

Donald Trump's Views on Abortion? Confusing

Bloomberg Business asked Donald Trump if he was pro-life and he said "yes." But asked to expound and he said, "It's an issue. I mean it's an issue, and it's a strong issue." Asked if abortion early in the pregnancy was murder to the Don, he replied, "What I am saying is this: With caveats – life of the mother, incest, rape. That's where I stand. So, I'm pro-life, but with the caveats. You have to have it with the caveats." Asked if a pregnancy happens outside those caveats, Trump stated, "It depends why." "I'm, simple pro-life," he said. His not-so-passionate "pro-life" answer seems to be a change from what he wrote in 2000. In his book, *The America We Deserve*, Trump devoted three sentences to abortion, claiming to be "pro-choice" but against partial birth abortion. In 2011, before a crowd at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, D.C., Trump was asked about his pro-choice position and responded, "Who said I'm pro-choice?" Well, Mr. Trump, in 1999 you told *Meet the Press* this:

Well, I'm very pro-choice. I hate the concept of abortion. I hate it. I hate everything it stands for. I cringe when I listen to people debate the subject. But, you still, I just believe in choice.

Then in 2011, Trump told Laura Ingram on her radio show, "I'm pro-life." Trump admitted in a 2011 interview on NBC that he thought there was a "right to privacy" in the Constitution. This was the basis for the *Roe v. Wade* court case that led to legalized abortion on demand, which apparently Donald did not know because he asked Savannah Guthrie:

Well, that's a pretty strange way of getting to pro-life. I mean, it's a very unique way of asking about pro-life. What

does that have to do with privacy? How are you equating pro-life with privacy?

At that time, Savannah Guthrie reminded him of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Trump responded, "Look, I'm pro-life. I've said it. I'm very strong there. And, I'm strong on pro-life." It is apparent that Trump wanted to be identified as against abortion in some cases. If he is really pro-life though, he will not approve of the slaughter of children for the crimes of their fathers. I guess, we will have to see next. *This article is reprinted from Carole Novielli's blog, Saynsumthn, with permission.*