



Letters

Student says abortion contrary to Constitution

Is an unborn child human? In my mind, without a doubt, it is. An individual human life begins at conception, where matched sets of chromosomes contain genes that are blueprints for the development of this human being. *Nothing* is added to the fertilized ovum except nutrition.

An alternative to abortion is adoption. As President Reagan said during the presidential debate Sunday, there are a million and a half people waiting to adopt a baby.

But questions Walter Mondale posed concerned the possibility of a rape or incest victim becoming pregnant. First of all, pregnancy from a rape is very rare. In Minneapolis, during a five year study, out of 3,500 abortions, not one was for rape.

Aborting the unborn child does not solve psychological problems because of the rape, it just complicates them. Most women who have had abortions experience extreme cases of guilt. This cannot help what she's already experienced. One unnatural, violent act has been committed by rape, why commit another through abortion?

As Reagan said, abortion is not an issue on religion, but an issue dealing with constitutionality. The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction that equal protection of the law."

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Rogers...

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The result is that those who are least able to resist are systematically deprived of their ability to dissent in the molding of their children's mind.

Lawrence and Arons conclude that a voucher system would "rectify the abridgment of the poor's First Amendment rights and equalize families' rights to choose schools."

But then this is obvious. What needs to be overcome is the National Education Association's irrational fear of change. We must at least begin serious discussion of implementing a system of vouchers.

As Lawrence and Arons note: "It is significant that in this situation so few people have expressed the belief that school decisions are so personal in origin and meaning that they ought to be classed, along with religion and freedom of speech and press, as beyond the reach of the majority. Majoritarian control of the transmission of personal beliefs through schooling is a problem whose magnitude is equaled only by our refusal to hold public discussions about it."

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