

Topic: Abortion Debate

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lipservice(7) 1 point

I know. Debating on this issue is like beating a dead horse, but I like to talk about it anyway. I can see both sides of the argument. I can understand why people choose pro-life because they are partial to their religion (mainly Christianity in America). I can also see the other side of the argument. The American government is supposed to be separate from the Church. Therefore, all religious transgressions are irrelevant when making policies. What do you think?

repubgal(320):

You are exactly right.

The opinion you take on religion is always based upon your beliefs.

Christians make up your majority of Republicans, therefore Republicans believe that abortion is murder.

Democrats, on the other hand, are very diverse. Democrats contain you atheists (I'm speaking in general) and a slur of other minority religions. Therefore Democrats base opinion on the "do whatever you want" principle.

Personally, I am a Christian Republican. I believe abortion is murder. I can imagine how extremely difficult it would be to go through with a pregnancy that involves one of the major "risk factors" (mentally ill child, mother's life at risk), but I believe Christian values should triumph all. I know how hard that is in today's shallow society, but we must be strong.

Just my unpopular opinion :)

ThePyg(1343):

I've really constructed both sides of the debate. What I've found is that both sides can actually be very logical in their stance.

Now, religion isn't the ONLY factor deciding this. I was once against abortion (and i

wasn't religious at all) because i didn't like the idea of killing another life "just cause", even in rape or incest, there's still the fact that adoption is always available and that this is A LIFE that we're talking about.

But, i've decided for my own convenience that abortion should be legal, and since i've become very misanthropic over time, i also encourage it as much as possible (especially in poor neighborhoods). But, i don't like any tax dollars (at least of mine) going to helping someone kill their own problem. I'll save my money for MY problems.

But, if i wanted to, i could either be pro-choice or pro-life for purely debate purposes. I hate the irrational arguments on both sides, so i create rational ones. 2 things i hate to hear:

1. Who the fuck are you to tell me what to do with my body?
2. You're killing God's creatures.
 1. It's not YOUR body we're worried about, it's the baby's body you stupid cunt.
 2. When you can prove to me God is against abortion, i'll listen to your argument.

lipservice(7)

Pyg, I'm glad you are taking both sides of the issue into consideration. How mature and intelligent of you. I am going to do the same thing, but I am sorry if my pro-choice side roars a little too loudly at times.

In '05 when GWB was trying to choose a new Supreme Court member, nominated senators from the Republican (pro-life) and Democrat (pro-choice) sides were throwing out a lot of false claims surrounding abortion. Check out this site at the bottom for the details on the false statements. Sadly, these public false effects of the legalization of abortion in America has shaped our stances on the issue. Pro-life argue that crime and female suicide has increased since Roe won - not entirely true. Crime today is now 2 percent lower now. Female suicide has dropped by one-third since Roe.

On behalf of the pro-life, the argument surrounding the large death toll of women who have illegal abortions is slightly dramatized. There have been claims that THOUSANDS die every year because of illegal abortions. That number might have been true if penicillin and birth control would have never come along. "The best evidence indicates that the annual deaths from illegal abortions would number in the hundreds, not the thousands" (Factcheck.org, Abortion Distortions).

Maybe some of these stats are not contingent on the legalization of abortion at all. But they do assist people in choosing their sides of the debate.

There has been a lot of evidence showing that the abortion rate goes up more and more as the world gets older. And there is really no talk of banning abortion with Obama in the seat. I think we should now ask ourselves how society can decrease the rising number of abortions each year. Please expand on any ideas you may have to solve this issue.

JakeJ(999) Ban 3 points

I think the first solution to the problem is abstinence.

2nd is adoption.

3rd in a very rare case of rape or if the mother is in danger but I really don't like abortion and think that it should be avoided if possible.

I believe that the choice is made when the mother and father choose to have sex. After that it is not their choice if the baby lives or dies. If they don't want the kid put them up for adoption. There are plenty of good people that want kids and can't have them.

andsoccer!6(912)

The problem with today's sex education: you never mention safe sex.

Birth control pills are effective over 99% of the time. Condoms also work, and prevent STDs.

MKlced(205)

Safe sex is a very good solution to the problem, but if it fails, it's just an excuse to abort an unwanted baby. If there was a way to guarantee that a baby is not conceived, then by all means, go at it, but until then, I think abstinence is key. If a couple is not ready to raise a child, that couple should not be fooling around and risk getting pregnant.

lipservice(S)

I think it does come down to the way we are educated on the subject of sex. It is pretty hard to contest the magnitude of power the sex media has over a population. We are no longer the Puritans our forefathers anymore. We are taught that sex is pleasurable and casual (for the most part). It is a glorified act. Due to the irresponsibility of the media, our public sex education needs some alterations.

Do you know of any good ways for our schools to be more safe sex friendly rather than abstinence friendly? I want to hear what you have to say about it. If you still think abstinence is the way to decrease the abortion rate, then why hasn't it been working for our society?

MKlced(243):

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lipservice(9):

Yes, but same sex only fails less than 1 percent of the time (I am talking about a regular condom). I just do not think that our natural desires to have sex can be inhibited and shouldn't have to if you are smart about sex. Like I was saying before, the power of the media is unstoppable. The more we shy away from adhering to the Bible, the more we are going to have sex. This is simply because there will be no one telling us not to. "The proportion of the [American] population that can be classified as Christian has declined from 86% in 1990 to 77% in 2001." ARIS Study. That is a pretty big drop. I am presuming that 77 percent is even lower now.

Frankly, abstinence is too much to ask of our current generation (I'm 19) and will be intolerable for the generation to come. I have a well rounded group of friends my age, and only about ten percent haven't had sex yet. Not saying that is any hard evidence, but sex is not uncommon here in Amherst, MA.

JakeJ(1079) Opposed Ban 1 point

Along with abstinence, safe sex should be included. I failed to mention that. But most kids already know how to be safe, I think its best if they are taught to wait until they are married. It is in their best interest so that they can enjoy their lives and have much freedom.

Think of all the choices a young person has without an unwanted pregnancy. Opposed to the latter. I think a lot of you will change your minds, if and when you have kids.

Will you have the opinion that its okay for them to have sex as long as they ware a condom? Will you give out free condoms to your kids and all of their friends?

jessald(825) Favored Ban 1 point

"Will you have the opinion that its okay for them to have sex as long as they ware a condom?"

Yes. Actually, you're supposed to use two forms of birth control (i.e. condoms and birth control pills). If the .00001% chance happens and an unwanted pregnancy occurs, then an abortion should be obtained before the embryo becomes alive. Adoption should also be considered in that case.

The thing is, sex is important to human fulfillment.

"Will you give out free condoms to your kids and all of their friends?"

My kids maybe. I would expect their friends to obtain their own.

andsoccer!6(918) Favored Ban 1 point

I pretty much agree with Jesald on this one.

As far as when I have kids, I am going to make sure I don't create a "forbidden fruit"

environment, where I say something like "having sex is wrong until your married."
Instead, I would explain to them that they should think hard before they choose to have sex, and when and if they do choose to have sex, they should do it with protection. If my child asked me to by him/her a condom, I would. Not because I would want them to have sex, but because I know that if they want a condom then they are definitely going to have sex. Not providing them with protection would be irresponsible.

I agree that unwanted pregnancies are bad, but with proper sex education most of these pregnancies can be completely avoided.

HGrey87(404) Opposed Ban 1 point

"But most kids already know how to be safe,"

Uh huh. Come to San Antonio, see how common this knowledge is. While the basics are known, there are countless myths about sex that need to be dispelled. I remember sex ed in middle school and all the retarded questions I heard. Hell, there are even more in my Human Sexuality class this semester.

"Will you have the opinion that its okay for them to have sex as long as they ware a condom? Will you give out free condoms to your kids and all of their friends?"

Yes!

THEY WILL DO IT EITHER WAY. TRUST ME, I'M ONE OF THEM.

lipservice(10)

"I think a lot of you will change your minds, if and when you have kids." - JakeJ

What? You will actually think that your kids are going to be abstinent? I feel that is kind of unfair of you as a parent to expect your children to stay virgins until marriage.

And I think that you should set aside your comfortability about your own kids having sex. Yeah, we want to protect our children, but it won't work for everyone.

If parents are uncomfortable about telling their kids about contraceptives, have someone do it for them. It is a simple solution to the problem.

We say that kids are aware of the importance of safe-sex, but obviously they are not that aware. Supporting Evidence: More than two-thirds (70%) of young women have had unprotected sex with a new partner, according to a survey, (www.metro.co.uk)