

## Letter to the Editor: Why is a fertilized condor egg treated differently than a fertilized human egg?

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Conservation is done for many animals in the animal kingdom. Millions of dollars are spent each year to preserve or save one endangered species or another.

Several years ago one of those was the condor.

Pictures of helicopters hovering over nests as angry condors parents watched as conservationists raided the nest, took the fertilized egg, placed it in a padded box, and flew away with it. The egg was tenderly cared for, kept in an incubator, turned regularly, and monitored closely. If the egg had been dropped and broken it would have been considered a great loss.

Since 2020, a large debate has taken place over abortion rights again. When does life begin?

Here is the textbook picture. Monthly, a healthy egg is released from the ovary. Healthy sperm, if seen under a microscope, can be counted in the hundreds, and are moving at a frantic pace. Films have been taken showing massive amounts of sperm surrounding one egg. Once one sperm enters, it's game over for the rest of the sperm.

At the moment the viable egg is penetrated, fertilization occurs and many changes take place. The sex of the future human is determined, all the DNA is there, and cell division begins. Hormones begin to appear that weren't active until fertilization occurs.

Now, sperm aren't interested in a dead egg, so if sperm are seen moving rapidly and penetrate a healthy egg and all the above changes occur and those changes have been documented in real time; how is it that the human fertilized egg is not "the age of viability," but the condor fertilized egg is cared for, monitored carefully, and is considered viable?

This process occurs in every living creature on Earth. Only humans kill the unborn.

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The condor egg, if broken, is considered a major disaster. Why? All that is a broken shell, white matter, and a yellow blob.

Was it viable? You bet! It was potential.

Humans start out as a fertilized egg and it is just as alive as the condor egg. Neither you or I would be alive today if a live egg had not encountered a live sperm: the age of viability.

The outcry from the abortion[ rights group is loud, violent, and their reasoning narrative is inaccurate. Their loudest argument berated pro-life proponents for being cruel and heartless for not caring if a victim of incest or rape became pregnant.

How is it that - according to PEW statistics - of the 63 million abortions done in the last 50 years - only 5% are done for rape or incest? This means the angry marches leave out the 95% of abortions done for "convenience."

How very sad for the 56 million humans lost. Fifty-six million potential humans have not been allowed to become writers, artists, teachers, plumbers, doctors, nurses, scientists, mechanics, or future leaders. Potential for the condor only? You bet.

In the U.S. for the last 50 years the birth rate for humans has dropped below the sustainable rate to replace the population for the future. This means that the U.S. population will keep declining until it is not sustainable as a nation.

How is it that there is a huge outcry that production of the "abortion pill" might be stopped?

The abortion treatment consists of two drugs. The first is Mifepristone (Mifeprex) which stops the production of progesterone (needed to keep a pregnancy alive) thereby killing the growing fetus. The second medication Misoprostol (Cytotec) causes contractions. This whole outcry is ridiculous. If abortion advocates want a medication that kills the fertilized egg, the egg must then

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have been presumed to be alive.

How is it that “pro-choice” is used so often by abortion advocates? This is a misnomer. The “choice” is made in the bedroom. Is there no more responsibility for or accountability for actions?

“Reproductive Rights” is a contradiction of terms. The definition of reproduction: breeding, procreation, propagation. In other words, reproductive rights should be: enough clinics around the country to allow for pregnant women to receive adequate care for a healthy pregnancy. Every woman, and for that matter all humans, should have the right for good medical care. Pregnancy is not a disease!

How is it that a murderer who kills a pregnant woman can be charged for two murders? How is it that a very frightened 18 year old who delivers a term live infant and throws it into a dumpster is vilified on state and national news and must face 16 years in jail for attempted murder, yet if she had gone to an abortion clinic, this child would have been killed and disposed of, with no news, no outcry, and no punishment? Why is it legal for a clinic or hospital to kill a viable human in the making?

It is time to stop making excuses or using conflicting terms and call it what it is. Whether it is a smashed condor egg or an aborted human, it is dead.

***Sincerely,***

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***Retired Midwife***

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