

Column: Gov. Newsom, whose life is worth saving?

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Whose life, according to California Governor Gavin Newsom, is precious enough to save:

A. A healthy human fetus being carried by its mother who is thinking about undergoing an abortion,

or

B. A remorseless serial killer who, after a fair trial, was convicted and sentenced to death, and has exhausted all rights of appeal.

Governor Newsom's answer:

Kill the baby and save the serial killer.

Governor Newsom's "Right to Choose" between saving the life of an unborn baby or that of a murderer condemned to die by execution has been repeatedly expressed in numerous executive actions.

On March 13, 2019, the governor ordered a moratorium on all further executions during his term as California's governor.

On January 31, 2022, he ordered the dismantling of Death Row in San Quentin and the transfer of more than 700 Death Row inmates to other prisons throughout the state.

Crescent City's population surge from the arrival of these murderers at Pelican Bay State Prison will likely be offset by the loss of what would otherwise have been the birth newborn babies, now that Governor Newsom will make it easier to get an abortion.

On June 24, 2022, Newsom signed SB245 eliminating co-pay for abortion related services, effectively eliminating the cost of obtaining an abortion.

Also on June 24, 2022, the governor proposed a \$125 million "Reproductive Health Package" to "prepare for the influx of women seeking abortions from other states" who will come to California to get their abortions for free.

Under Governor Newsom's plan to make California become "a haven for people seeking abortions," taxpayers will pay the transportation, accommodation and medical expenses for those seeking an abortion from out-of-state. It is not hard to imagine border communities like Crescent City will experience an increase in the number of abortion providers, while access to other healthcare services continues to decline.

"Reproductive choice" is the misnomer often applied to so-called right to avoid the consequences of pregnancy. It's the timing of this choice that is so disturbing. Such a choice should be made before the pregnancy is initiated, rather than one or two trimesters later on a visit to an abortion clinic.

A woman's "bodily autonomy" is another term used to soften the conscious decision to end the life of a healthy fetus – with little regard for the bodily autonomy of the baby.

A woman's bodily autonomy should not be surrendered so easily to someone a woman does not love, to someone who does not love her, or to someone who has no interest in her beyond a momentary vessel of pleasure. If a woman still is unsure, at least take steps to avoid the pregnancy before it happens.

If a pregnancy does occur, the mother has many options other than an abortion. There may be a family member or a friend or coworker who would gladly accept an infant child into their household. There are other couples who have not been able to conceive a child, but would feel blessed beyond imagination for an opportunity to love and care for a child of their own.

And don't forget about older couples, including those who are willing to move hundreds or thousands of miles away to be "closer to their grandchildren" who have plenty of love and life experience to share with a child. It is often grandmothers who take care of their grandchildren that were born to addicted or incarcerated mothers.

We need to recognize that there are sensible ways to avoid an abortion and to save the life of an unborn child. We need to seek out trusted persons who have more to offer than the "one easy solution" to an unplanned pregnancy.

And as caring adults, parents neighbors, friends, classmates and coworkers, we all need to care a little bit more about each other, to spot a troubled person, to lend a hand, to provide comfort and support, and to save the life of an unborn baby.

And to you, Governor Newsom, from this editor of this tiny speck of a weekly newspaper in the small, remote and often forgotten County of Del Norte, I challenge you to establish another program comparable in size and scope to your \$125 million plan to “Make California a haven for abortion seekers.”

Your new program should be “Make California a haven for saving the lives of unborn children.” Maybe Del Norte County’s share of that \$125 million can instead support the young mothers who have decided against aborting their babies.

It would be nice someday soon to publish birth announcements again in the Triplicate. Are you listening Senator Mike McGuire?

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