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Hi.

I once was told that my wife was pregnant with a child that would be born very deformed and should decide if we wanted to abort the child.

There was not one second that allowed us to consider that early pregnancy as anything other than precious and it was our job to protect that life, and we chose to reject any thought of abortion.

I have a number of friends that have children with mild and severe physical and mental problems - none of them would ever consider getting rid of the children. Not now or before they were born, even if it is a cost to them.

When a natural disaster occurs in our country we gather around and show our best side even when it costs us.

When it comes to children we should care all the more. and protect them, and if the mother isnt able to care for it then there are so many people that would love the child if they could adopt it. There is no need for the killing of children.

A child is not a child after it is born, but from conception, and is the most vulnerable before it is born because some would just destroy it for 'social' reasons. SO - who is looking after the child ??????????

To continue to devalue life is a a travesty.

The first I knew about abortion was when it was first legalised in the sixties (approx), and then we were promised it would be controlled, and not available easily, and there were checks and balances and just stop backyard abortions where the mother was at risk, and those who opposed it were derided and told of the safeguards. What happened?

Well abortion is regularly used now as contraception, and with no safeguards in the early stages of pregnancy, but now you want to keep moving safeguards away.

Please dont do this.

Life is worth way more than being terminated at will.

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