

ABORTION AS GAY BASHING?

Gays and the unborn have an important characteristic in common: In the minds of many people we are considered **less than human**. And because we are considered less than human, we are not deemed entitled to the basic human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

There is nothing academic about this comparison. If, as recent scientific discoveries suggest, homosexuality has a **genetic basis**, the day is not far off when doctors will be able to determine if a child in the womb is predisposed to be gay. Once medical science achieves that ability, it will be possible to do by legal, surgical procedure what all the homophobes and gay-bashers throughout history have tried and failed to do -- to **eliminate lesbians and gays** once and for all.

As soon as this "final solution" becomes available, a couple that finds gay sexuality an affront to their sensibilities won't have to face up to it -- not in their own family, anyway. Or suppose that the parents-to-be

consider themselves to be good liberals. They may still decide that homosexuality is too great a handicap for their unborn son or daughter to carry through life -- or an added complication in child-rearing that they themselves can do without. Why should they borrow trouble when it would be so much easier to try again in the hope of producing a straight child?

The brutality of abortion hits home when you consider that this "procedure" could have snuffed you out before you drew your first breath. When **sexual orientation** becomes grounds for abortions, it is difficult to argue that a fetus is not human. If we exterminate a fetus because of his or her intrinsic nature, we are acknowledging that that fetus has the qualities of a **unique human being**.

Pro-choice advocates say that the issue of abortion boils down to a question of whether or not people have the right to do what they choose with their own bodies -- therefore gays and lesbians should be pro-choice. But once abortion is perceived as a legal means of **exterminating** lesbians and gays,

the underlying fallacy of the "pro-choice" position is exposed.

The **freedom** for each of us to dispose of our bodies as we see fit does not give us the freedom to dispose of *someone else's* body. No one has the right to decide for others whether they will live or die. Each human life is its own justification for being.

Pro-choicers talk about abortion rights without acknowledging what abortion really is -- **a violent act**. Stop and consider what happens in an abortion: a human being is ripped apart; then it dies. Doesn't your intuition tell you that something horrible is happening?

America's abortion on demand policy - - the most sweeping of any developed democracy -- says that some lives can be exterminated at will; **birth is a privilege** reserved for those deemed eligible. While that policy exists, neither gays nor lesbians -- nor, for that matter, the disabled, the elderly, the terminally ill, or any other class of human beings who may be considered "expendable" -- are safe.

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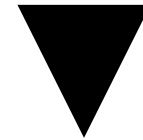
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