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Letters: Abortions stop beating hearts

Abortion stops a beating heart. Period. According to Cheryl T. Sabel, “A fetus is not a child. Abortion is not murder.” She attacks an anti-abortion group as liars, while she opines a boldface untruth that a fetus is worthless and subject to be discarded.

I suppose the technologies that give us proof of a heartbeat or visually allow us to see the fetus ‘jumping around’ are illusions of sight and sound? A fetus is a child who has not had the opportunity to mature and experience birth.

A baby becomes a child in time; a youth will never reach adulthood until he or she matures. So it is with a fetus. After nine months, assuming a healthy fetus, a baby is born. This does presuppose that we don’t terminate the process, Ms. Sabel.

Terminating the process of life via an abortion is selective murder. It does stop a beating heart. It is a vile process however you try to ‘policy’ it away.

Ms. Sabel quoted Elizabeth Cady Stanton: “The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls.”

Precisely. Abortion ensures that life no longer flows into those precious unborn souls. Any other explanation is an absolute lie. What is so wrong with adoption? Motives-of-policy?

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We are silenced not only by fear, but by exhaustion, inertia, disillusionment, and disbelief. How can we still be fighting the fight to decide, as women, whether or when to bear children?

Recently a leader of a local anti-abortion group was quoted as saying that women who have had abortions are two and one-half times more likely to abuse their children. This is a lie. The truth is that child abuse increases when women are forced to bear children they do not want and cannot nurture and care for.

A recent editorial cartoon depicted a birthday cake, with lit "3" and "2" candles and "Roe v. Wade" written on it. The cake was decorated with bones and little skulls all around the edge and pools of blood on the table. What an upside-down sentiment and what a lie. A fetus is not a child. Abortion is not murder. The truth is that countless women's lives have been saved by legal abortion.

The new Congress is poised to further restrict access to safe, legal abortion. We cannot continue to stand silent in the face of atrocious lies presented as fact. Let us no longer hesitate to speak truth and to demand justice and equality for our sisters.

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