

Citizens for a Pro-life Society

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Seven Reasons -- Abortion is Preeminent Issue

1) The right to life is the most fundamental right and it is the right that secures all others. When any people group is declared non-persons under the law, the rights of all human beings are potentially at risk.

2) When the state is permitted to declare a certain people group to be non-persons the social/political ethos of a society is seriously corrupted. Such a society becomes unhinged from God-given natural moral law. Such disengagement will lead to serious human rights abuses even beyond abortion.

3) The enormity of the killing itself, in sheer numbers, automatically makes abortion--as it is practiced under *Roe versus Wade*, the preeminent political issue. This law has claimed the lives of over 60 million human beings-- now 3,000 surgical and chemical abortions per day.

4) The moral damage to society requires that abortion is the preeminent political issue:

a) The law of abortion leads to the end of human communion.

b) The law of abortion breeds dishonesty as the abortion practice exists according to a lie about the dignity of man.

c) Through the law of abortion the general citizenry is co-opted in support for abortion--as in forcing tax-payers to fund it.

d) Through the law of abortion the medical profession is put to the service of death as its members are called upon to facilitate the so-called right to abortion.

5) *Roe versus Wade* and other life issues are linked together. In other words, the right to life issue is not only about abortion—it includes:

-fetal experimentation

-cloning

-embryonic stem cell research

-infanticide

-euthanasia

-assisted suicide

-a loss of respect for the elderly and the handicapped

-even an anti-capital punishment position is undermined by abortion

6) The need to respect the dignity of women makes abortion the preeminent political issue insofar as abortion exploits and denigrates women.

7) Abortion is the preeminent political issue because the injustice of killing the innocent threatens the broader application of justice itself in American society. If the law that permits abortion is not overcome the entire American system of justice is headed for collapse as William Butler Yeats once said: "the center cannot hold and the ceremony of innocence is drowned." Through legalized abortion we have lost the moral foundation upon which the entire system of rights and justice depends.

Finally-- let us acknowledge an 8th reason why abortion is the preeminent political issue. If we do not honor sanctity of human life, our nation will lose the blessings of God.