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Mohandas Gandhi

All Men Are Brothers, Autobiographical Reflections (New York: Continuum, 1980), p. 150.

"It seems to me clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime."

Dr. Frank Behrend, M.D., whose practice included abortions
tape-recorded speech November 7, 1977

"Reference was made to my agreeing that abortion is taking a human life, which it is. However, let us remember that war is also legalized killing, that the pilot that dropped the atom bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima killed human life. He got medals for it. We bless our troops when they go into battle to kill human beings, so that the taking of human life, including the death penalty in certain states like Utah, where the man was shot, is not a strange behavior in a society."

Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, 2004
December 7, 2004, press interview

"When we allow abortion, we are punishing the women—who must abort their children because their men have run away—and we are punishing the children whose lives are terminated . . . I want us to step back a little bit and say: Why is this woman and this child threatened? Why is this woman threatening to terminate this life? What do we need to do as a society? What are we not doing right now as a society? A part of that answer lies in this House [pointing at the Kenyan Parliament building]."

Nat Hentoff, columnist
ASAP, November 30, 1992

"Nearly ten years ago I declared myself a pro-lifer. A Jewish, atheist, civil libertarian, left-wing pro-lifer . . . Afterward, men, women, and teenagers wrote from all over the country that they had thought themselves to be solitary pro-lifers in the office, at school, even at home. They were surprised to find that there was someone else who was against capital punishment, against Reagan and Bush, and dismayed at the annual killing of 1.6 million developing human beings. They felt, they told me, that it was absurd to talk blithely of disposing of potential life. These were lives -- lives with potential to someday do New York Times crossword puzzles and dig Charlie Parker. That is, if they weren't thrown out with the garbage."

Colman McCarthy, columnist
Washington Post, April 11, 1992

"Both the military ethic and the abortion ethic are grounded in the same belief: Life is cheap. Iraqi life. Fetal life. . . . The language of the war lobby and the abortion lobby is from the same glossary of evasions. No one likes war, say the generals. No one likes abortions, says NOW. But let's keep the killing option, just in case. And cases keep coming. If Iraqis are causing trouble, or Libyans, Grenadans or Panamanians, bomb them. If fetuses pose problems, destroy them."

Helen Prejean, author *Dead Man Walking*
August 11, 2006 statement

"My stance on abortion is a matter of public record. I stand morally opposed to killing: war, executions, killing of the old and demented, the killing of children, unborn and born. As I have stated publicly many times, I stand squarely within the framework of 'the seamless garment' ethic of life. I believe that all of life is sacred and must be protected, especially in the vulnerable stages at the beginning of life and its end."

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child
[Resolution 1386(XIV) of 20 November 1959]

"[every child] needs special safeguards and care, including legal protection, before as well as after birth."