
The Issues the Pro-Life Movement Face

Throughout the years, genocide and other horrific acts have occurred, causing the loss of millions and millions of lives. According to a poll taken in 2009, more than fifty percent of Americans are pro-life, while forty six percent are pro choice. The reality is that almost one hundred percent of “pro-lifers” have made the choice to be pro life because of religious beliefs. These “pro-lifers” wish to make abortion completely illegal, unless the mother is in guaranteed danger of losing her life. In short, the people who support pro life due to religious feelings or beliefs are trying to make a law, based off of these beliefs. This goes against one of America’s longest standing laws, The Separation of Church and State. So not only is the pro-life movement trying to take away the woman’s choice in the matter, they are also trying to do something illegal by passing a law due to religious beliefs.

People that support pro choice simply believe that the women has the right to choose to whether or not to get an abortion, or, to keep the baby. The pro-choice movement wishes to give power to women, over their bodies and over their pregnancy. Pro-choice supporters value the women making this decision, because their life is at stake. Even if the pregnancy is not one that is guaranteed to kill the mother, having a child that is unwanted, or that the mother is unable to care for, is equally dangerous. The pro-life movement argues that a fetus is a human life, when in reality it is a group of cells. In the words of Supreme Court justices O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, and the mystery of human life." Essentially one must decide for themselves, which “life” they value more. The pregnant women, who has lived a whole life, and this one incident of failed contraception may drastically change, even ruin, her entire life, or the fetus, a group of cells that, if it forms into a human and is born, will face a life where either, the parent does not want the child, and therefore abuses it, or denies it love, or, being put up for adoption with no guarantees that they will be adopted, and having to spend their life in foster care.

Another issue that the pro-choice movement faces is that there is a double standard when it comes to abortion. Men are mostly the ones attempting to pass these anti-abortion laws, and men cannot get pregnant. A student in mathematics at MIT spoke out about this double standard: “Can anyone really believe that abortion would even be an issue if men had to face the possibility of giving birth to and raising a child. I think Florence Kennedy said it best “If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament.””

What the question boils down to is simply, should the woman have the choice over her life, or should the group of cells inside her dictate how her life goes? The fact of the matter is that making abortions illegal will not stop them; it will simply make them unsafe. Every year, 78,000 women die from unsafe abortions. The choice on whether or not to support the pro-choice movement or the pro-life movement is a personal one, but one that is important in modern day society. So before one chooses their stance, one should ask themselves, whose life is it anyway?