

Why America Should Stop Celebrating Abortion

Pro-abortion activists became enraged on May 3 when news of the upcoming Supreme Court ruling on abortion was leaked to the press. Democrats in the U.S. Senate quickly vowed to codify the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision as federal law. The president of Planned Parenthood called the leaked opinion “horrificing and unprecedented.” The National Abortion Rights Action League called it “ominous and alarming.”

New York’s governor, Kathy Hochul, also said she is “horrified” by the decision and pledged that her state would provide abortions to any woman who needs one, regardless of limitations that might be imposed on abortions in other states. She added: “New York will always be a place where abortion rights are protected and where abortion is safe and accessible.”

You might remember that the state of New York passed a law in 2019 that lifted a ban on abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy. And when the state’s lawmakers ratified that legislation, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered the lights on top of the World Trade Center to be switched to pink to “celebrate” abortion rights.

In today’s culture wars, people on the pro-abortion side of the debate say I have no right to voice my opinion about this topic since I’m a straight, white male. If those are the rules, I’ll quote three women who had some pointed things to say about abortion:

- It was Mother Teresa who said: “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want.”
- Author E.A. Bucchianeri, a popular fiction writer, said:

“Abortion should be listed as a weapon of mass destruction against the voiceless.”

- And Alveda King, the niece of Martin Luther King Jr., said: “Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root: Selfishness.”

We can't predict what the upcoming Supreme Court ruling will mean for the innocent unborn. Some observers expect each state to draw its own lines on abortion limits, while pro-abortion activists vow to pass federal legislation making abortion legal even in the third trimester. Hopefully during this time in our history we can rethink the arguments we used to justify the killing of 62.5 million unborn children since *Roe v. Wade* was passed.

I've always considered it insane to claim that abortion promotes “women's health” when the facts show the opposite. Abortion may be convenient for some women, but no health care provider can prove it's healthy to have an unborn child ripped or sucked out of a woman's uterus before it is viable. Here are three reasons you can never convince me otherwise:

1. Abortion can harm women physically and emotionally.

Various studies in recent years, including one by Britain's Royal College of Psychiatrists, show that women who have abortions become much more likely to develop cervical cancer, sterility, nervous disorders, sleep disturbances, eating disorders, suicidal thoughts and post-traumatic stress disorder. Another study revealed that women with a history of abortion face higher rates of anxiety (34% higher) and depression (37% higher), and heavier alcohol use (110% higher). It has also been shown that women who abort are twice as likely to become heavy smokers.

2. **Abortion is sexist.** It has always amazed me that women have campaigned the loudest for abortion rights, yet the majority of abortionists are men who profit from this horrific procedure. It's also a fact that many women, including many pregnant teenage girls, are forced by their fathers or sex partners to have unwanted abortions – resulting in increased trauma for the mothers. Why are feminists not outraged by this?

In India, many families abort female infants because they don't want girls. This is why there are skewed sex ratios—like 1,000 men for every 618 women – in India's Daman and Diu regions. Even though sex-selective abortions were banned several years ago in India, many female babies are aborted or abandoned at birth because of gender discrimination. Why is there not a feminist outcry about this injustice?

3. **Abortion is racist.** This is the ugly truth pro-abortion activists refuse to face. African Americans make up 12.6% of the U.S. population, but the Centers for Disease Control reports that Black women accounted for 35.4% of all abortions in 2009. Of the 62.5 million abortions in the United States since 1973, more than 18 million aborted babies were Black.

Abortion kills minority children at more than three times the rate of White children. Today, abortion is the leading cause of death for African Americans, more than all other causes combined, including AIDS, violent crimes, accidents, cancer and heart disease.

Let's not forget that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was an avowed proponent of eugenics – the elimination of “unfit” races. She worked tirelessly to keep minorities supplied with birth control (even though she herself believed abortion should be avoided). This might explain why 62% of Planned Parenthood clinics are located in areas with high Black populations.

It might be a good time to ponder the words of Faye Wattleton, who actually served as president of Planned Parenthood from 1978-1992. She told *Ms.* magazine in 1997: "I think we have deluded ourselves into believing that people don't know that abortion is killing. So any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus."

Abortion will yet again be the pivotal issue in our upcoming midterm elections. It is literally the life-and-death issue of our times. May God have mercy on us if we continue to celebrate the killing of innocent human beings. {eoa}

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