

Abortion exploits women

Don't just take my word for it. A recent Gallup Poll showed that "partial-birth" abortion is opposed by 86 percent of the American people who believe it should be completely illegal in the third trimester. Sixty-nine percent of Americans polled say

it should be illegal in both second and third trimesters.

The term "partial-birth" abortion accurately describes abortion that occurs in both the second and third trimesters, called Intact Dilation



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and Extraction, or ID & X. It involves pulling an unborn child partly out of the uterus into the birth canal, excepting only the head, which is punctured so the abortionist can suck the brains out in order to fully deliver it. Such delivery keeps that kind of abortion legal, because if the child were fully delivered and killed in that manner, it would be murder. You can sanitize partial-birth abortion by calling it a sterile and medically correct term, but there's really no nice way to sanitize what is actually being done.

Syndicated columnist George Will's commentary of July 3 quoted two medical organizations' comments about partial-birth abortion. The American Medical Association said, "there does not appear to be any identified situation in which 'partial-birth abortion' is the only appropriate procedure to induce abortion." In addition, he quoted the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which is generally pro-abortion rights, as saying that it can identify "no circumstances under which" partial-birth abortion "would be the only option to save the life or preserve the health of the woman."

The ongoing unanswered questions are: Is a woman's "implied" right to privacy so complete that it should exceed an unborn child's right to live? Medical facts are that unborn children are genetically different than their mothers. They are distinct and separate beings. They have different immune systems, blood types and are often a different sex. Does this not qualify them as individuals deserving of equal protection as given through the Fifth Amendment in the Bill of Rights?

Also, if the pro-choice point of view is really about a "woman's right to choose," then why is that "choice" always about abortion — not other issues? You don't see "people for choice" fighting for a woman's right to prostitute herself or to use illegal drugs. Laws against these activities certainly restrict a woman's right to "choose" what to do with her body — why not fight for that choice?

Partial-birth and other abortions are simply about harvesting an extremely valuable commodity — fetal tissue. Companies are making astounding amounts of money on the wholesaling of fetal body parts. An organ and tissue procurement company in Illinois listed eyes and ears on their "Fee for Services Schedule" for \$75. A brain sold for \$999 — for a baby gestationally younger than eight weeks. Even mainstream television programs like ABC's "20/20" aired true stories about the trafficking of aborted baby parts — especially intact fetal body parts.

Polling done by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, indicates that less than 1 percent of all abortions are done as a result of rape, incest, or because the life of the mother was in danger. Women shouldn't be fooled into thinking that abortion is a cure-all.

"Women Exploited By Abortion" distributed surveys in 42 states, which showed that 83 percent of women who had an abortion would have chosen differently if they hadn't been encouraged by significant others, parents, friends, doctors and others. Had women been given positive programs to improve their circumstances, 83 percent of those asked would not have chosen abortion.

Most women don't desire abortion, but they need help and support so that parenting (and/or adoption) can be a reasonable alternative. Abortion is a venture by an industry that doesn't care about women — only profits — all at the expense of the innocent women it has exploited.