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# 12 Reasons to Consider Why Sanctity of Human Life versus Abortion is a Decisive Issue in Elections

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This month's *Sanctity of Human Life* (of GLC Series) focuses on 12 reasons to consider why sanctity of human life versus abortion is a decisive issue in elections. Here are my thoughts based on Scripture and observations of the nature of man and the history of nations:

- 1. From the beginning, the purpose of civil government has been to protect human life and execute justice for innocent bloodshed.** The Creator God's original delegation of authority to mankind to render justice included this command, and the basis for the command: "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man" (Genesis 9:6). The word for "man" used three times in this verse is the original word "adam" from Genesis 1:26-27, meaning man as a human being, male or female, at any stage of life. Precisely because God created man "in the image of God," He requires justice for murdering a person who is unborn or born. This truth was understood by most if not all Christian nations in past generations, which is why every nation prohibits murder, and why every Christian nation with a known policy prohibited abortion prior to 1920.
- 2. Prohibiting abortion is loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.** God cherishes human life so highly that He commanded: "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey My commandments" (John 14:15). "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother" (1 John 3:11-12). "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments" (1 John 5:2). To truly love God and love our neighbor is to protect children, before and after birth.
- 3. Prohibiting abortion and punishing those who murder preborn or newly born children is a rightful and lawful use of civil government power.** The God-given purpose of civil government is to enact laws, such as "You shall not murder," and apply them to any human being at any stage of life from conception or fertilization, and enforce those laws (Exodus 20:13). "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire" [child sacrifice] (Deuteronomy 18:10). God gave this command just prior to taking ancient Israel into the lands where people were sacrificing their newborn children to their gods, and the Living God was about to use Israel to render His judgment.

4. **Authorizing immorality and abortion destroys the moral foundations of society.** Good moral foundations for any society can be established if the righteous standards of morality, purity in relationships, and covenant faithfulness in marriage – all ordained by the Creator – are cherished, honored, and preserved, even though some will violate those standards. If the society and schools permit immorality, and government later authorizes abortion, then the people will be confused about what is morally right or wrong, and the culture will decline with no fixed moral standards. This decline has progressed so deeply in the U.S. that most Americans no longer have clear discernment, and LGBTQ is being normalized (Romans 1:18-32; Exodus 20:14, 17; Leviticus 18; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8).
5. **Authorizing immorality and abortion removes the foundation for the rule of law.** The rule of law can be preserved only if human laws are consistent with the Law of God and His fixed and unchanging moral standards of right and wrong, and good and evil. Immorality and abortion destroy human relationships and human lives, and violate the good Law of God. If human law prohibits murder, but permits the murder of some humans (preborn or newly born) without impunity, this devalues all human life and removes clear distinctions between right and wrong, thus removing fixed foundations necessary for the rule of law.
6. **Authorizing immorality and abortion destroys true liberty.** True liberty is the responsible use of freedom. Responsible use of freedom builds trust in relationships and communities, and increases capacity for true liberty with limited government. But immorality and abortion are misuses of freedom, break trust and relationships, create chaos, and cause innumerable negative consequences that require increased government and control. When the United States was a God-fearing and honoring nation, out-of-wedlock pregnancies were low, marriage was highly honored, children were viewed as a blessing, abortion was illegal, a man's word was his bond, and we didn't worry about locking our doors.
7. **Authorizing abortion results in innocent bloodshed, which brings a curse.** "So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land . . . and bloodguiltiness be on you" (Deuteronomy 19:10). "So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it" (Deuteronomy 35:33). "They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols . . . and the land was polluted with the blood" (Psalm 106:37-38). God sees innocent blood all over this nation (and others), and remembers every child aborted and will require atonement. For those who repent, the blood of Jesus Christ fully atones for their sin (1 John 1:8-10; Revelation 1:5).
8. **Where there is rampant immorality and massive innocent bloodshed, the Spirit of the Lord who restrains sin and evil begins to withdraw,** leaving the people to their own sins, and allowing sin, evil, hatred, strife, rebellion, and division to flourish (e.g., Ezekiel 5; Romans 1:18-32). God removes His blessing, in part or in full, from such a nation, though He is always eager and ready to respond to those who humble themselves before Him, and

will always preserve a remnant of His people (Isaiah 59:1-8). If they seek and obey Him, then He may restore their nation, as He did with Israel.

9. **God has and will always judge leaders, governments, nations, and individuals who shed innocent blood.** “Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD” (2 Kings 21:16). “The LORD sent against him . . . (enemies) . . . to destroy . . . for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive” (2 Kings 24:2-4).
10. **Currently, on an average day, 2,300 preborn babies will be murdered by abortion in the United States, with more than 61.3 million dead thus far. This slaughter must end!!!**
11. **In nations with representative governments, the people vote for their government leaders and legislators (and some their judges), who then act on their behalf, but the people bear some level of responsibility for those to whom they entrust civil power.** We as voters cannot control their decisions once they are in office, and we are not responsible for every decision they make. But we ought to do our best to know what they believe and think before voting – before giving them power to choose who will live and who will die (including children in the womb). Consider these scenarios. If a candidate declares he is committed to protecting the lives of preborn and newborn children, and will oppose abortion and infanticide, and therefore I choose to vote for him; and then in office he fulfills his promise and does so consistently, then I know before God that I voted wisely, and he before God is using the authority entrusted to him wisely and consistent with the will of God and his promise. If I voted for another candidate who made the same promises, but then in his official capacities supported abortion, then he violated his word of promise and acted contrary to the will of God, but I am not culpable for his decisions unless I vote for him again. If I, though being pro-life, voted for another candidate who declared he supported abortion, then both he and I are culpable for his decisions, and the innocent blood is on his hands and my hands, for I empowered him to enact or preserve the evil policy authorizing abortion.
12. **If voters support candidates who say they oppose abortion personally but will not impose their view, then abortion will continue and not end.** A candidate who says he is personally opposed to abortion but will not impose his view or decide for others, does not have true pro-life conviction, does not believe in the sacred gift of every human life, and does not understand a foremost purpose of the civil office he seeks. Further, he may be saying that he would not want his own wife, daughter or grand-daughter to abort their children and grandchildren, but it is okay for others to do so (and he may authorize them to do so). When such people are in civil government, they usually do not have conviction or courage to stand against abortion, allowing those who support abortion to be empowered. This is also a contributing factor of why our tax dollars are continuing to fund Planned Parenthood.

On behalf of the all the children who have died in our nation by abortion, including today, and those who are at risk tomorrow and the next day and the next day, I appeal to you to seriously consider these important points as you prepare to vote. Just as I did this past weekend for the primary election, research the candidates and be sure you are supporting those who are committed to protecting innocent human life beginning at conception or fertilization. Thankfully, there usually are candidates for many offices who are truly pro-life, but they need your support to win the right to represent you and exercise lawful civil authority.

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“Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes . . . Then I charged (them) . . . ‘You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s’” (Deuteronomy 1:13-17).