

"Libertyville Abortion Demonstration"

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Transcription

Anti-abortion demonstrators stood with photos of aborted fetuses in Libertyville Illinois. We asked them what should happen to women who would get abortions if abortions were to become illegal.

- It shouldn't be legal
- And if it was illegal should there be a penalty for the women who get abortions illegally?
- I don't know I don't know I haven't thought about that one
- Well usually when things are illegal there's a penalty attached. What do you think it might be?
- I really have been speculating much about it
- You've been doing this for two years
- Sorry no comment
- Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal?
- Illegal
- Would it be illegal did you say?
- Yes, because it's killing a human person
- And what should happen to women if they have illegal abortions
- Just pray for them, they... I don't think they have to be spent time in jail or anything. Just pray for them
- If it's illegal you think there should be no punishment under the law?
- The life has been taken; the crime has been done.
- That's true of murder too, isn't it? Isn't there a punishment for murder?
- Yes, there is a punishment for murder. It is taking of a life.
- So why should there not be a punishment for a woman who has an illegal abortion?
- As the other one says it's kind of between her and god. She will get her punishment in the end.
- Then why should it be illegal?
- Because it's the taking of a life. There is life there from the beginning to a natural end.
- Isn't that a question between a woman and her god?
- It seems that it's being done that way
- That's your judgment or God's judgment?
- Both
- What should happen to women who have abortions
- I'm sorry what?
- Should happen to women who have abortions
- I don't have an answer for that

- What should happen to those women who have illegal abortions?
- Well
- I don't know what should really happen to them I would hope that they would in time come to see what they've done and be sorry for it but I think that we need to treat them with love
- If abortion is maybe illegal should women be sent to jail who have abortions?
- I've never really thought about it
- How long have you been working in this movement
- A couple years
- And you've never thought about what should happen to the women?
- Not really, not if they should go to jail or not
- Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal
- I think it should be illegal
- And what should happen to women who have the illegal abortions
- You know I never even really thought about that I don't know that's probably her conscience that is going to be her guide
- Right so if it's illegal you don't think that a woman should go to jail or there should be any punishment under the law
- I'm not sure about that I don't know I'm really not sure about that
- How long have you been doing this work?
- Not long enough probably five years
- And in five years you've never thought about what would happen to the women
- I've seen the pictures of what happens in a baby's and I see the pictures that we show and I see what happens at them
- You think abortion should be legal or illegal
- Illegal
- Why?
- Because it's a murder of a poor child
- And what should the penalty be for a woman who has an illegal abortion
- For an illegal abortion?
- You said you thought it should be illegal right?
- Yes
- If it's illegal, would you imagine that some women would still have abortions?
- Possibly
- What should the punishment be?
- That's hard to say
- What do you think
- Depends on the state of mind the woman what in, really
- Okay...
- I mean it's illegal she should be punished

- Should she be sent to jail
- Ultimately yes but I think you have to take in a lot of things into consideration too
- What do you think the range of jail time should be?
- I'm not a lawyer. It depends if she knew she was killing her child, the same punishment that anybody would get for killing anybody else, but if she didn't know...
- You favor the death penalty?
- No I do not
- I mean in general not for any crime
- No
- So maybe life imprisonment for a woman who has an abortion illegally?
- Again you have to take a lot of things into consideration but it would be a possible...
- You think abortion should be legal or illegal?
- It should be illegal
- And what should happen to women who have illegal abortions?
- They need counselling and they need help
- Should there be a punishment under the law for women who have illegal abortions?
- I leave that to society to decide they are punished enough by...
- I'm sorry I couldn't hear you. By what?
- Their punishment is already upon them when they have an abortion
- So what's the point of making it illegal if you're not going to punish the women?
- Because when you legalize it you sanction abortion in our society, you give the message to more uninformed people that it's a legitimate thing to do
- If you make something illegal but don't punish people doesn't that also get across the message that it's okay?
- Well like I said I'm not a lawyer but I'll leave that to you
- Is there any other crime that has no punishment
- Who are you with?
- We shoot for the AtCenterNetwork. We're an online news
- Well you're asking me more questions that I'm prepared to answer Joe Scheidler down there is better informed than I am and I think you could probably ask these questions of him and get better answers. I'm here because God's called me here.
- You say God called you? When did..
- Thank you it's been nice talking to you. God bless you, have a nice day.