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“Right to Life” Cause Alive and Well

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision that would irreparably alter our nation. The ruling of *Roe v. Wade*, by a 7-2 vote, struck down all prior state abortion laws that had made abortion illegal. The reshaping of beliefs regarding the value of human life, paving the way for generations of future narcissists, had begun.

The general understanding of the *Roe v. Wade* case was that of a young, unmarried woman in Dallas seeking an abortion and being denied, owing to the state laws of Texas. We are also to understand that in response to her being denied (as the laws of Texas would only allow abortion if the life of the mother was at stake), she filed a suit against the district attorney of Dallas County, Henry Wade, challenging the constitutionality of Texas’ abortion laws. According to Planned Parenthood, “The case had been filed by ‘Jane Roe,’ an unmarried woman who wanted to safely and legally end her pregnancy.”

Being represented by Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington, both recent graduates of the University of Texas Law School, “Roe contested the statute on the grounds that it violated the Fourteenth Amendment mandating equal protection of the laws and the guarantee of personal liberty, and a mother’s right to privacy implicitly guaranteed in the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments,” according to landmarkcases.org.

On the surface, there seems to be nothing to question about this retelling of the well-known, historic case. However, behind the rhetoric and subterfuge, one is able find the complete story, including details the pro-abortionists might not be fond of.

The Other McCorvey Story

At age 21, Norma McCorvey (Roe’s real name) was pregnant with her third child, her first two having been given up for adoption. Living with her father in Dallas, and working a variety of low-paying jobs, McCorvey decided, instead of adoption, to pursue an abortion. She decided to seek an illegal abortion, only to find that her chosen clinic had been shut down. At the advice of ill-informed friends, McCorvey, also not very knowledgeable of her state’s laws, lied to her doctor and two lawyers and claimed her pregnancy was the result of rape, believing this would allow her to have a legal abortion.





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Instead of receiving an abortion, as Texas had no such rape exemptions, McCorvey was introduced to attorneys Coffee and Weddington. On a quest to challenge Texas' abortion laws, the women were seeking pregnant women who wanted to terminate their pregnancies.

McCorvey, with only a ninth-grade education, admits her lack of understanding in the situation and claims to have been used to further an agenda. According to [endroe.org](#), she states, "They were looking for somebody, anybody, to use to further their own agenda. I was their most willing dupe." Not realizing what abortion really was or the fullness of the implications, she says, "Abortion, to me, meant 'going back' to the condition of not being pregnant."

In an interview with WorldNetDaily (WND), McCorvey recalled a meeting with her two attorneys:

Sarah (Weddington) sat right across the table from me at Columbo's pizza parlor, and I didn't know [then] that she had had an abortion herself. When I told her then how desperately I needed one, she could have told me where to go for it. But she wouldn't because she needed me to be pregnant for her cause. I set Sarah Weddington up on a pedestal like a rose petal. But when it came to my turn, well, Sarah saw these cuts on my wrists, my swollen eyes from crying, the miserable person sitting across from her, and she knew she had a patsy. She knew I wouldn't go outside of the realm of her and Linda. I was too scared. It was one of the most hideous times of my life.

Speaking of her experience with pro-abortion activists in general, she continued in her interview with WND, "They [pro-abortion leaders] claim that they care about women and their rights but, in my experience, they care for nothing, not even themselves in a way."

McCorvey's part in this theatrical affair was minimal, at best. Her part was to be played on the stage of the courtroom by Weddington and Coffee, as she, herself, never even appeared in court. In an affidavit in an effort to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in 2005, McCorvey claimed, "I was never invited into court. I was never present before any court on any level, and I was never at any hearing on my case.... I found out about the decision from the newspaper just like the rest of the country."

At the conclusion of the case in 1973, McCorvey's third child was two years old. She had given this child up for adoption, also. The woman who became the icon of the abortion movement never actually had an abortion.

McCorvey's uninformed views on abortion were to stay much the same for many years. However, in 1994, McCorvey was introduced to the pro-life organization Operation Rescue when the group moved into a building beside the abortion clinic where she worked. Over time, and after an initially bad introduction, McCorvey warmed up to the organization's national director, Philip "Flip" Benham, as they had conversations during her work breaks. One day McCorvey ventured inside the walls of Operation Rescue and was drawn to a poster showing the development of a baby. In her book, *Won by Love*, she explains the overwhelming awareness she experienced as a result of viewing the poster:

I was sitting in O.R.'s offices when I noticed a fetal development poster. The progression was so obvious, the eyes were so sweet. It hurt my heart, just looking at them. I ran outside and finally, it dawned on me. "Norma," I said to myself, "They're right." I had worked with pregnant women for years. I had been through three pregnancies and deliveries myself. I should have known. Yet something in that poster made me lose my breath. I kept seeing the picture of that tiny, 10-week-old embryo, and I said to myself, that's a baby! It's as if blinders just fell off my eyes and I suddenly understood the truth — that's a baby!



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I felt crushed under the truth of this realization. I had to face up to the awful reality. Abortion wasn't about "products of conception." It wasn't about "missed periods." It was about children being killed in their mother's wombs. All those years I was wrong. Signing that affidavit, I was wrong. Working in an abortion clinic, I was wrong. No more of this first trimester, second trimester, third trimester stuff. Abortion — at any point — was wrong. It was so clear. Painfully clear.

After this change of heart and mind, McCorvey would go on to continue her activism, only now, it would be in the pro-life arena. In 1998, she converted to Catholicism after establishing a friendship with the national director of Priests for Life, Father Frank Pavone. In 2005, she petitioned the Supreme Court, to no avail, to have the decision of 1973 overturned.

This epic turn in the story of *Roe v. Wade* is little known, as this information isn't what the media want to report. There are many agendas in the pro-abortion camp, and all are fueled by the devaluing of human life.

Fight for Life

As we see, through the years, the passing of legislation to decrease the right to life of the innocent and increase the right to convenience of the responsible, we risk being desensitized to the truth.

There are those in the pro-life movement, however, who are holding up the torch of truth in the face of the desensitization in ways the media cannot completely ignore.

Every year since 1974, on January 22, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, March for Life, a pro-life organization, has held a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of thousands of people gather at this east-coast event to stand and be the voice for the unborn. The organization's president, Jeanne Mancini, declares, "The movement to end abortion in this country is bigger than us.... This is a cause that is worth our best efforts and dedication."

At times, pro-life advocates will put themselves in risky situations to fight for what they believe.

In a recent case, two investigators from the Center for Medical Progress infiltrated a Planned Parenthood facility in Houston and recorded footage of the nation's largest abortion provider admitting to trafficking the body parts of aborted babies. After releasing the videos and calling for an investigation into the organization, David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt now face up to 20 years in prison. According to [lifesitenews.com](#), "Rather than charge Planned Parenthood for illegally selling baby body parts, Center for Medical Progress investigators David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt face a second-degree felony charge of 'tampering with a governmental record,' and a misdemeanor charge for violating the state's 'prohibition of the purchase and sale of human organs.'"

This outrageous ruling has stirred the pro-life community, as articles, letters and petitions are circulated calling for justice.

Defending the right to life is not just about protesting the surgical removal of human life from the mother's womb. It's about understanding the value of life in all ways. When a woman miscarries, she has lost a child as surely as if she had delivered the baby full term. Some believe that a proper understanding of this would help increase the support of the pro-life effort.

In December 2015, statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics showed that the nation's abortion rate is at an all-time low, indicating a decline in



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abortion rates since 1980. As The New American reported at the time, however, “Sadly, there is more to it than that. The report does not take into account things such as the ‘Plan B’ pill and the birth control pill, both of which can cause an abortion.”

Many are being duped, much as Norma McCorvey, having a lack of understanding of what they are actually allowing to happen in their own lives. Being told that a baby is just a piece of tissue is easy for a terrified young woman to believe without an ultrasound to show her the beating heart. The ramifications of the lives lost and the ignorance and unconcern for human life can only prove disastrous for our nation. After all, if a baby inside the womb can be killed based on convenience, then why not extend this view to a baby who has just exited the womb — as a number of teenagers, who have killed or discarded their babies immediately after birth have already done? In fact, why not extend the *Roe v. Wade* ethic to all stages of human development?

Pro-life advocate Soraya Pierman of Sacramento, California, believes, “Everyone is fine with abortion until you put a face to it and then it becomes harder to justify. No one ever knows who the world loses to abortion.”

Several states have introduced, with varying degrees of success, legislation to require an ultrasound before an abortion can be performed.

Father Pavone believes that with the number of pro-life governors and legislators, there will be more progress in the states. “The status of the [unborn] child is increasing. Medical science acknowledges the child as our newest patient. Fetal therapy, fetal diagnosis, and surgery — no question — and laws are beginning on the state level to recognize the unborn as a real person, as a real victim.”

Though this issue is far from settled in both the American mind and law, because of the courageous efforts of those in the pro-life movement the tide appears to be shifting.



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