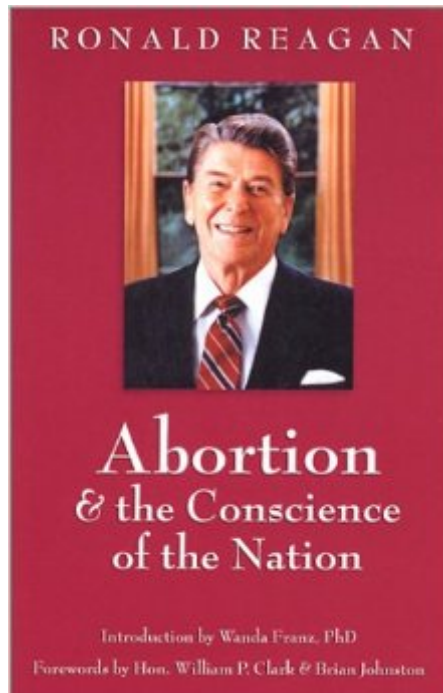


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# Abortion And The Conscience Of The Nation (New Edition/issue)



## Synopsis

This is a new edition of the dynamic book first published in 1983; the only book to be published by a U.S. President while he held office. With new photos and all new supporting materials, the original work by President Reagan shines with a timeless, poetic beauty. At a time when concerted efforts are being made to excise President Reagan's legacy from history, his prophetic view of the sanctity of human life, and his commitment to the "integrity of the human person" stands as a beacon of moral leadership. Contributions from Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President of the National Right to Life Committee; Brian P. Johnston, California Commissioner on Aging; and the Honorable William Clark, Chief of Staff to then-Governor Reagan, National Security Advisor to the President, Secretary of the Interior, and the man whom Edmund Morris, official Reagan biographer, called, "the most important member of both Reagan administrations, and the man spiritually closest to the President."

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Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation is an historically important document and one of the most passionate and well-argued pro-life essays ever written. The publication of such an essay by a President while in office (and in his first term, no less) was unheard of, but the knowledge that some 15 million unborn children had been aborted in the first ten years after abortion was legalized in this country compelled Ronald Reagan to do something to put an end to a practice doing irreparable harm to both families and the entire nation. The essay is a short but brilliant condemnation of abortion. The issue affects all of us, Reagan insists, because the diminishment of the life of the unborn diminishes the value of all human life. He exposes the ugly underside of the pro-abortion

"quality of life" argument, likening it to slavery, drawing parallels between the Roe vs. Wade decision and the Dred Scot decision that divided Americans over a century earlier. The "quality of life" argument is an argument for quality control of the population, according to Reagan. It says that some human lives are worthless and thus deserving of death; as such, it is a dark echo of the Holocaust which has now inconceivably been endowed with the quality of "mercy." Legalized abortion, Reagan makes clear, put America at the top of a very slippery slope. Not only are unborn babies being killed because they are not wanted, many are killed because of defects - someone decides that such a child would be a burden on the parents and family or the child will not be able to live a "normal" life. Such babies are dubbed useless and without value by the abortionist proponents and are thus denied the human rights our Founding Fathers promised every American.

In this short book on Abortion (63 Pages), Ex-President Ronald Reagan gives a very moving account on how important the issue of abortion is to the conscience of a nation. He stresses the need to stand up against this evil, and hints at what will happen to our great country if we don't take this issue seriously. The book starts off with two forwards and one introduction, all from prominent Pro-Lifers. The first forward is by Reagan's closest friend Judge Clark, who served on the California Supreme Court. Judge Clark gives an overview of how important the moral issue of abortion was to Ronald Reagan. He describes events in Reagan's younger life that may have caused him to realize the intrinsic value of each human being, and how this belief permeated throughout his actions. Brian Johnston, a very influential Pro-Life associate of NRLC, gives the second forward. In this forward Johnston recalls what he learned about President Reagan's true understanding of his "Evil Empire" speech, from talking to his friend Judge Clark. He gives an overview of how President Reagan's main principle throughout the speech, especially when contrasting us with the evils of the communist regimes, is the sanctity of Human Life. He shows how Reagan clearly understood that the definitive standard of ALL governments is how well they protect the lives of their own innocent citizens. The introduction is by Wanda Franz, president of NRLC. Which discusses the various accomplishments Reagan did to promote the sanctity of human life. Wanda Franz clearly shows that whether Reagan was Governor of California, or President of the USA, Ronald Reagan clearly saw the evils of abortion as a primary issue. President Reagan's discussion (only 26 pages of the book) is last in the book.

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