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PLEASE, allow me to give testimony on this subject.

As a young woman with child, I would play games with my unborn children, pressing on one side of my stomach and then the other for the joy of feeling my child roll around so he/she could press back – it was a game WE played, me AND my child – not me and some facsimile of my child! My child used his/her INTELLECT to enter into this game with me! That's a viable person we carry in the womb! Also, I have always been fond of singing, and when my eldest child was born, she had yellow jaundice, so I wasn't able to take her home immediately. When she was allowed home, the nurses had already dressed her etc. It was quiet in there, but when my new born daughter heard my voice she became excited and agitated – she recognized my voice from the WOMB! That's MEMORY! That brain was fully functional while in the womb! I beg of you, surely your head if not your heart tells you that anyone who is capable of communicating (playing games) and recognizing a loved one (my new born positively differentiated between her mother's voice and the nurses' and REACTED to that knowledge) is not a partial person, nor a facsimile of an individual, certainly not a mere lump of flesh – to dismember or otherwise destroy these members of our society is cruel and unusual punishment, not only for the child, but for the mother who will soon feel that loss in ways she can't yet imagine! Have mercy, true mercy.