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Subject: Re: Abortion [split]

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Arcane1 wrote on Sun, 13 November 2005 11:28 So here is the bottom line question: How is it that one law, or one set of rules made by a governing body can set the standards for all situations that may arise? How is it that a governing body that is removed from the situation entirely be allowed to tell any and all future citizens how to operate appropriately? Even if there was a "true" majority decision on what is "right" or "wrong", how can that standard be Appropriately applied to ALL future people that can be potentially affected? Certainly there are no other rules or laws that apply so broadly without individual consideration and having such immediacy and privacy issues. Certainly this is a case where the law does not allow for appeals after the fact, which is the basic guarantee against human fallibility in the legal system. What I see it boiling down to is how could I, or You, or Anyone else have the Right to make that decision arbitrary, across the board and without appeal for every person that will possibly be faced with such a decision?

There are a wide range of opinions and beliefs about the issue but they all boil down to just that: opinions and beliefs. Laws need to be made on the basis of what we know, or don't know about something not on what we believe or don't believe about something. We need hard facts about an issue to come to a satisfactory result. If we don't have objective information on which to proceed then we have to proceed with extreme caution. Science helps provide those facts. The fact of abortion is that a human life is ended by it. That's basic biology, proven as well as anything can be proven. From conception, an organism is a biological member of its species. It doesn't get much more clear than that.

By keeping it simple, a governing body can set a standard for all to obey. Science already shows that abortion kills a human being, who is physically incapable of committing any crime. Laws already say that killing a human being who has done no wrong is murder. Therefore abortion is murder. That's as plain and simple as one could get. Both standards were in place many years before issues like 'Roe v Wade' came before a court, or a legislature. Those standards hold true now, and will hold true forever. Court's can decide how finer details apply to individual cases over time, but the basic standard is there for all. Without it, you have no justice or order in society, it all falls into anarchy.

Governing bodies put laws in place as much to guide people as to maintain order. Murder is murder, and murder is wrong no matter how right it may feel at the time, or how much it doesn't seem like murder. When faced with a situation, there's a clear standard in place to guide you. Personally, there are some anti-war protesters I think should be shot. However, murder is murder, so I wouldn't do it.

In direct response to "What gives the government the right to interfere", its their purpose. A governing body, at least one elected by the society it governs, is mandated with objectively looking at a situation. A government has to look at all aspects without being involved in a situation and use that objectivity, that "detached perspective" to figure out what the standard should be.

If life and death decisions are left in the hands of people who are "emotionally involved" in the situation then we'd have chaos, for example: a suicidal person would be handed a gun and told to

choose. Objective perspectives are what we need to make laws. Objectivity is what gives the government the right to get involved when it comes to issues where people's lives hang in the balance. Issues like abortion are decided in such short time frames, since pregnancy only lasts 9 months, that the objective view has to be taken. The decision is too great to leave to the subjective, emotional responses of people caught up in what's happening. If the government has any say at all in society, its at times like this.

Saying that may make me a heartless monster, but its the truth.

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