

## **Enough of the minced words — abortion is not murder**

**To the editor:**

Anti-abortion extremists may disagree with evidence contained in the Bible that I've previously presented, which proves conclusively that God never condemned abortion and elevated a woman's life above that of a fetus from the moment of conception to the moment of birth, but they can't disprove it by simply labeling that biblical evidence interpretation. I've laid out the evidence contained in the Bible very clearly and if anti-abortion extremists could disprove it, they'd have already done so.

Life and Liberty for Women expects anti-abortion extremists to prove illegal abortion would change the number of abortions performed in this country. Saying they don't know how to prove the outcome of a potential future event isn't credible. By learning about the history of illegal abortion we can make sound predictions about what would occur if abortion were made illegal again. In previous letters we've talked about the number of abortions, for example, that Dr. Gabler performed in Chicago in the 1930s, and the "Jane Service" in Chicago in the late 1960s, and pointed out that if we took those numbers, 18,000 and 11,000 respectively, and extrapolated those numbers out coast to coast, we'd have an accurate picture of how many illegal abortions occurred in this country. The numbers then were no different than they are today.

Anti-abortion extremists say that Roe v. Wade gives the fetus "absolutely no rights." That's a lie. I'll quote Roe: "For the stage subsequent to viability, the state, in promoting its interest in the potentiality of human life, may, if it chooses, regulate, and even proscribe, abortion except where it's necessary, in appropriate medical judgment, for the preservation of the health of the mother." Roe doesn't allow a fetus to be aborted for any reason at any time in a woman's pregnancy, and certainly not during birth.

Also, I've read the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision on the Nebraska partial-birth abortion ban the Supreme Court struck down last summer and it doesn't prove or even "effectively say" a fetus can be aborted at any time in a pregnancy as some allege.

Every woman has the right to base her decision about an unintended pregnancy and can very well come to a conclusion that may be different than another woman with a similar experience. But whatever the decision for either, both women have made a good moral decision.

Life and Liberty for Women is a new breed in the abortion rights movement and doesn't mince words. It isn't wrong or immoral, under the guidelines of Roe, to kill human embryonic or human fetal life. Abortion isn't murder.

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