

VICTIMS: LESBIANS, GAYS, AND THE UNBORN

Lesbians and gay men should be concerned about the protection of human life.

After all, we know what it's like to have our lives and rights trampled on, especially the basic human right just to keep on living. Just ask anyone who's been bashed, or whose insurance won't cover life-saving medical care. Thanks to homophobia, our right to life is in danger everyday.

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So what have we done about it? We fight homophobia in every way we can. We organize. We lobby. We vote. And, we demand the same basic rights heterosexuals take for granted.

But lesbians and gay men are not the only ones whose rights get trashed. Everyday, other groups of people are walked over because of their gender, race, ethnic background, religion, political affiliations -- you name it. We've come to realize that we can't work for our own rights alone, while others suffer discrimination. So we work for their rights too.

Why? Because their rights and our rights are the same human rights. Not different -- exactly the same. None of us is truly free until all of us are free, with all our rights intact and guaranteed, including the basic right to live without threat or harassment.

And that's why we're Pro-Life. Just like homophobia, abortion tries to get rid of real human beings who are considered threatening or undesirable. Just like homophobia, abortion denies one's place as a member of human society, and even one's right to be alive in it.

We know all too well what that's like. And we know that no one deserves it, for any reason. If we demand legal protection and full rights for ourselves, then we must demand the same for any group who doesn't have them. And that must include unborn human beings.

We're concerned not only for pre-born babies but their mothers as well. Often women conceive in tragic circumstances. Some women fear that pregnancy will jeopardize their jobs and careers. Many feel that the financial burden is too much for them to bear. These women face tough situations and their concerns are not trivial. We know this. We also know that a society which offers the deaths of their children as an acceptable choice doesn't place much value on human life, period -- women's lives included.

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Pro-Life lesbians and gay men work for a society where human life is better valued than it is today. Everyone's life. Where each person is guaranteed the human rights that belong to us all, whether we are female, male, gay, straight, white, people of color, post born or pre-born. We work for real choices for women so that they do not feel that abortion is their only alternative.

In the history of the gay and lesbian community there has not been an organization to take action on these convictions until the **PRO-LIFE ALLIANCE OF GAYS AND LESBIANS**. In 1990 PLAGAL came into being out of the rock bottom belief that when anything threatens human life, rights, or dignity, that threat must go. Homophobia's one such threat. Abortion's another.

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Interested? Have questions? Want to receive more information? Complete the slip on the other side and send it in, visit us on the web at www.plagal.org or you can call us at (202) 223-6697. All correspondence is confidential.

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For all our lives.

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8% Abortion is wrong and should be unlawful under any circumstances

12% Abortion is wrong except to save the life of the mother

9% Abortion is wrong except to save the life of the mother and in cases of rape and incest.

3% Abortion is wrong except to save the life of the mother and in cases of rape, incest, infant deformity, disease, or retardation.

8% Abortion is wrong except to save the life of the mother and in cases of rape, incest, infant deformity, disease, or retardation, and where the child is unwanted and will not have a good quality of life.

3% undecided

Survey of Gay Community views on abortion in 1995 by Cecilia Brown

4% other

3% "Personally opposed" but felt abortion should be legal

15% Abortion is permissible for any reason until the fetus can survive outside the womb

12% Abortion is permissible for any reason except to select the sex or sexual orientation of the child.

15% Abortion is permissible for any reason the woman chooses, at anytime during the pregnancy and no legal restrictions should be imposed, including parental notification and no delay for informed consent.

20% Abortion is permissible for any reason the woman chooses, at anytime during the pregnancy and no legal restrictions should be imposed, and the government should pay for the procedure if a woman cannot afford the expense.

Join Us

If you're part of the GLBT community or just an open minded individual who shares our Pro-life convictions, we invite you to join PLAGAL.

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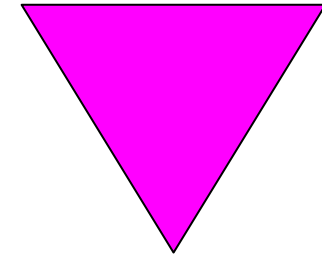
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Serving the individual*