



National Organization for Women

BAY AREA CHAPTER

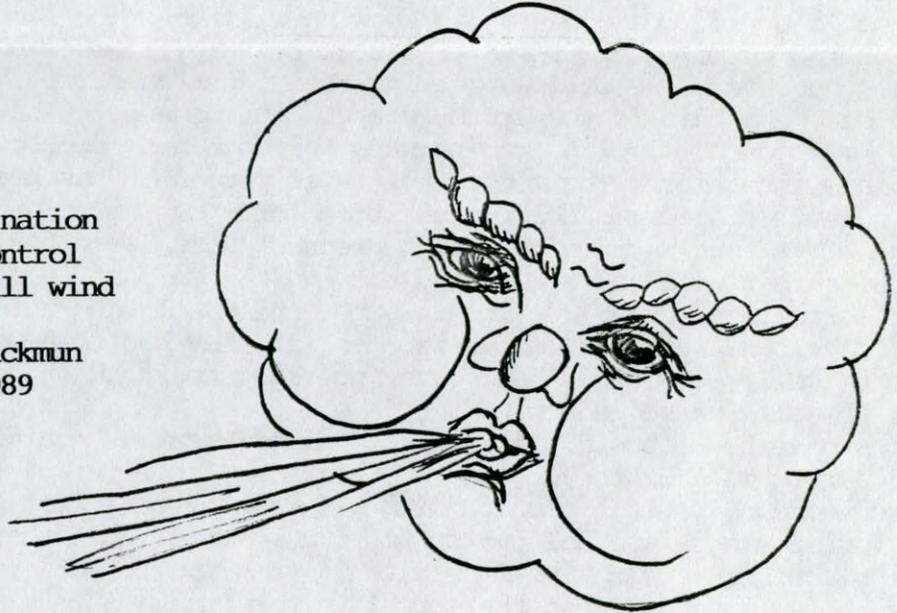
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The National Organization for Women's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American Society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education, and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of race, ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual preference/orientation, or parenthood.

"For today, the women of this nation shall retain the liberty to control their destinies. But... a chill wind blows."

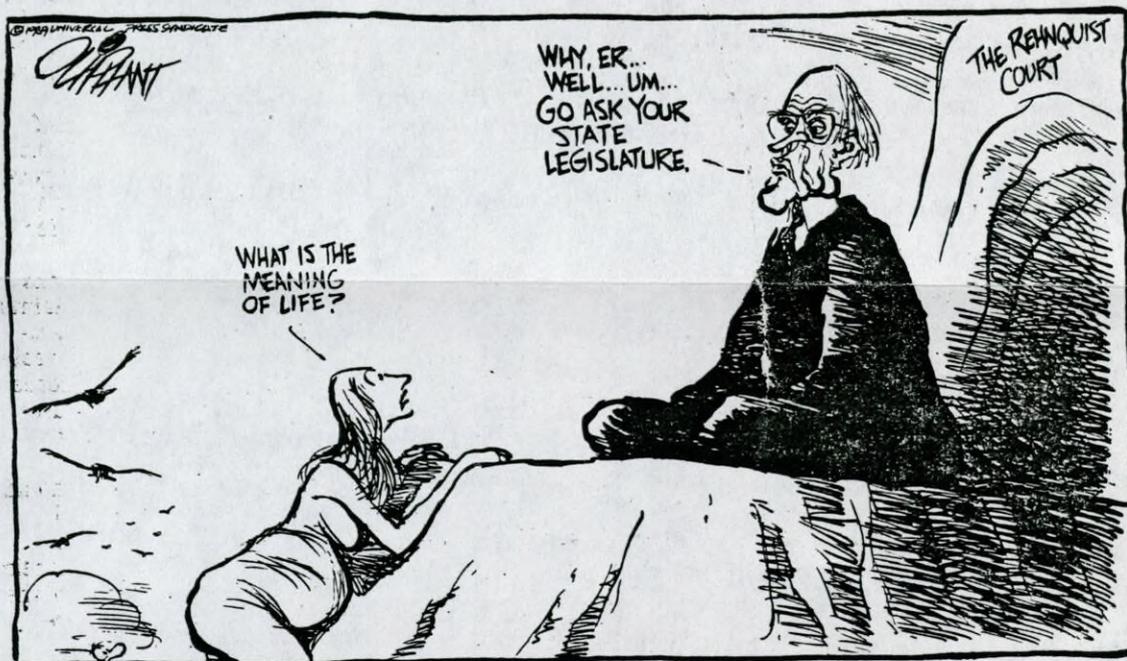
Justice Harry Blackmun
July 3, 1989



CHOICE: A RIGHT TO PRIVACY

Date: August 3, 1989
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: A Uniting Church
El Camino Real & Reseda

Come share a viewing of the new video, "Abortion for Survival", sponsored by Fund for the Feminist Majority; followed by a discussion on action to preserve our right to privacy.



Houston Chronicle

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Bay Area NOW salutes Doug Dodson for the following article that appeared in The Citizen.

SUPREME COURT PASES THE BUCK

To get to the heart of the matter, the Supreme Court has in essence made it more difficult for abortions to be obtained. In simpler terms, they have been completely irresponsible. Period.

Right-to-lifers are not unhappy with the non-ruling. Pro-choice advocates are devastated.

What is so ironic about this decision is the fact that these omniscient right-to-life supporters have probably taken a step closer to achieving their goal of no abortions. This, in their opinion, will save the life of all those defenseless unborn babies. In reality, however, outlawing abortions will not only result in just as many abortions, but probably cost many would-be mothers their lives due to inadequate medical facilities.

In an ideal society everyone follows the law. But this is not Utopia. When we decide to do something about making laws and rules, we need to keep in mind that they must address a problem, not ignore it.

What is even more absurd is the fact that in almost every news interview shown or printed, it is always a man who is speaking out on behalf of the anti-abortion coalition. Give me a break. What does a man know—he will never be faced with the trauma of carrying his father's child or the fetus of a rapist. It will never be his life that is in danger.

But I can see these fellows getting their just dues.

You see, and this is the truth, doctors in Los Angeles have been successfully developing a method of allowing men to have babies. These doctors simply attach the fertilized egg to his intestines. The mode of birth is proven—it has been done on women already.

My point? Considering the current trend of government rules, I think it would be comical if it were decided that if a pregnant woman were to die, and if the fetus survives, that the father would have to carry the egg. I can just see those pro-life guys having to preserve life—even if it is the child of the rapist who killed his wife. It may seem ridiculous, but think about it. Men, if they had to be in that situation, probably wouldn't yell so loud. Men have no right to speak on the issue if they don't have to suffer the same consequences.

Women have been abused, ridiculed, discriminated against and victimized countless times throughout history. I'm no woman's libber, but I do believe all men and women are created equal. Let's stop dumping all this hypocritical garbage on their shoulders.

As for all those who believe it was the woman's fault that she got pregnant in the first place, the last time I checked it took two to achieve this feat. And, women aren't always the willing partners that pro-life men think.

I truly believe that the pro-lifers have the most honorable intentions. Unfortunately, not one has given any thought to the mother. Perhaps some day they will join the rest of us in the real world and start making a stand for constructive solutions.

Question: What is the biggest joke in the United States today?

Answer: The Supreme Court, which protects the life of a fetus, yet supports the death sentence for 16 year-olds and retarded inmates.

I rest my case.

We are in for a very, very long haul... I am asking for Everything you have to give. We will never give up....You will lose your youth, your sleep, your patience, your sense of humor and occasionallythe understanding and support of people that you love very much.

In return, I have nothing to offer you but...your pride in being

a woman, and all your Dreams you've ever had for your daughters, and nieces, and granddaughters....Your future and the certain knowledge that at the end of your days you will be able to look back and say that....

Once in your life you gave EVERYTHING you had for JUSTICE.

Jill Rucklehaus

1. _____ I wish to join NOW. (Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$15 to \$35. This amount is divided among the Chapter, Texas NOW, and National. Please send the largest amount for your dues that suit your circumstances.)
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