



**DELICATE
DISCUSSIONS,
PART II**

reflecting on our world today
rooted in Jesus' compassion

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Life Issues

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Life Issues: Beginning

- definitions matter
 - fertilization = sperm + egg (a new human)
 - implantation = fertilized egg embeds in uterine wall
 - conception = “the process of becoming pregnant involving fertilization or implantation or both”
 - pregnancy = implantation and everything following
 - abortion = termination of a pregnancy (spontaneous or intentional)
- *All of these involve a new human.*

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Life Issues: Beginning

- definitions matter
 - contraception = against (preventing) conception
 - used loosely, though, to include preventing pregnancy (eg., NARAL, Planned Parenthood)
 - preventing conception = no new human
 - preventing pregnancy = possibly, not allowing new human to implant and grow

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Life Issues: Beginning

- definitions matter
 - birth control
 - used very loosely
 - can mean preventing fertilization (no new human)
 - can mean preventing implantation (new human)
 - Planned Parenthood categorizes all of these as birth control: fertility awareness, condoms, vasectomy, breastfeeding, emergency contraception, abstinence, etc. (“Birth control is how you prevent pregnancy.”)

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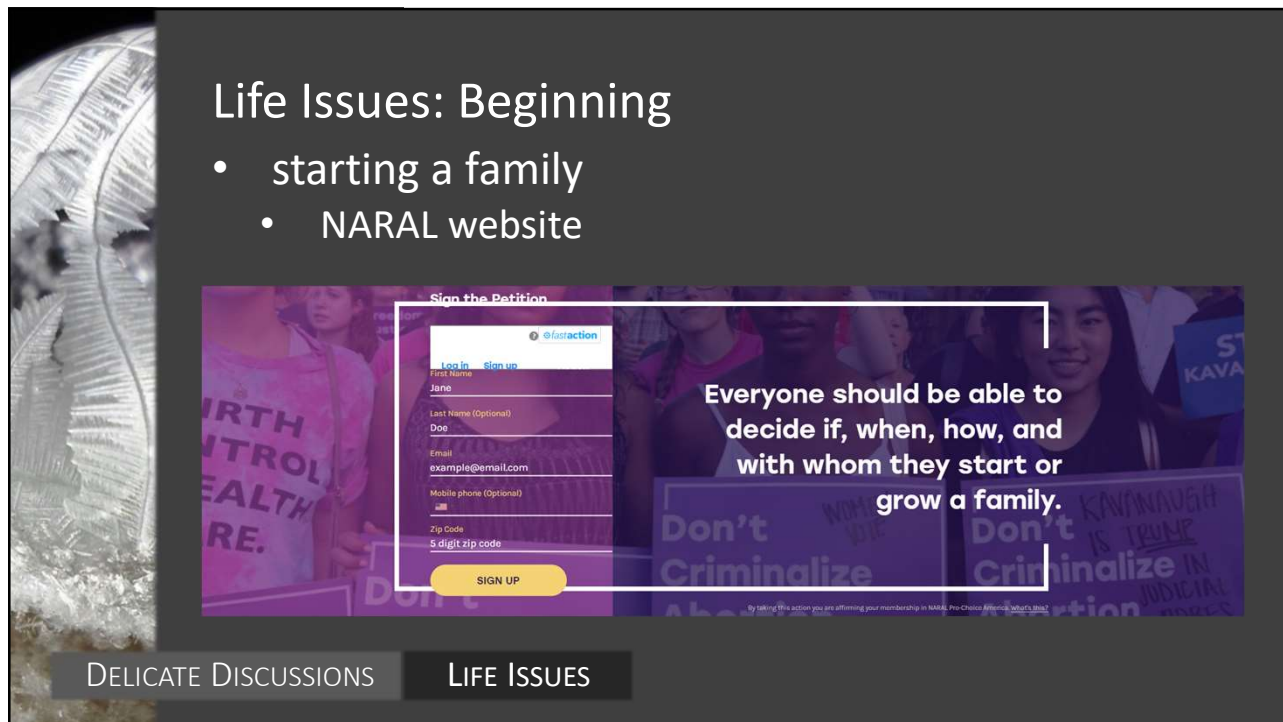


Life Issues: Beginning

- starting a family
 - What fundamental points are ignored in these statements?

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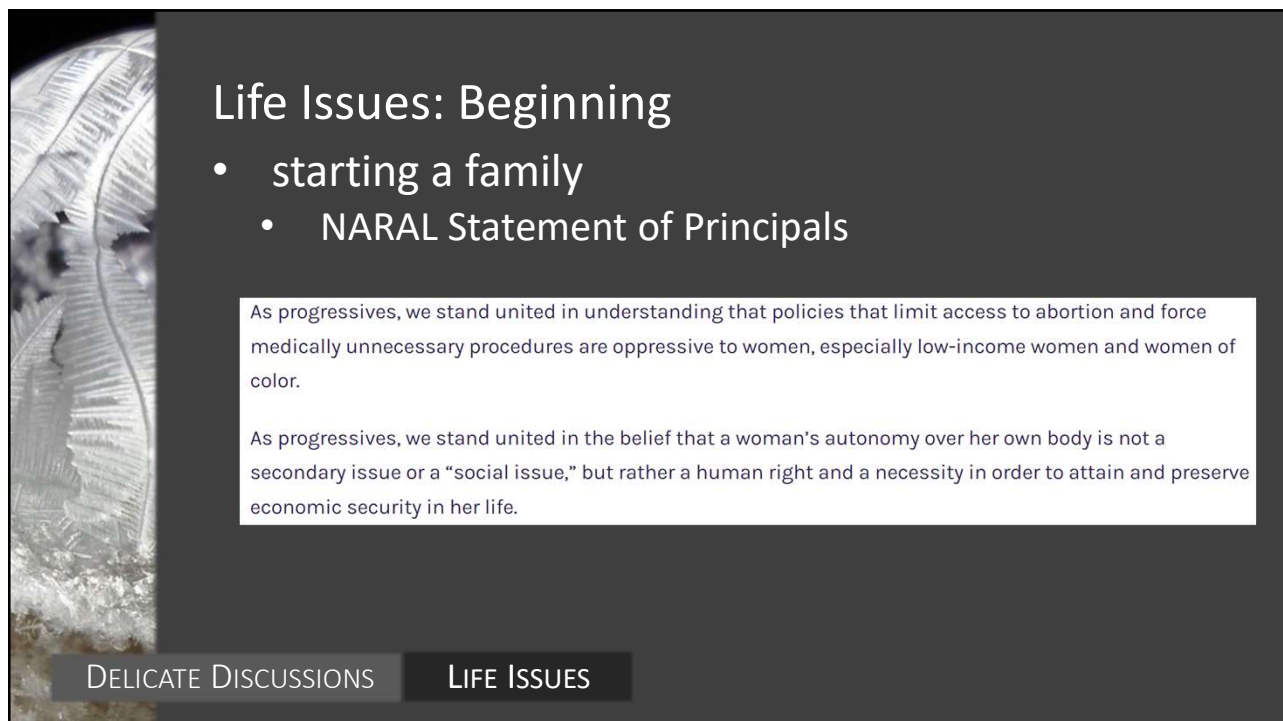
Life Issues: Beginning

- starting a family
 - NARAL website

Everyone should be able to decide if, when, how, and with whom they start or grow a family.

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Life Issues: Beginning

- starting a family
 - NARAL Statement of Principals

As progressives, we stand united in understanding that policies that limit access to abortion and force medically unnecessary procedures are oppressive to women, especially low-income women and women of color.

As progressives, we stand united in the belief that a woman's autonomy over her own body is not a secondary issue or a "social issue," but rather a human right and a necessity in order to attain and preserve economic security in her life.

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