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Abortion thoughts

This letter is in response to the recent letter from Donna Myers expressing disdain for Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta. Where does Donna get the idea that Planned Parenthood is a health-care provider for women? It is one of the largest providers of abortions in the United States and killing the unborn is its primary money-maker. Although abortion is a legal procedure in the United States, that does not make it a morally correct procedure.

The Declaration of Independence supposedly gives every person the "right to life" and this includes that person in the mother's womb. Although many might argue that personhood does not occur at conception, what other species kills its own prior to natural birth? This goes against natural law, which even the uneducated tribes and peoples of all ethnic groups have recognized for centuries. For nearly 200 years abortion was illegal in this country. It was definitely considered to be morally wrong and that has not changed among most believers. Ms. Myers may recall that slavery was once legal in this country but that was finally changed.

In defense of John Pisciotta, she obviously does not know or understand him. He is a very loving, intelligent and caring person. Why does she fear him and attempt to make him something that he is not?

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"Pro-life" surely includes everyone. Even the 45-year-old national nonprofit NPG (Negative Population Growth), which recognizes that our current population is too large to be sustainable for much longer, only advocates for a smaller population. And it advocates attaining this by contraception rather than by the otherwise inevitable alternatives: war, famine, disease and natural disasters.

Could we all agree that we want to alleviate human misery as much as possible and then put our minds to figuring out how to do that? If you consider all of the above, is it not clear that contraception is the least miserable?

Also, Planned Parenthood is not "pro-abortion." It would much rather minimize abortions and actually strives to do so by providing education and easy access to contraception. The number of teenage mothers and abortions both decrease in populations when this combination is available.

Yet there will always be some unintended pregnancies and some problems during pregnancy, such as eggs attaching within the Fallopian tubes rather than in the uterus. To prevent abortion in such cases often dooms teens to a life of poverty and may result in the death of pregnant women. In such cases, abortion is the least miserable outcome, undesirable though it may be.

Not all Americans are Christians, but those who are have been instructed by Jesus to be compassionate, serving and forgiving. It's not an easy challenge, but it is certainly admirable behavior. Should we not try? An outbreak of kindness would be welcome these days.

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