

## **Respecting Human Life Means Protecting Human Life**

The above title comes from two events in last week's news. The First involved a group of students from a Catholic High School in Covington, Kentucky. They were at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. What has not been said is the reason the students were in Washington D.C. Last weekend was the annual march for life anti-abortion rally.

As anyone who has been to our nation's capital can attest to, there are numerous groups protesting some policy and/or trying to advance their agenda. On this day there were two groups there. One of those groups was made up of native Americans. As events unfolded a student, Nick Sandman, stood before an Indian who was beating a drum. Video was taken where one can see the young man smiling as he stood in front of the Indian, Nathan Philips.

Very quickly people were quick to blast the High School students in general and Nick Sandman in particular for being disrespectful. Politicians, celebrities, and the media were quick to label the students as being racist. As it turns out a longer video gives a more complete picture to the events. Some still believe the students and Sandman in particular acted badly.

Here's what I know the Bible says about confrontation and choosing sides in a matter.

Proverbs 15:1 "A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger." Truly the best thing someone can do in certain situations is just smile and not get angry. This passage also comes to mind. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." (James 1.19-20). A lot of people are quick to condemn others without actually knowing the facts. It is better to remain silent than to speak rashly. Don't be in a hurry to make yourself out to be a fool.

Many of those condemning this Covington student did so claiming we need to show proper respect to everyone. We need to value diversity and different views of those who may disagree with us. It amazes me how those who want to show "respect" and "value" opposing views can be the opposite of what they proclaim. See the next paragraph for my second news worthy event.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the Roe V. Wade Supreme Court decision where abortion became legal and a protected right, the state of New York, passed a pro-abortion bill. One thing this bill will do is allow late term abortions. This law was passed in an attempt to protect the "right to an abortion" if the Supreme Court rules against abortion later on.

The fact is the pro-abortion crowd have no problem with any abortion. I honestly can't think of one situation where they would be against the killing of a baby if the mother is for it. Partial birth abortions are practiced in a majority of states. In some states one parent must be notified but they do not have to consent to the procedure. In a few states parental permission is required.

By definition partial birth abortion is performed as the child is moving through the birth canal. I will not go through the details but this procedure is performed on fully developed babies.

Let me state without apology, I am against abortions. I am amazed at those in favor of this procedure who also claim to be more compassionate and loving. Romans 1, Paul list the sins of the Gentiles. Among those sins is "unloving" in verse 31. Some translations such as, the American Standard Bible has "without nature affection" I cannot think of anything more unnatural than the desire to kill one's own baby. Our society has become a society of death as millions of babies have been aborted since Roe v. Wade became law.

Thus, the title to this article "Respecting Human Life Means Protecting Human Life." – Dennis Tucker