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Posted by aklein - 2008/05/14 20:12

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May God Bless you for your courage, raising a baby as a single parent is one of the most couragous things we as humans can do. You and your baby are in my prayers. Peace Or it's one of the most stupid things, but then the line between stupidity and courage has often been a fine one. Good luck. As a new parent myself I'd say the most important thing to remember is to not take things \_too\_ seriously. If you can keep your sense of humor when the poop hits the fan (or your new clothes) then the rest will come.

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: :+ : What rights? :+ :+ the ones the c4m position paper says exist... : Listen Allen, you are nothing more than an annoyance, a thistle in an : otherwise intelligent debate. in your opinion... And mine.

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FOR MEN! support irresponsibility..! it's a man's choice to avoid the conseq  
choice...!

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: Pre-birth, the biological parents are not : similarly situated; however, after birth they : are. Yeah, right. Similarly situated wrt custody as well? I think not. : You titled this thread 'abortion for : males. Why? Because you, too, want to avoid : gestation? No; because you wish to avoid : parental rights and responsibilities. What rights? : After birth, however, the parents are similarly situated. : There is nothing that a man, by virtue of his lack : of a uterus, is less able to do for the newborn than : the mother. Therefore he should have equal access to custody, right? What is happening here is that the anti c4m advocates want women to not only have their cake and eat it, but to have someone else pay for their cake. It really should be an either-or proposition. Either overhaul custody laws to give men real enforceable rights to access/custody, or bite the bullet and admit that in order to be fair, men must be given the option to opt out of unwanted parenthood. Any other option is unjust. Since men do have real, enforceable, rights to access and custody, will you shut up now? Chris Dicely I am 6 months pregnant, and unmarried. It is people like YOU(if you're the one saying it's a womans \*duty\* to have an abortion, etc etc) who give people like me who are trying their best to raise their baby a bad name. Thanks for your words of support. No, I don't see that anywhere in this post, and certainly not from me. Several of my close friends are young single parents, and I wholeheartedly support them. Chris Dicely

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First of all, all these people consists of a few disgruntled men who would like to escape responsibility. Ah. So now you're sexist \_and\_ lying. Good way to impress people. Sexism would require that I brand all men or most men as.....\_\_\_\_\_fill in the sexist word of choice; Obligated to accept a woman's choice to make him a parent. I am branding those who desire c4m as irresponsible (men or women); nothing sexist about it... That's the dishonest part.

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Posted by Scott Gilbert - 2008/05/14 20:12

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: This is how your proposal, IMO, removes one : biological inequality (only women's bodies : affected by gestation, so only women get the : right to exercise their right to bodily : integrity by aborting

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<snip : I agree with this passage, but would like to note that this continued : use of the since they don't gestate straw man is a useless : distraction, made referenced to a dozen times in this thread (not only : by you, Kristen). : We've seen this attempt to use idle sophism to try and obfuscate the : issue with absurdity

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Posted by John Lauzon - 2008/05/14 20:12

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:: In <DMApxt.4H3.0.qu...@torfree.net bk...@torfree.net (John Lauzon) :: writes: :: I have a problem seeing a fetus as completely human because it is : not : fully developed and mature. I lost 3 babies, one right after : conception, one at 9 weeks and one at 12 weeks. Were these babies : human? No. Would they one day have been human if they'd lived? Yes. : : Tami : : Your experience is a sad one, certainly they where human, no doubt : about : it. Who ever told you they where not human? : :

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Posted by Tami S. Garza - 2008/05/14 20:12

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:: : : : You just stated the case C4M stands for. A man cannot force a woman to : : : have a child simply because HE wants her to, but OTOH, a woman CAN : : : force a man to be a parent simply because \*she\* wants \*him\* to. : : : Actually, that's frighteningly wrong. A man cannot force a : : woman to \*gestate\* because he wants a child, nor can he force : : her to undergo invasive surgery because he doesn't want a : : child. The woman does not force anything on the man. : : The issue behind abortion rights is not forced parenthood : : but rather state appropriation of women's bodies and why that's : : wrong. Just as the state cannot force women to be incubators, : : would-be dads cannot, either. Neither the state nor would-be : : not-dads can force women to undergo surgery, either. : : Parenthood doesn't enter the equation at all. : : : : The first part in your paragraph is today's reality, but the second : : : part isn't, though it \*should\* be if one wants true equality while : : : maintaining the first part. : : : I only wrote the following: : : : I agree. Men should have the right to request an abortion if they don't : : : want to take any responsibility for the baby. Either abort, or absolve me : : : of any responsibility for the baby. : : : WHAT!? Why should men get to make any decisions about someone : : : else's body? : : : Gee, I don't want to take responsibility, so you go have : : surgery. And you call that equity? : : : You misunderstood me. All I say is EITHER have an abortion OR absolve me : : of the responsibility. I will not force her to have an abortion. I just : : don't want the responsibility. : I don't misunderstand. I just think it's disgusting that anyone would think that abort or be damned is an acceptable proposal.

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: : The only difference between an unborn child and a born child : is that the former exists transiently in the uterus for a period : of nine months. : And, for that nine months, society does not consider that fetus to be : a member of that society. Which society do you live in that allows anyone to have an abortion in : the third trimester? or 5 minutes before birth? What you are saying amounts to equating a sperm with an embryo since you seem to be accepting both as potential human beings -screwy, as well as obviously wrong. : NO, LEFTY. A human SPERM, like a HUMAN EGG, is DOES NOT DEVELOP INTO : A HUMAN BEING. : Oh? What DOES it develop into? A human sperm is just a human

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sperm - left alone, it does nothing but die. A human embryo develops - formed by the union of the two haploid cells. Go back to school. : A fetus of : 4 months has ALL OF THE LIMBS THAT YOU HAVE, has a beating heart, : And can not survive, absent the enclosure of some woman's uterus. As someone cannot survive if attached to a life support machine. Do they cease to be human, or are they human beings emeritus! : and can show sings of recognition to stimuli. : Reaction and recognition are not the same thing. My mind recognizes : the stimulus of a rubber mallet applied sharply just under my knee. : Due to a recent auto accident, my leg doesn't react to it. The tests for brain stem death do not detect recognition but reaction to stimuli. They are tests for life. And it has been shown that the growing foetus does recognise certain stimuli, as opposed to merely reacting to them, such as the voice of the mother. : Human fetuses look remarkable like human babies, and not very much : like blobs of tissue. : Same can be said for chimpanzee fetii. It makes no difference what the foetus looks like - appearances are irrelevant here. :

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ron...@cu-online.com Right to Life of Champaign County

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Posted by v.pagan - 2008/05/14 20:12

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talking too umm

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Posted by LAURA AKERS - 2008/05/14 20:12

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Posted by Christopher Raum - 2008/05/14 20:12

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My question is when do innocent children (as in Innocent Women & Children - First in the Llifeboats, -First in the Shelter, - First to be Protected.....) Diverge? After all innocent female children grow up to become innocent women, who get first billing in lifeboat scenarios, government funding etc., however at some point (usually puberty, the oldest male child let off the Titanic was 13) innocent male children become the brutal monsters responsible for all evil in the world for all time. Does Gender Feminism have a set timetable for this transition, or does it just depend on vacancies available in the lifeboat / government program...? Actually, one of the signals that we've reached equality will be the day in which a man and woman are drowning in cold water and the man is pulled out first because women can survive longer in cold water (extra fat, dontcha know). How many people have seen live TV reports where a helicopter or other rescue device are pulling people to safety and all the available women are rescued before they start pulling the men in, even if some of the men are already dead from hypothermia... -Chris

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Steady on. This is perhaps a good point for me to mention that I, for one, have no personal or professional stake in any of the issues that are being discussed here. However you might define responsibility, the desire to avoid it isn't what brings \*me\* here. I just find the questions interesting and subtle, and I have my opinions about which answers are more clear-headed.

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Posted by Michael Shepanski - 2008/05/14 20:12

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Perhaps I'm not understanding your reasoning. The only act that is available to assign fault is the sex act because everything that follows is non-action where no action is required. The only way, on This is the step I don't understand. I agree that, after sex, everything that follows is non-action where no action is required; but I don't see why that makes sex the fault (or, as I'd prefer to say: the source of a duty to support). Why can't I say that the non-action where no action is required is the source of the duty to support? Here in Australia, turning 18 is the source of a duty to vote in state and federal elections. You can turn 18 in your sleep. Also, nobody requires you to stay 17. So turning 18 is a perfectly clear example of non-action where no action is required

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Posted by Kristen Hansen - 2008/05/14 20:12

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From the man's point of view

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Posted by Yuri Kuchinsky - 2008/05/14 20:12

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Posted by Carol Ann Hemingway - 2008/05/14 20:12

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I am saying c4m (as written) is irresponsible hogwash! (Is that colorful enough) The law should not allow it based upon a cornucopia of reasons. Good: at least this is clear

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