

Are the Unborn finally going to get Justice?

By the overturning of the abortion ban in Texas in 1973 with the “Roe versus Wade” case, we have created a society that has accepted abortion as a “normal” and totally acceptable practice without flinching a moral muscle. The practice does not register as the “killing” of innocent life with either the people promoting the procedure or the women having this procedure performed on their bodies. How disgraceful we have become as a society by allowing our government to legalize and protect this practice under the guise of personal rights. As a Christian and a Catholic, and simply as a moral person, the termination of life of the unborn by abortion is an action that is unacceptable.

I read a doctor’s article that claimed he was proud of his work as an abortion surgeon. He feels he has saved many lives because he was performing abortions back in the early 1970’s when women were inflicting harm to themselves by trying to abort their pregnancies using unsterile and drastic measures. He even mentioned a recent case where the father would have been killed by the mother’s brothers because of their religious beliefs if he hadn’t performed the abortion. After reading his justifications, it is obvious to me that the people involved in abortion are only treating the symptoms and not the cause. By silencing the voice of an unborn child, they have only compounded the problem, not fixed it. We have made abortion too simple and acceptable practice in the US.

As a fitting eulogy to the landmark Roe versus Wade case, Norma McCorvey, the “Jane Roe” in the case, became a member of the pro-life movement in 1995 and now supports making abortion illegal. In 1998, she testified to Congress:

“It was my pseudonym, Jane Roe, which had been used to create the "right" to abortion out of legal thin air. But Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee never told me that what I was signing would allow women to come up to me 15, 20 years later and say, "Thank you for allowing me to have my five or six abortions. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible." Sarah never mentioned women using abortions as a form of birth control. We talked about truly desperate and needy women, not women already wearing maternity clothes.”

Amendment 48, the “Personhood” initiative, is an attempt to legally identify existence of a person at the time of fertilization. This will protect the rights of the unborn fetus and thus make it illegal to abort. Many naysayers feel this simply worded document is vague and does not provide all the answers to the many subsets of this issue. But I think to delay the process to create a more perfect document is a bigger mistake. I don’t think the Supreme Court realized that they condemned to death over 50 million lives when they voted 7 to 2 in favor of the reversal of the Texas court thirty-five years ago. To me Amendment 48 is a beginning in fighting our courts and government, who have protected the criminal act of killing innocent life before it has a chance to be born. Christ said that if we choose to follow Him our life would not be easy. I think the uproar of our society to this legislation only fortifies the decision to approve this amendment.

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