

Some Things Need to Change

Today I would like to tell you some of the great things about the United States of America. We have the freedom to worship whatever or whoever we want. We can vote on who we elect and have the right to say they are doing something wrong. There are many different people and a diversity of cultures. Every child is able to go to our free public school system. There is access to clean drinking water in 97.47% of America (“U.S. Clean Water Access 2005-2024”). And we allow and protect the murder of humans in 37 states.

Whoa! Hold up a second, that last isn't true. Right? Actually it is! In 37 states, we not only allow the murder of humans, we protect it (“After Roe Fell: Abortion Laws by State”). There are many different words for murder; this one is abortion. Just 14 weeks after conception, you can already tell what gender your baby is. Around 18 weeks, your baby may begin to hear sounds. At approximately 23 weeks your baby will have unique fingerprints (“Fetal Development: the 2nd trimester.”). In the Bible, it says, “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (NIV, Psalm 139:16). Even long before a baby is born they are a beautiful and unique person.

There is no way around murder. *Merriam Webster* defines murder as “the crime of unlawfully and unjustifiably killing a person”. That is what it is. And murder is not something to be taken lightly. Genesis states: "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind" (NIV, Genesis 9:6). Babies, even babies in womb, were created in the image of God. A baby is a precious gift, not a problem one can simply do away with. As Psalm 127:3-5 puts it, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate” (NIV, Psalm 127:3-5).

Even when babies are still in the womb there are signs that they are alive. That they are human. Which is why abortion is murder and we must make an effort to stop this. So I say even though the

USA is an exceptional country, it still definitely has some things that I believe need to change, such as abortion.

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