

Abortion remains termination of life

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To the editor:

I wonder if others found Ms. Julie Hall's recent letter to the editor as frightening as I did. In it, Hall states that she believes abortionists (who kill innocent, completely defenseless unborn children) to be heroes and heroines. I find that type of thinking to be very scary.

Next, Hall states that an unwanted child brought into the world "is likely to suffer physical and emotional neglect, live in poverty, and perhaps suffer horrible abuse." I know Hall has no statistical data to support this statement. So I could just as easily say the opposite. And I think I'd be closer to the truth, since many unwanted children brought to term are placed for adoption. These children are loved, nurtured and supported, and become responsible adults. Even if everything isn't perfect, what could be more horribly abusive to a child than to be killed in the mother's womb?

Later, if I understand correctly, Hall argues that we need to keep abortion legal because women who want abortions will jeopardize their lives to obtain illegal abortions. Throughout history, humans have jeopardized their lives in killing, stealing from, and abusing other previously-born humans. To follow Hall's thinking would require our society to legalize murder, robbery and assault (because people will do so even though illegal).

Hall also raises the issue of victims of rape and incest. It's interesting that when we "anti-abortion extremists" held up pictures of aborted fetuses that looked remarkably like small babies, we were scolded for appealing to people's emotions. But it's OK for abortion rights activists to talk about the emotional subject of rape and incest.

But, tragically, rape and incest is a reality. And some abortions do terminate pregnancies resulting from these horrible violations of a woman's body, although not to the extent implied by pro-abortion groups (the number I've heard is less than 5 percent of all abortions). The emotional pain experienced by these women must be awful. But I've never understood the concept of killing the child

because of the sins of the father. I can't imagine that aborting the child would eliminate or even ease the emotional trauma experienced by the woman. And while it would take a brave and insightful woman to do so, bringing her child to term and placing him or her for adoption would be the one possible good to come out of this horrible act of violence.

In reading letters like Hall's, it's important to see if there is logic in the writer's statements. And it's also very important to keep the truth in mind. And the truth is this:

■ Credible scientists have concluded that all life, including human life, begins at the time of fertilization/conception.

■ The unborn child has done nothing that any society could legitimately consider to be worthy of the death penalty.

■ Therefore, abortion is the unwarranted termination of a human life.

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