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DEATH PENALTY vs. ELECTIVE ABORTION: LET'S COMPARE THE CONCERN



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Full disclosure: I'm a conservative, sincerely pro-life, and unlike many conservatives, I'm opposed to the death penalty.

Think about the agony permeating the left's feelings about the death penalty. A good example is the December 15 "Other Views" editorial about "The Death Penalty." The article bemoans the 1,490 executions since the Supreme Court resurrected the death penalty in 1976. Capital punishment is characterized as inhumane, arbitrary, immoral, and a national disgrace. I understand that concern.

Next, recall the celebratory atmosphere surrounding the left's support for the right to have an elective abortion. Also, consider the approximately 61,000,000 fetal deaths from elective abortions since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme court. An elective abortion is most often arbitrary, and the number of resulting fetal deaths is a national disgrace.

Compare the left's demonstrated agony about capital punishment with their enthusiastic celebration of the right to have an elective abortion. If you are pro-abortion, but can at least concede that a fetus represents more than a mere cluster of cells, permit me to ask you a question. Isn't this a curious comparison given the relative number of human deaths resulting from each?