

I would like to introduce you to Mario; a perfect baby boy who should have been made his debut into the world around Dec 8, and have been the center of doting attention of his loving family for his Christmas and New Year's first.

Sadly, he was delivered at about 37 weeks by emergency C-section on Nov 22 after a bullet shot into his mother's abdomen penetrated his arm, severed his umbilical cord, and caused him to bleed out before he could be rescued.

His mother was released from the ICU, in substantial pain. While she is recovering physically, she and Mario's father are forced to mentally and emotionally live the absolute worst of any parent's nightmares.

"Three weeks ago, they planned and had a baby shower now they planned and had a funeral."

The criminal who shot Mario's parents was merely charged with "unlawful termination of a pregnancy" instead of murder for Mario's death, because under Colorado law, Mario was not a person.

In 2013, <u>HB13-1154</u>, Colorado lawmakers evaded the question of personhood: "Therefore, nothing in this act shall be construed to confer personhood, or any rights associated with that status, on a human being at any time prior to live birth," but was unequivocal that ""PREGNANCY"... MEANS THE PRESENCE OF AN IMPLANTED **HUMAN** EMBRYO OR FETUS WITHIN THE UTERUS OF A WOMAN."

From refusing to confer personhood to the unborn, <u>Meg Froelich</u>, <u>Daneya Esgar</u> and <u>Julie Gonzales</u> specifically denied ANY Rights to the unborn by sponsoring <u>HB22-1279</u> that makes it legal to kill an unborn child via "ANY" means, for any reason through an entire pregnancy, declaring "A FERTILIZED EGG, EMBRYO, OR FETUS DOES NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT OR DERIVATIVE RIGHTS UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE." This strips even a wanted child of any hope of Colorado recognizing their Right to Life.

They were not alone, as the bill was championed by "BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Froelich and Esgar, Amabile, Bacon, Benavidez, Bernett, Bird, Boesenecker, Caraveo, Cutter, Daugherty, Duran, Exum, Garnett, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Herod, Hooton, Jodeh, Kennedy, Kipp, Lindsay, Lontine, McCluskie, McCormick, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Ortiz, Ricks, Roberts, Sirota, Snyder, Sullivan, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Weissman, Woodrow, Young, Valdez D.; also SENATOR(S) Gonzales, Bridges, Buckner, Coleman, Danielson, Fenberg, Fields, Ginal, Hansen, Hinrichsen, Jaquez Lewis, Kolker, Lee, Pettersen, Rodriguez, Story, Winter, Zenzinger, Donovan, Moreno." Jared Polis then condemned untold numbers of unborn children to death with the flourish of his pen. Colorado democrats cheered them on.

Because of the refusal to recognize Mario's Right to Life, or that of any other unborn child, Mario's murder merited only a <u>Class-5 felony</u>.

"If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely...
if there is serious injury, you are to take
life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn,
wound for wound, bruise for bruise." (Exodus21:22-25)

"I read once in a law book,

'A slave is a human being who is legally not a person but a thing.'

And if the safeguards to liberty are broken down, as is now attempted,
when they have made things of all the (unborn babies),
how long, think you,
before they will begin to make things of (you)?"

— Abraham Lincoln (paraphrased)

Baby Olivia: https://babyolivia.liveaction.org/

To have a discussion, we must first understand "what is abortion?"

- 1: chemical https://www.liveaction.org/what-is-abortion-course-1/
- 2: suction https://www.liveaction.org/what-is-abortion-course-2/
- 3: surgical (D&E) https://www.liveaction.org/what-is-abortion-course-3/
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=nd 9y1-L60c
- 4: Induced Heart Attack: https://www.liveaction.org/what-is-abortion-course-4/

Fetus (noun) a <u>young human being</u>, <u>animal</u>, <u>bird etc</u>. in the early stages of <u>development</u> before it is <u>born</u> or hatched. Offspring (Latin)

PRO-CHOICE, PRO-LIFE

This is a difficult discussion. Better writers would know how to condense this material without losing its nature. I've given it my best shot. But, this is a dialogue and I welcome corrections and countering opinions as long as they are courteous in nature and do not devolve into juvenile name calling.

I am pro Maternal-Rights; I am pro Fetal-Rights.

I am pro personal-choice, and pro personal-responsibility for personal choices.

I am opposed to capital punishment without a legitimate due-process trial, in which the accused must have an impartial jury and legal representation.

I am committed to the protection of both mother and child.

Ideally, the complications of terminating an undesired pregnancy would simply vanish by invoking the laws of wishful thinking—no muss, no fuss, nobody gets hurt. Unfortunately, that is not the case, otherwise this issue would not be so contentious.

"Elective abortion" (euphemistically speaking) denies legal protection to the unborn child, jeopardizes the well-being of the mother, and its normalization threatens the very foundation of all of our Rights.

I agree with Heidi on her pledge to tear up the fetal harvesting bill premised as "women's health care." There is nothing compassionate, or health-positive for a woman to have a child killed inside of her by being mutilated, burned, or forced to choke on its own blood from a severed umbilical cord. According to Hillary Clinton, the patron saint of "elective abortion," the goal was to make the procedure

"safe, legal and rare." House Bill <u>HB22-1279</u>, however, turns Colorado into the eugenics capital of the nation and creates a fetal harvesting industry of which Joseph Mengele (A Nazi Schutzstaffel (SS) officer and physician during World War II, he had no concern for the sanctity of life and performed deadly experiments on prisoners) could only dream. Proposed legislation like Maryland's SB22-669 extend that window to weeks after birth.

We are no longer under the delusion that "the product of conception" is anything other than an <u>unborn human</u>, with a **heartbeat at 6 weeks**, responding to **touch at 9** (feeling pain more intensely than any of us), **sound at 14**, **light around 20**, and is considered **capable of independent life at 23 weeks**. We can no longer deny that this is a little vulnerable child, and we are making the case to end its life in the most inhumane ways imaginable. If there are solid, valid reasons for ending this life, then it should also be accomplished humanely and safely.

Unfortunately, what we learn from history is that we never learn from history. But if we did, we would clearly observe that it is a dangerous precedent to strip the rights of someone for being a lesser-, or non-person. Those ideas fueled both slavery and the holocaust. Yet, Colorado's HB22-1279 declares "a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of the state," which applies to not only the unwanted unborn child, but to the wanted as well since there is no distinction. Further, ""ABORTION" MEANS ANY MEDICAL PROCEDURE, INSTRUMENT, AGENT, OR DRUG USED TO TERMINATE THE PREGNANCY." "ANY" is an excessively broad allowance, emphasizing a cold-hearted definition of the procedure and not necessarily the well-being of the mother, and certainly with no concern for the excruciating pain endured by the unborn child.

Medically, "Abortion" is "the expulsion of a fetus from the uterus by natural causes before it is able to survive independently." Note, the term "abortion" refers ONLY to the period of non-viability which is generally considered to be about 23 weeks, and is a natural process, not a surgical one. What we're discussing is "elective abortion," or more accurately "feticide" which is the intentional destruction of an unborn child. For accuracy I will use the latter. Legitimizing feticide because abortion occurs naturally, seems no different from excusing murder because death will visit us all.

It is no surprise that approximately **% of the population support restrictions on feticide,** recognizing that at some point the act becomes a human rights violation. Conversely, nearly 100% of democrat legislators embrace the termination of a full-term (40+wks) pre-born human. Twice as many countries have restrictions on feticide as those allowing it without restriction, but only about 10% of those allow elective feticide after 20 weeks. Ultrasounds are the bane of the fetal harvesting industry since **80-90% of women seeing their unborn child decide to carry it to term**.

Our legislators know that unrestricted feticide is contrary to public opinion which is why they concluded HB22-1279 with the phrase "necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety." This makes it immune to "a referendum petition...pursuant to section 1(3) of article V of the state constitution," which would require it be "approved by the people at the general election." Apparently, democrat "representatives" are more interested in representing the interests of the billion-dollar feticide industry than those of their constituents.

The narrative we hear, however, is driven by those supporting the vision of a <u>racist eugenicist</u> intent on eradicating the "weeds" from the garden of humanity, and which drives an industry that has been caught making <u>billions</u> of dollars annually selling body parts harvested from the pre-born, with

locations strategically located in minority neighborhoods. It is an unconscionable conflict of interest for the individual counseling termination to be someone or some organization who benefits financially.

Although the majority of the population supports some restrictions, and that feticide should not be used casually as birth control, passions flare at the category of "rape, incest, and life of the mother" The reality of this is found in the numbers tracked in Florida that show that it is less than 1/2 of one-percent of all terminations carried out in the state-- approximately 400 out of the 80,000 terminations.

That "statistic", however, represents 400 real-life, flesh & blood women whose world has been 100% devastated, and that cannot be overlooked, but one tragedy cannot be resolved by compounding it with another.

In 1869, Susan B. Anthony wrote "No matter the motive, [whether] love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; But oh, thrice guilty is he who drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime!" The early feminists considered easy-access feticide to promote unaccountable exploitation of women yet is now somehow, in some twisted antilogic considered the hallmark of feminine empowerment. The Cheyenne people considered "women...to be sacred spiritual beings because of their ability to bring life into the world." Now our "woke" society considers it progress that the bodies of women are treated as recreational and disposable.

Examples abound such as the little girl whom friends of ours adopted as baby who was the result of a brutal rape, or <u>Gianna Jessen</u> who, although badly burned, survived a saline abortion. When <u>they</u> ask, "does my life matter?" what is the answer? If theirs do, the lives of the others would. If theirs do not, then neither does hers, nor does anybody else's.

We are called to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves," and there is no one more unable to speak than the unborn. To champion feticide as a defining characteristic of feminism is to cheer the downfall of humanity. It is a difficult issue with very broad implications and requires careful consideration and respectful dialogue. I do not aspire to be anyone's judge in this matter—I'm neither qualified nor interested. I see neither purpose nor compassion in condemning unwed mothers with a scarlet letter, but you cannot nullify a life simply by ending it. The feticide industry has been founded on lies and propelled by deceit; that so many have been victimized by it is no surprise.

That **80-90% of women seeing an ultrasound choose to carry a baby to term** means they realize it is a human life worth protecting. That eugenics agencies like Planned Parenthood would use that same statistic to deny a client from seeing the ultrasound just means that 80-90% of their clients will at some point come to grips with the magnitude of what was done to them and be devastated.

That is exploitation, not compassion.

When Roe was overturned, many Planned Parenthood clinics simply shut down despite having repeatedly told the world that feticide was less than 3% of their essential services. Apparently that 3% was 100% of their profits since there's no value in distributing ineffective contraception if they cannot profit from the harvest.

Neither is it compassionate care when <u>pill-mills</u> will ship abortifacients (an agent or drug that induces abortion) with **4x** the complication rate of surgical feticide to unsuspecting girls who will at

some point be confronted in isolation with a lifeless tiny person or become septic if the pregnancy is ectopic.

Feticide proponents generally gloss over physical and mental harm to women from terminating their pre-born child. Pregnancy is an absolute physiological and psychological wonder that reconfigures the mother's body and mind. All systems, even the immune system, are reengineered for the purpose of sustaining the developing life. Violently interrupting those processes is known to increase the risk of some cancers. Stem cells from the baby are even passed into the mother's body where they will become part of her, along with those of any subsequent siblings. Ignoring the psychological damage done to a woman by enduring the death pangs of her never-to-be-born child seems the most inhumane of all tortures. It is unconscionable to then demand she suffer in silence for fear of challenging the narrative.

None of that detracts from the inconvenience or hazards of pregnancy, or in any way legitimizes crimes such as rape or incest (How often are these crimes protected by the feticide industry secretly disposing of, and profiting from, any evidence, thus eliminating the deterrence of consequences leaving the abuser to abuse again and again and again?). There are certainly cases where a non-viable pregnancy (e.g., ectopic) would result in two deaths, which should be resolved as humanely as possible. Tragic examples, however, should not be exploited and stretched into an industry of fetal harvesting as enthusiastically (euthanistically?) sponsored, promoted and passed by Colorado's democrat majority and signed into law by Governor Polis.

Western Medicine hinges on the <u>Hippocratic Oath</u>: "I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan; and similarly, I will not give a woman a pessary to cause an abortion." Hippocrates recognized that ending the independent life of one either pre-born or already born was the same. The Hippocratic Oath forbade both feticide and euthanasia in the same sentence, because they are intrinsically linked. We need to be very careful about going down a road that was blocked by our ancestors to save us from that destination.

For pregnancy care that is actually compassionate and comprehensive, Colorado Springs is fortunate to have privately funded agencies like Life Network that pours resources into crisis pregnancy rather than exploiting it. (eLifeNetwork.com, 719-591-2609)

From a Constitutional perspective, unrestricted feticide creates some serious problems, namely the loss of any protections of our own Rights.

To begin, before even reaching the discussion of Rights, the Declaration of Independence references "the separate and equal station" entitled by "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," which means we can observe our Rights manifest in the natural world, and nature is synonymous with "the living world," and "creation" itself. Violating the natural law is violating the foundations of our civilization. If you look to nature you will see the entire system geared to the propagation of life. Nature is Life.

<u>Rights</u> are funny things in that they can only be held by one if extended to all others, because either all are image bearers of a Creator, or none are. Since we know from science that "<u>life comes from life</u>," there is no point on the timeline of human development that can be differentiated as "non-life" or non-human. Similarly, your Rights are independent of your mother then as they are now because you were an independent life then as you are now. Thus, all human life either has rights, or none does, and

"to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men," (Declaration of Independence). We accept that a parent has the responsibility for securing the rights and well-being of a child after birth, but if we so vehemently demand removing the pre-natal responsibilities, do not be surprised that some are already advocating for removing those responsibilities for the child until weeks or years after birth.

Much of this argument has been premised on when a pre-born human is assigned the status of being a "person" afforded 5th & 14th amendment Rights. But our founding documents state "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are LIFE, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Rights are not incurred at some indeterminate assignment of personhood, or the onset of any milestone. Rights are "endowed by (our) Creator" at our Creation -- no Creator, no endowment, no Rights. So the point of creation is the question, not "personhood." This makes the idea of "Abortion Rights" especially contradictory, since "Rights" are entitled to us by the act of our creation by our Creator, but "(elective) abortion" is a violation of that very act of Creation.

In the absence of a Creator, feticide contains no moral dilemma, but the Declaration of Independence does not then recognize any basis for Rights which leaves the discussion to one of "privileges" extended by the State, for the benefit of the State, at the whim of the State. A government refusing to secure the Rights of "the least of these" cannot be assumed to have any actual interest in preserving the Rights of any other, which is demonstrated by State-sovereign nations murdering, on average, over a million of their own citizens each & every year. Is it any wonder that those pushing to strip the unborn of their Rights are also willing to silence your voice, restrict your ability to defend your personal liberty, and seize your property for not complying with their dictates? Are we being tricked into surrendering our own Rights by our willingness to deny them to others?

The <u>Fifth Amendment</u> prohibits the deprivation of "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law," without a trial with an advocate before "an impartial jury," and <u>eighth</u> forbids "cruel and unusual punishments" such as being drawn and quartered, chemically burned to death, or choking on one's own blood while bleeding out from a severed umbilical cord. It is not invasive to ensure the representation of all those involved, to not only protect the unborn life, but preclude the exploitation of being strong-armed or emotionally manipulated into a decision that most women reject when allowed to explore the realities of their decisions.

Similarly, responsibilities extend to the father as well. When individuals choose to consensually participate in acts of procreation, they shouldn't be surprised when procreation occurs. Responsibilities should be undertaken voluntarily; otherwise, legal remedies would be appropriate under the 13th amendment. Rape is an inexcusable violation of Rights that should have severe penalties and additional impositions if resulting in a child. Is it compassionate to allow a rapist to rape again because the crime was concealed? What would that ½% be reduced to if rapists only raped once? How many victims would be saved?

Ultimately, unrestricted feticide is rarely about medical necessity or crime. Perhaps we need to consider back-tracking on the path that brought us to this point where we would demand the surrender of our Rights to protect us from our responsibilities.

Feticide is either a Human Rights violation, or nothing is.

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee"

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses.

Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make.

Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"

(Deut30:19)



the doctor in this photo stated that the baby was anesthetized and was not aware of what was going on. That means an un-anesthetized baby would be aware, and would feel. https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/hand-of-hope/

"Certainly anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices" (Voltaire)

- -it's the woman's body.
- -It's not a person
- -He doesn't feel pain

gianna jessen story: https://youtu.be/l0Wwgh7kdKM

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