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“Pro-Life”

A hot topic right now in the media is abortion, and many have shared their views on it. We all have different experiences in this world we live in, some of us are born into a house full with all the provisions, and some are born into scarce situations, but in all, we were born. In my years of highschool I overheard the ignorance in this topic, an ignorance to life that was accepted, “it’s just a clump of cells” are not we also clumps of cells?

Humans throughout history have been seen asking themselves the same question, "What is a Human?" However, because of this “simple question” and some “simple answers" major consequences in History have occurred. Slaves have existed for centuries before it came to America, but cruel brutality and hatred began when the whites believed they were a superior race. Are criminals still human? They too are still human, but when they committed that act of killing I believe their view on humans shifted to something more less than reality.

When looking at abortion people may try to ignore the reality of a baby being torn to pieces and being flushed out of the mothers womb. Many states allow for the baby to be wiped off the mothers womb by 10 weeks, which in their eyes is doing good since at that point most do not consider the fetus to be a baby. However, how can abortion ever help curve an overpopulation problem, if it is not a person? The biological fact is that the fetus’s heart is pumping at 21 days, it has brain waves at 35 days, feels pain, and has bodily fluids pumping

throughout the body. The fetus will not become a crocodile nor a bird, it will develop into a full grown baby. The fetus therefore will have a future and those who decide to get rid of it are killing human life. If the excuse is “overpopulation” why kill babies when you can kill elders who have already lived. Both are outrageous ideas.

There have been humans in history treated like cattle, transported, and killed massively, maybe animals have the same value as humans but we too have lost our way in greed and hunger. Like any news, we all react in a different way, some are not prepared, some make guesses on what can happen, and some just do not care. Such news to someone who does not want a baby can leave them startled and the “solution” is to abort the consequences of their choice. Rape and incest, account for only about 1% of abortions worldwide if not less. Elizabeth Terril who works as a child therapist and foster parent states “I have worked with many of the so-called “unwanted children” who come from abusive or broken homes and I cannot imagine thinking that killing them was the solution. But that is precisely what abortion proposes: not to heal lives, but to eliminate them, to take from us our children, our future”

“Allow them to do anything they want; it is their choice.” I have heard many times from people who do not care for the fetus. Roe v. Wade was all about privacy and what a woman does with her child being up to her, but imagine a scenario where a mother is cutting her one-day-old infant and thinking, "Let her do what she wants, it's her child." Roe v. Wade's case for the mother's “right” collapses. Abortion has never been about choice; it has always been about avoiding the consequences of your choice by removing all choices from someone else.

Could it be that we are approaching the abortion problem backwards? The problem lies in a perverted form of love. It is necessary for men and women to regain a sense of rational thinking. Having one-night stands should not be considered as typical or acceptable because although it could be enjoyable, it might be a choice which could result in an undesired outcome. It is devastating to witness women being abandoned by their partners and even families. That is why programs like Embrace Grace Inc are dedicated to aiding unprepared mothers and providing them resources, support, bringing together unprepared mothers to persevere through the similar challenges they face. National Safe Haven Alliance also equips and offers secure and efficient havens for unwanted newborns. There are alternatives that prevent infant abandonment while providing holistic care for both parents and babies. There are also programs like WIC, SNAP, Food assistance, HUD, NMHC, MGH, and CHIP to ensure the mother's well being.

In fact there are many opportunities placed for unprepared mothers to flourish, the lack of education is the problem. It is understandable that some women do not wish to have a baby. However, they should have considered the need for further protection beforehand since they knew the potential consequences of engaging in sexual activity. Further protection should become something to strive for. We were all babies once, unable to fend for ourselves, relying on others to feed us, comfort us and meet our needs. Will we be able to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's children?