

Two views

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More than twelve-million children have died by abortion since January 22, 1973. In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled that, according to the U.S. Constitution, unborn human beings are not legal "persons".

Rape, incest, the possibility of injury to the mother or of a defective child seem to justify abortion on demand. These are very real problems, but murdering a baby is no answer.

According to C. Everett Koop, M.D. Surgeon-in-Chief at Philadelphia's Children's Hospital, such incidents account for only three percent of all abortions.

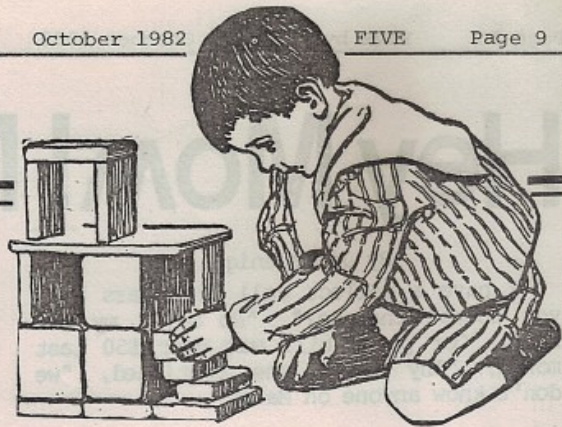
Another popular idea is that children, when in the womb, are not living human beings.

Koop said by the third week after conception, the child has a heart beat, and by the sixth week brain waves, and can feel pain. This is a living human, not just a thing.

Besides being morally wrong, abortion is cruel and gruesome.

Suction Abortion is the most common method used in early pregnancies. In this technique, which was pioneered in Communist China, a powerful suction tube is inserted in the womb through the cervix. The placenta and body of the developing baby are then sucked into a jar, tearing them apart.

Another method used mostly in the first thirteen weeks of pregnancy is Dilatation and Curettage Abortion (D&C). The abortionist inserts a small hoe-like instrument, a curette, into the womb through the cervix. He then scrapes the



wall of the uterus, cutting the baby's body to pieces.

Salt Poisoning, or Hyper-Natremic Abortion is a method used mostly after 13 weeks of pregnancy. In this method a salt solution is injected into the amniotic fluid which surrounds the child. The solution slowly poisons the child while burning the skin.

About a day after the solution is injected, the mother goes into labor and expels the usually dead baby. Some babies survive the "salting out" and are born alive.

Hysterotomy or Caesarean Section Abortion is the method used in the last trimester of pregnancy. The baby is surgically removed from the womb and allowed to die by neglect or sometimes killed as a direct act.

The newest method is Prostaglandin Chemical Abortion. A hormon-like compound is applied to the muscles of the uterus causing it to contract and push out the developing baby.

Many have been born alive or decapitated by these abnormal contractions.

"Abortion is a national sin for which America will answer to God", said Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Morale Majority and pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, in a letter to the FIVE by FIVE.

I agree, and believe that we must stop legalized abortion as a nation. Death is not an alternative, it's an end. (PFC Fahey is assigned to HHC Brigade).