

I note that the background Consultation Paper issued by the Law Reform Commission request for comment including most of the comments from the United Nations and are to say the least very misleading.

The document actually quotes some of the arguments from the Roe V Wade Decision, United States Supreme Court Decision 1973. Especially in the area relating to quickening or when human life begins. The document infers that the religious understanding of quickening until the mid to late 19th century was that quickening did not happen for about 40 days for males and 80 days for females. This is a true statement. However, the document does not actually explain why this was the prevailing thought until this time.

To do this, we need to understand that historically both the medical and scientific understanding of conception was that that the seminal fluid of the male and the menstrual blood of the female mixed together and over a period of time contraception occurred.

In fact, following Aristotle, Thomas thought that life originates from the semen and the menstrual blood, that neither is alive, and that the very limited, active instrumental power in the semen only gradually organizes the blood into a body which can begin to grow and nourish itself.

What changed this view of conception?

In the 19th century (1826) the female ovum was discovered in Sea Urchins. The human female ovum was discovered in 1827. About this time, it was discovered that conception in humans occurred when the male spermatozoa entered the female ovum. Given these scientific discoveries, the religious view of quickening changed.

The current medical and scientific definition of when conception, quickening or when human life begins is when the female ovum is fertilised by the male sperm. Given this is a medical and scientific fact; it completely negates the assertion by some that human life begins only after the embryo can feel pain, after birth or at some other time. If the zygote, cytotblast, embryo were not human already, it could never be made human at a future time. The zygote, cytotblast, embryo is not a part of the mother or father. It is its own identity; its own life and has its own growth.

The way modern science uses zygotes, cytotblasts, and embryos also proves the above statements that even at early these stages of growth they are human beings are true. Today, scientists are fertilising female ova to extract **HUMAN** DNA and stem cells at the zygote and multi cell cytotblast stage of human development. The abortion industry in some countries is selling the by-products like blood and other tissue from aborted human beings, to further this human genetic research and increase the profitability of their companies. If the zygotes, cytotblasts, and embryo tissue they use was not already human, their research and experiments in relation to human DNA and stem cells could not be being conducted.

Another erroneous assumption obvious in this document is that historically the religious / Christian community did not have prohibitions in relation to abortion and that abortion was tolerated t least prior to quickening. However, when we read one of the earliest Christian documents "The Didache" or Teachings of the Apostles, which dates from between 60 to 90 AD, this assumption is found to be totally untrue. Section 2.2 of this document states in part "*you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill them when born*". It interesting to note, that there are two Greek verbs used in this quotation. In Greek philology, the verb used in relation to abortion is always used in connection with premeditated murder and the verb used in relation to a born child is most times used in connection with accidental killing or manslaughter.

Further, other Christian documents from the 1st to 7th centuries prohibited and saw abortion at any time, even before quickening as the murder of an innocent human being or as a contraceptive act, on which there was also a prohibition.

If the bill before the Queensland Parliament is passed throughout Australia, then parliamentarians 'are condemning a minimum of 75,600 Australian women, not to mention many men, to years of depression and the costs of being treated. Studies have shown that the average treatment duration for Post Abortion Depression is around 5 years and more that 91% of abortive mothers seek help.

Further, the depth of depression is much greater when RU486 is the abortifacient, because the mother is usually alone when her body expels the child from the womb, and there is no other person she can share the blame with as in surgical abortions, where the woman will not even see the usually [REDACTED] of the child.

There are also indicators of new psychological issues emerging around the world; one called Sibling Post Abortion Syndrome (SPAS). Where some siblings of aborted babies have an intrinsic knowledge they have a brother or sister. SPAS, brings on similar depression issues that arise when a twin dies, even though the sibling does not know the mother had an abortion. Another one is Post Abortion Survivor Syndrome. In my work as a Social Scientist, I see and deal with the aftermath of abortion on a daily basis, and it is not a pretty picture to look at or work with.

When one looks at the pro-abortion debate, you find that it is predicated on lies and fallacies. The first arrow shot in the pro debate is usually: it is my body I can do what I want: LIE – it is not just the woman's body but someone else's, see the photographs below. Another is that it is not a baby, it is just a mass of conception-produced tissue: LIE – abortionists use this term to stop women thinking about the reality of what they are doing, especially when they ask is it a baby. The biggest fallacy is calling abortion female reproductive health. Reproductive health surely is ensuring that a woman can conceive and to attempt to rectify any problems, not ripping out a child from a woman who has a proven healthy reproductive system.

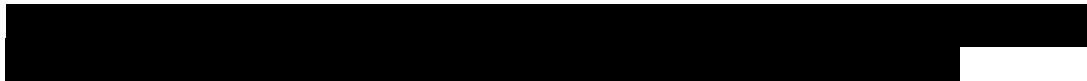
Historical abortion statistics, Australia

Year	abortions	Male	Female
2006	83900	41950	41950
2007	84000	42000	42000
2008	83900	41950	41950
2009	83600	41800	41800
2010	76500	38250	38250
2011	72600	36300	36300
2012	72000	36000	36000
2013	70000	35000	35000
2014	66300	33150	33150
2015	63200	31600	31600
Total	756000	378000	378000

Source [REDACTED]

The Syrian observatory for human rights, a Britain-based war monitor, advised that so far about 465,000 people killed and missing in Syria's 6 year civil war.

Source



If this is extrapolated for a 10 year period the number would be 775000. This is just 19000 above the 10 year total abortions in Australia. Given the hue and cry from most politicians in the Queensland Parliament about the slaughter in Syria, I believe that any politician that votes for the current abortion bill before the Parliament is an outright hypocrite.

I am utterly disgusted that the committee has decided not to accept any photos of a foetus or results of medical procedures. Before he became President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln stated that if the average person saw what [redacted] really was they would do away with it. Through speaking tours [redacted] and journal articles with pictures, he got this message out, and won a majority in the Electoral College. The committee by not accepting photographs is stifling any debate or factual knowledge about abortion.

However, I have sent photographs in a second attachment (if you want to see the real thing) that show the aftermath of various abortion procedures. You can easily see in the first one that it was a human being that had been ripped apart by mechanical instruments. The other 2 are self explanatory. I am with Abraham Lincoln, if people could see what abortion is they would put a stop to it.

When researching this submission, I found this statement in the Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching states: "Democracy as a form of government, in fact, is no panacea. It can become intolerant, dangerous, and even inhuman if it does not build upon the notion of an objective moral order. If democracy is built upon a people who have rejected an objective order--so that all morality is conventional, a matter of agreement only--then there is great danger of a form of tyranny". Ergo a democracy can quickly become a dictatorship, when policies and laws are not based on an objective moral order.

When a government moves away from an objective moral order, then others do too. Although I have not heard about this happening in Australia, but the possibility of this or something similar happening is high. There are abortion mills in the USA that actually have a monthly quota. In one instance, the staff in a chain of abortion mills befriended young women and girls; and then turned them against their parents in matters relating to sexuality. They deliberately gave them low dose contraception medication or faulty condoms, so they would get pregnant and come back to them for an abortion. Their aim was to get repeat business. The abortion mill planned on performing 3 – 5 abortions on 13 to 18 year olds, once they had been to them the first time, their befriending and so called assistance was not for the health or the well being of the person, but the adulation of their gods, money and profit.

Not only is abortion the murder of an innocent human being, it is intrinsically evil, and by implication the proponents and those who vote for it, it is a threat to national security. Why is this so? Over the past 7 to 10 years, the defence force has had difficulty in retaining members. They were also having problems in recruiting new members. Successive governments in their wisdom, decided to overcome this in part by:

- Reducing the fitness standards
- Allowing the recruitment of people with criminal convictions, even drug offences

Further, Australia is recruiting members from foreign defence forces that have already been trained in various skills. This could be seen as building a mercenary defence force if not for

the guarantee that their citizenship will be fast tracked (Why?) and as well as their promotion to the next higher equivalent rank. If lowering the recruitment standards is not a threat to national security, I do not know what is

The average age demographic for defence force recruitment is between 18 and 30. On the mean figures quoted above. If abortion on demand were not a part of the Australian culture, the recruiting pool in any one year would have somewhere near an extra 907200 to be chosen from. This would give an assurance that standards for defence force recruitment would not have had to be lowered.

I have to admit, that I am pro-choice. But it depends on when and what the choice is about. 99.5% of conceptions come about through consensual intercourse. The percentage of people who do not know that intercourse results in conception would be less than 0.2%. This being the case, then the choice is do I have intercourse or not. Once this choice is made, there are no other choices, other than to protect all people that become involved because of that choice, including the unborn. Everyone should be pro-choice but definitely not pro-murder