

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**  
**THE ABORTION DEBATE**  
**IS ABOUT THE**  
**DEFINITION OF LIFE!**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*A writer exhibited a profound ability to use tortured reasoning to try to convince others about the manifest depravity of abortion opponents, and the limitless humanitarian advantages of easily accessible abortion services.*

*Here's my response:*

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Harriet Stanton-Leaffer reacted to Cal Thomas' views on abortion (Thomas disingenuous....., 2-14). Her message was that Thomas, and others:

- think sexual behavior not meeting their standard should be criminalized.
- believe women who enjoy sex should be punished.
- are trying to perpetuate the male role of dominance.
- would deny poor women the right to survival.
- don't care that many poor would be born, only to die from malnutrition.

She believes:

- women don't have easy access to contraception, hence the abortions.
- abortion is another form of birth control, like contraception.
- abortion permits women to have normal sex lives and still hold jobs.

It's obvious that some of her assertions are silly and demonstrate tortured reasoning.

Actually, Americans are in transition on this issue. A Pew Research study finds that while almost half of the population thinks abortion is immoral, they are not convinced of what to do about Roe v. Wade. But people ARE ready and would welcome a renewed discussion – one to help them resolve their many questions.

That debate would NOT be about enjoyment of sex or sexual behavior. **Rather it would examine a more important question ..... the definition of life.**