



# Prolife Answers to the *Abortion Epidemic*

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*Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?"*

*(Proverbs 24:11-12 ESV)*

## Ten Tips for Discussing Abortion

1. Remember, "our battle is not against flesh and blood . . ." (Ephesians 6:12; NIV)
2. Address the person over the argument. Care for them. For example, use \_\_\_\_\_ language (not "you"—too accusatory; or "they"—too prejudicial. And Pray for them as you talk.
3. Prefer \_\_\_\_\_. Discuss, don't lecture.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and learn.
5. Dignify their values as you make your case. So pick your terms carefully. Ex., "Is it ethical to *discriminate* against a defenseless human being?" or "Does abortion trade one *injustice* for another?"
6. Rephrase prochoice claims in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or how it \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ***Ask them to prove, so that there's no reasonable doubt, that the fetal human does not have any right to life and can be justifiably killed through abortion? (Burden of Proof Arg.)***
8. Don't take the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ debate—it's the prochoicer's responsibility to show that disputes over personhood and "baby" are just cause for killing a human child-in-utero.
9. Replace \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., is the fetus a horse, a pig, or a human? Does abortion just terminate a pregnancy or does it terminate a child too?)
10. Draw attention to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem. See, <http://intelligentchristianfaith.com/2015/06/24/abortion-is-the-worst-thing-ever-literally/>

## Respond to the Following:

- (1) It's Her Body, So Her Reproductive Outcomes Should Be Her Choice
- (2) The Prolife Position Is Misogynistic (Oppressive/Hateful Towards Women)
- (3) The Prolife Position Restricts Women's Freedom/Intrudes on Their Right of Privacy
- (4) Prolifers Are Hypocrites For Supporting The Death Penalty
- (5) The Prolife Position Is Unrealistic. It Will Force Women To Get Back-Alley/Coathanger Abortions
- (6) Prolifers Don't Care About The Fetus After It's Born.
- (7) What About Tough Cases Like Rape, Fetal deformity/handicap, and mortally dangerous pregnancies?

The Prolife Case: Overview		The Prochoice Case: Overview
<b>Summary</b>	Abortion is murder	Abortion is ethically permissible, not murder
<b>Compassion Initiative</b>	The Humanity of the Baby	The Suffering of the Mother
<b>Main Ethical Value/Virtue</b>	(Sanctity of Human) Life	Liberty of Persons (Women)
<b>Other Key Values/Virtues</b>	Life, Justice, Compassion, Family, Responsibility, Dignity, Maternity	Choice/Freedom, Justice, Compassion, Privacy, Freedom, Empathy
<b>Who is most emphasized?</b>	The Child	The Mother
<b>Political Leaning</b>	Conservative	Liberal
<b>The preborn is a . . .</b>	Baby/child/person	Fetus/"pregnancy"
<b>Religion/Faith</b>	More Friendly to Religion	More Hostile to Religion
<b>Personhood of the Fetus</b>	Yes, it's a person with potential	No, it's a potential person
<b>Perspectives On/ Misunderstandings About The Other side</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are pro-abortion</li> <li>• They don't care about children</li> <li>• They hate family</li> <li>• They don't value life</li> <li>• They aren't Christian</li> <li>• They are libertine/irresponsible</li> <li>• They are "playing god"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are anti-freedom</li> <li>• They don't care about born babies.</li> <li>• They don't care about women</li> <li>• They want to invade our privacy</li> <li>• They want to merge church-state</li> <li>• They are puritanical/stifling</li> <li>• They are living in the past/unrealistic</li> </ul>
<b>If they win out, these are real possibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Abortion Rate</li> <li>• More/steady 'back-alley' abortions</li> <li>• Stronger families</li> <li>• Same or lower divorce rate</li> <li>• More marriages</li> <li>• Cultural shift towards conservative view of sex, marriage, and family</li> <li>• There will be Individual cases of women's injustice/suffering highlighted by the opposition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Abortion Rate</li> <li>• Fewer 'back-alley' abortions</li> <li>• Weaker Families</li> <li>• Higher divorce rate</li> <li>• Fewer marriages</li> <li>• Cultural shift towards liberal view of sex, marriage, and family</li> <li>• There will be specific cases of injustice/suffering of children (in-utero or ex-utero) highlighted by the opposition</li> </ul>

### **How can I get involved?**

1. Get involved: *Central Students for Life* is a great place to start. There are also opportunities for helping at the crisis pregnancy clinic in town: Pathways of Pella ([www.pathwayspella.org](http://www.pathwayspella.org)).
2. Get informed.
  - My sites: <https://abortionhistorymuseum.wordpress.com/> and [www.intelligentchristianfaith.com](http://www.intelligentchristianfaith.com)
  - Top Prolife News Sites: <http://www.lifenews.com/> and <http://liveactionnews.org/>
  - Just the Fact: <http://www.justfacts.com/abortion.asp>.
3. Support Prolife Organizations. Ex., OnlineForLife, LifeNews, Texas Right to Life, LiveAction, March for Life, National Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Pro-life Action League, Life Training Institute, etc. etc.
4. Help make your church a prolife church. See: <http://intelligentchristianfaith.com/2015/04/21/is-your-church-a-prolife-church/>