



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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This week's Topic: Banning Discrimination in the Womb



Education: In March of this year (2016) Indiana became the second state to ban abortions for the reason of a genetic disability such as Downs Syndrome. The law also bans abortion for reason of sex selection, as a handful of other states do. Although the law was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, pro-abortion groups staged a protest at the capitol on Saturday, April 9, to express their objection. A lawsuit has also been filed to block the law, claiming that the law is unconstitutional since it interferes with a woman's right to abortion. (1) Although they are supposedly fighting for women's rights, they are apparently unconcerned with the rights of preborn women being aborted because of their sex. We have laws to require businesses and government entities to provide handicapped individuals with access to buildings and restrooms, but in most states they may be targeted for abortion because of their disability.

A large majority of American babies diagnosed in utero with Down Syndrome are aborted. People seem to think "the product is defective – send it back." But God doesn't make mistakes as he creates his children! People who are disabled deserve the same respect as every child of God. They can contribute to society and can still enjoy life! People have value because of who they are, not because of what they can do.

1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/04/11/hundreds-of-abortion-activists-rally-in-indiana-to-promote-killing-babies-with-down-syndrome/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please bless those individuals that are burdened with physical or mental handicaps, and help their families to care for them with love and respect. Help us all to see every individual you have created with your eyes, a child you have created in your own image. Help us to always be respectful of all your children, and to do what we can to ease the burden felt by them and their families. Help parents who have a handicapped child in the womb to resist pressure to abort and rather accept the child into their family as a gift from you. Help more people recognize the abortion of preborn children with disabilities to be unjust and discriminatory.



Action: Try to be more aware of handicapped individuals you may encounter around you. Think about how you might offer to help them, while respecting their independence. Support laws to protect handicapped preborn children from abortion.

If a pregnant friend is having amniocentesis to determine if their child has a genetic disorder, talk to them about how families can adapt to the challenge of raising a handicapped child, and offer your support in the unlikely event that it would happen to them.