

30-SECOND PRO-LIFE RESPONSES

to Common Pro-Choice Arguments

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Argument #1

A FETUS OR EMBRYO IS NOT ALIVE. IT'S JUST A CLUMP OF CELLS.

Life begins at conception—and that's a simple scientific fact that is no longer even debated in the scientific community. The largest recent survey of over 5,000 biologists from 1,000 worldwide institutions revealed that a full 96% agreed with the statement "Human life begins at conception." And they were not a collection of Pro-Life, religious, or conservative scientists. In fact, these biologists self-described as 89% "liberal," 85% "pro-choice," and 63% "non-religious." So let's please stick to the most basic scientific fact in this debate: life begins at conception. Even Planned Parenthood, the United States' largest abortion provider, admits that life begins at conception. It said in its own publication that "abortion kills life after it has begun."

Argument #2

A WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTROL HER OWN BODY.

There's overwhelming scientific consensus that an embryo or fetus is not part of a woman's body. Instead, it is a genetically distinct, living human being—another "body." So, a woman is free to do whatever she wants to her own body, but she is not free to inflict harm on someone else's body. As they say, "Your right to swing your fist ends just before it touches my nose."

Argument #3

ABORTION IS BEST FOR SOCIETY BECAUSE IT HELPS DECREASE UNWED BIRTH RATES, CHILD ABUSE, AND CRIME.

This is simply untrue. Legalizing abortion has done nothing to reduce unwed births, child abuse, or crime. To the contrary, all have significantly increased since Roe. For example, The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect has demonstrated that child abuse and neglect have increased over 1,000% since Roe. Unwed births for black children have skyrocketed to 73%. So if decreasing rates of unwed births, child abuse, and crime are your arguments for abortion, you might want to reconsider your position.



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