

## **Unborn Children Are People Too**

I am the proud father of 6 children; 3 biologicals, 1 adopted and 2 stepchildren. They have all achieved success in life, at least professionally, far beyond anything I have personally accomplished.

They were all at one time or another "inconvenient" either in their arrival time or at various points in their growth toward adulthood. Some of my personal ambitions were set aside to ensure their well-being. Often, I was short on sleep due to the demand of responsible fatherhood. At no point in this process would I have considered "eliminating" any of them for my personal well-being. They were and are people and people have rights enshrined in both Natural Law and Maine's own constitution.

What is in question today is not whether life begins at conception or not. Science and God are in complete agreement on that fact. It does. No one disagrees.

Today we are considering whether unseen life in a mother's womb has claim to the same rights that viable children have when God gifts our, or any family, with a new member through birth. How can we in good faith before God and science declare that a child born only an hour ago not have been afforded the most sacred of all protections just a day prior to their birth arrival??

If the unseen, innocent children, babies....BABIES, can be declared non-persons based on cultural preferences of the moment then so can the elderly, the infirm, the uncooperative, the peaceful contrarians, the conservatives, the liberals or the Jews which we have seen both recently and tragically in 1930's and 40's Germany.

The Creator of us all demands that I speak for the innocent. They have no voice. My 44-year-old daughter would have no voice today if my wife and I had listened to the so-called experts who advised immediate termination of our daughter because of the overwhelming likelihood of deformity; this due to emergency asthma medication administered to her mother. It was all a lie! The doctors took it upon themselves to play God and judged me, an unemployed carpenter, and my wife, a woman temporarily on welfare, unfit as parents and our child unworthy of life. May God have mercy on their souls. In a moment of sacrificial courage my wife decided to ignore the doctors and carried our baby to full term.

My daughter was born 100% healthy and normal. I was the first to hold her tiny little body as she wiggled and squirmed. Today she holds a master's degree in computer science from George Washington University. She works in upper management for a software development firm in North Carolina. She is happily married and has blessed our family with 2 beautiful and thriving grandchildren.

Perhaps we should have listened to the experts and just aborted her..... After all we were young, poor, and certainly not experts in anything yet. All three of us came very close to becoming just more victims of the great lie that Maine is considering adding to its constitution.

Maine can do better than this! Our constitution needs to stand as is without today's so-called experts playing God with our most precious resource...OUR UNBORN FUTURE!

Thank you.

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