

Women have right to life

~~Anette Rogers'~~ Sept. 7 Soapbox was clear. A fetus's right to life and liberty surpasses a woman's right to life and liberty from conception to birth. No exceptions, ever. That's immoral. Women, not just fetuses, have a right to life and liberty. Exemplifying public policy's role, Roe vs. Wade correctly and morally balanced the right to life and liberty of both. Public policy has no right to make a judgement concerning the morality of abortion. Rather, its responsibility is to recognize this medical procedure as a vital part of woman's health care, upholding its legal standing as it does the options of adoption or parenting. Conception to birth, Roe makes no moral judgment. Roe "upholds both the rights of the babies and their mothers," to put it in Rogers' words. A judgment

about when life begins and the morality of terminating a pregnancy is a function of an individual's set of moral and religious beliefs and should never be a function of public policy.

Potential life is entitled to quality of life. Children are entitled to caring, loving, involved parents, financial support and a good education, if a woman determines she can't give her child those things because her education is incomplete, she is too young or too old, she isn't emotionally ready to parent, or parent a child of rape or incest, parent alone, or believes she couldn't carry and give up her child, the potential life she carries is entitled not to be born. That's always right and moral.

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