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"insulation from our baser selves" (1). Apparently pregnant women need no such insulation.

Where does the ethical stop and the amoral begin? Genetic screening may not lead to genocide, but there are some people who would use it for that purpose. Abortion may not necessarily lead to infanticide, but there are some who would suggest that infanticide is all right. We definitely do need checks on our behavior. As it stands right now, though, it is doubtful that the law of the United States as embodied in the Constitution provides the checks we need to guard against taking human life.

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### Human Rights

I recently returned from the annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education that was held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). For some reason, I recalled the story about an Iroquois Indian by the name of Donehogawa (anglicized as Ely Samuel Taylor) that had been recounted in Dee Brown's *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (1). He was not permitted to enter law practice in the state of New York because he was not a white male citizen. He made careful inquiries as to which of the white man's professions or trades an Indian could be admitted, entered RPI, and was graduated as a civil engineer. He worked on the Erie Canal, served as an engineer in the Union Army (because of his excellent penmanship, Grant asked him to write out the terms of surrender at Appomattox), and he later was the first Indian to serve as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In this day when we are reminded constantly of the need for affirmative action, we can take pride in the engineering profession and RPI for their early recognition of human resources and rights.

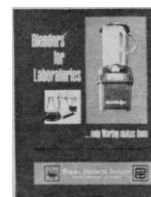
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