

Physicians' Statement on Abortion 1972

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We, the undersigned physicians, hereby certify that a human fetus regardless of size, age or appearance is a living human being.

We agree that every woman has a right to decide whether to have a child. We certify, however, that when she realizes she is pregnant, she already has her child.

We reject, as totally unfounded, the concept that a fetus becomes human when it is capable of "independent" life. We certify that all fetuses, infants and children are dependent upon others for survival.

In short, we certify that induced abortion is the killing of a living human being. It is our duty, as qualified experts, to point out these facts.

We believe it is the duty of the legislators and courts to protect the rights of these human beings the same as any other human being in our society.