

The question: should doctors and nurses be forced by law to perform abortions or to participate in abortion by referring the woman to a medical professional who will perform the procedure? What about conscience?

Answer: Criminalise them!

Conscientious objection is only applied and can only apply in war. Thus gay cakes must be made by Christian bakers. Thus Christian doctors must perform abortions when the law says abortion is healthcare. We cannot get obeying our conscience all the time! You cannot cater for every conscience!

Even doctors who believe in abortion but at an early stage will perform later abortions. The only doctors defended by Christianity on the basis of conscience are those who will not perform abortion at all. Where you draw the line? What if surgeons will not remove an ectopic pregnancy on the basis that an innocent life, the most vulnerable of all, is going to be taken? The assertion that abortion attacks the most defenseless form of life and a life that has never hurt anyone like a grown up would have done implies that for this reason if there is a choice the baby comes first. That is why an equal right to life for mother and baby has to a smokescreen. It may be true but it can't and won't be applied and the mother will be sacrificed.

An unethical refusal to treat can be disguised as a matter of respecting conscience. You cannot read anybody's conscience for even they will struggle to read their own!

If there is a right to abortion or assisted suicide then you have the right to force society and your family not to prevent you from taking that action. That is one reason why we should not be too sure that conscientious objection is a human right.

Here is an article on this subject in relation to abortion.

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