

How a Formerly Pro-Choice Nursing Instructor Discusses Abortion with her Students

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Cynthia has given me permission to share her original article which was 7 pages long. I have taken the liberty to do bullet point from her article because I feared that most people would not take the time to read it. I think it the best argument and explanation I have ever read against abortion which is based on the anatomy and physiology of pregnancy, and on logical reasoning.

When does Life Begin?

- Living cells grow and multiply.
- Growth and multiplication are what is happening after the egg and the sperm join to form the zygote.
- Within twenty-four hours of conception the zygote is dividing rapidly into many cells which will differentiate to form different parts of the human body.
- Dead cells do not replicate their DNA and multiply into more cells. They do not differentiate to become a brain, a heart, the liver, the skin, muscle and bone.
- Life begins at conception, when the fertilized egg begins to grow.

When Can it be Considered a Human?

- It is the beginning of a new human when the egg and the sperm join with its own set of DNA.
- The baby is genetically different from the mother, having only half of the DNA coming from her, and half from the father; a distinct human being.
- So, now we all can agree that we have established that abortion is killing a living human.

My body, My Choice

- A woman has every right to be in control of and responsible for her body.
- She has the right and responsibility to use methods to prevent conception if she does not want to become pregnant.
- Being in control of her body also would include not engaging in activity which is known to lead to pregnancy, which is sexual intercourse.
- There are a variety of other, easily accessible methods which can be used to prevent conception from occurring.

The baby is Not a Part of Her Body

- The placenta and the umbilical cord separate the baby from the mother.
- It's the placenta and umbilical cord which *separate* the mother from the baby and prove that the fetus was never part of its mother's body.
- The placenta and umbilical cord exist precisely because the baby has a different and separate circulatory system from the mother; their blood must not intermingle.

- If the fetus were not a separate human being but were only another part of its mother's body, it would not need a placenta and umbilical cord to separate them. It could simply grow inside one of her body cavities like a tumor without any barriers between the two to protect each of them.
- Even though the placenta is attached to the uterus, it is no more a part of her body than an earring or a watch is when you wear them.
- So, now we have determined that the baby is a genetically distinct human, not a part of the woman's body, and that it is alive, growing, and developing.

What About Cases of Pregnancy That Result From Rape?

- According to research, 75-80% of women who become pregnant after rape choose to keep their babies rather than having an abortion. It is an additional trauma for the woman, and so it compounds rather than ameliorates the trauma of rape
- Women who are pregnant from rape often choose to carry the pregnancy because they recognize that the baby is still their baby despite the circumstances of its conception.
- Many rape victims state that they do not want to punish an innocent baby because of the crime of the rapist. If they were to do that, they would feel like they were as bad as the rapist.
- Women who have had abortions report suffering from immense guilt afterwards.
- Women become more burdened by the abortion than by the rape itself because they now feel like a perpetrator and a worse criminal than even the rapist.

Saving the Mothers Life

- The Association of Pro-Life Physicians states that an abortion is never needed to save the life of a mother, and this argument should not be used as a support for abortion.
- Who do we think we are that we can decide that the preborn baby matters less than any other living human? Is it okay to kill a person for convenience? Is this really the kind of society in which we want to live?
- The majority of people who are pro-choice have taken that position because society has told them that it's the reasonable, civilized position.
- Once people become educated in the facts of biology and fetal development, they think about them rationally and they will, more often than not, come to change their attitudes towards abortion.

What Can be Done to Combat the Abortion Industry?

- Education through conversation with our friends and coworkers.
- It will not matter that abortion is legal if there is a dwindling demand.
- People may come to decide that they do not want what their progressive government is peddling.
- Our friends and family members and coworkers are listening. It's time we start offering a different message than the one that the media bombards them with.

Bullet points from the original article by Louise Gliatto who a retired RN. She worked in the Maternity Dept. at UC Medical Center in San Francisco which consisted of newborn nursery, preemie nursery, rooming in and post-partum. Louise was not allowed to work in labor and delivery at UC Medical Center because she refused to assist with abortions. Louise also worked in maternity and nursery at the county hospital in Martinez, CA.