

Rape and Incest Exceptions

- Rape is a violent, heinous crime against a woman for which the rapist should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Rape is the only crime where one of the victims, an innocent child, receives the death penalty. An innocent pre-born baby should not be killed under the guise of compassion for another person. We need to care for both the mother and the baby. The Supreme Court has ruled that a rapist cannot receive the death penalty. How is it socially just that the innocent child should be painfully put to death? Neither the Constitution nor the Bible permit an innocent pre-born baby should be painfully executed for a crime that was committed by his or her father. Abortion allows society to forget about the acts of incest and pretend that justice has been done, while often the perpetrator is protected from the crime.

Stem Cell Research

- Human embryonic stem cell research destroys young human life. It is never morally or ethically justifiable to kill one human in order to benefit another. Adult (non-embryonic) stem cell research does not require the destruction of human lives. We need to work to provide funding for research that saves human life, not research that destroys it. Adult stem cell research has treated over 73 diseases to date. Embryonic stem cell research has cured 0 diseases.

Human Cloning

- At its core, cloning devalues life – it is the artificial creation of human life for the purpose of destroying it. Scientists agree that while cloning has a high rate of failure, it also introduces a multitude of ethical problems.

The Abortion Pill (RU-486)

- Mifepristone or Mifeprex (RU-486) is a chemical abortifacient taken orally to end a pregnancy, not to prevent it. It is a high dose anti-progesterone steroid typically taken between the fifth and ninth weeks of pregnancy. By this time, the child has a heartbeat, brain waves, and developing arms and legs. At least 14 women have died as a result of the drugs. Many others have experienced serious adverse effects.

In Vitro Fertilization

- In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) is the conception of a human being outside the body, usually in a petri dish, after retrieving eggs from a woman's ovaries and mixing them with sperm. The resulting embryos are transferred to that or another woman's body, frozen for future use, or destroyed. Some procedures and practices surrounding IVF can involve the destruction of embryonic human beings, but there are ethical ways to avoid such destruction.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

- Instead of funding abortions using taxpayers' money, we need to work to give pregnant women options and resources through pregnancy resource centers, churches, and community centers. According to one particular analysis, Planned Parenthood performed almost 1,000,000 abortions between the years 2010-2013, while making only 2,300 adoption referrals; and providing less than 30,000 prenatal services.

Fetal Tissue Research

- Any time we support the use of aborted fetal tissue for research, we support the practice of abortion and the devaluation of life. Taxpayer dollars should not be spent buying aborted fetuses from abortionists so that scientists can do research. The practice of fetal tissue transplantation and experimentation creates a market that is costing numerous irreplaceable lives.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

- Because every human being has innate worth and value, any procedure that violates the sanctity of human life should be opposed. The practice of assisted suicide creates a duty to die with death becoming a "reasonable" substitute to treatment and care as medical costs continue to rise.

Health and Life of the Mother

- There is a fundamental difference between abortion, and necessary medical treatments that are carried out to save the life of the mother, even if such treatments unintentionally result in the loss of life of her pre-born child. Over 1000 medical providers have signed the Dublin Declaration, which affirms that abortion is not "medically necessary to save the life of a woman". In the rare case that the mother's life is indeed endangered by a continuation of the pregnancy, sound medical practice would dictate that every effort be made to save both lives.

"The care of human life and happiness ... is the first and only legitimate object of good government." ~ Thomas Jefferson