortion centers. My favorite way to promote the sanctity of life is to simply talk about it. I take every opportunity possible to inform others of the detrimental effects of abortion on the mother and society, and I try to convince others to join me in ridding our country of this terrible evil.

Using common sense, the three most common pro-abortion arguments can be proven incorrect, disclosing abortion for what it really is: a horrible injustice. This injustice has plagued this country for far too long. My aunt was told countless times by doctors that she should not have children due to her medical history. She ignored them and their suggestions for abortion when she did become pregnant. Now, she has two wonderful children with whom I have the honor of being cousins. It is reasons like this that make me want to keep up the fight against abortion.

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