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THE CRIES OF HUMANITY OR INSANITY?

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This essay was written for a high school English class. While the analysis and writing style are clearly those of a young person, improvement in these areas will come with maturity and education. But the writer's unambiguous zeal for justice can be neither "taught" nor "learned." It does not come with maturity. This kind of passion must be placed deep in the heart by God. We can take comfort in knowing the future is in good hands.

Riddle me this: Who cries because they are not capable of telling someone what's wrong? Who is innocent and tender the minute you lay eyes on them? Who can bring joy to your life and an everlasting, wide smile to your face? Aw, hands down, it's a sweet angelic baby.

Wasn't that a cute little riddle? How about this one: "Who has no chance at life and has all hopes sabotaged before a single breath is taken? Who has no choice concerning the situation surrounding them and is a victim of cold-blooded murder? My answer to that is an unfairly and wrongly aborted baby.



Quite frankly, abortion is murder and there is no way to bypass that fact! Yes, I understand that not all situations are suitable for children to be born into for various reasons. In all fairness, murder is not a justifiable answer here and it is unsuitable by any means. Abortion is wrong on so many levels!

Abortion tells the world it is okay to execute the unborn—all the particular child's hopes, dreams, and future accomplishments are ripped away. And their mothers are terminally affected!

Abortion is inhumane, evil, heartless, inconsiderate, and unfair to sweet, dear babies full of love. And now, because of this gruesome act, they have absolutely no future. "Why" still remains the unanswerable interrogative!

What is right or wrong in our society? There are rules or consequences when a crime is committed. For example, if a "person" is murdered, the "murderer" is penalized in whatever way suits the crime. A baby's life is wrongfully taken on a daily basis in our country. Is there a reason for not sparing this precious child? The answer is "absolutely not!"



There is no punishment for this act. Some people have weak excuses for their actions. For example, "I was only sixteen," or "I wasn't fit to raise a baby," or "My parents would have killed me," or "The timing was all wrong!" These are lame excuses people make up when they feel guilty for taking a life and they cut me to the bone. It's time that people take responsibility for their actions.

The best way to stay out of a situation where abortion may be an issue is self examination. People need to think before they take their action. In most cases, in particular, teenagers should remember the word "abstinence". This way, the awful act of abortion would never be considered. By being abstinent, getting pregnant is not a possibility. Guess who you just saved? By avoiding teenage pregnancy, a wonderful baby was spared.

Abortion is affecting families all over the world. Statistics gathered by The Center of Bio-Ethical Reform, I include some chilling "baby killing" numbers. Worldwide, the number of abortions per year is 46 million; that's 46 million dear babies! That large number is like taking an entire nation and wiping it out with a nuclear bomb. On a yearly basis in the United States, approximately 1.37 million babies are killed. More than 3,500 children lose a shot at life every day! Why?



Approximately 52 percent of women committing to an abortion are younger than 25 years of age and 20 percent that follow through with this cruel act are teenagers (13-19). Almost 93 percent of the abortions are because the baby is unwanted or inconvenient. There is no reason in this world that can pass an abortion off as being okay. It is senseless murder.

Isaac Newton, Alexander Graham Bell, Robert E. Lee, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Ma'dam C.J. Walker, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Kate Winslet, Adam Sandler, Orlando Bloom, Simon Cowell, and Cedric the Entertainer. These are all people we should be familiar with. Why? Because they have impacted our society!

You may be asking yourself, "How have I impacted society?" You pay taxes, make a living, and some way or another you stand for something. Whether or not you are pro-life can change the future.

Changing the future reminds me of a short story I read recently. "A Sound of Thunder," by Ray Bradbury, mainly closes in on two things: past and future. In the story, an agency is designed to be able to travel back in time. There is but one rule. Travis, the tour guide in the story, repeatedly states, "Stay on the path! If you step off the path, the future as we know it can abruptly change." This statement can also apply to abortion.

Every abortion changes the future. In this scenario, let the babies represent the path in Bradbury's short story. Who knows? Maybe the very baby that was aborted would have been the one to find a cure for cancer. How many brilliant minds have been extinguished by abortion? No one really knows the answer to this question, but if those lives would have been saved, our world would be a better place! The world has lost brilliant surgeons, comedians, politicians, teachers, actors, lawyers, and preachers. But it seems people have no regard for anyone but themselves.



Nathanson Bernard Nathanson, M.D., co-founder of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NARAL), did many abortions. He even killed his own children when they were still in the womb. Dr. Nathanson later became pro-life and one of NARAL's most outspoken opponents. He produced the film "The Silent Scream," which shows the reaction of the precious being to the gruesome act. Dr. Nathanson had a Jewish background but he consid-

ered himself an atheist. He had since given his life to Jesus.

People need to know that a baby in the womb is not an old chewing gum wrapper that you simply throw out. This is a life and abortion takes that life for no compelling reason.

Our forefathers built this nation upon rights and morals. The unborn have just as many rights as you and me! People of today's world are oblivious to that fact. Life is too precious to be toyed with. To most people, to give life is to give the world; morals.

What happens to women who play a part in this murder? The women who *were* mothers suffer from long-term effects. How could you shut your eyes knowing that the night before the abortion, a living human being was growing and ready to make his or her mark in history; however, you ripped to shreds every piece of his or her future and hopes. This baby did nothing to deserve the "death penalty" and never had the chance to change the world. That would break my heart! Some women who have had an abortion cannot sleep at night because they hear babies screaming. Is this justice? It's not even close. The only justice for a baby is to be loved, nurtured and given a chance at life.



Life is good. Is it fair to rob it from the unborn? No way, no time, and no reason can change the meaning of abortion and how wrong it is. The more educated I become with this kind of killing or easy way out, the more hurt and angry I become.

Abortion—it is murder of the innocent—and it is wrong! The unborn can't stand up for themselves so it's up to you and me. As the years go by it may be left to my generation to protect the rights of unborn babies. Whether I have no one or a million people with me, I will stand up for what I know is right. The wrong will be acknowledged and justice for unborn babies will come.

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