

pleased to hear that she has not suffered, aside from my betrayal. It was a difficult painful dilemma - break a promise by speaking out, or stay quiet. This means so much to me that I was willing to face the threats and abuse I have experienced, so other men who suffer in silence, will break the silence. What makes abortion even more painful is that nobody sees that men also have feelings. And with society heeding feminists hollering "Every child a wanted child, every mother a willing mother," we've been brain-washed to think a child is unwanted unless the mother wants it. This lack of respect, and ignorance of fathers in abortion counselling, denies a father's complex emotions concerning the loss of a possibly wanted child. This lack of involvement makes it more difficult to come to terms with the loss. Any man who has experienced abortion should make his feelings heard. If more of us come out, we can make abortion less painful loss.

As surprising as it sounds, ISOJ fully supports the right to not be forced to be a parent, but no one should have the unilateral right to destroy an unborn child. In a way, we are both "pro-life" and "pro-choice". Are these positions really so far apart? Presently yes, as there is currently no way to separate the debate of the mother's body versus the baby's life, because affirming one overrides the other. There's no way around it, until science finds a way to extract a fetus without destroying it. If this could be done, a woman who did not wish to be pregnant and a father who wants the child, could both be respected, by transferring the fetus into a willing mother or artificial womb. However, none of this will ever come to pass if the government heeds some feminists cries that such technology is "experimentation on women's bodies" and "usurps our reproductive functions," and bans research. That it "usurps" reproduction is given, but so what? If women can have free abortions and reproduce without men (artificial insemination), then men should be able to have children without the PERMISSION of women. As for being experimentation, that is also given, but be reminded that without experimentation on bodies, male or female, there would be no life-saving surgery, and no abortions. Feminists can't shut their eyes to experiments for technologies that serve their ends and then condemn technologies that don't, by using the grounds of "experimentation," because both require it. If you believe, as I do, that science can end to this bitter dispute, your chance is here. Send your opinions to

the federal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies [Editors' note: since the writing of this column, the Commission on New Reproductive Technologies has been disbanded]. Otherwise, the only opinions heard, and thus the only opinions represented when laws are recommended, will be feminist biased. For more information, call the Commission at 1-800-668-7060 and ask for an information kit, or call ISOJ at 851-3496.

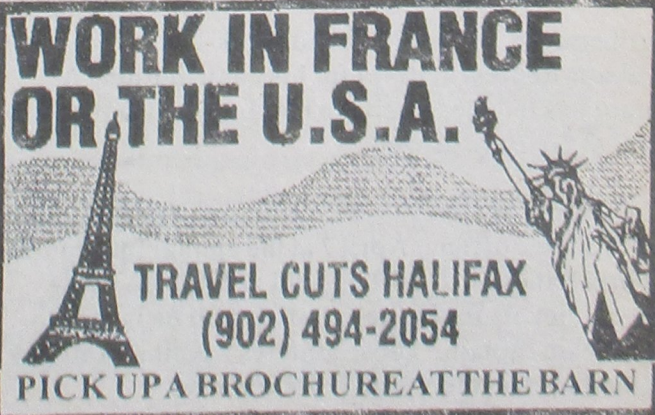
In conclusion, I hope that this "scratching the surface" of men's issues is enough to convince you that men also have problems, and that not all men "control the laws". If we did, we wouldn't have these problems, would we? Even the most radical "PC" cannot deny this argument, as this is precisely how society viewed their beliefs (ie., "not a problem"), before they were "correct". For us, our journey started over 19 years ago, but we have only just begun.

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