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The Other Side

Hello, my name is Andrew Roberts and I am a freshman at Science Leadership Academy in Philadelphia, PA. I have many controversial beliefs, especially as a conservative-minded person in Philadelphia.

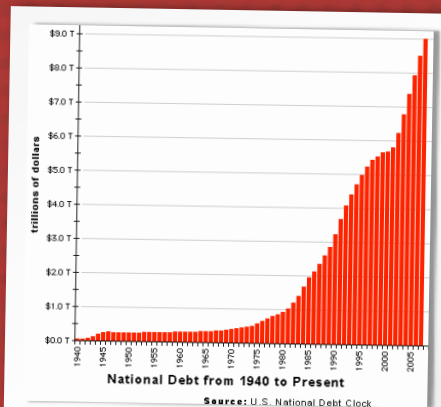
It is hard when everyone around you has the direct opposite belief from you, though it has led to some good debates. I have gotten ridiculed, although I do not have it the worst. I have a friend who posted something on

facebook and that one post made his life at school horrible. It is hard in a world where everyone agrees with you to accept other's opinions, and this goes both ways.

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THE GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE



THE DEBT ISSUE



UNMANNED AIRCRAFT: THE WHOLE STORY

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One of the things I am passionate about is abortion. I am Pro-Life. I believe that abortion is murder and that every human life has value, and that “A person is a person, no matter how small” (Dr. Seuss, *Horton Hears a Who*), or how young. A baby inside the womb has unique DNA and therefore is *not* a part of the woman’s body, and therefore she cannot decide its life for it.

Not only is abortion immoral, the methods of killing a baby inside a womb are simply barbaric. The most common method, Suction Cutterage, is described by PregnantPause.org: “The abortion dilates the woman’s cervix and inserts a tube with a sharp edge on the tip. The other end of the tube is connected to a suction device, similar to a home vacuum cleaner but much more powerful. Between the sharp edge and the force of the suction, the developing baby is torn apart and the pieces sucked out through the tube. This method is usually used for first-trimester abortions.” The baby, this living, growing person, is ripped apart, with no mercy, into pieces, cutting off its life prematurely.

Abortion was originally legalized in 1973, after the controversial case of *Roe v. Wade*. Since then, over 53 million abortions have been performed, about one sixth of the current U.S. population. This amounts to about 1.25 million abortions in the U.S. every year, and over 3,000 a day, as many people as were killed in the 9/11 attacks. We have killed so many people, and will continue to do so if the law is not changed. One may say, however, that more people is not a beneficial thing. There would be more hunger, more homeless, more without work. But what if one of those 53 million people would have solved world hunger? What if one of them would have created a huge corporation, employing millions? By killing our unborn, we are killing our future.

But what if a woman is raped? She should not have to carry and pay for this person that she does not want. But it is still a living, breathing, human being that you are unmercilessly murdering. And even so, The Guttmacher Institute (Planned Parenthood’s research branch) reports that less than 1% of abortions are performed because

of rape or incest. Only 3% are done to protect the life of the mother. And an astounding 86% are performed out of pure convenience.

Not only does abortion have its faults, Planned Parenthood does also. They specifically target the poor, as 72% of abortions are performed on women below the poverty level. The founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, once said: “The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.” Planned Parenthood not only encourages the murder of millions, but benefits and even prospers from the surplus of women wanting an abortion because they see no value in the magnificent thing in their womb.

This needs to change. We worry about terrorists attacks that could kill 50 or 100, but we stand and watch and even encourage the murder of millions.

If you would like to contact me, you can do so at aroberts@scienceleadership.org. I am open to questions and discussion. Thank you for reading!