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Right to kill fits our 'culture'

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Appropriating the term "pro-choice" was a brilliant rhetorical tactic by those who promoted the legalization of abortion. It has been so successful that those words now define the debate to the extent that little or no thought is given to the term and what it means.

A recent letter writer stated, "Abortions come with a lot of thought and a lot of emotion behind them." She also said that for some it is "the hardest decision of their lives." Why is that? Why is this "decision" so troublesome? It is further stated that women who abort "have their own guilt." Again, why the guilt?

Such angst reveals that abortion is something more than just another medical procedure. Could it be that, deep in their hearts, these women know they have or are about to kill their own developing child?

The "right" to kill one's unborn child fits well in a culture where a sense of entitlement has replaced a sense of responsibility and sacrifice. Little consideration is given to how our "choices," whatever they might be, affect others. Abortion, the killing of unborn humans, is just the most deadly example of personal and cultural selfishness.

Isn't it time for us to think more about our choices and the effect they may have on others? Our laws preclude many "choices," especially those that result in physical harm to others. Honest citizens are slowly beginning to recognize and admit what the abortion "choice" means – harm to women and death to her child.