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Subject: Re: I need some good Conservative/Republican types

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Wow. Not too sure where to catch up from, but I know that I'm going to stay away from the Hippie and whether or not the eggs should be eaten.

Historically, when abortion was illegal there was a serious problem with "back alley" doctors, and a high rate of harm or death to the women that resorted to them. Does that justify legalizing abortion? No, I don't think so at all. I liked the idea of taxation/education in conjunction with abortion, but I'm not sure the it would fly past the ACLU. I was friends with a Judge in downstate IL that decided that a woman that had becme pregnant 3 times, and had killed one of the children and hurt another shoudl have the Norplant long term birth control implanted. She was barely of functional IQ, and lived in a trailer park near a less than nice bar. Seems that she had a habit of frequenting the bar and winding up pregnant, repeatedly. The ACLU got involved and after the whole thing was over it was deemed that her right to get pregnant was primary. Go figure.

One of the things that I have learned is that in issues like this the law is often not broad enough to encompass the issue very well. Making legal decisions with set parameters is one thing, dealing with Humans and their individual needs is quite another. The ability of any law to cover the needs of many is suspect at best, and the more intimate the matter is the more difficult the decisions become. Abortion is probably the epitome of this issue facing the US right now. We aren't so much deciding whether or not abortion should be legal, we are deciding whether it is or is not acceptable morally. Inherent to that is that ultimately there will be those that decide and those that are imposed upon. We all know that it is wrong to speed, and that going 80 in a 65 zone is illegal. How many people believe that it is "wrong"? We all know that murder is illegal, but there are times when it is "right" like in self-defense, but wrong in "cold blood". Of course there are those that will argue that murder is wrong under any conditions.

All of the logical and rational discussion has covered aspects that I certainly have left off of my daily thinking, as I operate more in the emotional based realm than the logical and haven't argued this issue in many years (10+). Certainly not trying to sound condescending, I am pretty awed by the arguments.

What I would ask is to consider it emotionally. Consider the issue not as a legal question, but as a first person question that could apply to you, your girlfriend, your wife, sister or friend. If it was your sister, that was in her senior year and did a stupid thing, would you want her to have to not graduate? Would you want your parents to have to start raising kids again? Don't think of this as a legal issue, think of it as a human issue. It is easy from a detached perspective to say that "This is right, this is wrong..." but when you are in the position things change. Rather like the saying that "there are no athiests on a battlefield", we all learn the other aspects of the issue when we step in them.

It is late for me, and my reality has been inundated by client issues, so I am off to sleep. I appreciate all of your comments. Oh, and one thing, is there a Mod that can split this thread off or at least change the title? Sheesh, that one is getting old.

-Arcane1

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