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Dear Friend:

I am deeply disturbed by the on-going bias by news professionals - print + electronic - toward the pro-abortion side of this controversial issue - it is almost a given!

Again this morning on the ^{C-SPAN} Sunday press roundup in discussing who might replace Thurgood Marshall, one of your guests (Mr. Walsh, I think) suggested a woman might be chosen because of WOMEN's concerns re the recent Court decision re abortion! I perceived the implication here to be that American women in general deplore this decision, i.e. are for abortion "rights".

I am not one of them. Purely as a woman, not because of a religious or non-religious ideology, I am opposed to abortion. I cannot fathom destroying the life of a growing human being inside me: a potential scientific genius, artist, musician, statesperson, inventor, comedian, journalist, farmer, etc.!!

A friend of mine took her unmarried, pregnant daughter to an abortion clinic a few years ago. Both are "haunted" at times wondering

what that child would have been like now,
 who the child might have become -
 there is still residual grief re the
 death of ^{their} child & grandchild. They
 do not speak of the abortion as right or
 wrong but as a loss.

As a woman, I do not consider
 myself as a baby factory but as a
 responsible giver of life. ~~But~~ ^{And}, of course,
 I do have control over my own body
 from the beginning of passion, desire or lust
 through the sexual act itself and
 beyond into pregnancy. By aborting,
 or rather destroying, the growing child
 within does not seem to me to
 validate the often-heard (ON, BY AND
 THRU the media) argument that
 I am taking control of my own body!!

As a nation, I believe we are
 becoming more & more insensitive to
 the dignity of life in general - from stepping
 over the homeless literally & figuratively, from
 the unfairness / disproportionality of the legal
 system (many more blacks, mentally limited & poor
 in prison & on death row); to smart-bombing
 in Iraq, etc., etc., ad infinitum. We are becoming a hardened people!

Women priests, nuns & co-workers whom I have
 discussed the abortion issue with believe as I do! but as
 we'd like to be heard - not like the few faratics -
 well-educated, unscrupulous women who decry abortion.
 Sincerely, [redacted]

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