

## Common Conversations About Abortion: Women Deserve Better

Biologically and scientifically two humans can only conceive another human (FACT), who has his/her own unique DNA & independent blood supply. Our hearts start to beat at around 21 days, and by week 8 our bodies are practically complete, with most final things in place by week 10, e.g. nails & fingerprints.

a) Yet in a planned abortion, these young lives get terminated, 56 million annually (see [AbortionProcedures.com](http://AbortionProcedures.com)). In England and Wales there were 190,406 abortions in 2016 (from an estimated 862,785 total pregnancies, i.e. 1-in-5 pregnancies end in abortion) with **SIX** of these as emergencies to protect mother's life.

### 1. These are only cells / blobs / not yet human. They have no awareness / consciousness, or are not independent.

- a) Biologically & scientifically life begins at conception i.e. these young are NOT potential humans, but actual humans with potential. *Yet you really think these are disposable? Not important?*
- b) Throughout history many groups were dehumanised & harmed/killed in the name of appalling injustices (*often using the language of kindness/compassion, but true kindness NEVER hurts/harms another!*)! Biologically the same is happening with preborn humans to promote / 'sell' abortion and death.
- c) **We do NOT kill to get what we want in a kind and fair society.** If a gang injected another person with poison, removed limbs or crushed bones, we would be horrified; but these are okay in an abortion clinic? Would abortion defences stand up in court, e.g. *"your honour, X prevented me from fulfilling my potential / getting a promotion"*?
- d) If independence is a criterion for life/living, we are all at risk for death given our interdependency? Young are often not independent until their 20s; these also can be killed? Anyone unconscious/asleep/frail can be terminated? Instead, *no conditions on worth* i.e. **all** lives are of value & important?

### 2. Only women should speak on abortion ("no uterus, no opinion")

- a) Abortion is a human rights injustice/abuse against our most vulnerable. Men and women of all ages, backgrounds and cultures are needed to *defend and protect* defenceless, preborn children & their vulnerable mothers.
- b) The supreme court justices who decided on Roe v Wade in 1973 were all older men. (Also, Jane Roe, AKA Norma McCorvey gave birth to her child and became prolific.)

### 3. Abortion is needed to be successful / happy. If you don't like abortion - don't have one / don't interfere.

- a) **Abortion has a victim.** "In any other situation where someone is victimized (child abuse, sexism, homophobia, bullying), being a bystander is not admirable. Why should unborn rights be different?" - notes @StephanieJMajor
- b) **Abortion disempowers women & reinforces our worst fears** that we CAN'T cope/parent, when in fact, women are strong & gutsy, & CAN do/be what we wish, with resources! Yet abortion is cheaper for politicians than resources (5B).
- c) Even in instances of **rape** (around 1% of all abortions), an abortion does not *"un-rape"* & in fact risks further trauma, guilt & stress; instead compassion & *counselling* can help
- d) Women cannot be empowered, if not allowed to be born. Without their young, they can also miss out on love, fun times
- e) **Abortion does not stop a mother being a mother;** post-abortion her child is now **sadly** deceased.
- f) **If a child dies / struggles / lives for even 5 minutes** – at least meet & have *good* memories/mementos to mark their presence
- g) **Fertility rates** have already dropped below sustainability level (neg demography) with many playgrounds empty & schools merging.
- h) **Ben Carson:** We've distorted things to the point where people believe that anyone who opposes mothers killing their babies is waging a war on women. How can we be so foolish? One must recognize the depravity to which we have sunken when valuing a baby's life is frowned upon.

### 4. What if a mums life is in danger? You want to deny healthcare!

- a) If abortion is healthcare, exactly what is being cured/ healed? In fact **real healthcare SAVES not TAKES lives** & women can access all healthcare while pregnant **as is**, incl chemo & radiotherapy ([youtube.com/watch?v=A9tyh4zRsE8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9tyh4zRsE8))
- b) **Abortion is NOT needed to save lives** as it takes place over several days - time NOT available in an emergency, by definition. Yet if a choice must be made, the mum's life takes priority **as is**, & in order to **save** NOT **take** a life.
- c) **Abortion is NEVER a treatment for anxiety, suicidal ideation OR trauma** - in any prof guidelines anywhere! And these can contraindicate abortion. Instead, counselling / CBT can help
- d) **Abortion can harm women** e.g. pain; infection; injury to cervix; perforation of womb/uterus; haemorrhage; injury to bowel/bladder; death (BPAS website).
- e) **Women do suffer significant, distressing & debilitating post-abortion regret** (see [WomenHurt.ie](http://WomenHurt.ie) / <https://t.co/YhbjzLmoEA>)
- f) **There is a large-and growing group of agencies offering mums practical supports & assistance:** see list at [TheCanCentre.com](http://TheCanCentre.com)

### 5. You are just anti-choice, and only care about birth.

- a) In fact, pro-lifers LOVE choice, just not choices that take away others' choices or their very lives. And abortion does end lives (**and whole timelines**): *"When the foetus is inside the uterus it is alive, and when the pregnancy is terminated it is dead - that by any definition is killing"* Dr Bertram Wainer, abortionist
- b) To kill-or-not one's own offspring is a woeful "choice"? Especially as abortion is often targeted at economically disadvantaged women with limited resources i.e. these are being let down. *Instead, we need much better - a PACKAGE of enabling resources to make motherhood easier & less daunting* e.g. choices re childcare; housing; counselling (in cases of anxiety/trauma); hospice care (where a child is in difficulty); baby boxes (with equipment); family-friendly polices

### 6. You just want to control women's bodies / force women to be pregnant. We need / deserve "reproductive rights"!

- a) Women do NOT have 2 hearts, 4 arms, 20 fingers etc, i.e. the body to be **violated / terminated** belongs to another
- b) With pregnancy, **reproduction** has already occurred, so in fact you mean **'parental rights'**? The right to kill children? **Rights also come with responsibilities** to protect the vulnerable. *Is there any more vulnerable than a preborn infant?*
- c) Once legalised, women can be **forced** into abortion by partners / limited resources (see <https://t.co/NPs5q9P8N2>).
- d) For abusers, abortion aids in the perpetration of abuse & the illusion that sex can be consequence free.
- e) To avoid anarchy, & ensure a safe & fair society for all, **we have laws** that tell us what we can/cannot do with our bodies, e.g. speeds on roads, prohibited drugs. Preborn children, and their vulnerable mothers, also need protection in law.
- f) **"Forced" pregnancy is a thought** (what I tell myself); yet for every temporary/negative thought there is another view (e.g. *"this child is important & deserves life/resources/a chance"*). Otherwise it is not fair **to force** violation & death on a child? To **force** pro-life tax payers to pay for killing? Or health professionals **forced** to be complicit in abortion (incl with onward referrals)?

### 7. Don't you 'trust women'? To decide for themselves?

- a) This shallow slogan aims to promote women but we know from history that **aggression redistributed** / to another group does not work, & can lead to marginalisation, bullying & conflict!
- b) You think women are perfect? Never make any mistakes even if v young? Alone? No resources/supports? Panicked?
- c) *In fact, don't mums deserve better than abortion? A package of resources to celebrate new life/make motherhood easier?*
- d) When another is anxious / angry / upset, it is usually not helpful to join in in THEIR feelings. Instead - listen? Ask qs? **Encourage?** Problem solve to find resources / supports?
- e) **Encouragement (and resources) really can save lives!**