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Profile of Sara Fletcher
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Sara Jean Marie Fletcher will be a 15 year-old junior this fall at Holmes High School in Covington, Ky. She lives with her mother, Theresa, who works for the Internal Revenue Service. Sara also lives with her stepdad Robert “but we all call him Pat because it’s his nickname.” Sara also has three older siblings who live on there own. She has two older brothers, one who is 21, Anthony “Boomer” Ellis, and the other is 28, Shawn Ellis.

Sara has been a member of the color guard at her high school team since the eighth grade. Her favorite part of color guard is performing because, “It gives you a rush of not knowing what’s going to happen.” For the inauguration of Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry, Sara’s high school band was asked to come and perform. “We got the music and stuff to learn the day before and had to perform it the next day.”

“I don’t care what people think about me,” Sara said. She believes that she and her three best friends have the strong friendship that they have because they share that same common value. A normal day with Sara and one of her best friends, Kaitlyn Herndon, would consist of walking to an unstable bridge to hang out and going to get a snow cone.

Sara has two other best friends who are brother and sister, Joshua and Heather Herndon. Normally she “walks places with them or we go to Cincinnati.”

Before coming to this journalism camp, Sara didn’t have any journalism experience. She came here to develop her skill as a writer. Sara wants to take a year off after graduation to collect money and get a house of her own before going to college. When she goes to college she wants to “hopefully major in photography and get her minor in astronomy.”

Overall all, Sara Jean Marie Fletcher is a well-rounded young lady, she is an individual who doesn’t take life too seriously and enjoys everything that life has to offer.

My First Amendment essay
By: Sara Fletcher.

I think that abortion is Wrong. Abortion is murder and people who participate in it should be punished, eye for an eye. Knowledge about abortion in this nation is little to none. Too many people in this world use an excuse to make themselves think that abortion is ok. Abortion is no better than being a part of Hitler's holocaust or the slave trade. Everyone should educate themselves about abortion, maybe if something like this comes up in their lives they will think about what they know about it and realize they shouldn't kill an innocent child they've never met. It's unfair to take away the life that's never been experienced.

I think that abortion is the act of killing an innocent child. In my own opinion I believe if you get an abortion you are a murderer and deserve just as much trouble as all of the other murderers do. How anyone can go through that is beyond my knowledge. To me, if you are able to let yourself kill the baby you created, you're not sane, in the least bit.

*₁ When an abortion is being done the main ways depend on how far along in the pregnancy you are. If you get it early enough, the abortionist takes a long metal clamp tool and sticks it into your uterus, grabs onto one of the baby's arms or legs and basically uses the "twist and pull" method. He keeps doing this until the entire baby is out. Now, if you are rather far into the pregnancy, the other way to have this procedure done is to have the baby turned around until the back is facing up. The doctor will stick a tool into your uterus and take almost the entire baby out but stop at the head. He will then take a sharp object, a syringe for most women, into the back of the neck and basically sucks it out into a bottle. Not the way I would want to die.

My reason behind thinking people should be punished for abortion is because I think that most people choose their own path in life. If they choose the road to pregnancy or don't take the right precautions then they should suffer the consequences of having a child. Some would say "if you were raped and got pregnant, why would you want to go through the pain of the possibility that something might be wrong with the child?" I believe that if something goes astray in life like that, you still have the choice of adoption. When it comes to unplanned and unwanted pregnancies, in my eyes, adoption is the best option.

*₁ Online there is a very good essay written by Larry Bohannon. This essay reads: "Like Shakespeare's Macbeth, they have blood on their hands, and it cannot be washed off. They are like gas chamber operators during Hitler's Holocaust. They are like slave traders who traded in human flesh during slavery." I thought this quote was just amazing because it pretty much explains what I believe for abortion. People think so strongly about the things that Hitler did along with the slave trade so many years ago, but they are willing to fight for abortion. To me, abortion is the same thing as both of those situations.

I'll state some facts to help support my opinion.
-*₂ Statistics about abortion are that 52% of women having abortions are all under the age of 25. 32% of all abortion; teenagers' hold 20% and girls under 15 accounts for 1.2%.
-White women hold 60% of abortions. Blacks are three times as likely to get an abortion than the white female and Hispanics are 2 times as likely.

- 1% of women who have abortions occur because of rape and/or incest; 6% occur because of potential health problems and 93% of all abortions occur for social reason, such as the child is unwanted or inconvenient.

Abortion is a very controversial topic for every one. Everyone has a different opinion about this topic, of course. I think that if enough think the way that I do, we can make a huge difference in the world. One that could save lives, both for mothers and unborn children. I hope I changed someone's mind and helped them see that abortion is not the right choice. Every life created should have a choice.

(Sources-)

*#-Website these facts or quotes were found.

1-<http://www.abortioessay.com/files/essay2.html>

2 -<http://www.abortionno.org/Resources/fastfacts.html>