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Abortion can be likened to the act of taking lives during Black Slavery or the Gassing of Jews during the Hitler regime. Likened in the sense that the victims had no voice, they were not valued as human beings the same as the rest of society, and likened in that the act of murdering them was thought not to be of any immorality.

Times have changed and for the most part society has caught up to the fact that all races and ethnicities and abilities are worthy of life. We reflect on history in deep and utter shame at the atrocities that took place and we identify with how unjust those acts of treatment were.

Despite the fact that a baby can be registered with Births Deaths and Marriages if found to show signs of life at birth or after completing 20 weeks as a fetus, and despite our medical institutions providing facilities and treatment to sustain babies born at these gestations; we still have a group who suggest that life is dispensable at this stage of the fetus' development. To make things worse we now have a Parliamentarian pledging a Bill suggesting that life is dispensable at full term gestation.

Unfortunately when we look back on history, human civilisation allowed the taking of many lives due to the fact that there were a subset group who had twisted morals and ideologies, who justified murder to be a freedom of choice for the owner or authority to commit.

Why in our modern civilisation do we still have similar acts of ending life? Is it a choice that the owner or authority (Mother/Doctor) should be entitled to? I ask the reader to reflect on history and think deeply about the moral and justice issues behind abortion. Whether you believe in God, the Universe, or Mother Nature, does another Human Being have the entitlement to take the life of another? Especially when they have no voice.