

Maternity: Motherhood or Murder?

Every day, two-hundred thousand babies are terminated in abortion clinics and discarded, yet this loss of life is now seen as a woman's basic right to take her baby's life. With so much emphasis put upon the freedoms of the mother, we have neglected to value, love, and respect the life of the child carried within her.

An article published by MedlinePlus states at the moment of conception, a distinct and unrepeatable life begins. After the first twenty-four hours, the union of a sperm and an egg creates a unique DNA sequence. From this single-celled zygote all the characteristics of a human being, such as eye color, hair texture, and even their predispositions for talents, are already encoded. The reality is life has begun and abortion misrepresents the profound significance of a human life that deserves proper care and protection. Beyond the biological wonder of reproduction, terminating a pregnancy carries short and long-term risks for the mother. Physically, an abortion carries risks such as uterine damage, infection, and complications in future pregnancies. Mental health consequences are equally as severe, a study by Abolghasem, Pourreza links abortion to an increased risk of depression, anxiety, and post traumatic stress disorder. Women who have undergone abortions often report feelings of regret or grief, sometimes struggling for years to cope with their choice. According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all people are entitled to "life, liberty, and security of person." They "Shall not be subject to torture or cruel inhuman or

degrading treatment or punishments nor unrightfully discriminated” because “all are equal before the law.” Furthermore, “Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.” In light of this, where does the justification for abortion originate? The United Nations affirms inalienable rights emphasizing the importance of human life, and freedom. By stripping those from any individual person you are violating both law and basic human rights. The declaration does not specify age, race, or culture, but actually warns against discrimination to anybody. A human baby that is actively in conception follows all the scientific clauses for being alive. By breathing, moving, feeling, and exhibiting growth, unborn babies are no less alive than a full-grown man. Would you find it at all justifiable to take a vacuum to a man, strip his life from him, and dump him into a waste bag? By no means! Why then is abortion legal, when it is removing a human who is scientifically alive and legally protected from murder? Not only are these unborn children protected by human rights, but they are protected by the U.S.A.’s disability laws. The ADA defines disability as, “a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” A child who has no voice, no say, and has not yet experienced life meets those exact limitations. Adding another layer of legality that should be protecting these unborn children, yet abortion tragically remains legal.

An argument that is frequently used as justification for abortion brings light to ‘potential complications in the future.’ This argument claims that if there is a possibility that a child may grow up in a harmful environment, they should be aborted and spared from suffering. This is far from the truth. It is unacceptable to terminate a life because of circumstances that may happen in the future, and we are not justified to make that choice for them. Others argue that their inability to provide for a child justifies termination or their lives are not conducive to rearing a child that it would be better to terminate the unborn baby. However, there are options for mothers who are

struggling. Government programs and community services provide ample support for struggling mothers. Additionally, motherhood is often associated with a responsibility for the baby, this responsibility is not mandatory. If a mother is not able to take responsibility for her child, there are places that can care for the baby. Although their situation may not be ideal, it is certainly better than termination.

Abortion, the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy, is the murder of another human being. The unborn child is a living being, with its own heartbeat as early as six weeks (Fetal Development). Termination of this unborn child equates to first-degree murder. The bond between a mother and her child begins before birth, strengthened by biological and emotional connection. The child depends on the mother for nourishment, and her body naturally prepares to nurture her baby. Abortion severs this sacred relationship, denying the child the chance to live and robbing the mother of the joy and purpose that comes with embracing motherhood.

As women continue to make the simple but irreversible choice to end their children's lives, a multitude of people simply look on. By making this choice, although potentially unknowingly, they are diminishing the value of human life and promoting a selfish mindset of prioritization. In addition, growing up in a society where abortion is acceptable will desensitize young women and instigate a perpetual cycle that could persist for generations.

Legally, scientifically, and ethically abortion is wrong. The bond between mother and child has historically been one of the strongest in the world, yet it seems that it has been forgotten. It is important to love and respect a mother and her choices, but not when there is another life on the line. You cannot forget about the little life inside the mother, in order for our world to improve, we need to love both heartbeats.

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