



Seven Reasons Why Respect for Life is the Preeminent Political Issue.

1. When any people group is declared non-persons under the law, the rights of all human beings are potentially at risk.
2. When the state is permitted to declare a certain people group to be non-persons, the social/political ethos of a society is seriously corrupted. Such a society becomes unhinged from God-given natural moral law. Such disengagement will lead to serious human rights abuses.
3. The enormity of the killing itself in sheer numbers--abortion has claimed the lives of well over 60 million human beings--35,000 per day, creates a preeminent political issue.
4. Abortion brings moral damage to society:
 - a. The law of abortion leads to the end of human communion.
 - b. It breeds dishonesty, as the abortion practice is based on a lie about the dignity of man.
 - c. The general citizenry is co-opted in support for abortion--as in forcing tax-payers to fund it.
 - d. The medical profession is put to the service of death, not life, as its members are called upon to facilitate the so-called right to abortion.
5. The right to life issue is not only about abortion. It includes *fetal experimentation, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, infanticide, assisted suicide, a loss of respect for the elderly and the handicapped, denigration of life in artificial reproduction, euthanasia.*
6. The need to respect the dignity of women is undermined by a practice that exploits and denigrates them.
7. The injustice of killing the innocent threatens the broader application of justice itself in American society. If laws that permit abortion are not overcome, the entire American system of justice is headed for collapse. William Butler Yeats said, "The center cannot hold and the ceremony of innocence is drowned." Through legalized abortion we have lost the moral foundation upon which the entire system of rights and justice depends.

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