
Debunking Myths Part 2

Dear Pro-Life Partners:

In part two of this series, “Debunking the Myths,” I will respond to four statements found in Danielle D’Souza Gill’s book *The Choice* that surround the assertion of “My Body, My Choice.”

MYTH #5: The constitution guarantees a right to privacy. Abortion is therefore a constitutional right.

This is a BIG stretch. For starters, nowhere in the constitution is the right to privacy mentioned. The closest it comes is protection against unlawful search and seizure. Unfortunately, too many women grant permission for a highly invasive “search” of their bodies for the inhumane seizure of one who has not given consent. If we were to concede on the point of privacy, it would still be a stretch, for what right do we have to hurt someone else in the privacy of our homes or in the confidential confines of a medical facility. Furthermore, I learned from my reading that the *Roe v Wade* decision went against the predominant will of the country. Only FOUR states allowed abortion on demand prior to this ruling.



MYTH #6: In order for something to be a right, it must be meaningfully exercised. Abortion must be taxpayer funded.

There are a number of clear rights outlined in the constitution: free speech, religious liberty, gun ownership. None of these rights are federally funded. Furthermore, the dubious “right” of abortion access contradicts religious liberty for millions of Americans. Abortion is also an elective procedure. Other elective procedures, such as plastic surgery, are not federally funded. Neither does the government pay the medical costs for those undergoing treatment they did not wish for, such as cancer patients. Unless we become a socialist nation, there is not justification for abortion to be elevated above other health care concerns. This is what the Hyde Amendment sought to avoid, and has been supported by every president, both Republican and Democrat, since its inception. Until now. Daniel D’Souza Gill writes, “It doesn’t make any sense how someone else’s choices are zero percent my business and at the same time 100 percent my fiscal responsibility.” Amen.



MYTH #7: Women have the freedom to choose what they want to do with their body-when to have children and with whom.

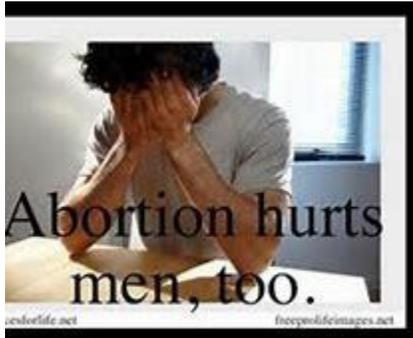
For the most part, a woman should indeed have the final say as to what happens to her body, when to have children, and with whom. However, once pregnant, a child is living inside her, not a body part, but a complete and separate person. The embryo is attached to her body, yes, but mom has no more moral right to kill this child than a Siamese twin has the right to kill his/her sibling. The time for the “when” and “with whom” choices has passed. The pro-abortion community equates choice with freedom (i.e. no consequence/no responsibility), and has sacrificed millions of lives at this altar. Yet freedom for individual expression is one thing; freedom at the expense of another is entirely different. Smokers, for example, cannot smoke in or even around public buildings because it infringes on others’ health, yet a mother can choose to take her child’s life at will. John Stuart Mill, a Father of Libertarianism states, “No one pretends that actions should be as free as opinion.” For instance, the right to swing my arm only extends as far as your face. You can’t in the very name of freedom take away someone else’s.



MYTH #8: Men do not belong in the abortion debate. This is a women’s issue.

This argument is neither logical nor scientific since mom and dad get equal billing in their child’s DNA the moment it is conceived. Given the fragile nature of human relationship, we can understand circumstances in which a woman may not want to disclose her condition. However, she should not be granted legal grounds for this any more than a dad should have legal grounds to avoid it. Mom should

not have the sole legal right (or responsibility) to a life for which she is only half responsible. A good rule of thumb could be this: If you won't share your pregnancy with him, don't share your bed with him.



Partnering with you for Life,

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