

Why Abortion is Detrimental to Society

Since her foundation, America has been known as a country that defends the innocent, weak, and the helpless; the defender of those who can not speak for themselves. Why then, is this very same country living in a direct contradiction of its intended purpose and values? The fact of the matter is that abortion has been killing thousands upon thousands of innocent, weak, and helpless human lives each year, and America is turning a blind eye.

According to some, abortion is justified because an "embryo" or a "fetus" is not considered a human life yet. A scientist would say a human is defined by its DNA- the genetic coding that makes our species different from any other.¹ They are contradicting themselves by claiming that an embryo is not a human being, even though an embryo contains exactly the same amount of DNA as you or I.² Genesis 9:4 states, "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." This simple verse clearly states that God considers blood to be the basis for life. Therefore, God deems an embryo to be a human life because an embryo has both blood and human DNA. The newly formed embryo uses its mother's blood until it develops its own blood circulation system in about three weeks.³ Most women do not realize they are expecting until after the fourth or the sixth week of gestation. Consequently, the majority of abortions would have to occur when the blood circulation system is already formed. If you continue reading, in Genesis 9:6 the Bible says, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." The shedding of blood, which results in death, is murder.⁴

We as humans are unique in that we are created in God's image. David declares in Psalm 139:13-16, "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy

¹ Espejo, Roman. Human Embryo Experimentation. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2002.

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³ Franciscan Skemp Clinic. Birth Connection. Rochester: Mayo Health System, 2003.

⁴ <http://www.godandscience.org/doctrine/prolife.html>

works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which is continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." This passage clearly implies that human life begins at conception, even before it is fully developed, thus making that embryo, or baby, a person. I believe that the Old Testament word for life and soul are the same, referring to both man and animal life. What distinguishes man from animal is that man is created in the image of God. Genesis 1:26-27 reveals this, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Man has a body, soul, and spirit. Would it not be wrong to destroy something God deemed wonderful and marvelous?

Abortion has created a society that continually flirts with sex, yet avoids the consequences and responsibility of their actions. Abortion has become a matter of convenience. Women are brainwashed into thinking abortion is the easy way out of an unwanted pregnancy; however, they are not being informed of all the potential consequences of abortion. Women who have had abortions have an increased chance of breast cancer and are six times more likely to commit suicide the following year.⁵ Why does an innocent life have to be taken when there are other choices like adoption? Abortion can not be considered anything but selfish when you consider the thousands of families out there longing for the opportunity to adopt a child for their own. Being able to conceive and have children is a gift from God, which so many women considering abortion take for granted. In Matthew 18:10 Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in

⁵ <http://www.uwrf.edu/student-voice/041119/pointcoimterpoint.htm>

heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

Exodus 21:22-23 says, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life." It is amazing how the Bible states that if you are responsible for the death of an infant still in the womb, you are guilty of taking a human life and should bear the penalty. Despite this passage, society promotes exactly the opposite; self-absorption rules over responsibility to the unborn child and to God.

America has taken it upon herself to be the voice for those who can not speak. Why then, is America turning her back on the voice of the unborn and allowing innocent human beings to be murdered? By living this contradiction, we have promoted a society that would rather endorse convenience over responsibility, promiscuity over abstinence, and corruption over integrity. It takes character to do the right thing, a trait that we were founded upon. How does America, who calls herself "One nation under God," expect to be blessed when she allows people to kill something God considers so "wonderful and marvelous"? God will never bless a society deliberately living in denial of abortion, and a society that goes against God's will is a society that will experience God's wrath.