

# Parenthood beliefs of judy nicastro: a discussion

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Issue Summary: The topic “ Abortion” can stir up countless arguments for people around the world. In the article I have chosen to read and debate this week. Judy Nicastro discusses her abortion at the 23rd week in her pregnancy. Nicastro believes that, “ Parenthood starts before conception, at the moment you decide you want a child, and are ready and able to create a safe and loving home for him or her.”

Nicastro discusses how she married her younger husband at the age of 38 and they were eagerly ready to start creating a family together. Nicastro and husband had trouble conceiving so that began using vitro fertilization and became pregnant with their first son, Matthew. Then, Nicastro became pregnant with her second child when six weeks into the pregnancy she learned she was having twins. The couple's babies were completely healthy until one day they went to the doctor to get an ultrasound and the doctor looked concerned. Later, the couple found that one of the twins had a herniated diaphragm and if their baby boy survived, he would be on oxygen and life supports.

As the couple discussed with the doctors, the doctor eventually said that, “ Termination is an option, and a reasonable option I can support.” After thinking the issue through with her “ Catholic” husband. They both agreed that abortion would be the best option for the baby even though terminating the baby when there is two babies in the womb, can result in both babies being aborted, the couple still went through with the abortion after asking the doctor if they could postpone the abortion until the third trimester, when the second baby would be almost fully developed.

The article wraps up with the Author saying that her beautiful baby girl was born healthy after the abortion of the babies twin. Strangely right after Nicastro's abortion was final, the House of Representatives of her state voted to ban abortion after 22 weeks. Nicastro never failed to mention how she was sure that would never pass in her state.

Student's Argument: I chose this article to debate on because I have very strong beliefs and arguments on this topic. The first point I would like to make about this topic is, I don't understand how a woman, man, mother, father, anyone could say, especially publish for everyone to see that they believe, " Parenthood starts at the moment you decide you want a child, and are ready and able to create a safe and loving home for him or her." My opinion on Judy Nicastro's comment is, I believed parenthood starts at the moment you realize you are pregnant. You have made the choice to become sexually active which may lead to pregnancy so you need to be responsible for your own actions. Every year 400, 000 unwanted babies are born. These babies are coming from parents who are not ready to become a parent, the baby was a mistake, so on. Imagine how much higher the abortion rate would be if every single unwanted (parents didn't want a child at the time) baby was aborted but that statement is not valid because responsible, caring, thoughtful men and women who realize they are having an unwanted baby do the most reasonable thing and carefully put this precious baby up for adoption. They do not kill an innocent baby because they were irresponsible and didn't think about their actions before.

My last and final argument to this article is how these parents could abort this child during the 23rd week of pregnancy. First, why are they putting this <https://assignbuster.com/parenthood-beliefs-of-judy-nicastro-a-discussion/>

baby through pain? Yes, pain. This abortion happened during the 23rd week of her pregnancy. According to “babycenter.com” if a mother were to turn on music and begin to sway to the music, with the babies sense of movement well developed by now, the baby can feel the mother move. Imagine what the baby felt when the doctor was shooting a needle into his heart, way more pain than he would have experienced if his parents would have gave him a chance at life.

KIRKLAND, Wash. — I BELIEVE that parenthood starts before conception, at the moment you decide you want a child, and are ready and able to create a safe and loving home for her or him. I support abortion rights, but I reject the false distinction between the terms “pro-choice” and “pro-life.” Here’s why. G. O. P. Pushes New AbortionA lawyer by training, I was 38 when I completed a term on the Seattle City Council. Two years later, I married my husband, who is five years younger. We wanted children, and started trying right away, but had trouble conceiving. in vitro fertilization, we had our son, Matthew, now 4. When he was 2, after another round of I. V. F., we conceived again. I was six weeks pregnant when I learned I was carrying twins, a boy and a girl. We were elated.

But in my 20th week, during an ultrasound, the technician looked concerned, and we got the first hint that something might be wrong. The next day, a Friday, my obstetrician called to say that the technician had had a hard time seeing the heart of the male fetus. “It is probably just the position,” she reassured me. I wasn’t reassured.

On Monday, I had a second ultrasound and my husband and I spent two hours — it felt like an eternity — with a different doctor and technician. “ It looks as if the boy has a herniated diaphragm,” they told us. “ All the organs are in his chest and not developing.”

I began sobbing. What did that mean? Would the organs move? Was my baby “ fixable”? The clinic staff members were reluctant to tell us how bad it was. They said I needed an M. R. I., which would provide more details.

My world stopped. I loved being pregnant with twins and trying to figure out which one was where in my uterus. Sometimes it felt like a party in there, with eight limbs moving. The thought of losing one child was unbearable.

The M. R. I., at Seattle Children’s Hospital, confirmed our fears: the organs were pushed up into our boy’s chest and not developing properly. We were in the 22nd week. In Washington State, abortion is legal until the 24th week.

After 10 more days of tests and meetings, we were in the 23rd week and had to make a decision. My husband is more conservative than I am. He also is a Catholic. I am an old-school liberal, and I am not religious. But from the start, and through this ordeal, we were in complete agreement. We desperately wanted this child and would do whatever we could to save him, if his hernia was fixable and he could have a good by quality of life.

Once we had all the data, we met with a nurse, a surgeon and a pediatrician at the hospital. The surgeon said our boy had a hole in his diaphragm. Only one lung chamber had formed, and it was only 20 percent complete. If our boy survived birth, he would be on oxygen and other life supports for a long

time. The thought of hearing him gasp for air and linger in pain was our nightmare.

The surgeon described interventions that would give our son the best chance of surviving birth. But the pediatrician could tell that we were looking for candid guidance. He cautioned that medical ethics constrained what he could say, then added, “ Termination is a reasonable option, and a reasonable option that I can support.” The surgeon and nurse nodded in agreement. I burst out sobbing. My husband cried, too. But in a sense, the pediatrician’s words were a source of comfort and kindness. He said what we already knew. But we needed to hear it from professionals, who knew we were good parents who wanted what was best for our children.

The next day, at a clinic near my home, I felt my son’s budding life end as a doctor inserted a needle through my belly into his tiny heart. She had trouble finding it because of its abnormal position. As horrible as that moment was — it will live with me forever — I am grateful. We made sure our son was not born only to suffer. He died in a warm and loving place, inside me.

In having the abortion, we took a risk that my body would expel both fetuses, and that we would lose our daughter too. In fact, I asked if we could postpone the abortion until the third trimester, by which time my daughter would have been almost fully developed; my doctor pointed out that abortions after 24 weeks were illegal. Thankfully, Kaitlyn was born, healthy and beautiful, on March 2, 2011, and we love her to pieces. My little boy partially dissolved into me, and I like to think his soul is in his sister.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives voted to ban abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy, based on the disputed theory that fetuses at that stage are capable of feeling pain. The measure has no chance of passage in the Senate. But it is part of a trend toward restricting second- and even first-trimester abortions. Ten states have banned most abortions after 20 or 22 weeks; Arkansas, after 12; and North Dakota, after 6. Some of these laws are being challenged in court.

While some of these new restrictions allow exceptions for fetal genetic defects, second-trimester abortions must remain legal because, until a child is viable outside the womb, these decisions belong with the mother. I don't know if Roe v. Wade will be overturned in my lifetime, but the chipping away of abortion rights is occurring at an astounding pace. I share my story in the hope that our leaders will be more responsible and compassionate when they weigh what it means to truly value the lives of women and children.