Hi, this is Kris, welcome to my blog. I don't usually do back-to-back blog pieces, but I really wanted to talk to you about this topics as there are so many rallies going on right now

I have wanted to share my feelings about abortion for some time, and even though I may be a day late, that's OK, sometimes a little voice is heard more than the voices of many. I hope this will be the case.

I would like to start with a poem I wrote which will be the only words I transcribe into this blog; the rest will be me talking because I have a lot of ground to cover. So, just look at my poem, sit back and hear what I have to say. Afterward I would certainly like to hear from you so send me an email through my blog page.

I think my poem says a lot. I’d like to suggest you read it several times.   
Every time I say the words out loud, I am surprised by their power. It's very intense, and I think it says it all right there in just a few words.

I do not write poetry. This poem came to me after watching some folks on television picketing against abortions and their counterparts preaching a “women’s right to do with her body what she wants” which makes me sick. So here is my poem because sometimes we just need to say what is in our hearts.’

I have a poem

Some say My Body, My Choice.

Then comes coupling, obscuring the voice.

One heartbeat, then there are two.

One must die, who will choose.

Little voices screaming in my head.

You can’t be here, you are dead.

Bits and pieces on the floor.

How can you stand all that gore?

My Body, My Choice.

Can’t you hear its tiny voice?

First let’s discuss “statistics.” We all need numbers to “prove” some point when we are having an argument or discussion. That’s why everyone throws them our way. They/we often use them to back up whatever it is we are raging about. The field of science is a great distributor of statistics.

I am sure we are all aware that statistics on any topic be taken with a grain of salt as most are very skewered, especially in cases of rape and incest, abortions, and other crimes against individuals.

These crimes are very under reported so you can't really go by the statistics, but even if we just go at face value at what we see and hear, I want you to know that abortions due to cases of rape and incest are very, very low, less than 1%, maybe 1%, and the cases of abortions where the mother is going to die if you don't rip this fetus out are just as small or smaller, maybe 1/2 percent, maybe one, could be 2%. These are often the first statistics people yell out when arguing about abortions. As good as medicine is now adays, a woman shouldn't get very far along in her pregnancy before she realizes that this may be a bad thing.

Before you all start attacking, I do know that some genetic diseases passed on from parent to child can not be captured through testing until farther along in a pregnancy. Again, these numbers are very, very low compared to the actual number of abortions done yearly.

So, take the statistics with a grain of salt. Some say there are 600,000 to 800,000 abortions a year. Some say a million.

Now I am just going to address the numbers in the United States because first we can't control other countries. That is a whole other topic I would be glad to share with you, but we can't talk about other countries right now.

In this country there are anywhere from 600,000 to a million abortions a year! That number is **staggering!**

Now I want to tell you that I have my own beliefs on abortion, and what I believe comes from my own personal experience.

I don't know if your beliefs are because your best friend has beliefs or some radio host that you listen to has his beliefs and you believe him. Or is it because of what you mother and father tell you, but you know how your beliefs and your feelings about abortion evolved.

But I do want to share that my feelings and opinions regarding abortions originated from my own personal experiences in life.

And those experiences were formed and bonded when I worked labor and delivery, and newborn nursery for four years. Two years in the newborn nursery, and about two in labor delivery, so I have firsthand experience dealing with very small, tiny little fetuses, infants, and babies.

When I worked in the newborn nursery, we were almost a second level ICU for babies which meant we kept a lot of little, tiny infants that were very ill.

We worked hard as a team to save these little 26, 27, 28-week-old babies. All the way up to term. There was a lot of medical interventions for these little bundles that were born too soon, or too ill to go home.

We would bring in specialists. We carefully transported them out by plane to other specialty hospitals. It was a huge team effort as we tried to save these little human beings.

If they stayed in house, we would hold them if we could, whisper to them, encourage them to hang in there, stroke their little bodies so they felt another human’s touch, and we tried to nurture them while we had to do our medical interventions. Sometimes things that were not so nice, but necessary. And we would weep when they died.

I think I can speak for anyone who has ever worked with sick infants and newborns. Our goal is always to make their experience on this earth as loving and as gentle as possible knowing that many of them are going to die.

It was very difficult for the staff knowing when we had a little tiny baby that we were working hard to save that it probably wasn't going to make it. And when that time of death came, often they were either held by someone, wrapped in a blanket, or cuddled by a parent trying to make their passing into the next realm one filled with a sense love.

I'm not making any of this up, this is true, we cried over those we lost even knowing that there was nothing we could do.

Now with the readily available providers offering abortions they're just ripping them out because it’s not convenient to have them. They're using their tissue for research, they're using their cord blood, they're using their placentas. You look it up if you want to know all the gory details. I don't really want to know the gory details because I just find that appalling.

To me abortion should never be used as a form of birth control, but I do believe that you can use it in the cases of incest and rape. Absolutely if a mother is going to die. To me that's a very personal choice. Who’s to say her life is more important, but she/they must make a very serious decision and I would not take that option away from her. But that percent is very, very small, very small.

I worked on the other side trying to help these little human beings make it in this world for the moments that they were here, and it just breaks my heart when I think of all the things that are being done right now to these tiny, little babies.

When these little, tiny human beings are born, they are babies. I don’t care what some of the professionals say, 'when you see them born, they are babies.

I invite you to go to a hospital and volunteer. See these little babies. Despite what those in the medical profession who like to do abortions, sorry, who provide abortions say, you need to see firsthand what occurs and not just preach to the choir.

What I firmly believe is that we are missing the boat. We are putting the cart way before the horse.

I believe that abortion should not be an option **unless,** and there **are** things that need to be on that **unless** list.

I believe that birth control should be free, condoms should be free, spermicides should be free, and the morning after pill should be free. Anything that can help prevent anyone from having an unwanted child or an abortion should have these options available.

Do we tell our children when they are in grade school on up, that if they have unprotected intercourse, they could create another human being?

Do we tell them that? Do we show them how that happens? Do we use those words? I am sure it is not necessarily passed on that way.

Instead, we say don’t do this, don’t that, here’s how you make a baby, but do we give them education regarding their sexuality? Do we tell them how to sexually satisfy themselves because we are all sexual human beings from the time we are born? Sadly, we are taught to repress those feelings at the first sign of interest we share with the world when we are very young. My parents would have died before they ever talked about masturbation. Don’t look so shocked we all know we do it, don’t lie!!!

Do we talk to them about how to satisfy themselves sexually? Do we tell them how to satisfy each other when they're in a relationship? Do we talk about orgasms?

As parents and educators do we tell them about other options to use to satisfy each other instead of intercourse? Do we talk about making love? Really, do we share these topics with our kids? I know we don't, and I will admit that I did not.

I really believe this is where we are missing the boat. The cart before the horse as I said. I think we are neglecting our young until after the fact, not before.

We need to tell them it's okay for them to have sex. It is okay for them to have intercourse. It’s okay for them to have a relationship with someone but do not create another human being, and here's how you prevent that. Do we share that them? I don't think we do. I don't think we're comfortable talking about it.

It seems we’d rather pay for abortions and let people just have what they want, and do what they want, rather than educate and really talk openly about what is going on, and how to prevent not only a pregnancy when they are having unprotected intercourse, but all the sexually transmitted diseases that they are exposing themselves too.

There are a million new cases of chlamydia every year, gonorrhea is on the rise, syphilis is coming back and can end in death, herpes is awful, hepatitis C is a lifetime disease as well as HIV. Venereal warts can cause cancer and you can get many of these disease in any orifice used in your sexual practices.

I am amazed that we will give our young children starting at age 11, I've seen the commercials on the TV where the kid says “Mom, dad, why didn't you protect me.” We will give them a vaccine for HPV which is venereal warts, plain and simple, they don't call it that on the television, but that's what it is, which they can catch from unprotected intercourse or oral sex. We give this to kids as young as 11, but we're not going to talk to them about how to have a safe, satisfying sexual relationship with a partner whatever their age if that is their inclination.

We won't give them that needed information to be safe, but we will give them a vaccination to prevent them from having HPV because we know in our hearts as parents and educators that children as young as 11 are having sexual relationships.

So, I really believe we are missing the boat and promoting abortions so that nobody must take responsibility for their behaviors. The thought is I'll just go have an abortion if I get pregnant, no big deal,

I think about these little, tiny infants if you wait too long and how they're getting ripped from the woman’s body, torn apart, shredded, and how their bits and pieces are given to companies for research.

I think about how abortions and baby parts are big business and big money. Again, look at the statistics. Look at the numbers, are the numbers under reported?

I want you as a fellow human being to do your own research. Don’t even listen to me. I want you to research what you think is right about abortion. I want you to go to a hospital and see a tiny infant of 25, 26, 27, 28 or 29 weeks old hooked up to the machines that are trying to save its life. Image it torn asunder and thrown in the trash.

Look at the machines that are trying to help this little baby breathe. Look at the warmers trying to keep it warm because it cannot do that on its own. Gaze at the feeding tubes. Watch the machines trying to stabilize its tiny little heart, and see if you feel it's **OK** if you rip that little thing out of its mother’s womb as it's not a baby, right?

If you could look at that little, tiny infant in a NICU and see that little human being, and deny that it's a human being, then you should not/ society should not complain about killing and using a pig's heart for a human being to save that person’s life. I mean I'm appalled at people saying “ Oh we don't wanna start no pig farms and use their hearts for human beings that's cruel” but we're gonna do abortions on little tiny babies because it's not convenient, it's not the right time, I don't know this person that well, right now my partner and I are not ready for a baby, I don't think I want to have children. **Those are reasons to kill.**

I say ask the government for a tubal ligation. ask the government for a vasectomy. Approach some of those pro-lifer groups and ask them to pay for your procedure. There are funds and money available to pay for you to have these procedures so you don't have to worry about having a baby, about making another human being, you can have all the sex you want which seems to be kind of what's going on, and then you wouldn’t have to worry about having a baby or creating another human being.

I mean if you just want to have lots of sex, and you don’t care about exposing yourself to one of the many sexually transmitted diseases that you could have for the rest of your life then have at it.

I challenge you. I encourage you to do your own research, look at the statistics, see what happens to these little bits and pieces of babies, see how late in the pregnancy they can actually go in and induce labor.

Do you know they leave these little babies to die once the mother gives birth?

I say just for fun the next time you have unprotected intercourse with someone stop and say “ Wait, wait, wait, wait,wait a minute. Hey, you know we might create a little baby here is that OK cause I think I kinda wanna have a baby, so if you're OK with it lets you know, go ahead, we're good, but if not, maybe we should stop.”

Do you think that would ever happen? And maybe this guy you are having unprotected intercourse with wants to have a baby so in the middle of this passionate interlude he says “ Stop, wait, wait, wait stop, hey if we make a little baby it's OK with you right? If it happens you know I’d kind of like to have a little daughter or I might like to have a little son, so is that OK, do you mind?”

What do you think the outcome would be, try it sometime?

So, I am going to end telling you I want you to know the facts. I want you to know what really is occurring out there when read about the number of abortions due to incest and rape or the number of deaths of the mother because she would not abort.

I want you to realize, and I think you do, that big business will distort the truth to keep that fountain of money flowing. Many businesses and even our government has been known to do this in the past. It is not always about what is the best outcome but more about how much money can be made.

Do not let big business make money from such a serious and tender topic!

So, thank you for allowing me to rant. I have wanted to do this for a long time. I want you to know what you're talking about when sharing your opinions on abortion. I want you to know why you feel the way you do. I want you to be comfortable in your opinions and with your passions. And I want you to educate your children. I can honestly say I did not educate my children as well as I should have, and I feel terrible about it.

I encourage you to educate your children so that they will be well advised and perhaps we can put a stop to all these abortions, perhaps we can reduce or even eliminate some of these terrible STD's.

And as I always say today, have a great day, you and I deserve it.