

“THINK ON THESE THINGS”

Philippians 4:8

ABORTION ACTUALLY IS...

By Ken Weliever

You see some things on Facebook that make you wince. Others cause you to shake your head in disbelief. And some elicit a chuckle. This one makes me sick.

A pro-choice organization, which means pro-abortion, recently mounted a new campaign claiming that abortion is a selfless act of love.

The National Women’s Law Center is seeking to “reframe” the abortion debate with their campaign “Abortion Actually.” According to their website they intend to “fight back against the assault on abortion rights in our country.”

“Abortion – and the people who have them – have been called a lot of things. But what is abortion actually? An act of love. An act of compassion. An act of healing. An act of selflessness,” the website asserts.

Yumhee Park, senior manager of the campaign and digital strategies for the group published a blog explaining the usage of those words accompanying the above graphic.

“If you’ve had an abortion or are thinking about getting an abortion, we see your love – for yourself and others, we see your healing and the healing of your communities, we see your self-preservation and your selflessness, we see your compassion, and we love you,” Park wrote.

The Preacher’s Word begs to differ with Park and her supporters.

- Abortion actually is an act of selfishness.
- Abortion actually is cruelty to children.
- Abortion actually is barbarity of the worst order.
- Abortion actually is gruesome, grisly and ruthless.
- Abortion actually is hurtful to everyone involved.
- Abortion actually is denying a human being the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
- Abortion actually is an atrocity that’s an appalling and abhorrent blight on our nation.
- Abortion actually is an act of desperation that will result in guilt, heartache and a lifetime of regret.
- Abortion actually is an iniquity that has taken over 61 million lives since 1973.
- Abortion actually is depriving an estimated 2 million couples in the United States who are waiting to adopt children.
- Abortion actually is taking of the life of another human being, not a simple procedure that removes a mere fetus.

Advocates of abortion like to speak of a woman’s fetus, as if it’s some inanimate clump of tissue. A non-person. In fact, Justice Harry Blackmun, in the 1973 decision argued that a fetus was not a person and thus has no rights that can run counter to the right to privacy.

The Bible uses the expression “*with child*” 26 times to refer to pregnant women. The term fetus is never used. Luke, the physician, records that Elisabeth, the mother of John the Immerser, conceived a son (1:35). In verse 41 the doctor wrote, “*the baby leaped in her womb.*” The baby! Not the fetus! It is the same Greek word that Luke uses to describe Jesus after he was born (2:12, 16). God views the unborn baby and the newborn baby in the same way. Both are living human beings.

In the midst of his suffering Job cries out, “*Or why was I not hidden like a stillborn child. Like infants who never saw light?*” (3:16). The unborn child is called an infant!

In describing the greatness of Jehovah’s power and majesty, the Psalmist, David, describes himself as a person, unborn in his mother’s womb.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Psa. 139:13-16).

Abortion actually is a sin against the helpless, weak and voiceless among us. – *The Preacher’s Word*, November 14, 2019. ■



In the News: 41 Years of Roe v Wade

By Stan Cox

This week I came across a powerful video on YouTube, titled, 41 Years of Roe v Wade. It was produced by the Texas Alliance for Life, and consisted of 41 different women, born from 1973 to 2014, each giving a statistic or fact about the fight for unborn lives since that time. The video can be found with a simple search using the title, or by typing in the following URL: <http://tinyurl.com/n5mkp49>

Here are a few of the points made in the video:

- 1973 — the Supreme Court overturned a Texas abortion law, and in so doing made abortion laws in 46 different states unconstitutional. 750,000 abortions were performed in America in 1973.
- 1977 — Abortions topped 1 million in a year for the first time.
- 1981 — A law was passed making it lawful for a minor to get an abortion without parental consent.
- 1984 — Abortions topped 1.5 million in a year’s time, doubling the number of abortions performed 11 years earlier.
- 1990 — Abortions reached an all time high, with 1,608,600 abortions being performed in America in a year’s time.
- 1991 — The total number of abortions since Roe v Wade legalized the procedure tops 26 million.
- 1994 — Jane Roe, whose real name is Norma McCorvey, changes her affiliation, and becomes vocally pro-life.
- 1996 — President Bill Clinton vetoes a bill that makes partial birth abortion illegal in America.
- 1997 — The partial birth abortion bill is passed by congress again, and it is again vetoed by President Bill Clinton.
- 2003 — Congress passes the partial birth abortion bill a third time, and it is signed into law by President George Bush.
- 2007—The Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the partial birth abortion law.

There are other very interesting statistics in the video, including recent numbers noting a dramatic decline in abortions by minors in the state of Texas. This trend follows the passage of a law (upheld in the courts) that requires parental notification.

The battle continues, and the video indicates that the tide is turning. As Christians, we should pray to God for the unborn, for the leaders of our country, for those who are actively seeking to end this scourge upon our land, and for the often poor, scared and certainly misguided young ladies who see abortion as a remedy for mistakes they and their partners have made.

In Proverbs 14:34, the wise man wrote, *“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”* I can think of no sin more grievous than the oppression of the most innocent and vulnerable of human beings — the unborn.

There is a beautiful passage in Psalm 127 that our nation needs to remember and respect, *“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate”* (3-5).

Our prayer is that God will stay His hand, giving our nation time to repent of this great sin, and to again give a place of honor and protection to our unborn children. – *Sound Teaching*, January 17th, 2014. ■

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