

UNWANTEDNESS

One of the favorite mantras of abortion advocates around the country is “Every Child a Wanted Child”. It sounds noble enough, until you realize what their solution to unwantedness is. If a child isn’t wanted, they argue, then it shouldn’t be born. The problem, of course, is that the child is already conceived, and the only way to keep said child from being born is to kill it. How do they justify such violence? Often by arguing that it is better for the child to be dead than for the child to be unwanted.

This is a bogus argument. It doesn’t work for the simple fact that no one makes such an argument about children after birth. Whoever heard Planned Parenthood or the National Organization for Women (NOW) argue that it would be better to kill children waiting for adoption rather than let them suffer through an “unwanted” life? If someone’s right to life truly were established or removed based simply on their “wantedness”, that would be the deathnell of homeless men and women around the nation.

Something as subjective as “wantedness” can never be the basis for granting someone the right to life, and abortion advocates know this. They don’t argue that mothers should be free to kill their “unwanted” children *after* birth because they know these children are living, human beings with full rights of personhood. The only reason they argue that mothers should be free to kill their unwanted children *before* birth is because they’re ignoring the scientific reality that these children, too, are living, human beings. The question is humanity, not wantedness.

Finally, it must never be forgotten, that the very discussion of “wantedness” in the first place ignores a substantial reality. There are no “unwanted” children in the broadest sense. Even if the biological parents want nothing to do with their offspring, there are literally, millions of infertile couples waiting to adopt a baby, and thousands of them are willing to adopt diseased babies of any race or ethnicity. This oft-cited notion of “unwantedness” is misleading and is utterly insufficient to justify even a single abortion.