

THE TRAGEDY OF ABORTION

Tragically in the UK, laws still permit abortion on demand for any reason to 24 weeks, even though medical advances show that unborn babies can survive at 21 and 22 weeks. It's double that of our European neighbours.

In America, Gallup polls have repeatedly found that most Americans do not support abortion on demand after the first 12 weeks, and a recent poll found that 69 per cent of American women believe that there should be significant restrictions on abortion.

In the U.S. with the demise of Roe and Wade 22 states are said to be ready to introduce restrictions that will protect unborn children from abortion.

Some, wrongly, say the ruling violates human rights. But abortion is not, and has never been, deemed a human right in any international law. All the other rights are worthless without that paramount right to life and are contingent on it.

We now live in a world where a child's baby album begins with an ultrasound photo of that child developing in the womb. We know that baby's heartbeat is present from 22 days after fertilisation; spontaneous movement begins from 6-7 weeks; at 8 weeks the baby has fingers, toes, a working digestive system and 90 per cent of his or her body parts have formed; at 10 weeks the baby's heart has already beat over 10 million times. To not even consider reviewing abortion laws in light of this would be perverse.

A baby with a disability — everything from cleft palate to Down Syndrome — can be aborted up to and even during birth. Not just barbaric, this is eugenics too.

There is a clear disconnect between UK public opinion, where 70 per cent of women think abortion time limits should be reduced, and much of the political establishment which pretends this issue is long settled.

Since 1967, almost 10 million unborn lives have been lost in the UK. Perhaps Americans of the future will look back on the half-century or so when over 62 million unborn babies were aborted, and wonder why and how it took so long to change this tragic decision. Hopefully, in time, the UK will follow suit and change laws which have needlessly taken so many unborn lives.

Just like with slavery, generations of the future will look back at our generation and stand aghast as to how we were complicit in allowing millions of babies to be aborted legally.

Some years ago St Mother Theresa said "Abortion is the greatest destroyer of world peace, because it destroys two lives, the life of the child and the conscience of the mother". Let us thank our parents for wanting us, for loving us, for giving us the precious gift of life"