

# Abortion

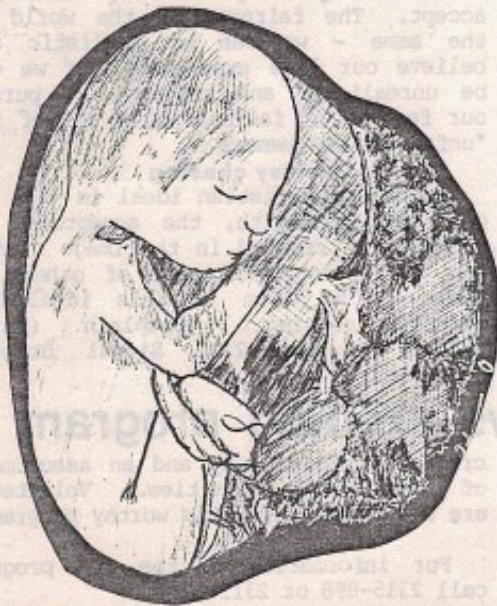
**Pro** / By a brigade soldier

The abortion issue is the cornerstone in the liberation of women, it's a matter of a woman's right over her own body.

Abortion is an individual's right, and no one's business except the person who is pregnant. There are many of us in this brigade who believe it should be legalized in the Army and around the world.

Why are there so many people today who want to condemn one's beliefs on how they should conduct their lives? Anti-abortion pressure groups have passed from open persuasion to covert coercion in the form of political intimidations. Termination of an unwanted pregnancy is a right!

When a fetus is in the womb it is not a person. When conceived the fetus is a potential human being but not a living,



breathing, thinking person as we know it.

A fetus is without the capacity for any desire for life and they fall outside the scope of the principle of autonomy.

The abortion rate in the United States alone is approaching two million per year. I believe this is due to not only unwanted pregnancies, but also rape, incest, defective fetuses and the financial burden one faces in raising a child.

Why should a woman feel guilty about deciding her future if she is the one who will face it alone if unmarried?

I wholeheartedly believe abortion on demand is justified and evidently I'm not the only one because of the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decision in 1973.

A woman is not obliged to carry and give birth to a child she does not want.

(The author is a female PFC assigned to the 22nd Signal Brigade, who asked to remain anonymous.)

## Abortion information

Anyone wanting more information on abortion, pro or con, can write to the following addresses:

PRO - National Abortion Rights Action League  
825 15th St. N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20005

CON - American Life Lobby, Inc.  
P.O. Box 490  
Stafford, VA 22554