

The Battle Against Abortion

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From Columbus' journey to the New World, America has been an incredible nation. From apple pie to baseball, Fourth of July to Labor Day, the staples of the American dream do not even represent all that our country offers. With our rich heritage of war victories, space exploration, and monumental breakthroughs, we seem to have everything in order, but our country is facing a divided and murderous crisis: abortion. A national movement killing millions a year, we have become subject to the slaughtering of the innocent as the German Holocaust and Rwandan Genocide. Our society praises women's independence and trivial triumphs but depicts motherhood as a chore. Though the result of our now corrupted nation was the legalization of abortion, Americans can overturn the unruly evil by accepting a fetus as a human, exposing women to the mental effects of undergoing an abortion, and by offering support and solutions to help these women.

The pro-choice justification of abortion centers around the idea that a fetus is not a human until birth. From the dawn of mankind, humans have wondered when life begins. Multiple sources which include the National Institute of health, James Bopp, and credible scientific journals have confirmed that at the moment of conception, a new human life has come into existence with his own unique genetic make-up separate from his mother's. If conception does not initiate human life, when does one become human? By the end of the first month the baby will already have a distinct heartbeat, separate blood circulation, and developing primitive face. Birth does not automatically alter insignificant clumps of cells into a living human. Though we have answered the question, humans with selfish intent are changing basic biology to kill a baby. America allows abortions since fetuses are inviable, unconscious, and without a sense of purpose. If these traits are what classifies us as valuable members of humanity, comatose patients, mentally disabled, and the handicapped must not have a right to live.

According to 2018's Marist Poll, 47% of Americans believe that a fetus is human at conception, and 15% during the first trimester.¹ The survey also showed that most Americans regard abortion as immoral, yet their opinions are still unfavorable to the press. The more people change, the more the media obstructs the path of pro-life and labels them as unforgiving extremists.

With ultrasound technology, doctors and patients throughout the nation have proven that abortion is murder. Despite terminal illness and disease, abortion was the number one cause of death in 2018 at 41 to 42,000,000 worldwide; shockingly, about 1,000,000 occur in the United States.² Since the legalization of abortion, there have been multiple tests of observing ultrasound during an abortion. In the words of former Planned Parenthood director, Abby Johnson, "For the briefest moment it looked as if the baby were being squeezed. And then the little body crumpled and began disappearing into the cannula before my eyes. Everything was gone."³

Pro-choice activists argue that emotional damage is not a result of an abortion, but patients have had horrific experiences. From childhood, society tells us, "Follow your dreams." Encouraging us to do what makes us happy despite morals and common sense, the thought may be comforting, but can the same be true about a pregnant teenager? Should she sacrifice her baby to follow a dream? Our nation urges teenagers to abort their children but fails to warn them about the results. According to the British Journal of Psychiatry, 81% of women in 2011 who previously aborted said that depression, suicide, and

¹*New Marist Poll: Americans Make Dramatic and Sudden Move Toward Pro-life Label*, 25 February 2019. <https://www.kofc.org/en/news/polls.html#/>. 17 March 2019.

²Emily Jones, 'Defund Planned Parenthood': Abortion Killed 42M People Last Year, the Leading Global Cause of Death, 01 January 2019. <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/cwn/2019/january/defund-planned-parenthood-abortion-killed-42m-people-last0year-the-leading-global-cause-of-death>. 12 January 2019.

³ Abby Johnson, *Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey Across the Life Line* (Colorado Springs: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2010) 6.

alcohol lead to higher risks.⁴ “A woman struggling with negative feelings after an abortion will find that her feelings will not disappear no matter how hard she tries to forget them.”⁵

Though most people only recognize a patient’s suffering, abortionists have also had regrets. Dr. Bernard Nathanson was responsible for his girlfriend’s abortion by aborting their own child. He stated in his book, “I had no feelings aside from the sense of accomplishments, the pride of expertise. I felt only the satisfaction of knowing that I had done a thorough job. That is the mentality of an abortionist.”⁶

Though conservative states and communities may seem judgmental, they play a large role in counseling pregnant women to avoid abortion by helping them juggle family and education. Churches are huge influences by providing women with true peace which cannot come from an abortion. Despite the unplanned pregnancy of Stacy Enders, the Florida Pregnancy Resource Center was her lifesaver. As a teenager, she had a coerced abortion. She recalled, “During the procedure, I could feel the ripping, and I screamed at them to stop. The nurse even covered my mouth.”⁷ Later in life, the center would save her from making the same mistake twice through counseling. Preserving a child from an unplanned pregnancy is undoubtedly a challenge but will prove successful. Men must give positive input for the decision. Women must be given hope that pregnancy is not an obstacle for following a passion and shown that life will be more fulfilling in motherhood or by allowing the child to have an adoptive home. We can accomplish greatness by being a light and a friend in a judgmental community.

⁴ Randy Alcorn, *Why Pro-life: Caring for the Unborn and Their Mothers* (Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC, 2012) 70.

⁵ James D. Torr, *Abortion: Opposing Viewpoints* (Farmington Hills: Greenhaven Press, 2006) 94.

⁶ Bernard N. Nathanson, M.D., *The Hand of God: A Journey from Death to Life by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing Inc., 1996) 61.

⁷ Gayle Irwin, *Stacy Had an Abortion at 17: Now She’s Pro-life and Saving Babies from Abortions*, 10 January 2019. <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/01/10/stacy-had-an-abortion-at-17-now-shes-pro-life-and-saving-babies-from-abortions/>. 12 January 2019.

Considering the issues of when life begins, mental and physical health, and lack of guidance, Americans must realize that unless there is serious action, murders of the young and old will inevitably take place. This horrible truth is becoming a great reality as New York has passed a bill allowing abortions of unborn babies seconds before birth.⁸ As a nation, we must band together to defy these odds. Abortion may be an uphill battle but nonetheless possible. As human beings, we must protect and preserve all created in the image of God.

⁸ Angelo Fichera, *Addressing New York's New Abortion Law*, 04 February 2019.
<https://www.factcheck.org/2019/02/addressing-new-yorks-new-abortion-law/>. 24 March 2019.

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