

Anti-Life letters in Waco Tribune-Herald, May 2019

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Another voice

In her Wednesday letter responding to a Trib column on abortion by civic leader Ashley Bean Thornton, Erika McBurnett said: "What would be the outcome if the baby... had a voice in the decision?" Nothing else I've seen or experienced in my 77 years of life is as heartbreaking as an unwanted child. Every child deserves to be wanted, loved, cared for, educated, to have ready access to medical services and to be given a chance for a successful life.

There are thousands right here in Waco who need help and love they are not getting. With numerous family members involved in schools, I have no doubt at all that many abused, neglected, abandoned children wish they'd never been born. I suggest McBurnett volunteer at local schools or day care centers to learn how each and every day in the lives of unwanted children may involve danger, deprivation, hunger, fear and misery.

La Nelda Hughes, Robinson

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Herod's flock!

In response to Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta's May 19 letter ["Be against abortion"], I have to laugh when pro-embryo crusaders maintain that pro-choicers are abortion "fans" or "lovers." No one in his right mind supports abortion for abortion's sake, not even liberal progressives, certainly not after the first trimester. Honest, it's true, no matter what you hear on cable TV.

Among our perplexities about all-or-nothing pro-embryo warriors are biblical ideals about the immorality of "killing babies," even as the immoralities of forcing women to bring unwanted children into this hard world and subsequently refusing to support their growth, health care, education or quality of life once they get here go largely ignored. These same pro-birthers are apparently OK with caging brown children after they've been taken from their mothers. Is it much of a stretch to envision these same pro-birthers rooting for Herod's soldiers as they separated Jewish infants from their mothers on Herod's orders to slaughter the rumored Messiah he found so threatening?

We pro-choicers also wonder where pro-lifers get the idea that it's any of their business what a woman unrelated to them does, with her own body, how she plans her family, how she charts her future, how she exercises her rights as a citizen. This is America, not Afghanistan. If you're against abortion, don't get one.

So per Mr. Pisciotta's suggestion that we be for something, here's what we're for: If your daughter or wife or sister finds herself pregnant, love her as Jesus would and help her to make the decision that's best for her. No Christian should shackle any woman or girl or the taxpayers to a burden she's not ready for — especially when you have no intention of advocating for her or her baby after it gets here!

Michael Jones, Waco

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To solve a problem, we must determine the root cause. The latest dustup over abortion and who has what right over women's rights is one I considered settled law. Apparently not. There are, once again, men clamoring to tell women they must carry any fetus to term. I have a compromise. The root in this case is where and how a fetus comes to be. The sperm from a male is inserted into the female body to join the female egg. It may or may not produce a fetus. Key word here is *male* sperm!

Why not neuter the male after he has fathered one child? Or maybe take the whole package? Lowers testosterone, lowers crime rates, lowers rate of starving children everywhere! Men, what do you think? Ready to compromise?

Dorothy Brown, Lorena

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The idea so many people want to do away with *Roe v. Wade* so women cannot control their own bodies and health not only defies the Constitution, it also makes no sense. To outlaw women's domain over their own bodies will take us right back to where we were years ago with back-alley abortion sites popping up. It was a horrible mess and many young women died. The wealthy sent their daughters to foreign countries to abort. I am 82 and remember that period sadly.

The problem is that most of these people trying

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I suggest these ideas for states that do not allow women to have abortions to solve the problem of rapes that cause pregnancies. First, the rapist who caused the pregnancy should have all male parts cut off, then go to prison. Next, state taxpayers should donate money to the mothers of any unwanted children to help provide for their needs till the children reach age 18. And if a child wishes to go to college, state taxpayers will pay for that till a child is 25.

One of two things will occur: First, we will know that the unwanted child will be taken care of by society and rapists will be cured. Second and most likely, taxpayers in those anti-abortion states will ultimately fire the politicians who made these non-abortion laws and go back to allowing women to take care of their own bodies and their own health needs while assuring no rapist ever comes to their states.

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to undermine women's constitutional rights base this on *religious* beliefs. The Founding Fathers were quite clear about mixing religion with politics. If women believe abortion is a sin in their religious view, then they should not get abortions. But they cannot force their religious beliefs on anyone else. If we allow this, we will soon be blowing up churches all over and shooting people just as we see in many theocracies.

Freedom of religion is a clear *constitutional* right: If you are of one religion, you cannot force another religion to follow your beliefs.

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