

get an abortion, the same pro-lifers say you must trust the family. They always have the best interest of the minor at heart. So Ellen Goodman called attention to this and she concluded in this fashion. "What it comes down to in these cases is not families at all. It's rights and rules, the people and the state. Those who want the Supreme Court to decide in favor of minors and the Cruzans believe we can and must trust individuals to make the most important decisions for themselves. Only when they are as disabled as Nancy Cruzan, C-r-u-z-a-n, does that right evolve to the next most intimate circle. But those who want the court to rule for Missouri, Ohio and Minnesota believe individuals cannot be trusted. Not even with their rights. So this is how the pro-life movement evolves. Law by law, it places its confidence in a distant, powerful, impersonal force. And now, case by case, the court must decide whether the seamless garment pro-lifers would weave to protect 'life' is to become an authoritarian cape worn by the state." Sometimes people who are zealots and fanatical about a certain idea are willing to give up all kinds of civil liberties, all types of constitutional protections, and allow the government to intrude into the most intimate and personal areas of a person's life in order that they can achieve the small, narrow point that they want. But after having achieved that point and the government having been granted this power, another aspect of their life they will not want the government to intrude into, and at that time, they will begin to talk about Big Brother being too strong, being too big, which is what Reagan and Bush have talked about, yet they want Big Brother, the government, to intrude in the most intimate and personal affairs of individuals to usurp the right of the individual to make a decision and a choice. But there are people who, no matter what the government says or the courts rule, are going to do what under the circumstances they feel is best for them, and they will use whatever means are at their disposal.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we should not put them in a position where their lives have to be threatened. Who in here, excuse me, who in here knows any young woman who is about to get an abortion? Who in here is out beating the bushes, knocking on doors, trying to find the young women who might wind up wanting abortions and trying to talk them out of it? We are not even dealing with real live, breathing people. We are dealing in the abstract, taking an idea that has been foisted and imposing it