

## Life for All

We COMMIT to guaranteeing that the Life of every citizen as valuable and equal by making laws to restrict abortion, other than for the health of the mother, funding those mothers who want an abortion to carry a baby to birth and adoption, AND to reinstate the death penalty for anyone convicted by DNA or two witnesses of premeditatedly taking another's life. Note that this commitment is to insure that justice is based on equality. The most important and valuable thing that everyone, young or old, rich or poor, black or white or brown or red or yellow or any color in between, possesses is their life. The value of a life is determined, as everything else, by the cost of replacing a life. For example, if someone premeditatedly kills you, but is not required to forfeit their life in return, their life is worth more than yours. Therefore, justice in law demands that the value of every human life be valued as equal that is a life for a life, an eye for an eye, etc, as it has been through the centuries. Note that this is a secular decision based on the value of every life. We value mercy and note that mercy is already a feature of US law that provides juries with the ability to dispense mercy. The argument that the life of fetuses in the womb can be terminated because the fetus is not a viable life is the same argument that should hold for the mentally impaired, the incapacitated drug addicts, the elderly which cannot function and any number of other maladies that limit viability. The constitution guarantees life for all, independent of their situation, and so do we.

### **Opposing the Death Penalty Devalues Life**

The current fervor in opposition to the death penalty for heinous crimes is founded unreliable emotion rather than reason. In reality, the feel good opposition to the death penalty forgoes the imposition of justice for the following reasons. The most valuable thing that every person has is his or her life. As a society, we place value on things by the replacement value. Since life is irreplaceable, the value of one's life is infinite. In previous societies, this truth has been embodied in the concept of justice as an eye for an eye, a hand for a hand, a life for a life, etc.

Our children, from early age should be taught that the value of life, independent of race, religion, creed, or orientation is so valuable that anyone who methodically takes a life must give up their own.