Common Conversations About Abortion: Women Desire 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.

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/fragile 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 profile.)

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 @StephanieMajor
   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 (58).
   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.
   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 sunk 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=A9ty9h4zRsE8)
   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 / https://t.co/YYbizLmoEA)
   f) There is a large-and growing group of agencies offering mums practical supports & assistance see list at TheCanCentre.com

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

   a) In fact, prolifers 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”?
   c) 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/tramua); 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, are NOT potential humans, but actual humans with potential. Yet you really think these are disposable? Not important?
   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 perpetuation 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 prolife 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? In fact, don’t mums deserve better than abortion? A package of resources to celebrate new life/make motherhood easier?
   c) When another is anxious / angry / upset, it is usually not helpful to join in in THEIR feelings. Instead - listen! Ask qs?
   d) Encourage? Problem solve to find resources / supports?
   e) Encouragement (and resources) really can save lives!