

The 10 Most Common Pro-Abortion Arguments

(that most people don't know how to respond to)

1. “It’s my body; I have the right to choose.”

Whoa! If this “thing” inside of you is just your body, then you would have 4 arms, 4 legs, 2 hearts, and 4 eyes. Abortion kills an innocent human being who is completely distinct from the mother. A mother has no more right to kill her *unborn* child than she does her *born* child. From the moment of conception, the mother carries in her body a *genetically unique* human being. As Abraham Lincoln reminded Stephen Douglas in a debate about slavery, “We never have the ‘right’ to do wrong”.

2. “A fetus is not a person. It is just a clump of cells or glob of tissue.”

Even when it is a single fertilized cell, the fetus already has its own life principle and its own genetic makeup (different than his/her parents). This “clump of cells” only needs time and nutrition to allow it to develop into a mature human being. Therefore, the only real significance between a fetus and a 50 year-old is a few years and meals! Just because the baby is small does not mean that it is not a human being (“A person’s a person no matter how small” – Dr. Seuss). What *else* could the offspring of 2 human beings be? Everyone begins as just a “clump of cells”.

3. “The government says abortion is legal, therefore it is okay.”

Our government also once said that slavery was legal. And, Germany’s government once said that it was legal to kill Jews. Something can be legal and still be wrong.

4. “If abortion becomes illegal, it will still go on except it wouldn’t be as safe as when professional doctors were doing it (“because it would have to happen in back alleys”).”

Yes, abortion will continue. Rape will also go on in spite of laws against it – so should it no longer be a crime? Should we expect tax money to buy a rapist a good clean hotel room to commit his deed in? After all, “He’s just going to rape people anyway”... The law is an educator. In the 1960s, civil rights laws changed the way most people viewed discrimination. Laws educate even when they are disobeyed.

5. “You shouldn’t force your religious beliefs on others.”

A person does not have to be religious to say that it’s wrong to murder a child. Abortion is not a religious issue, it is a *civil rights* issue. Just because many pro-lifers are motivated by their religious beliefs does not mean that abortion is a religious issue. Just like the civil rights movement, the pro-life movement is dominated by many pastors and religious folks.

6. “Abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape.”

Rape is a hideous crime; people who commit this crime should be punished. Nevertheless, a baby that results from rape is an innocent human being with the same right to life as everyone else. Two wrongs don’t make a right. Why should we add the crime of murder to these other crimes? We should not kill a child for the sins of his

father. Killing an innocent human being is never justifiable. The mother doesn't have to keep the child – adoption is always an option.

7. “What about a single mom who just can't afford another child?”

Poverty is not an excuse for killing your children. No one would excuse a father for killing his 5-year-old daughter because he couldn't afford her any longer. She's not another consumer product, she's a *person*.

8. “I'm personally opposed to abortion, but I'm not going to tell other people what to do.”

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “There comes a time when silence becomes betrayal”. Abortion is not an issue on which we can remain neutral: it is either horrible murder (killing innocent human life) or harmless surgery (like removing an appendix). If it is murder, then we cannot allow it to continue. If you were walking down the street and saw a woman about to drop her 3-month-old baby out of a second-story window you probably wouldn't turn and walk away saying, “Well, *I* wouldn't do that, but I won't interfere; after all, it's *her* decision”. Would you hold this same belief if *you* were the one being born? Can other innocent human beings be killed legally? One cannot say, “I'm personally opposed to Holocausts, but I'm not going to tell you that it's wrong...” That kind of thinking is incredibly dangerous.

9. “The Bible doesn't even mention ‘abortion’, so how can it say it's wrong?”

The Bible does not mention insider stock manipulation or child pornography either, but it is safe to conclude that Scriptural prohibitions against theft and lust apply. Many responses would be acceptable: 1) The Bible teaches that human life is different from other types of life, because human beings are made in the very image of God. 2) The Bible teaches that children are a blessing. 3) The Bible teaches that the child in the womb is truly a human child, who even has a relationship with the Lord. 4) Scripture repeatedly condemns the killing of the innocent. 5) Jesus Christ paid special attention to the poor, the despised, and those whom the rest of society considered insignificant. 6) Scripture teaches us to love. Also noted could be these verses: Genesis 25:22-24, Job 31:15, Psalm 22:9-10, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Hosea 12:2-3, Luke 1:15, Luke 1:41, Exodus 21:22-24.

10. “There is a major problem with overpopulation already. If we make abortion illegal then how will we feed these children when millions are already starving?”

For one, the “population boom” of the 60s and 70s was by and far a myth. While yes, the population has increased, so too has our ability to increase our food supply. It is a well-known fact that America (if it actually *wanted* to) could feed the entire world. The problem is not so much food production, but food distribution. Many corrupt governments, unfortunately, continue to get in the way of feeding those who go hungry every day. This said, if killing people is our solution to hunger, then why pick on the unborn? If people were really serious about this, then we would go about killing adults and the elderly. Or, we could just go right to those who are currently hungry, kill them, and be satisfied with ending poverty. The “death-as-a-solution” philosophy is dangerous

and illogical. Finally, if overpopulation is such a problem, than why do we spend so much time and money trying to find ways to help people live longer?