

Concerning the Recent Planned Parenthood Videos and Any Debate About Selling Aborted Offspring

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RE: Fwd: <Future BCHA PP Presentation>

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Feel free to forward this to anyone and everyone on your email list also.

First off, I don't think people have souls. And I am an atheist with morals and a brain. Also, I am not stupid enough to think that a fertilized egg has grown enough to have arms and legs, yet. Nor do I think "cell tissue" equals "morality"; as you somehow implied that there is some strange connection between the two. Or a baby is somehow a "moral equivalent" to anything. Morality is a process of "thinking" not a process of "being".

And I am probably more easily swayed by facts than you are. You are the one who seems to be stuck in your own "rational" goop. I spent 25 years applying the principles of "logic" in order to create artificial intelligent software so computers could solve problems BETTER than most human beings are able to, even in this day and age, even with "higher education" everywhere. I know what logic is and how logic works when it is well organized and thought out, and how it fails to work when it is disorganized and full of "bugs".

Now, I'll tell you what I think...

I think it takes time (not much time though) for a fertilized egg to implant into the wall of the uterus and continue the process of GROWING... like all humans GROW... from conception to maturity and eventual death.

I think humans go through growth phases which SCIENTISTS (vs. Humanists) tend to label in pretty standardized ways. Examples: Fertilized egg or Zygote. Embryo. Fetus. Infant. Toddler. Early childhood. Preadolescent (before puberty)... where many people get stuck mentally. Adolescent. Adult (varies by each state and country's definition). Etc. Etc. All stages of a HUMAN BEING'S development. Period.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_development_\(biology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_development_(biology))

I think if any woman had half a brain and she was raped (or had an "accidental pregnancy" of some sort) that she could figure out within a few days how to deal with it. She could take a morning after pill (not an option years ago before such pills were developed). She could choose to see her doctor AND/OR the authorities and get help to decide what her legal options are; prevent any possible Zygote from growing past a few days, wait and see if she misses a period, wait a while longer and have an abortion LONG before any arms or legs or organs or a brain develop, wait way longer yet and decide (even after missing

a couple periods) to have an abortion OR wait months and months until the fetus is viable even if delivered early... and then kill her OFFSPRING.

I think the term OFFSPRING applies to every level of development from conception to old age and death. Person **A** is the OFFSPRING of person **B** (a female) and person **C** (a male) who are person **A**'s PARENTS... logic would dictate. And I think an abortion is a way to KILL a human OFFSPRING. Period. Murder is another way to kill a human offspring. Self-defense is another way to kill a human offspring (probably much older offspring at that point; i.e. a person/offspring outside the uterus). War is another way. A car accident is another way. Suicide is another way. Cancer is another way. There are lots of ways to kill humans and their OFFSPRING (inside or outside of the uterus), which are all human offspring of two other humans, which are someone else's offspring... all the way up the family tree. ABORTION is just one way to kill people/offspring. Of the many ways for people/offspring to die, "ABORTION" is one way that a lot of mature people/offspring ponder and wonder about and try to decide if it is OK or not OK... "morally". Just like they ponder and try to decide if it is OK to "murder" someone else. Etc. Can you follow that line of thinking... rationally? Or have you given up reading this already because it does not sync up 100% with your irrational way of thinking?

Either way, that's what I THINK.

And why is that?

Well partly because of my past experience and partly because of the fact that I have gathered some facts, etc. ...

Story/confession time.

In the past, when I was in college and I was dating my first wife whom I fell in love with (I am currently married to my second wife), and we became SEX PARTNERS, she got pregnant with our first offspring while we were practicing the so called "rhythm method".

I learned a few things in the process. I learned that the rhythm method, which includes abstaining from sex when the female partner was ovulating, worked like a charm for several months; until one night she decided she wanted to get pregnant. Then she flirted with me, she aroused me, and she did everything she could to have sex with me, and it worked. She got what she wanted. She got pregnant. I was the sperm donor. I could not keep it in my pants (or the shorts I was wearing at the time).

So, in no time, as her plan unfolded, she told me, "Guess what. I think I am pregnant... I want to get married..." And, at first, she said she wanted to keep our offspring inside her. BUT, I was not ready for marriage. I was going to college, just like her. I did not have a job or career yet, just like her. The world was based on MONEY and not based on family and society supporting illegitimate kids. And single fathers were expected to deliver loads of MONEY to single mothers with offspring. Still, given all the typical rational arguments for abortion, I explained to her that I would do my best to support her and the child. BUT I was not going to get married, YET.

She got upset. She explained to me that her Christian mother was going to shun her if she were to deliver a child outside of marriage. And she wanted to be married then and there. It was as if it was

JUST her choice and not my choice also. Otherwise, she said, she would have to go see her doctor and find some way to get an abortion. She played her trump card. She wanted to be pregnant and have a child. But she also wanted to coerce me into her way of getting married. I guess she knew I really loved her even if/when she did not play fair.

I explained to her that I would rather she kept the child, either way, or at least not abort it and, instead, we could try to raise our child or, in the worst case, we could look into adoption. I also explained that we should research all the options before having any abortion at all. And I explained that IF she were to have an abortion she might start feeling guilty about it later on and have to carry that with her for a LONG, LONG time. So, I suggested that we at least looked before we leaped. I tried to get her to go to the library with me and do some more research on the pros and cons of abortion, adoption, single parenthood, etc. BUT I also felt we needed to decide SOONER rather than LATER, before the embryo did develop into a stage of human life which can feel pain (i.e. has a developed nervous system and brain able to experience pain, etc.).

After a couple days she still would not go with me and perform research on the options and this part of our life we were going through. I had to go to the library myself and start researching things on my own. She gave me the typical silent treatment, for reasons I still do not understand. She wanted me to change my mind and she wanted me to choose to marry her under this pressure. Well, in a few days I made my choice. I told her that my vote **still** was to keep the child and do our best to raise it.

BUT, I told her my vote is only **1 vote**. And she had a **vote** also. So it was her **vote** that was going to COUNT the most, because she was the one who had to go through the 9 months of pregnancy and a risky delivery, just like any woman who wants their offspring to live. Thus, I said I would accept whatever she decided to do, even if she vetoed my vote.

She then decided she was not going to get a shot-gun wedding after all. So she felt her only option was to abort rather than explain things to her mom, etc. There is no explaining another person's reasoning. But, at least she made her decision sooner vs. later. And she did it in less than a month after missing her first period.

I went with her to the hospital in the city where we lived and were going to college (the same hospital we later delivered our first son in). I watched her go through the motions and check in. And I was told that I should go wait helplessly in the corner while they took her into... HELL... as far as I was concerned. Instead of waiting in the corner, I took a walk and ended up across the street at another library where I read yet another book for about an hour. It was about abortion and **how to help others deal with the aftermath**. It came in real handy.

There was nothing else I could do (short of experiencing a lot of shame) except do my best to stick by her, for better or for worse, when she finally came out of the O.R. and we held hands and left the hospital.

So our first offspring (and our only "aborted" offspring) was less than 9 weeks old (during the embryogenesis phase of its life) when she went for her (our) abortion. And, to the best of my knowledge, none of our first offspring's tissue was donated to "science" either. Screw science. Science has NOTHING to do with a person having an abortion. It all depends on your moral perspective about

killing your offspring, the social ramifications of how others are going to feel about it around you, the psychological aspects of how you will deal with it going forward, and how YOU, yourself, value HUMAN life to begin with.

If you do not have much value for HUMAN life, until it is crawling around on the floor, then abortion might not be a big deal to you. If you think a new HUMAN life starts when a sperm fertilizes an egg, and it is just as important as a full grown adult, then you are going to have thoughts about how abortions might not be a great way to do things and that donating the dead offspring's tissue to "science" for research is not very moral either. I'm in the "value HUMAN life" category. Even as an atheist. My ex-wife was not... apparently... even though she later became a Catholic and, hopefully, changed her perspective and learned to live with it.

BUT, I am not so unreasonable as to think that aborting an offspring, in the first 8 to 10 weeks, is going to be the end of the world either. Or that the world will end if you don't.

I **do** think, as it relates to abortion, that WOMEN (people) should do it much, much sooner rather than later, if they are going to do it at all. That will never make it RIGHT. But the sooner the better on a sliding scale; for the sake of the offspring. And I also think that farming out humans and their body parts for "science" is WRONG... even once we become adults and have a much better chance to THINK about the pros and cons; which most folks rarely ever do. A lot of what goes on in the "name of science" really turns me off. But try telling that to the holier-than-thou of the world. **You may as well bang your head against a wall rather than try to slow down "scientific progress"... or "socialism"... for that matter.**

Bottom line.

Here's what I thought way back then and here's what I think to this very day.

IF a woman is fertile (even on the pill) and she has been having sex with a man, or men, and she skips her period (on the pill or not), or even THINKS for some reason she might be pregnant, and she knows she had sex recently, and she knows she can get a test to verify if she is pregnant or not (all possible NOW DAYS), **THEN** she should get with the program. She should get a pregnancy test ASAP. She should talk to her sex partner(s) and figure out who the male parent is, or was. She should discuss it with them and THEY should decide how to go forward... together. And the male PARENT should have a VOTE also. And abortion should only happen if BOTH parents agree to begin with.

IF they BOTH do not want to raise the offspring and do not want to place it up for adoption and do not want anything to do with their offspring then THEY should decide to get an abortion **FAST** (as long as society allows it legally); in the first 6 to 8 weeks if at all possible; while it is still in the embryo stage of HUMAN life and before the head, brain and nervous system is very well developed (which can start as early as week 5). For the offspring's sake; if for no other reason.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_embryogenesis

THEY should not wait for weeks on end (> 10) until the offspring has developed into a FETUS... possibly with arms, legs, organs, circulatory system, head, brain, and nervous system... if at all possible.

The use of the term "fetus" generally implies that an embryo has developed to the point of being recognizable as a human; this is the point usually taken to be the ninth week after fertilization.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fetus>

And they should NEVER donate their offspring to "science". That is one CHOICE that should be for the OFFSPRING to decide, IF and WHEN it gets old enough to decide on its own. A woman who gets pregnant by accident, or otherwise, and who wants to have the sole "choice" when it comes to an **abortion** should NOT also have the sole "choice" about how her aborted offspring is handled and taken care of after the fact. And the same goes for the doctors and the clinic/facility and the rest of the damned world who has no ownership rights to any given offspring what-so-ever.

About knowledge.

When my ex-wife and I went through this abortion phase of our lives it was 1977. I was 23 years old. She was 21. There was plenty of scientific KNOWLEDGE back then about the stages of HUMAN development, just like in the links above. But most of it was in BOOKS and science JOURNALS vs. online in various web articles (with facts or no facts and valid opinions or invalid opinions). So, WE had 99.5% of the same information that men and women have now days, at our finger tips, in a library, which we could have tapped into, had my ex-wife ever had the ambition to tap into it, which she didn't at the time. We, or at least I, knew everything we needed to know, even though we were dirt poor with little or no money in the bank. MONEY was not the problem or the object. My ex-wife got her abortion and we paid for it and that was that.

Not long after that, 1978, after we had more time to sort life out, we got married, when I was 24, several months before my graduation in June, 1979. The ex-wife never graduated. She wanted kids, one way or the other. So, we had two boys (the first when I was just 24 ½ ... you do the math) and we raised them, the hard way sometimes; together; even after our eventual divorce 13 years later. Life went on and we knew we never inflicted any pain on our first offspring (probably my only daughter?) because we DECIDED, together, early on, when to get the abortion; in the first 8-9 weeks in our case. Which is the way it should be, IMHO; legal or not.

If you are going to kill your offspring/someone/something, get it over with. Don't wait until it has to be done as a partial birth abortion OR so that some idiots running some clinical scheme called PP can farm the body parts out and so "science" can do the dirty work for the rest of us.

And I think that the U.S. laws around abortion, even as they are, and laws around fetal tissue research, such as they are, are probably miles ahead of what many of you "humanists" seem to think should be right or wrong. Canada has a lot of things going wrong with it. And one of the biggest things going wrong are the socialists running around espousing all their moralistic views on everyone else at every turn.

What eventually becomes of PP remains to be seen. I suspect they will get what they having coming to them, one way or the other. And I suspect it will take a lot longer for them to get it than it should take also.

Summary.

I still think abortion was the wrong choice for us. And my ex-wife probably does too, now that she has grown older and knows what she went through. Experience does make a big difference. Sometimes. And I definitely think that farming out your offspring's "tissue" after having an abortion is totally immoral. You might feel donating your own body and organs to science after YOU die is OK. But, deciding to give your fetus (your offspring) to science, without the offspring getting a chance to even think about it, tells me that many people have totally lost their "moral" compass and they will probably do anything and everything in the "name of science" and "choice" and any other "words" that make them feel GOOD now days. If you want to donate something to science then cut off your finger, your toe, or your ear and donate that. And tell everyone what a great idea you had when you did it too.

ONE LAST FACT - The parts of U.S. Federal law which currently prevail as of 2015 is found here:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title42/pdf/USCODE-2010-title42-chap6A-subchapIII-partH.pdf>

Chuck

P.S. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X6uYqSSQGc> (Opinion about abortion)

P.S.S. From a follow-up email about the above...

As I read U.S. Federal law (see above [link](#)) the KEY considerations are (A) you can't do things to the unborn that are experimental and that may harm them in the process, only things that improve their chance of living. In other words you can perform procedures on the unborn to help them live a better life. (B) The one and only exception is when the mother wants the unborn aborted. (C) In that case you must use a **standard** (not a customized, one way this time, another way next time) procedure that gets the job done, without planning a customized method to take certain parts or tissue as part of the procedure and doing things to make that happen. You, as a provider/doctor, must **intend** to abort the offspring NOT to spare certain parts for some researcher's needs. (D) Before the abortion is done you cannot plan ahead who might get the remains. You do not get to donate the tissue to help just a friend or just a relative or just your favorite research organization PROFIT from the abortion. (E) After the abortion is done, via a standard procedure, THEN the remains can be used for intrastate (not interstate) research [because each STATE has the right to control their abortion related laws as well (so you cannot knowingly farm out remains to labs in other states, directly or indirectly)]... thus NOT with a certain buyer's or client's selective benefits/PROFIT in mind and NOT for some PROFIT motive for the researcher or the abortion provider or doctors or patients involved. You only get to help the general welfare of everyone. (F) The law also says ONLY the woman (and it should also require the father's consent... at the very least... and if you can't find the father too bad) can decide to give the offspring to science and THEY MUST be informed of their rights and supply written consent before the procedure; with full disclosure. And the Dr. must also state in writing that they and the patient agreed to retain the remains for research. PROFITING in any way from creating and then killing offspring is AGAINST THE LAW... in the U.S. PROFIT is not just for MONEY and you cannot rule out a PROFIT motive just by saying you are covering some extra expenses. You are PROFITING when you make someone else feel like doing business with you, and they buy you a meal, even if you "break even" on the deal. More customers

coming to you PROFITS you, and your job and organizational security, by taking away customers from other sources as well and by assuring your continued business as well. Dig?

So, if PP wants to play the abortion game and does not want to dispose of the remains of any given offspring, and they prefer instead to give human remains to some other research support business, they could easily meet the requirements of the LAW by (A) informed consent of the patients to retain the offspring's remains (which I feel goes too far already... on the "choice" front) and then (B) donating the remains, as is, to each researcher in a fair and balanced way (randomly by lottery would be good) that does not selectively provide remains for one reason or another. Then let the researcher(s) do what may wish with what they get after that. IF the researcher never gets exactly what they need well then too F-ing bad. There are more things to consider in life than just "science" or maybe saving some other person's life at the expense of taking a life. There is even more to consider than some theory about greater good. Sometimes life is not fair. Try asking any offspring who had its brain sucked out of its skull what it thought about fairness. Try asking the father that wants to keep the child, for whatever reason, if they think the mother should have the only choice when it comes to his abortion.

Obviously there are going to be situations where aborting an embryo, a fetus, or a well-developed baby (which might also be taken alive if it can survive outside the uterus) is the only way to address SOME medical issues vs. a female dying during her pregnancy, etc. But, those are not your standard multi-million plus abortions a year issues. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion#Incidence>

The LAW is the LAW. If you want to play god get Congress to pass a LAW which says you are allowed to play god. Until then follow the LAW and stop screwing around and cutting corners. And stop backing and promoting others who do so on a daily basis. Aiding and abetting criminals is against the law also BTW. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aiding_and_abetting

As for ceremonial burial and not throwing away offspring tissue...

I always wonder, what would happen if each state/county, and its citizens, that supports allowing abortion, had to set aside a special secured cemetery or memorial site where every aborted offspring was placed in a small, bullet proof, glass container of preservative and that was inserted into a memorial wall, where others could come and visit and see the aborted offspring and see the numbers rise year by year and also read a short inscription like, "This offspring was approximately 8 weeks old at the time of abortion on MM-DD-YYYY. The mother's name was MMMMM and the father's name was FFFFF (or unknown). The provider's name was PPPPP and the attending physician's name was DDDDD."?

Would that not, perhaps, make a lot of people think twice about aborting their offspring, at any age, if they knew the process was going to be public domain knowledge and that there was some sort of lesson to be learned from such a decision? Even the remains after being researched on could finally be laid to rest at such a memorial, "This offspring was approximately 26 weeks old at the time of abortion on MM-DD-YYYY. The mother's name was MMMMM and the father's name was FFFFF (or unknown). The provider's name was PPPPP and the attending physician's name was DDDDD. The remains were used by the research firm RRRRR before being entombed here."

And someone who had to have an abortion for a life-saving reason or due to rape, etc. could still have the offspring memorialized but they would not have their parental name in the memorial, "This

offspring was approximately 4 weeks old at the time of abortion on MM-DD-YYYY. The mother was raped (or had a medical complication) and the rapist's name was FUFUFU (or father's name ... unknown). The provider's name was PFFFF and the attending physician's name was DDDDD. The remains were used by the research firm RRRRR before being entombed here."

A lot of schools could take their classes on field trips to the memorial and incorporate the memorial into their Sex Ed class and show adolescents what really happens when you have sex without thinking about it and without exercising sound judgement in the process.

Morality is a variable that changes from person to person. And it is more and more rare, it seems like, and it could use more research, promotion or thought also. You can't deny that.

Some people think you have a soul and you need to deal with after-life by ceremony in order to help those left behind and those who have gone to another after-life. Some people think they want to be buried in tact just the way they die and do not want others desecrating their body once they die. Some think it's great to be cremated or to donate their piece parts to others to learn from, etc. I can't sort out all the reasons for A vs. B. You think it is morally OK to transplant a heart from A to B or to do some sort of research. Others think you should take what you get and not take body parts from others like some sort of Frankenstein movie. "Do no harm" does not mean "try this and see if it works". But, the bottom line is everyone pays taxes and some want that money used for the GENERAL WELFARE only (per the Constitution they follow) and others want to pick and choose, like gods, how that money is spread around. Just like baby body parts. Go figure.

BUT IT DOES NOT END THERE. KEEP READING BELOW AS YET ANOTHER E-MAIL NEEDED MORE FOLLOWUP...

Again I will do my best to insert comments below.

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Hi, Chuck.

If you insist that **the moment of conception creates a human OFFSPRING with the same right to life as its mother,...**

There are two parts to this fragment of your opening argument. And I do not need to read a word further to GUESS where you will probably go with this. So, as an experiment, I'm going take them in order and see if I can explore them and answer everything else you may have cooked up below, without even reading it first. Then I'll read the rest and see if I covered all the bases or not.

First...

In a prior part of this thread you used the words "**possible** offspring" (to carefully give yourself an escape clause perhaps?), and now you dropped "possible", which is much better. Whereas I used the

unqualified word “offspring” all along; because I do not find a need for any escape clause or extra qualifications, such as “**definite** offspring”.

Most medical/biological scientists, who study the human biological processes, have found out how reproduction works and the phases humans go through in order to produce... OFFSPRING. There is a definite root cause **starting point**. And that is when the human sperm enters into and successfully fertilizes the human egg/ovum. Without that simple root cause interaction taking place (inside a normal female body for the past thousands of years of human evolution, and now days, in a lab, thanks to these same scientists playing god) most of these scientists (which you often claim as the basis for your reasoning and “rational” lines of thought) would side with me *in that* an OFFSPRING is framed/defined by the moment the sperm fertilizes the ovum onward for the entire life of the OFFSPRING. Note that the word OFFSPRING tends to mean spring from or spring forth or spin off or some other synonymous meaning; a descendant, the product, result, or effect of something. If the ovum is not fertilized it does not grow or flourish and no OFFSPRING develops. If it is fertilized it can GROW and develop.

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IF (condition test) egg is fertilized THEN
    (true) OFFSPRING DEVELOPS
ELSE
    (false) OFFSPRING DOES NOT DEVELOP
END-IF
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Thus: *Fertilization starts OFFSPRING*.

This is simple, rational, observable, repeatable, scientific logic. A simple **true condition** leads to a simple pregnancy and an OFFSPRING.

That’s not to say it will lead to an implanted Zygote every time or a fully formed adult human-being in 20+ years. BUT it is the very *FIRST condition* (the starting point or trigger) in the process to get the ball rolling... post copulation (or after a male human becomes a sperm donor for a female human) itself. Well-founded reasoning based on well-founded scientific FACT. Dig?

Now, you can split hairs from that point forward and try to argue that the fertilized egg needs to attach to the wall of the uterus before it is a separate OFFSPRING, or needs to grow for 10 days, or needs to grow for 9 weeks, or needs to become viable outside the uterus, or needs to grow for 9 months, or must be born/delivered naturally outside the uterus as a fully formed “baby”, etc. before it is a human OFFSPRING and before it is no longer subject to the rules/laws of “abortion”. But, from where I sit, and where any normal medical scientist with a degree in human biology would sit...

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You will also note that any OFFSPRING is composed of DNA from both a male and female. One reason I feel both parents should watch out for and get to vote on what happens to that OFFSPRING, from then on; within reason.

I rest my case on that **part** and you can either accept it or not. If not there is not much point in proceeding with any of the rest of this thread. Assuming you continue forth...

Second.

What is a “**right** to life” or a “right” in general?

When we humans talk about “rights” they come in several forms. A lot of people seem to think that rights come and go and it all depends. It all depends on who can persuade others in the majority. Or it all depends on who can march for a given right in the streets. Or it all depends on who can form a government and make some laws and grant everyone or take away from everyone else some rights. It depends on a whole shit load of human factors and emotions and BS and arguing and both rational and irrational behavior. And it can sometimes depend on people’s philosophies, religions, etc., etc. It seems to me that rights are far from “set in stone”... thanks to us being HUMAN. And it seems to me that “rights” are DEBATABLE... until the cows come home. Especially when it comes to socialists and liberals who want to manipulate “rights” out of thin air whenever it serves their interests and matches up with some cause they are on.

In a world like ours most people feel that most “rights” are GOVERNED/CONTROLLED by their GOVERNMENT (be that some tribal government, like BCHA, or some civilized advanced government, like the USA or Canada). Luckily for most of us the tribal governments are weaker and usually do not last very long.

In the USA (a government that I am most familiar with) most (but by far not all) USA citizens who are what YOU call “conservative” (but who often act otherwise; such as RINOs) and most citizens which people call “liberal” (who VERY often act otherwise now days also) all believe that the **U.S. Constitution** is the foundation under which our government was formed and under which it should make important legal decisions, including what is RIGHT and what is WRONG and who is granted certain “rights” and who is not. As a person who thinks that the **U.S. Constitution** was WELL FOUNDED and WELL THOUGHT OUT (rationally) and who thinks that it can be modified *as the need arises* (via an amendment process laid out right there inside the **U.S. Constitution**) I am one of those who embraces the **U.S. Constitution** 100%. Does that label me a conservative or a liberal or does it even matter? I guess you might say I am a true **Constitutional Representative**... and I am also a **Liberty’s Advocate**.

The BIGGEST reason I embrace the **U.S. Constitution** is because, as you say, it has done way more good than harm in terms of our country flourishing and prospering and being a force for good in the rest of the world; even though many people would prefer that the USA go to hell because they have no clue about how our **U.S. Constitution**... or government really work.

The **U.S. Constitution** starts at the very beginning like this...

“**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a **more perfect Union**, establish **Justice**, insure domestic **Tranquility**, provide for the common **defense**, promote the **general Welfare**, and

secure the **Blessings** of **Liberty to ourselves** and **our Posterity**, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

You will note that this first compound sentence outlines certain **REASONS** (rational) for establishing it as the basis of our society’s/country’s **GOVERNMENT**. Among these is the word **Posterity**. **Posterity** is synonymous with **OFFSPRING**... all of one's descendants.

So, as a USA citizen who respects the **U.S. Constitution**, the foundation on which our entire country, government and society are based, it is not hard to see why I might embrace the concept of **Liberty, Justice, etc. (and rights)** being granted not just **to ourselves** (the living among us) but to **our Posterity** (those who do and will come after us... our **OFFSPRING**).

That’s item number 1. And it is based on logical, rational thinking.

Item number 2 goes back to our (we USA citizens) **Declaration of Independence** which has some more rational thinking drafted within it and which most USA citizens also embrace when they read it...

“We hold these truths to be **self-evident**, that all men [and women and their **OFFSPRING**... see above] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator [which could be nothing more than mom, dad or Mother Earth] with certain **unalienable Rights**, that **among** these are **Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**.--That **to secure** these [**unalienable**] **Rights**, **Governments are instituted among Men**, deriving their **just powers** **from the consent** of the governed...”

Now our **Declaration of Independence**, which was sent to the then King of England was not incorporated directly, as is, into our **U.S. Constitution**. BUT it was the first step in rallying the forces of our original 13 colonies against the oppression of English rule way back when. And that also eventually led to Canada becoming independent many years later also. And, once again, most of our current and past citizens embrace this rational concept; that we all have **unalienable Rights** such as the top 3, **Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**.

Unfortunately it is difficult to figure out how to balance out these three **unalienable Rights** with each other, when it comes to real life situations like an unwanted pregnancy or if **just** a woman and **only** a woman should have the “**right**” to terminate a pregnancy; i.e. an unwanted **OFFSPRING**.

Our **U.S. Constitution** **only** secures the **Blessings** of **Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity**. It seems to overlook **Life, ... and the pursuit of Happiness**. However, it does not overlook **Justice** and **defense** and **general Welfare**... which do tend to result in the ways and means for achieving a good **Life**, plus **Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**.

It also does **not** clearly outline what **only** applies to **We the People** who existed way back when those words were crafted or **We the People** who live now days or what. But, most rational **We the People** would tend to say that these words do apply to both **We the People** who lived at the time the words

were drafted and to our Posterity... even if one set of Supreme Court justices failed to see it that way.

In my humble opinion, I think they must apply to **We the People** at the start of the country and **We the People** right now and even to any possible generations, our Posterity, into the future. Otherwise, they would have only applied to a small subset of folks, **We the People**, who were already alive when the words were drafted and ratified legally, at that exact time, and only at that exact time, in history. This again is based on simple, logical thinking.

If the founders did not want these words to apply across time and to EVERYONE, **We the People** and our Posterity, into the future then they would/should not have added our Posterity in the sentence in the first place. So, the way I read the **U.S. Constitution** could have just as easily been drafted like this...

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Offspring, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

If you accept that line of reasoning, *my line of reasoning*, then most everything else I have argued on this topic makes a lot more sense. If you do not then our debate continues on forever.

But what about these rights... Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness? Can a woman be Happy if she must raise an unwanted OFFSPRING? Maybe, maybe not. Will a mother and father have their Liberty if they must raise an unwanted OFFSPRING? Maybe, maybe not. And on the flip side. Can an OFFSPRING be Happy if it is born as an unwanted OFFSPRING? Maybe, maybe not... but it has been my experience that once they are born they are very easy to keep Happy most of the time... a lot easier than adults. Does an OFFSPRING get to pursue its Happiness at the expense of its mother's and/or father's loss of Happiness? Maybe, maybe not. If it doesn't get to live and thrive, when it is a source of its parent's loss of their Liberty and their pursuit of Happiness, then does/do the parent(s) get to kill their OFFSPRING at any point from conception right up to adulthood... and before it dies some other way... as a result? Well, you know the answer to that. Maybe, maybe not.

Some folks, like you BCHA folks, think you have the right to decide at what point the rights of the OFFSPRING, our Posterity, are less important than the rights of its predecessors, its parents, **We the first generation People**. Some folks, like myself, think those rights are granted equally to both **We the People** and our Posterity, at least until the **U.S. Constitution** itself goes through a 100% legal revision, via the amendment process, and the words themselves are chipped away and replaced with some other words that everyone agrees are better.

Thus it becomes a bit of a **moral and thus a legal quandary**. What is RIGHT and what is WRONG? Do children have the same rights as adults? Do OFFSPRING (at any and all ages) all have the same rights;

such as the “right to life”? And what if there is a conflict between your rights and my rights... and everyone’s OFFSPRING’s rights. Then what?

The answer to this question, as it turns out, is also right there in that very first sentence of our **U.S. Constitution**... if you read it also – ...establish **Justice**,

The **U.S. Constitution** goes on to say, in Article I, Section I, that “All **legislative Powers** herein **granted** shall be **vested in a Congress** of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.” Now, a guy like Obama seems to think these powers were granted to him. That’s why he violates them every time he thinks he can get away with it. So do many other liberals like him. But that’s another story.

None-the-less, the **U.S. Constitution** is a brilliant document. Those who drafted it KNEW what they were doing. They were very rational human beings. They applied logic to much of the first draft and to many of the amendments to the **U.S. Constitution** which followed, in order to create a **fair and Just** society of LAWS; not of **We the individual [women] People** playing god. So, in order for there to be some sort of tie breaking **Justice** across each and every State within the UNION of the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** our countrymen established a CONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE form of GOVERNMENT (not a stinking Socialist or Democratic or Dictatorial form of government) and they laid down the rules of the road within the **U.S. Constitution and the “Bill of Rights”** which soon followed (see below). They agreed that **Congress will have the POWER** to debate and craft **Just LAWS** which we all should try to live by to establish some sort of order out of chaos. *E pluribus unum* – **Out of many, one.**



And, unless these laws say SPECIFICALLY that **We the People** and our Posterity have differing or special rights, then they don't.

And how do you decide when they do and when they don't?

Simple. You read the LAWS (that have evolved out of Congress and our various States over time) and you find out.

In the case of abortion, Congress has taken away some of the OFFSPRINGS's **right to life** (before having written and before having passed these LAWS our OFFSPRING once had the very same... **right to life**... as all our parents have from day one) and Congress granted extra power and **right to life** to the mother [and father]; a god like power to kill their OFFSPRING... but only within certain LIMITS. And, in the case of the USA, some of those LIMITS are dictated by the States themselves (who can still totally outlaw abortion to this very day, Roe v. Wade notwithstanding) and some are dictated at the Federal level; the statutory LIMITS are SHARED between government in Washington D.C. and all the 50 governments at the State level. So, as you migrate/travel from State to State things vary on the abortion front. And the only way to figure that all out is, once again, to read the LAW; beginning with this: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title42/pdf/USCODE-2010-title42-chap6A-subchapIII-partH.pdf...>

Thus, when my ex-wife (and I) aborted our OFFSPRING we did something that, in my opinion, was WRONG (based on the original reading of our Constitution before Congress got going on it) but we also did something that was LEGAL at the time and we had the **right** to do it also. Having a **right**, like that, and exercising that **right** are two different things. It all depends on your MORALITY; once your government opens up the Pandora's Box for you.

But, in this case, what it really amounts to is that those in Congress, those corruptible liberals sitting on the Supreme Court during Roe v. Wade, and most of those in State government, have said, "We are not sure about this one, so because we are not sure, we are going to **compromise** by allowing each individual to exercise their own **Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness** their own way... **within certain limits** as outlined in various **Federal and State LAWS** which **govern** the complicated subject of abortion.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roe_v._Wade

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Note: There is also part of the Roe v. Wade opinion (which is based more on one of the Bill of Rights amendments covering the "right" to privacy against the government than the right to kill the unborn by the woman) which says something about the doctor's rights in all of this. "The Court additionally added that the primary right being preserved in the *Roe* decision was that of the physician's right to practice medicine freely absent a compelling state interest – not women's rights in general."

And, BTW, this kind of government thinking is also provided for, as an option, within our **U.S. Constitution**... specifically as a result of a collection of amendments we call our **Bill of Rights**. "**Amendment X - The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.**"

The **U.S. Constitution** coupled with the **U.S. Bill of Rights** form the supreme **rights We the People** and **our Posterity** have, as long as **We the People** and **our Posterity** decide to retain them.

OK. Now I will continue reading to see if anything else need be said (and it does as it turns out)...

... then all your outrage follows and only abortions where the life of the mother is threatened are morally sound. You are entitled to that opinion. You are NOT entitled to enforce the conclusions drawn from that opinion on the rest of us.

Nor are you. Enforcing "opinions" usually happens in a court of law and a "Justice system". What I do is express my opinions and you can like them or not.

If you insist that everyone accept that the moment of conception creates a human being with all the rights of a toddler, then you are acting just as any Christian or Muslim fundamentalist would and there is little more to discuss. You are on the wrong side of history along with all the religious fanatics who are desperately fighting a rearguard action against the progress of humanity.

I would say my efforts are more like a rearguard action against the disintegration of human morality, wherever it comes from, by people who embrace the philosophies of groups like BCHA, etc.

I notice that you have never commented on my kidney donation analogy. Is it **just as immoral** for you to withhold a histologically matched kidney from someone otherwise dying of kidney disease as it is for a woman to decide before the OFFSPRING has developed a head or a brain that she doesn't want to donate the use of her body for the process of allowing that OFFSPRING to become a viable, if premature, baby?

Short answer. No. In the first case, I make no moral opinion or judgement (except for myself, per the **U.S. Constitution**, which I follow everywhere I go, and per the laws of a given land) concerning a kidney donor (the only person directly affected, generally speaking) who can make up their own moral mind, until someone passes a law against it, one way or the other, or until the donor changes their moral mind over time.

Personally, I refuse to pretend to play the role of a god and donate my actual body parts for others and risk my own health and life in the process. I'll help others live a fruitful and happy life as much as possible, perhaps by donating some blood that I can regenerate. But, I will not go down the slippery slope of treating my body parts and organs as a donor bank for others' to benefit from. Nor will I ever expect others to assist me in a similar manner. That is their moral choice, not mine. But I think humanity is well along the slippery slope on that one, just like they are when it comes to weapons of mass destruction, etc. Science will probably be our undoing sooner or later if we do not put much of it back in the bottle.

In the second case, I have already said my piece; in my opinion it is immoral (for ME for sure) to kill my offspring in order to benefit others, even a mother, **in almost all cases** where there are equally viable options (such as adoption) that could preserve the life of the offspring w/o losing the current life of either parents or any others. And it is immoral to decide to kill one's offspring just so you can donate it

in order to help someone else, just like it is immoral to **KILL** person **A** just to harvest parts to help person **B**... or even **B, C, D and/or E** based on some theory. That's the reason, after much deliberation, I would have chosen to allow my offspring to live and thrive and I would have done, and did, my best to make that happen.

But others (such liberal U.S. Supreme Court justices who love to work their loopholes in the Constitution) have said morality or the opening sentence of the **U.S. Constitution** be-dammed and they have compromised and it is now legal (in the USA)... **IF** done without specific PROFIT (of any kind) to just one single selected other person or group of persons and, instead, is done in a manner which meets the **general Welfare** of all (per that narrow part of the **U.S. Constitution**)... to exercise the abortion option.

In both cases, a decision not to allow your body's boundaries to be violated leads to the death of another human person (in your view), so to be consistent, you should consider the two cases to be equivalent. Do you?

See above. And note that anyone can abstain from sex in order to secure self-safety and boundaries.

Your video from that beautiful, if somewhat contemptuous, young lady lecturing us nasty pro-choice folks about how abortion is an ethical issue which only makes sense if we consider life to start at conception is using a presuppositional argument which I'm sure your deep understanding of logic notifies you, is logically invalid.

I agree somewhat, as she does cover a lot of attempted bases. But she still made a darn good effort to express her views. Much better than some of the views I've heard at some of the BCHA meetings of late. One must assume that everyone sees the logic around the "start of life" process before you can work your way around to any of the rest of the moral arguments around abortion, etc. Apparently there are too many uneducated folks who do not see it like she does. Facts of life.

Similarly, given your understanding of how embryology recapitulates phylogeny, you should be able to understand the difference between a fertilized egg and a days away from being born fetus.

Glad you brought that up, that reminds me. What's the real difference??

If you study the process involved in human offspring creation it takes two normal humans to make it happen. A man and a woman (and it will never happen between two men or two women BTW).

So, first off it takes two of the opposite sex to tango. And, between the two, one must donate their sperm cell and its DNA and the other must donate their ovum cell and its DNA... two, and exactly two, individual cells and, at that point in time, **independent cells**. One ejaculated from the donor male (usually with his eager consent) and one ejected from the female ovary (with or without her eager consent). They can waste those **independent cells** or let nature take its course. But they are doing what comes naturally in most cases either way (until scientists get involved anyway). In any event...

Then those two cells must merge forming the initial OFFSPRING cell, the fertilized egg known as the Zygote [...the **zygote's** genome is a combination of the DNA in each gamete, and contains all of the genetic information necessary to form a new **individual**...] at that point in time. The Zygote, at that point

in time and just after that point (when the sperm and the ovum were moving freely in the uterus) is an **individual**, healthy, alive human cell. It is no longer the mother or the father. It is the new OFFSPRING. Free and clear. But still floating around inside mom. You will also note that the Zygote remains an **individual** set of human cells until and even after it implants into the uterine wall. By growing some more, after implantation, it then transforms into the **individual** embryo. So this **individual** started out as a single **individual**, live cell, then divided and grew, then it finally attached to its parent in the uterus lining, then it mingles its cells and mom's cells and triggers a mutually beneficial link in order to obtain enough sustenance to continue growing (similar to a parasite), and then it grows some more and shifts into a fetus, and it creates its own umbilical cord as it goes through the other phases of life and needs more sustenance from the parent (just like we all do every day to survive) and then, eventually and naturally the **individual** fetus develops into a viable **individual** "baby". And finally it leaves the uterus.

Some people call this the miracle of life, which it is. And it does it all w/o any help from science too.

This entire process takes place between three individuals; the father, the mother, and the OFFSPRING. The mother is easily identified and recognized by her own DNA "signature" which is present in each and every one of her cells. The father is recognized by his own DNA "signature" which is present in each and every one of his cells. And the OFFSPRING (bingo) is recognized by his/her own DNA "signature" (including its own X and Y sex signature) which is present in each and every one of his/her cells.

Anyone could take cell samples from any of these three (3) **individuals** from within a few seconds after the sperm penetrates the egg up to years later and easily identify which of them is which... and who is really mom, who is really dad, and who is really child... or, if you prefer, OFFSPRING. Even if the OFFSPRING is aborted, adopted, transferred into some unnatural surrogate incubator female, frozen and later thawed and then transferred back to mom and allowed to grow, etc. The DNA is the proof of the pudding and what is really going on here. Just like fingerprints used to be proof used to catch other mortals at the scene of a crime, so to speak.

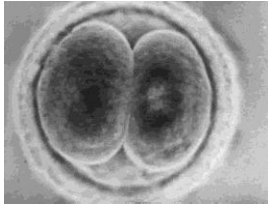
NOTE: Even though the OFFSPRING relies and depends heavily on the female parent for sustenance (and for breast feeding after "birth") until it can attempt to continue its life outside the uterus on its own, it is still a unique and **valuable** member of society, **and the future of society**, just as unique and **valuable** as any other member of the human race at large. Without the OFFSPRING (and men having sex with women vs. men+men or women+women) humanity eventually becomes extinct; which is probably what will happen, unless most of us stay heterosexual vs. LBGT or some other life form which science will cook up next. Thus, the role of the HUMAN OFFSPRING is even more important than the role of some scientist researching a way to keep some human adult alive years later than normal. The role of the OFFSPRING is imperative for the human species to continue and thrive. And that's the part where people like you and people like me part ways... morality or not.

I agree that there are moral issues there with late term abortions, and that is why they are extremely rare and in the vast majority of cases are done because the baby has zero chance of surviving for long after birth and/or the mother has an unacceptable risk of dying if the pregnancy were to continue. I agree that it is morally wrong for a woman to change her mind in the 8th month and abort because her plan to trap a reluctant lover into marriage has failed, but I disagree that laws banning abortions at any stage are A Good Idea because of the Kidney Donation analogy, and the principle of body autonomy.

I think we may have two differing views of the “principle of body autonomy”. Mine was just outlined directly above.

If a person doesn't own her own body, she is not a person.

YES, she is a person, and so am I, and it is our body, which our DNA will identify, even back when our body was just a couple cells.



Does the mother have more “rights” than her sex partner or her offspring? Many (illogical/emotional) women seem to think the answer is YES. Many men, like me, say NO... unless we are willing, as I was, to proxy our vote to their sex partner for their sake and happiness. And there are many other women, BTW, who see it like me also. That’s where the debate is. Not IF she is her “own” person or not.

She has a status too alarmingly close to that of cattle. I notice that you have not given sources for your assertion regarding how commonly abortions are used as a primary means of birth control. That, IMHO, is an a priori extremely unlikely assertion and without credible references, I continue to doubt it is real.

I did supply a link that leads to some stats, etc. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion#Incidence>

I do not recall claiming abortion was a primary means of birth control. In fact abortion is not birth control at all. It is simply killing an offspring. And miscarriage is usually caused when, for some reason, the offspring dies in the uterus. Neither of these actually constitute birth control per se. But the rhythm method does, and it does require a lot of self-control in the process also. The pill, day after pill, IUD, and condom are more like pregnancy control. Birth control, like PP, is kind of a misnomer if you ask me. How many people actually plan their parenthood at PP anyway? Get real.

I also notice that your contempt for sexually active women shines through just as if you were a fundamentalist Christian or Muslim. I find your attitudes very difficult to reconcile with your assertions regarding being an Atheist and materialist.

Materialist? Whatever.

I happen to think that religious people spend a lot more time studying morality, based on history and human sociology, handed down and spread over thousands of years, that has both worked and failed, and that they have found a lot of sound rational for many of their belief systems in the process. Just like they were able to draft a great Constitution in many countries like the USA and Canada BTW. Do I think they understand human life as well as those who study it, like scientists? Some do, some do not. But

they are no less wise than the rest of us, if they put their mind to it. Being an atheist does not make us better gods or more intelligent people or more moral. If you think it does, you have another think coming. Thou shalt NOT kill is a pretty smart rule to follow. And if everyone followed it there would be a lot less death and destruction and chaos in the world. But tell that to the liberated, non-religious or even the fanatically religious people of the world who try to wipe each other out... and who lack any moral compass at all... and who the rest of us must fear and defend ourselves against at every turn.

The gotcha video makers did violate laws regarding making a video and showing it publicly without the other person's knowledge or consent.

That depends on what law and which country. You know if you go out in public in nearly any country now days someone is recording YOU via some security or satellite camera, etc. It is not against the law and they do not have to get your permission. And, even if it was, you could never enforce it. Funny thing about the web also. You can place recorded info (data files) on a server in a place where it is 100% legal and just let it sit there until someone else, like you, comes along and runs a client browser program and voluntarily downloads it and bingo. No law broken and no foul. I suggest you start digging through a vast law library and see if you are right about that one or not. I think you are dead wrong. But I'll see what you can dig up here in Canada or there in the USA where the rubber on this one meets the road.

They did and do have a clear agenda. They do have ties to Christian terrorists. PP is not Big Abortion, but a very much needed supplier of family planning, contraception, and yes, abortion advice. Only 4% of their work involves abortions.

I have no bone to pick with any of that, true or false.

The misleading headlines which you think everyone can ignore are designed to create the false impression that PP's primary business is performing abortions on fetuses days away from being full term, and then hacking them into small pieces and selling those pieces for an enormous profit. In fact, they merely refer clients to abortion providers, and as shown in the videos, arrange for aborted embryos to be appropriately stored and shipped to medical research facilities which use them to ultimately save the lives of entities which we can all agree are human persons. They do not use the proceeds from these transactions to buy Ferraris. They do not profit from these transactions, they merely cover the costs involved.

If that's the case then PP has nothing to worry about... do they? If that's not the case then maybe they do. That will all come out in the wash.

I have wracked my brain for any rational reason to give an aborted fetus a "decent burial", or to give that to anyone for that matter.

Burial and memorials have always been hard for me to be involved in as well. I think it helps those who are the OFFSPRING psychologically, by having a cemetery they can go visit to ponder life and lost family members. And perhaps it helps people get through the grieving process many of us humans go through when we lose family and friends and idols we worship. That's psychology and sociology and not my best subject.

But, I will tell you this. I often wonder if my lost offspring was my only daughter or not?? If so she would have been the light of my life. Just like my sons. Maybe more. And when I think about it, like I am right now, I get very disturbed and upset and sad and I start to cry... because I will never know. Human morning can last forever too. And that's pretty fucked up. But I gave away my vote. So I must live with it. And who the hell cares about guys, who care about their lovers, wives and their offspring, like me anyway? It's just the woman who gets to choose. Right?

The only reasons I can think of are based on religious delusions of some kind of afterlife or soul which might be offended or somehow affected by how its body was disposed. My body (like my mother's before me) is going back to university when I die to be cut up for parts and/or for practice by medical students in anatomy class. I see absolutely no moral value in wasting materials which could help my fellow humans live or live better lives just because those materials were once part of a human being - including me.

I'll grant you that. You seem like a pretty moral guy to me. Even if we do not see eye to eye on everything... or anything. Hang in there man. And don't give it all away too soon. ... Chuck

Regards, Ullrich