

How Can 63 Million Abortions Be 'Good' for the Economy?

Congressman Mike Johnson of Louisiana was born in 1972, one year before the Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision. But even though abortion was illegal at the time, his young, unmarried parents were pressured to end the pregnancy.

"I was the product of an unwanted teen pregnancy, and I am so eternally grateful that my mom and dad ignored all the people who told them to just 'take care of the problem,'" Johnson told those gathered at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., last week.

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"They chose to embrace life, and to have me, the first of their four children," said Johnson, who is our current Speaker of the House of Representatives. "It's a simple fact that if they had not done that, I would not be here. I often wonder who else we have missed and what those individuals would have contributed to our society, but they were not given the opportunity."

Pro-life activists cheered when they heard Johnson's word. But half the country wasn't listening. That's too bad, since Johnson brought up a haunting question: Who have we lost in this quiet massacre of innocent unborn lives? Who would be recording songs, writing books, curing diseases or caring for the elderly if their lives had not been snuffed out? We will never know.

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The National Right to Life organization says the number of abortions that have taken place in the United States since the Roe decision stands at 63,459,781 as of last week. That is slightly less than the entire population of the nation of France.

One of the saddest reasons people choose abortion is to eliminate children with abnormalities, including autism. That's why Jackson Russell, a student at Catholic University, attended the March for Life this year. A political science major who is autistic, Jackson said many mothers who learn that their unborn children have autism are more likely to abort.

"My people are being attacked; that's why I'm out here," Jackson said, per the Catholic News Agency.

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