

# **The Biggest Lie and What to Do About It**

*A Response to Pro-Abortion Propaganda*

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## **Forward**

Have you had an abortion?

If you have performed abortions, procured an abortion, worked in an abortionist's office, or advocated for abortion on demand, you will probably find this booklet pretty tough to take. I'm sorry. It's certainly not intended to add to your pain. It's intended to spare others the anguish you have known.

Although the truth hurts, the truth also heals. So please don't be afraid of what you read here. It's better to recognize our failures, admit them, and recover from them than it is to ignore them, excuse them, and persist in them.

We must be honest with ourselves. We must be gentle on ourselves. When we have fallen we must get back up again, seeking forgiveness and counsel. And, of course, we must forgive ourselves.

Please read this booklet with an open heart and mind. Then, if it touches you, give your utmost to helping others see what you have seen and discover what you have come to know.

If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, you might be tempted to say I'm too judgmental in my approach to those who disagree with me on abortion. After all, Jesus cautioned us about the judgments we make, telling us that if we do judge, we must be prepared to be judged by the same standards: "...let your judgment be according to what is right" (John 7:24) and "...the judgments you give are the judgments you will get"(Matthew 7:2).

I will, therefore, gladly defend the standards according to which the judgments in this booklet are made. I also welcome the application of those same criteria in any judgments that might be made about me.

Please understand that every word you read here is rooted in a firm conviction that love is always better than hate. The statements made here reflect a belief in compassion, not indifference; tolerance rather than rejection; selflessness, not selfishness; patience rather than expediency; peace, not violence; and, justice rather than anything that in any meaningful way, injures the dignity or devalues the worth of any human being.

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## Simple Truth

*“The foolish reject what they see, not their opinions; the wise reject their opinions, not what they see.” ~ Huang Po*

Chances are pretty good you’ve already seen something about abortion today. This nation is embroiled in an “abortion issue” controversy, after all. Chances are even better, however, that you won’t see anything even suggesting it might be an avoidable quarrel. What a shame, because the “abortion issue” is controversy that can be put to rest if we, as a society, simply accept the simple truth.

If we would just allow common sense to prevail over so-called conventional wisdom, the argument about abortion would end, rational conversation would commence, and a consensus would be reached. But we probably won’t give it a try, will we/ No, we’re too busy airing our “opinions” to give “what we see” any kind of chance.

Carefully manipulated public opinion—rather than personal and practical experience—shapes our national abortion policy. That which should matter more than anything seems to matter hardly at all. It’s an intolerable situation.

And it’s a situation that can only be rectified when more of us, heeding Huang Po’s insight, reject the well-packaged foolishness and embrace the genuine, albeit unconventional, wisdom.

Abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy ((Roe v. Wade) and for any reason whatever (Doe v. Bolton) is the law of this land. It is also the worst kind of injustice imaginable; a tyranny imposed upon those who are surely the most victimized members of the human race: the utterly poor (they own absolutely nothing), horribly oppressed (one of out of three dies), and cruelly exploited (researchers are developing ways to use their bodies as “spare parts” for others’ unborn babies held hostage in their mothers’ wombs).

Although some recent court decisions have allowed for a few restrictions on abortion, the laws they sanction simply call for adherence to the reasonable norms expected of any other medical practice. Restrictive legislation has been enacted by very few states and the laws do not in any way change the situation created by Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Abortion on demand is the law of this land.

Our acceptance of that fact is, arguably, the taproot of our society’s massive harvest of problems with bigotry, violence, and every kind of abuse. If, after all, we say it is acceptable to kill our own babies, how can we say anything else is wrong? If we

continue to allow big people to kill little people who get in their way, how can we expect anything less than savagery in our homes and barbarism on our streets?

We're not just talking about "ending pregnancies" when we talk about abortion. We're talking about killing babies. And about killing them without first allowing them access to any due process of law. We're talking about something sick and uncivilized. No wonder our society is in the mess it's in.

This booklet is intended to help us understand how we've been tricked into passively standing by while our homeland has become such a shambles. Read it and add your own insights to it; memorize it and carry it with you in your pocket or your purse; initiate conversations about abortion on demand and use this common sense to counteract the nonsense that has mutated into our culture's "conventional wisdom."

The simple truth is all that's needed to expose The Big Lie.

As we begin this booklet's presentation of that truth, let's first define abortion, abortion on demand, pro-choice, and pro-life, four terms we encounter often in the controversy at hand...

Any reference to abortion on these pages is a reference to the deliberate destruction of an unborn human baby. It does not refer to miscarriage, an unintended and spontaneous abortion, or to contraception, a conscious use of technology to thwart the natural process of conception.

The phrase abortion on demand is used to describe the legal status of procured abortion in the United States at this time. It includes abortion for any reason whatsoever, at any time during pregnancy, and by any methods available—including RU-486, the so-called "morning-after" pill, or any other means of waging chemical warfare on the unborn.

Activists on both sides of the abortion controversy are probably guilty of either political posturing or semantic smoke-screening when we refer to ourselves as pro-choice and pro-life. We obviously want to put a positive spin on our positions, associating ourselves with the sweet sound of "choice" or the inspiring imagery of "life." In fact, people who accept abortion as a reasonable choice are "pro-abortion," and people who reject abortion as a legitimate social policy are "anti-abortion." so those are the terms that should be used whenever possible.

## **Simple Minds**

*"Rather than love, rather than money, rather than fame, give me truth."* ~ Henry David Thoreau

Adolf Hitler didn't think much of the common folk. He based much of his leadership style on contempt for the ways in which ordinary people live their lives. Unfortunately, his style was very successful; and the world suffered indescribably horror as a result.

Because most of us are usually honest, as well as rather complacent, Hitler realized we are vulnerable to well-told lies. We are too naive and trusting. Since we don't lie about really important things, we assume others don't lie about them either. We allow manipulators to wrap pretty words around the ugliness they believe, making it appear acceptable. We are also too comfortable and faint-hearted. Even when we do recognize injustice, we're so afraid of "making waves," we hesitate to do anything about it. We try to overlook it or explain it away. And we end up tolerating intolerably unjust social policies.

*The receptive power of the masses is very slight; their understanding is very restricted. Such being the case, all effective propaganda must be confined to a few bare necessities...a few stereotyped formulae...*

*In the big lie, there is always a certain chance of credibility...in the primitive simplicity of their minds, they more readily fall for the big lie than the small one...*

Adolf Hitler,  
*Mein Kampf*, Hutchinson, 1969

His insight enabled Hitler and the Nazi propagandists to lead the German people into approving the slaughter of some six million Jews. Hammering away at "a few stereotyped formulae," they convinced legions of followers that the Jews were responsible for Germany's woes; that the Jews were "non-persons" before the law; and, that killing the "sub-human" Jewish species was an acceptable solution to problems the Germans faced.

Like it or not, Hitler's perception was accurate. The German people were duped. The Holocaust happened. The "big lie" propaganda technique worked. And it is still working. No one is saying they're crypto-Nazis or such, but here and now the propagandists for Planned Parenthood, the National Organization for Women (NOW), and the NARAL Pro-Choice America are using The Big Lie technique to deceive millions of common folk into accepting the intentional dismemberment and death of unborn babies—abortion on demand—as legitimate, even preferred, social policy.

*"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing."* ~ Edmund Burke

## **Simple Slogans**

*"The greatest homage we can pay to truth, is to use it."* ~ James Russell Lowell

We must, therefore, scrutinize the fifteen "formulae" most often used by pro-abortion propagandists. We must see The Big Lie they have developed and propagated for what it is, a cunning campaign to capitalize on our cowardice and hide the truth from what they hop is the "primitive simplicity of (our) minds."

As Adolf Hitler did before them, the Planned Parenthood, NOW, and NARAL propagandists are betting the body politic is stupid. They have surfaced "a few bare necessities," distilled them down to simple slogans, and relentlessly pounded them into our nation's collective consciousness.

So far, they are winning the bet. A psychic numbness has set in and ambivalence about abortion has become the national attitude. The Big Lie has, once again, been used to manipulate the masses into cooperating with a system of incomprehensible horror; in this case, the torture and destruction of an unborn baby in this country every five seconds of every working day - 1.5 million abortions every year.

### **SLOGAN #1**

*Abortion is a matter of personal choice...*

The freedom to make personal choices is a basic human right. Not all choices, however, are worthy of constitutional endorsement. The choice to deny a job to someone on the basis of race, for example, cannot be given legal sanction. It is an unjust choice that must be restricted by law.

The problem with abortion, therefore, isn't about people making choices; it's about the choices people make. The only choice in a decision to commit abortion is this: Does the baby continue to live or does the baby get killed? And there simply is no "right" to choose death for a human being, not in a civilized society, there isn't. Not, at least, without first entering into some kind of disinterested due process of law; the means by which any conflict of rights must be resolved in a pluralistic society.

The Big Lie emphasizes the mother's right to make personal decisions over the unborn baby's right to continue living. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the abstract notion as a "choice" rather than on the concrete reality of the consequence that comes with it. The choice for an abortion is the choice to dismember and kill an unborn child. And that is a terribly unjust, barbaric, and unacceptable choice.

*Legal abortion is not personal liberty; abortion on demand is outright tyranny.*

### **SLOGAN #2**

*A woman has the right to control her own body...*

A mother certainly does have the right to control her own body. To say the baby in her

womb is part of her body is, however, to betray a prejudice for putting sympathetic feeling above scientific facts.

Every cell in the woman's body has the same structure; every cell in the baby's body has a different structure from that of the mother and unique to the baby. They are two entirely different people. The mother is female; the baby can be male. Both the mother and child have their own vital organs and blood systems.

The child is not part of her mother's body any more than an astronaut is part of a space shuttle. A mother and the child in her womb are two distinct human beings.

Sure, the right to self-control is as right that must be protected and promoted. But any so-called "right" to control the destiny of someone else is bogus. There is no such right to such a profound injustice.

The Big Lie emphasizes one of a mother's rights over all of the unborn baby's human rights. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the woman's needs while discontinuing entirely any needs of the child whom came into her womb. Abortion involves much more than the mother's body. Abortion involves one person causing the death of another, a unique and growing, innocent and helpless human being.

*Legal abortion is not heartfelt compassion; abortion on demand is heartless cruelty.*

### **SLOGAN #3**

*Abortion is a private decision...*

The right to privacy is an important human right. No citizen should be subjected to harassment and unrestricted interference by government agents, church authorities, or anybody else.

However, the constitutional responsibility to "promote the general welfare" is an important matter, too. As a result, laws often restrict personal liberties because some personal decisions have a direct and negative impact on others. Smokers, for example, are forbidden to smoke on airplanes and drinkers are prosecuted for tippling in their cars.

There's nothing private about abortion. The decision to procure an abortion directly affects the life of an unborn baby. She dies.

The Big Lie emphasizes the mother's right to a private life over society's responsibility to protect its weakest members. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on relishing personal freedoms rather than on creating a just social order. Abortion is much more than personal cosmetic surgery. It is not like having a wart removed. Abortion kills another human being.

*Legal abortion is not a triumph of independence; abortion on demand is injustice.*

**SLOGAN #4**

*Nobody knows when life begins...*

It's correct that we cannot say for certain when life begins. What is known with certainty, however, is that life is - and has been - passed on each and every time a conception takes place. Life began a long, long time ago. And life continues with each baby conceived. It's an unbroken thread tying each individual to others who have lived before.

The journey of human life is a journey from two-cell zygote to two trillion-cell adult. The only biological difference between an unborn child and a mature grown-up is the amount of time and nourishment they're allowed to enjoy. Little people become big people bit by bit, a little at a time. Stop the progression at any point in the journey and life has been ended. An 18-year-old high school valedictorian, for example, is a 225-month-old "product of conception" who wasn't aborted. A human fetus is not a "potential life." The unborn child is, rather, a "potential adult" who is very much alive.

Even if we didn't know that the unborn child is a living human being, there's still no basis for tolerating abortion on demand. All benefits of all doubts should always be given in favor of life. That's why ambulances race to emergency rooms with horribly mangled accident victims, after all.

The Big Lie emphasizes the otherworldly appearance of an embryo over scientific fact. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on distorted opinions of reality rather than on reality of itself. The genetic code determining everything about a human being is present from the moment of conception. Women don't give birth to cabbages or frogs; whatever comes out of the womb was in the womb during pregnancy. Abortion kills human babies.

*Legal abortion is not based on sensible science; abortion on demand is rooted in biological ignorance.*

**SLOGAN #5**

*Fetuses aren't legal persons...*

According to our Declaration of Independence, governments are instituted to protect "certain unalienable Rights" for the persons governed. The document, as most everybody knows, states that "among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Since our government exists to protect human rights, the only way to get around that responsibility is somehow to pervert the definition of humanity. If you are not a "person," your rights are not protected.

The legality of abortion rests on the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that an unborn human child isn't a "legal person." Giant corporations are "persons" in this nation (that's what incorporation means), but not human babies. Fetal people, therefore, have no access to due process of law before being deprived of the right to life, before being killed.

It's the same twisted rationale that was used to legitimize the enslavement of Africans before our Civil War and allow the slaughter of Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, and other alleged "undesirables" in Nazi death camps during World War II. If people aren't "persons," other people are free to kill them without worrying about legal retribution.

The Big Lie emphasizes legal definitions of words over the biological certainty that an unborn child is a human life- a "person" - worthy of protection by law. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the labels we attach to people rather than on the people themselves. "Fetus" simply means "a bringing forth." Calling a child a fetus doesn't change her humanity any more than calling her an "infant," an "adolescent," or an "adult" with the passing of time. Abortion kills little people.

*Legal abortion is not progressive law; abortion on demand is ruthless mayhem.*

## **SLOGAN #6**

*Morality cannot be legislated...*

It's a fact that morality cannot be legislated. That's why laws do so little to prevent murder, rape, and theft. But legislation does promote a certain moral view. It describes the way in which a society sees itself. Legislation doesn't stop child pornography, for example. It does, however, say such filth is abhorrent to a civilized nation.

The law is a teacher. And the lack of legal restraints on abortion teaches some terrible lessons; among them the ideas that violence is an acceptable solution to problems and that governments can choose to define particular classes of humanity as "non-persons," thus refusing to protect them by due process of law.

A society willing to sanction such violence and to consent to such renegade government is a society on the verge of collapse.

Maybe morality cannot be legislated. But laws have certainly been used to encourage moral behavior. The 1964 Civil Rights Act, for example, effectively opened up restaurants, restrooms, theaters, and other public places to persons of all races. Legislation can change things. And a nation that tolerates any kind of injustice is a nation in desperate need of change.

The Big Lie emphasizes society's fear of religious oppression over the fact that laws should help teach a society what is and what is not acceptable conduct. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on irrelevant medieval inquisitions rather than on urgent

contemporary needs for positive social standards. Although abortion is a moral issue, opposition to abortion is not rooted in religious thought alone. It is, rather, an extension of the juridical ideal that laws must work to promote respect for the rights of all people: big or little; healthy or infirm; whether considered to be "worthwhile" or "worthless."

*Legal abortion is not protective government; abortion on demand is dysfunctional government.*

### **SLOGAN #7**

*We must not return to 'coat-hanger' abortions...*

The snarling "back-alley abortionist" performing "coat-hanger" abortions on desperate women is a sickening image to consider. The fact is, however, that such gruesome scenes were rarely seen. Even before the Supreme Court's cavalier decision legalizing abortion on demand, virtually all abortions were done by doctors, in their offices, using their equipment. They raked in money. Lots of money. They still do.

It was medical-school residents or interns, doctors who had lost their licenses, and licensed physicians who performed illegal abortions. "Forget the stereotype image of these doctors," wrote Abbie Hoffman, the yippie guru, in *Steal This Book* (1971). "Friends who have had an abortion can usually recommend of good (sic) doctor and fill you in on what's going to happen." He also wrote that "Some Family Planning Clinics and even some liberal churches set up abortions ...." We can be sure they were "set up" with doctors, not back-alley butchers wielding coat hangers.

Prior to 1973, most of the 150,000 abortions committed annually were just as "safe" and "clean" (more pro-abortion doublespeak) as the 1.5 million abortions we now have each year. They just weren't legal. At least not outside hospitals, where they were done—and usually recorded as D & C operations—for very serious reasons.

The Big Lie emphasizes fear of ghastly situations that didn't exist in order to excuse the awful carnage that now, as a result of legalization, does take place. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the myth of a bloodthirsty bogeyman rather than on the fact that the same kind of doctors who did abortions before *Roe v. Wade* are doing them today. Abortion is a lucrative business, grossing well over a million dollars a day. There are, no doubt, other motivations, but the lust for a piece of that money pie—not just some kind of misguided concern for women—could certainly fuel a lot of the passion displayed by the "abortion rights" organizations.

*Legal abortion is not safe medicine; abortion on demand is savage medicine.*

### **SLOGAN #8**

*Women shouldn't be forced to bear the children of rapists...*

That rape and incest should ever occur is a disgrace. Nevertheless, due to any number of factors—trauma and impotence among them—only a tragic few of these such assaults actually result in conception. Hardly a reason for more than 4,000 abortions a day in the United States.

Abortions are procured because one or both parents are either afraid of discovery, fearful of abuse, eager to advance careers, worried about responsibility and financial stress, or disappointed in the gender of the unborn child. Only about two percent of abortions are committed for medical reasons, the vast majority having nothing to do with rape or incest.

When conception does occur after sexual assault, however, social policies must reflect a creative, merciful concern for defending both victims of the crime, mother and child. Promoting abortion fails to fulfill that need; subjecting the mother to still another harsh invasion of her body and subjecting the baby to a painful death because of the father's crime.

The Big Lie emphasizes the fear of a few pregnancies resulting from assault over the actuality that millions of unborn babies are killed for convenience and expediency. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on a distressing exception rather than on the dreadful rule. Even if assaults did result in more pregnancies, killing those unborn children doesn't help the victims of rape or incest. In fact, it makes matters worse by endorsing lethal violence as an answer to personal crises, by perpetuating the myth of female helplessness, and by promoting silence, thereby preventing long-term care for sexual-assault victims and prosecution of their attackers.

*Legal abortion is not an answer to rape; Abortion on demand magnifies the horror of rape.*

## **SLOGAN #9**

*Unwanted children are abused...*

Eliminating child abuse is a cause worthy of superhuman effort. Too bad that such a noble cause has been so grotesquely twisted by the pro-abortion propagandists. For years they've said legal abortion would help curb child abuse. If "unwanted" pregnancies could be aborted, according to pro-choice logic, only "wanted" children would be born. In other words, if we kill, if we kill the babies, they won't have to suffer abuse.

Well, even if we could put the psychopathic ugliness of that reasoning aside, the scheme still fails to gain credibility. Despite more than thirty-one million abortions since 1973, statistics show a 500 percent increase in reported child abuse. Why? Well, one reason - among many - might be found in the theory that legal abortion establishes in our national psyche a deadly and dreadful notion that children somehow belong to parents; that parents have the right to "want" or "not want" the inconvenience children

might cause.

Therefore, since we have the right to kill them in the womb because they're troublesome or the "wrong" gender, what's to stop us from beating them to a pulp when they're demanding toddlers or using them as sexual playthings when they're blossoming into adolescence?

We're allowing government to remove legal protection from people because they are "unwanted." And that's an absolutely chilling precedent. As author Jean Garton says, "the measure of our humanity is not that there are no unwanted ones among us. The measure is what we do with those among us who are unwanted. Shall we care for them or kill them?" We've let our government say, "Kill them."

The Big Lie emphasizes the genuine need for protecting children from child abuse while ignoring the fact that abortion is even more destructive than the problem it's meant to address. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the possible burden presented by an unplanned pregnancy rather than on the lethal certainty that abortion is much, much more than getting "unpregnant." Abortionists torture and kill the tiny, vulnerable children they victimize.

*Legal abortion is not a solution to child abuse; abortion on demand is the worst kind of child abuse.*

### **SLOGAN #10**

*Deformed babies are a terrible burden...*

There's no question about it, handicapped children place heavy emotional and financial demands on their families. But how can a decent society allow killing people simply because they are unsightly or challenging burdens?

Even if we discount the fact that exterminating disabled people in the past would have deprived us of some of history's most inventive and brilliant minds, the destruction of human beings because they're inconvenient or imperfect is uncivilized villainy. It's the same social Darwinism that sent the lame to Nazi death camps along with the Jews and other so-called untermenschen (sub-human species).

We must heal or care for sick children, not turn them over to abortionists for annihilation. We must support the families of crippled children, not prod them into ridding themselves of their offspring.

The Big Lie emphasizes the struggles associated with handicaps over the fact that it's impossible to predict the future productivity and happiness of a person based upon physical or mental capabilities. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on debilitating anxieties about our inadequacy to deal with special children rather than on the inspiring power of love and self-sacrifice to work miracles in our relationships. Killing unborn

babies they're less than perfect is inexcusably evil.

*Legal abortion is not a remedy for birth defects; abortion on demand is death for disabled babies.*

### **SLOGAN #11**

*Overpopulation is a serious problem...*

The fact that some seventy-five percent of our population lives on only three percent of the land certainly causes urban overcrowding and deterioration of the infrastructure. But it doesn't mean there's an overpopulation problem.

Consider this: If every single human being on Earth were given his or her own two-bedroom mobile home, and if all six billion mobile homes were set down with alleys between them, the entire world population would fit in an area smaller than the State of Texas.

No, overpopulation isn't a problem of critical importance. The trend to urbanization, economic imbalances, and inadequate resource distribution are the major problems. People abandon small towns in order to move into cities that are already too big; economic systems force food- and fiber-producing farmers to go broke while sports and entertainment celebrities make millions; and, nearly eighty percent of the world's resources are consumed by only about ten percent of the world's inhabitants.

Even if there were a population crisis, however, allowing people to kill the next generation in order to alleviate it is still an unjust, unacceptable response. The answers to problems must always be sought in creativity, not butchery. Abortion kills. And killing is a problem, not a solution.

The Big Lie emphasizes fear that our quality of life is threatened over the fact that population growth is a benefit to humanity, bringing forth new technologies and job opportunities. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on frightening (and erroneous) Malthusian statistics predicting famine and disease rather than on the fact that, despite an increase from 150 million to 250 million in the last thirty years, the quality of life in this country today is better than ever. Every new mouth to feed, after all, usually comes with a mind to create, with hands to work, and with a heart to love as well. Each new life can be seen as a resource, not as a burden.

*Legal abortion is not prudent social planning; abortion on demand is legalized anarchy.*

### **SLOGAN #12**

*Poor women need a way out...*

The poor may well be helped by learning how to limit family size in a naturally healthy,

cooperative manner that is sensitive to the dignity of human sexuality. Abortion on demand, however, is not birth control. Abortion is birth prevention. Abortion kills a baby that has already been conceived.

The notion that abortion must be available to poor women - and paid for with tax revenues - is deplorable prejudice. It seems to betray a superiority complex at work in the minds of those who promote it. They apparently believe they are more enlightened and more compassionate than the rest of us. Yet their answer to the dilemma posed by poverty - abortion on demand - implies a conviction that poor women are either invincibly ignorant or inevitably blinded by animal lust; too stupid to know how babies are conceived or unable to control their passions even if they do know the facts of life.

The pompous pro-abortion mentality, in other words, expects poor women to be too harebrained and unruly to limit the number of children they conceive. Society, therefore, must enable needy women to kill the children that the champions of abortion say are to blame for causing poverty. It's a genocidal nightmare.

The Big Lie emphasizes the absurd opinion that tiny, powerless, unborn children are somehow responsible for poverty over the fact that poverty is actually rooted in the lack of committed relationships, the lack of readily available human resource services, and the lack of access to career opportunities. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on quick-fix expedencies that kill the poor rather than on our need to restructure the unjust systems for their poverty.

*Legal abortion is not an advance against poverty; abortion on demand is an attack on the poor.*

### **SLOGAN #13**

*Abortion liberates women...*

The feminist thought that has developed over the last century is one of civilization's more notable achievements. To call abortion on demand a work of women's liberation is, however, a cynical and undeniable distortion of that thought.

Authentic feminism challenges society and all who are part of it - male or female - to replace prevailing masculine values with those that are feminine:

- *non-violence instead of destruction*
- *ecological harmony instead of exploitation*
- *community instead of autonomy; and,*
- *power-sharing instead of authoritarianism.*

The abortion ethic violates every one of those basic feminist principles. Abortion does violence to both mothers and their unborn babies, wounding one victim and killing the other. Abortion ravages the natural rhythms of creation, abruptly interrupting the process of human development. Abortion is an arrogant expression of individualism, putting a desperate woman's crippling fears or "me-first" desires above the right of her baby to live; and, abortion is despotic dominion, enabling the one with power to control the destiny of the one who is defenseless.

For more than 100 years, authentic feminists railed against abortion. They called it "child murder" (Susan B. Anthony). "degrading to women" (Elizabeth Cady Stanton), "appalling [proof of] the misery of the working class" (Emma Goldman), "most barbaric" (Margaret Sanger), and a "disowning of feminine values" (Simone de Beauvoir). Abortion advocates should be ashamed of themselves for betraying the feminist vision.

The Big Lie emphasizes the masculine attribute of control over feminine quality of cooperation. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the need to empower one class of people, women, rather than on the fact that their misguided "empowerment" comes through the oppression, and at the deadly expense of another class of human beings, unborn children.

*Legal abortion is not a victory for feminism; abortion on demand is a mockery of feminism.*

#### **SLOGAN #14**

*Pro-lifers only care about fetuses...*

It's easy to see how this opinion has come into general acceptance. Since "pro-lifers" are usually most vocal about promoting justice for unborn babies, many observers conclude it's their only interest. Pro-abortion propagandists, therefore, seize on that observation in order to create a myth about "pro-lifers" being unbalanced in their concerns.

It's ridiculous, of course, to say that the anti-abortion community has to be equally committed to the works of every cause that respects life and advocates justice. Feminists are allowed to see everything through the lenses of women's liberation. Only the anti-abortion movement is held to a standard of multiple interests.

If the same illogical logic were applied to the "pro-choice" constituency, its proponents would have to express commitment to every cause that calls for freedom of choice, right? Why, then, aren't "pro-choice" people held to account for refusing to support tax vouchers that enable choice in education? Why don't pro-choice organizations have to go on record against gun-control legislation, opposing laws that limit choice in methods of self-defense?

Anti-abortion organizations do sponsor about 1,800 offices dedicated to restricting

abortion on demand. But they also sponsor (without the kind of government assistance enjoyed by Planned Parenthood) some 3,500 offices dedicated to helping women distressed by pregnancy, even if, however, we discount the fact that anti-abortion activists do much more than indulge in what Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders has called their “love affair with the fetus,” the demand that they do something to help everybody “already born” is preposterous. Surely, no one really expects anyone to help everyone.

The Big Lie emphasizes a “pro-lifer’s” interest in saving unborn babies over the fact that millions of anti-abortionists are also involved in other efforts promoting justice, peace, and family values. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on an unfair standard of involvement for anti-abortionists, rather than on the fact that all people have to set priorities according to their consciences. “Pro-lifers” certainly care about the homeless, the rejected, the poor, and the victims of abuse. They just see abortion on demand as the meanest kind of homelessness, rejection, poverty, and degradation.

*Legal abortion is not one injustice among many; abortion on demand is all injustices in one.*

#### **SLOGAN #15**

*Pro-lifers are intolerant extremists...*

There are a few deranged zealots in the anti-abortion movement. There’s no question about that. They are, however, publicized far beyond their influence. Their willingness to take violent measures dis repudiated by every major “pro-life” organization. The only intolerance in the anti-abortion movement is an intolerance for injustice.

The pro-abortion propagandists have shrewdly painted anti-abortionists as a gang of negative, divisive, prudish, and deranged criminals in order to present abortionists as ordinary, nice, respectable, mainstream citizens. But both pictures are mind-boggling distortions of the truth. Most “pro-lifers,” like other mainstream citizens, care. In contrast, all abortionists, like many acknowledged criminals, kill.

The overwhelming majority of anti-abortion organizations try to promote their point of view through the political process or by providing counseling and educational services.

Other organizations try to intervene on behalf of babies scheduled for destruction. Their members might trespass when they prayerfully block doorways to the abortionists’ offices, but that is it as far as lawbreaking is concerned. Then, like other human-rights activists before them, they submit to arrest and to the criminal justice system. Although their methods may be discomforting, we must remember it isn’t people who should be scorned, it is the people who do the hideous things those pictures expose that are worthy of disgust.

We must remember it is what people are saying, not how they’re saying it, that matters.

Even if he's calm, cool, and collected, a pro-abortion spokesman is talking about killing children. Even if she's loud, angry, and inflammatory, an anti-abortion spokeswoman is talking about justice for tiny, defenseless babies.

The Big Lie emphasizes the uncivil behavior of a few anti-abortionists over the decent and loving actions of many. Abortion propaganda keeps us focused on the handful of bombings or shootings caused by a tiny fringe element of the anti-abortion movement rather than on the commonplace slaughter committed by all the abortionists thousands of times each day.

*Legal abortion is not a polite, rational policy; abortion on demand is contemptible terrorism.*

## **SOME SIMPLE FACTS**

Abortion on demand is bad law:

Laws in our nation protect certain animals, fish, and plants at every stage of their development. The law, however, basically forbids protecting human beings at the most vulnerable stage of their development. In Texas, for example, anyone caught destroying a prairie chicken embryo is liable to pay up to \$500 in fines. There is, of course, no restriction on - or penalty for - destroying a human embryo. An unborn baby's father cannot save his child from death by abortion. He is essentially forbidden by law to intervene in any way. The law does, however, allow abortionists to require fathers of aborted babies to pay for the abortions that kill their children (Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth, 1976).

The U.S.A. is in a class by itself among the developed nations. Ours is the only country that allows virtually unregulated abortion on demand, that allows the courts to set abortion policy, and that treats abortion as a basic human right.

Abortion on demand is bad medicine:

The abortion doctor doesn't heal. The abortionist kills a baby whose DNA "instructions" direct the development of an unprecedented and irreplaceable human life; a child whose heart was beating eighteen days after conception and whose brain activity could be recorded twenty-four days later; a baby whose unique fingerprints had formed at seven weeks and who could feel pain by eight weeks. After the ninth week - and before the woman was even certain she was pregnant - all the baby's human body parts had been formed, the only substantive biological changes in the fetus from this point on to a ripe old age would have been those of size.

The mother procuring an abortion is threatened by a dangerous surgical procedure. Her risks include death from internal bleeding, breast cancer, or subsequent pregnancies

developing outside the womb. Yet abortion remains the most common surgery in our nation.

The abortion doctor isn't exactly a paragon of skillful surgery. An abortionist employs horribly cruel techniques; the most common being one of tearing the baby apart and sucking the dismembered body out of the womb with a vacuum aspirator. Other abortion procedures kill the babies with chemicals and cause the delivery of dead bodies.

The mother consulting with an abortion doctor is usually forbidden access to the knowledge she needs to give informed consent to the surgery. Except in a few states that force them to do otherwise, abortionists are free to keep her in the dark about risks she faces, about the biological development of her child, and about the way in which her baby will die.

The abortion doctor is hardly a model citizen. The abortionist can, in most states, perform an abortion on a minor without any parental consent or knowledge. Although a girl cannot have her ears pierced or a broken bone set without her mother's permission, an abortionist can have his way with her in total secrecy (*Bellotti v. Baird*, 1979).

## **A SIMPLE REQUEST**

*"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and his justice cannot sleep forever."* Thomas Jefferson

Although "We Shall Overcome" served well as the anthem for our nation's last great civil rights movement, it won't work today. When it comes to exposing The Big Lie of abortion propaganda, we must overcome is the only lyric that can apply.

If pro-abortion propaganda is allowed to prevail, an appalling catastrophe will, no doubt, befall this nation. History has proven that no society built on violence and deceit can stand. We must, therefore, get involved in this battle for justice and decency... or suffer the consequences. As Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing."

The Big Lie is evil. Our nation has been manipulated into believing that unborn babies are responsible for people's problems, that unborn babies are non-persons before the law, and that unborn babies may be killed to solve our problems;

The Big Lie is nonsense. It only succeeds because, as Hitler predicted, most people either can't imagine anyone lying about such things or can't crank up the courage to challenge what they know is taking place;

The Big Lie appeals to selfishness and capitalizes on fear. Unborn babies are innocent and powerless; they're incapable of causing anyone's problems;

The Big Lie portrays an abortionist's victim as a thing rather than as a human being. Unborn babies killed by the choice for an abortion are no less persons than other human beings; they're simply in a different stage of development; and,

The Big Lie concentrates on who makes choices rather than on the consequences those choices entail. Unborn babies cannot be killed in order to solve problems; killing - at least that which is committed outside of any due process of law - is always wrong.

For goodness' sake, get involved. Serve the truth. Show that we will not be deceived, that the pro-abortion propagandists are mistaken when they bet we won't expose The Big Lie. Prove that our minds aren't dulled by "primitive simplicity." Make it resoundingly clear that we know unrestricted and unregulated abortion shouldn't just be restricted or illegal, it should be unthinkable in a civilized, just society.

### **SOME SIMPLE RESPONSES**

*"These are the times that try men's souls... tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered."* ~ Thomas Paine

*Support pro-life organizations:*

Subscribe to magazines and newspapers published by anti-abortion organizations. Send donations to help fight The Big Lie. Volunteer your time to local "pro-life" groups. There's something you can do - whether your interest is educational projects, counseling, support services, or involvement in anti-abortion activism.

*Learn all that can be learned:*

Study this booklet as well as other books, pamphlets, and videos that can be purchased or borrowed from anti-abortion organizations. Learn how to battle The Big Lie with the simple truth. Some groups you might contact include:

American Life League  
888-250-5575

Democrats for Life  
(703)281-3781

Feminists for Life  
(202) 737-FFLA

National Right to Life Committee  
(202) 626-8800

Nurturing Network  
800-TNN-4MOM

Priests for Life  
888-PFL-3448

U.S. Catholic Bishops Pro-Life Activities  
(202) 541-3070

*Share the truth with others:*

Hand out anti-abortion literature to your family members, friends, co-workers, and anybody else willing to accept it. Leave copies of this booklet and other anti-abortion pamphlets on library tables, in public rest rooms, on waiting room tables, and at church doors. Discuss The Big Lie at every opportunity. Be bold in proclaiming the truth.

You will probably be scorned and ridiculed. Expect it and overcome your fear of it. A little discomfort on your part is a small price to pay for advancing the cause of justice... and saving lives. Just remember, since people have been duped into believing anti-abortionists are crazy, prudish, and intolerant, you must present yourself in a manner that disarms their expectations and counteracts their prejudice.

*Contact legislators:*

Immediate legislation to severely restrict abortion and require informed consent for the surgery is essential. Brief, handwritten, sincere, and kindly worded letters expressing that truth to lawmakers are best. Phone calls are useful, but they, too, must be rational and polite. Simply tell legislators (or their aides) that The Big Lie must be exposed and addressed by law; that abortion on demand is simply an injustice: No human being should be killed without first, at the very least, having had access to some kind of due process of law.

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State Representative

*Contact the networks:*

Tell the television networks whether or not they are presenting accurate views of abortion and its opponents in their news and entertainment programming. Encourage them to expose The Big Lie and serve the truth.

ABC-TV  
1330 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 887-7777

CBS-TV  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 975-4321

Fox Television  
205 East 67th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 452-5555

NBC-TV

30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, NY 10112  
(212) 664-4444

*Write letters to the editor:*

Let your daily newspaper editor know whether or not abortion and its opponents are being fairly portrayed in its articles and editorials. Letters should be factual, brief, kind, and thoughtful. If fitting, letters can also give specific suggestions inviting readers to take action

*Vote for justice:*

Make certain you understand a candidate's position on abortion before giving that candidate any campaign support. Then contribute to the work for those candidates pledging to work on behalf of justice the unborn. Don't give in to critics who might accuse you of "single-issue" voting. Being in favor of, being in opposition to, or being unconcerned about justice for the poorest, weakest, most reviled members of our society is the single most important position statement a candidate can make.

Increase your involvement in the political parties. You can accomplish a lot by taking part in all the political opportunities for grassroots involvement. If you are unfamiliar with the process, ask questions. Get involved.

*Pray and fast for justice:*

As the adage says, work as though everything depends on you and pray as though everything depends on God. Whatever your prayer discipline might be, include the intention of justice for the unborn in it. And don't forget that fasting adds considerable power to our prayers.

Whatever you decide to do, do it with all your heart. Do it soon. Do it regularly. And do it until the day you die.

*"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## **A SIMPLE PRAYER**

### *The Virtuous Harvest Prayer*

Dear Heavenly Father, source of all life, all love, and all joy; we pray for victory over the spirit of abortion on demand that has a stranglehold on our society, choking to death the love and beauty, righteousness and decency in our souls.

Please bring all its destruction to a swift, complete, and final end (Psalm 7).

Be a stronghold for the powerless victims of oppression held hostage in the womb (Psalm 9).

Grant safety for those poor innocents, from whom all rights and dignity have been so callously and summarily plundered (Psalm 12).

We joyfully proclaim your justice, Loving Father, and confidently claim its blessings for our tiny sisters and brothers who are yet to be born (Psalm 22).

We know you won't let the unjust gloat over us, those who are so contemptuous in their arrogance and so blinded by their hypocrisy (Psalm 35).

We know you will hear our anguished plea, letting the little ones for whom we pray - and their mothers who have been so treacherously deceived - enjoy an untroubled peace; joyfully living out the fullness of their days (Psalm 37).

We pray in the holy and all-powerful name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.