

Abortion is a personal issue. I did many abortions in my previous OB practice. My medical school did 2nd trimester abortions on demand, but my personal limit was 13 weeks (1st trimester).

This goes to the very heart of what it means to be a woman with the right to control her own body. My patients never planned to use abortion as birth control. Their pregnancies were primarily accidents where preventive methods failed.

When does an embryo or fetus gain personhood and rights that challenge those of its mother? This is an arbitrary decision by society that has no scientific basis. There have been, and still are, societies where infanticide is acceptable long after birth, since personhood has yet to be obtained in that culture.

If men were the ones getting pregnant, then this would not even be an issue. We would have it without question!

The anti-abortion issue is really about misogyny and the control of women to maintain male dominance. If they really were concerned about protecting life and personhood, then they would also strongly support welfare programs, gun control, and death penalty abolition.