

MLK AND ROE IN THE SAME WEEK



This year MLK Day is Monday January 18th, and Sanctity of Human Life is Sunday January 24th. The irony of commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life **and** legalized abortion in the same week escapes most people. Few people know the Supreme Court actually used the same law which kept blacks enslaved as their argument to legalize abortion in all 50 states.

In pretty straightforward language the 5th AMENDMENT of the U.S. Constitution says

“No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

Unless you're an attorney, you think it means the government can't take your life, your freedom or your property for no reason, and that it applies exactly the same way to every citizen.

But that's not what it *legally* means.

In 1819, SCOTUS ruled that the Constitution extends "corporations" the same rights as a "person." A corporation can't be deprived of its life, liberty or property without due process. In 1857, in *Dred Scott v. Sanford*, they decided a slave was **NOT** a person whose life was protected by the Constitution. They ruled slaves were the *property* of their owner.

That bears repeating: **A CORPORATION WAS A PERSON, BUT A SLAVE WAS PROPERTY.** Ultimately, that shameful position was corrected after the Civil War, with the addition of the 13th and 14th amendments.

But then, in 1973, SCOTUS resurrected the concept that "some humans are property." In the *Roe v. Wade*, the justices determined that the constitutionally protected right to life which was granted to citizens by the 5th amendment, was only applicable to someone who is BORN. Just like slaves a century before, in the eyes of the law, until it is born, **a baby is the LEGAL PROPERTY of the mother.**

As I said, it is ironic that at the beginning of the week we will celebrate the life of a great Civil Rights leader who challenged Americans to live up to the promise that "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL," but at the end of the week we will memorialize the decision which has caused the termination of millions of **created, but unborn** lives.



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COACH'S CORNER

Teachable moments with teens are so fleeting! And then, when they do present themselves, it's hard to know what to say. You have your kid alone in the car for few minutes, and for once they aren't on their phone. How do you slip in a character building message on the fly?

Here are a few tips to help you take advantage of the next teachable moment!

- A) **Have parenting goals.** With anyone else who is parenting your children, agree on a few character qualities you hope to instill — honesty, loyalty, protecting the weak, etc.
- B) **Come up with a short, pithy way to phrase it.** “You don’t need a good memory if you tell the truth.” Or, “If you won’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.” “No one respects a bully.” Anything that will help you remember the goals you’ve chosen under pressure.
- C) **Watch for or even plan opportunities to be alone with your teen.** Run through the phrases in your mind and drop them into your time together.
- D) **Repetition is the mother of all learning.** Your voice, repeating those little phrases will boot up in your teen’s mind as circumstances arise. (You know this is true: Think back, what is something your mom or grandma said to you as a child? Everyone remembers a few of those tidbits of advice! My nana used to say, “Always wear clean underwear, if you get in an accident you’ll meet EMTs and doctors—you want to make a good first impression!”)