

## **It's In the Constitution**

For those among us who argue that abortion is not an established right because “there is no mention of abortion in our Constitution,” let me quote Amendment IX in its entirety:

“The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

Short, sweet and succinct, the 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment states that Americans are entitled to rights that are not listed in the Constitution. It ensures that our laws must keep up with changing times to guarantee that our liberties are protected. It is the fundamental basis that establishes rights that are not specified in the Constitution, like workplace safety, child labor, the minimum wage and 40-hour week, environmental protection, gay and interracial marriage- many of the benefits we enjoy that “there is no mention of...”

Any argument that a right, like the choice to become a mother or not, is not legitimate because it does not appear in the Constitution is contra-Constitutional. The mighty Amendment IX says so.

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