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Subject: Re: I need some good Conservative/Republican types

Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2005 01:43:58 GMT

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Arcane1 wrote on Mon, 07 November 2005 19:56 Being a living being, and being an entity that is capable of existing out of the womb are two different issues. Until a certain degree of maturity is accomplished, the zygote cum fetus is little more biologically than a parasite, feeding off of the Mother. By that definition, the Mother should have the right to terminate the relationship on her terms.

Yes, being a living being and being able to exist out of a womb are two different issues. Being completely self sufficient means nothing in the debate on whether something is alive. No one is self sufficient, as we all need to eat. Having to eat doesn't make an adult not a person. It's really a non-issue in what constitutes life.

A parasite latches onto a host and forcefully sucks out nutrients it needs to live. A fetus doesn't do this. The mother's body is designed to support and nourish it. The fetus can't sink its 'fangs' into the mother's body and suck out food. The mother's body has to send food to the fetus, or it dies. Like a new born baby is dependant on a caregiver, so is a preborn baby. If the baby was a parasite, the mother's immune system would attack it as a foreign invader, yet her body actually creates defense mechanisms to ensure its survival while it is still vulnerable to things like parasites and infections. The relationship is closer to being symbiotic than it is parasitic.

Even if we were to accept the idea that a fetus is a parasite, a parasite is still a living organism, and in this case its genetic code is that of a living human. Regardless if it was a parasite, its still a human. It is just at a stage in life where it's parasitic. It still has the right to live, as it is human genetically and humans have the right to life.

When it comes to the mother having a right to terminate the relationship, that's just ridiculous. Did the baby force itself into the mother? Of course not, the baby's parents forced it to exist in the first place, or in the case of rape, one of its parents forced it to be there. The baby never asked to be there to begin with and can't be held responsible for being there now. By allowing an abortion for this reason, you are punishing a child for the actions of a parent or parents. If anyone has a right to terminate the relationship its the fetus, as it was forced into the arrangement to begin with.

You might as well argue a slave master has the right to kill a slave if they no longer want to feed the slave. That argument would miss the whole point that slaves shouldn't be denied their freedom to begin with.

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