

### The Ongoing Massacre

On November 23, 2013, a news story shook the United States. Estranged husband and father Merrick McKoy visited his infant daughter. It seemed like a normal visit, playing games, taking pictures, acting like a normal father. It was moments after McKoy took a picture with his daughter, and posted the image to his Facebook page, saying “Don’t judge me, I had no choice” that McKoy shot his daughter, and then proceeded to take his own life. When this story made national headlines, Americans were completely outraged and disgusted. News commentators expressed their condolences for the victim while also vehemently condemning McKoy’s monstrous and inhumane actions. Although definitely a tragedy, it is quite interesting to know that the outcry over abortion pales in comparison to the outcry of this and similar murder cases. But what is the difference between the two which warrants condemnation for one but acceptance and promotion for the other? Was a life not taken in both cases, or is a baby’s life just not as important as a toddler’s a teenager’s, or an adult’s? If a life is taken, no matter what age the victim is, then it is always murder.

Where, therefore, are the demands for justice for the 1.4 million babies slaughtered per year in the United States alone? In 2009, Vietnam had the highest abortion rate with a total of 1,520,000, or about 83.3 abortions per 1,000 women. But what is there to gain from murdering an innocent child, and why is the baby’s death thought to be so adamantly necessary? The answer given is, “It is my body, and it is my choice”, the basis of the infamous Roe V. Wade Supreme Court Case, and apparently a mere slogan has become a justifiable answer to all abortion related inquiries.

We have to think for a moment what 1.4 million babies could have become and contributed to our country. They could have been celebrities, businessmen, polyglots, doctors, presidents, the list is endless. They also could have just grown up to be an ordinary man or woman, loved by their family and friends and loving unceasingly in return. They could have had their own children and happy homes, but this possibility was destroyed the moment the vacurette was inserted into the womb to extract the fetus. Women know the fetus is experiencing pain, for some have seen it writhing in agony on the ultrasound monitor.....but hey that’s ok because it’s her body and her choice. Murdering a baby is totally ok because she chose its death. It’s ok to kill so as to escape the responsibility of

motherhood. Yes there are times when pregnancies result from unfortunate incidents such as rape and incest, but that doesn't give a girl the right to gain a sense of justice through murder...an injustice to her baby. Most pregnancies are the result of carelessness and lack of responsibility...but people have to realize that their actions have consequences. If the consequence to your action is pregnancy, then I'm sorry but you can't express your anger via abortion. You can either care for the baby and love it as a parent, or you can give other men and women the chance to do so by means of adoption.

The girl is aware of her choice for her baby, but the baby doesn't realize that its own mother, the person we all tenaciously clung to for protection when we were toddlers, has deemed it unworthy of her time and must therefore be terminated. At 28 days, the eyes, ears, and respiratory system begin to develop, yet the baby doesn't see the fate chosen by its mother or hear the dreaded consent to an abortion. Both revelations would take the baby's breath away, and still no outcry is heard because it's a so called woman's choice.

It is also unfortunate that neonatologists often recommend abortions if the child has certain defects such as Down Syndrome, cleft palates, and the like. There is often the opinion that if a child has a birth defect, it is better to prevent a miserable life by aborting it...but numerous people with birth defects lead perfectly happy and content lives. For example, my cousin has Down Syndrome, and while he might not be able to function 100% like you and me, he is always found with a smile from cheek to cheek. He fills the room with an innocent happiness, a happiness you can't help but enjoy.

We all know with certainty that abortion is a despicable practice, so what are we going to do about it. You see the problem with people today is that while they may stand for a cause, they are always waiting for someone else to rise above the pack and lead the way. How many of us say with absolute conviction that we will take a stand for the helpless children, yet fail to do anything more than proclaim the message amongst our friends and family? If we want our voices to be heard, we need to go the extra mile and become a leader. We can lead in so many easy ways. For example, we can rally with other pro-life groups and protest abortion on the very steps of Planned Parenthood offices. We can make our voices heard during the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. It is a must that we elect pro-life candidates into office both local and national. We can also pray that this nation will reform its ways and correct this blatant misconception about the value of life. We can't lose hope...our efforts are succeeding, for

the abortion rate has steadily declined since 1973, and as a whole America has passed 205 laws which limit abortions in the past 3 years alone.

The babies can't speak for themselves....will we too remain silent and let this massacre continue, or will we speak up for those who have been eternally silenced? Will we just sit back and watch the show unfold...or will we stand up for those who will never be able to crawl? It is estimated that one baby is aborted every half second....how many more babies have to die before we decide that enough is enough?

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