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# **The Christian and Abortion**

**Is It Murder?**

# The Current Abortion Culture

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- **The infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of 1973**
  - Declared the unborn child is not a person under law.
  - A right to privacy under the due process clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment extended to a woman's decision to have an abortion.

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- The infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of 1973
  - Thus, in one ruling, the Court deemed abortion a fundamental right under the US Constitution!
  - Norma McCorvey (the original “Jane Roe”) filed suit in 2003 to have *Roe v Wade* overturned, to no avail.
  - [NRLC.ORG](http://NRLC.ORG)

# Dred Scott

(1857), 7-2 Decision

Denied citizenship to an entire class of people based on race

Property rights of slaveholders trumped the interests of the slave, who had no rights

Sought to decide the slavery issue once and for all, but led to the Civil War

Overtaken by Congress in the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Constitution

# Roe v. Wade

(1973), 7-2 Decision

Denied personhood to an entire class of people based on development

Privacy rights of mother trumped the interests of the unborn child, who has no rights

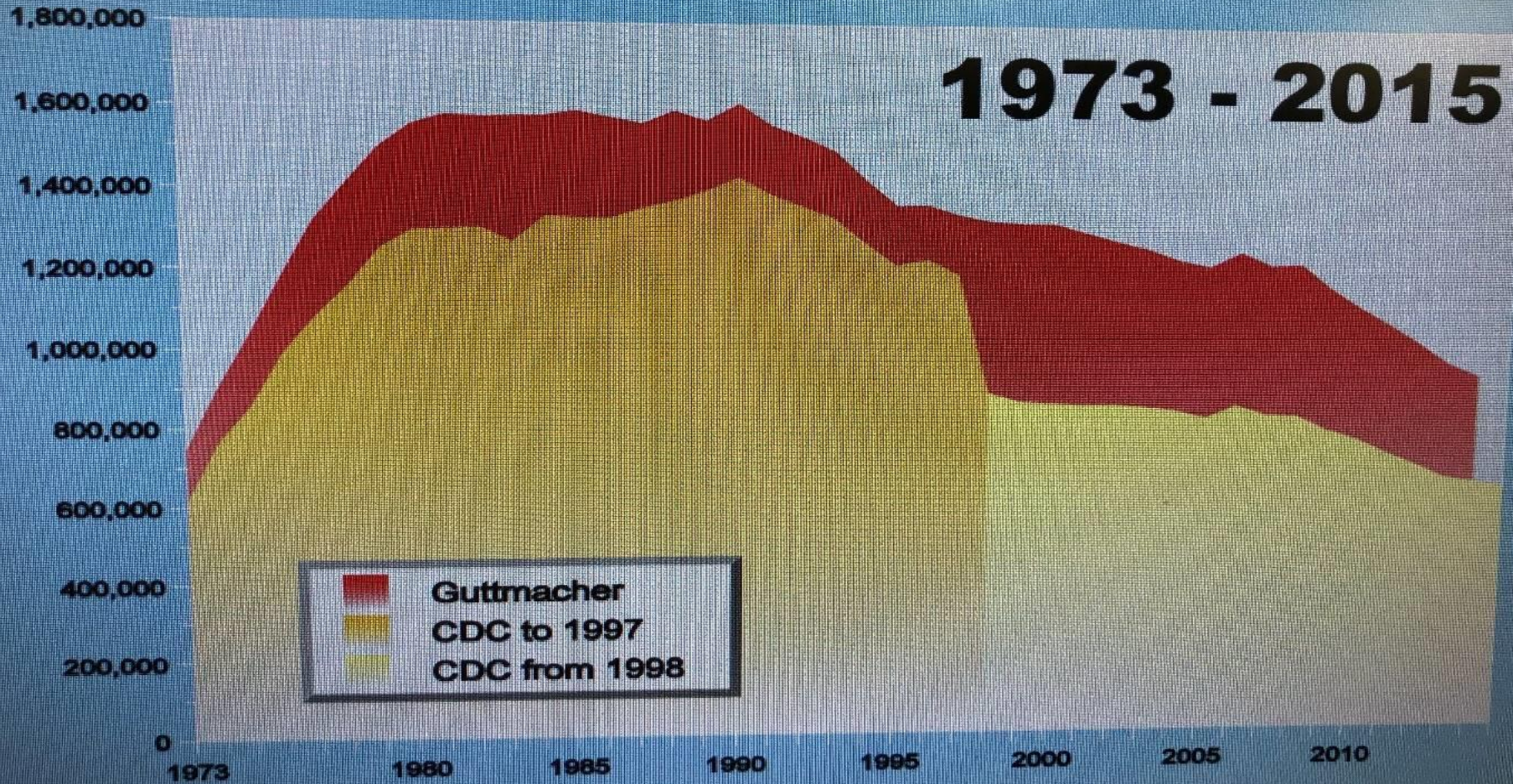
Sought to decide the abortion issue once and for all, but over forty years later the country is still divided

Roe relied on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which restored human dignity to those of African descent, to deny that dignity to the unborn

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## Reported Annual Abortions

1973 - 2015



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## Deaths from America's Wars Total

From 1775 to the Present  
(U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs)

~1,200,000

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## Deaths from Abortion

From 1973 to 2014 in the USA  
(Guttmacher Institute)

~60,942,000

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## **Examined in Light of Scripture**

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**Does God recognize the unborn as a human being?**

- **Biblical principles**

- **Luke 1:39-44**

- **Luke 2:12,16**

- **Psalms 139:13-16; Isaiah 49:5**

- **Exodus 21:22-24**



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## Examined in Light of Laws in the USA

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*This is a photo of Tracy Marciniak Seavers, holding the body of her son Zachariah. Tracy was seriously injured, and Zachariah was killed, by an assault during the ninth month of the pregnancy. Do you think this photograph shows one victim, or two?*

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*Wisconsin State Law  
changed in 1998*

*The killing of an “unborn  
child” at **any stage of pre-  
natal development** is  
defined as homicide under  
all homicide laws in that  
state now.*

***38 states now have such  
laws***

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*President Bush signed  
Unborn Victims of  
Violence Act into law*

*April 6, 2004*

*Called the “Laci and  
Conner” bill*

*Scott Peterson convicted  
of double homicide under  
California law*

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## Examined in Light of Science

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### When does human life begin?

- The human zygote, formed after fertilization, contains 46 chromosomes
  - 23 from Father, 23 from Mother
  - Unique and different from Father or Mother
  - He/she will biologically develop himself/herself continuously without any biological gaps throughout the embryonic, fetal, neonatal, childhood and adult stages until death of the organism.

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## Examined in Light of Science

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### When does human life begin?

- The human zygote, formed after fertilization, contains 46 chromosomes
  - After fertilization there is not substantial change, but only *accidental* change – size, shape, color, etc. – not the nature of the human being
  - The biological facts demonstrate that by the time of fertilization, he or she is already a human being!

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## Examined in Light of Science

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### When does human life begin?

- **The human zygote, formed after fertilization, contains 46 chromosomes**
  - **Every effort to define “delayed personhood” fails in the face of the evidence of science**
  - **Given the straight scientific facts, we know that every human being is a human person from fertilization on. There is no other point that can be defined where personhood begins.**

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- **What can I do?**
  - **On the personal level**
    - **Flee sexual immorality – 1 Corinthians 6:18**
    - **Be an example to the believers – 1 Timothy 4:12**
    - **Put on the whole armor of God – Ephesians 6:13-18**

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### ■ What can I do?

#### ■ On the national & local levels

#### ■ Let our light shine on moral issues

- Abortion – ([nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org))

- Sacred Selections – ([sacredselections.org](http://sacredselections.org))

- With a godly spirit show a better way

- Provide for adoption



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- **What can I do?**
  - **On the national & local levels**
    - **When challenged to violate Scriptural principles, obey God rather than man.**
      - **Acts 5:29**
      - **Example of the HHS Mandate under Obamacare (January 2012)**

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- **What can I do?**
  - **On the national & local levels**
    - **Be an informed voter!**  
**Matthew 22:15-22**
    - **Can I help place in office a person who believes in abortion and is determined that the practice will continue?**

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- **What can I do?**
  - **On the national & local levels**
    - **Pray for those in authority**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-2**

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**It is our national shame!  
It is a holocaust of epic  
proportions!**