

TWELVE TOUGH MORAL ABORTION QUESTIONS

Answering the top 12 pro-abortion arguments

#1 *It's my body B I have the right to choose.*

Answer: Abortion kills an innocent human being who is distinct from his 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. The mother cannot morally take even her own life, much less her baby's. Think about it: does a father have the right to kill his child just because he lives in his father's house? Of course not. Neither does a mother have a right to kill her baby just because he lives in his mother's womb. Abortion is wrong. As Abraham Lincoln reminded Stephen Douglas in a debate about slavery: "We never have the right to do wrong"

#2 *The fetus is just a clump of cells, a glob of tissue.*

Answer: Even when it is a single fertilized cell, the fetus already has its own life principle and its own genetic makeup. This tiny clump of cells is a uniquely distinct individual who, with only the addition of time and nutrition, will develop into a mature human being. The only significant difference between a fetus and a fifty-year-old is a few years and meals! Just because the baby is small doesn't mean that it is not a human being. What else could the offspring of two human beings be? At one time, you also were just a clump of cells". How important those cells were for you!

#3 *An unborn baby can't reason or interact with people. Therefore, it's not really a person, so we can kill it.*

Answer: What about children who are born with mental impairments that leaves them without reason or the ability to interact with others? Are they non-persons that can be killed? What about people who go into comas? They cannot reason or interact with others. Do they cease to be persons? Can we go ahead and kill them? Wouldn't the same logic allow us to kill people who are unconscious or fast asleep? This definition of a person is arbitrary and against sound philosophy, leading to conclusions that even many abortion supporters would not accept.

#4 *A fetus is human when it can live on its own, outside the mother's womb.*

Answer: How many two-year-olds can live on their own without food and care from their parents? Even as adults, we depend upon others to help keep us alive. But we are still human. If being dependent means not being human, then toddlers, the handicapped, the injured, the sick, and the aged could all be killed on demand.

#5 *Abortion is legal.*

Answer: That abortion is legal is meaningless. It was legal to kill Jews in Nazi Germany. The only thing the legalization of abortion indicates is how far we have sunk morally. Any law that goes against the divine law is invalid and evil. Remember that in this country slavery was legal for decades. Something can be legal and still wrong.

#6 *If abortion becomes illegal, it will still go on in back alleys.*

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

#7 *You can't legislate morality.*

Answer: We legislate morality all the time. We have laws against slavery, bigotry, rape, incest, theft, murder, drunk driving, and child abuse, because these things are immoral; they are intrinsically wrong. No one believes we should be allowed to practice child abuse in the privacy of our own homes". We pass all kinds of laws to keep people from doing horrible things. Abortion is horribly wrong - our laws should say so.

#8 *I'm personally opposed to abortion, but I can't tell other people what to do.*

Answer: Abortion is not an issue on which we can remain neutral; it is either horrible murder (killing innocent human life) or harmless medicine (like removing a mole). If it is murder, then we cannot allow it to continue. Imagine that you were walking down the street and, looking up, you saw a woman about to drop her three-month-old baby out of a second-story window. Would you turn and walk away saying, Well, I wouldn't do that, but I won't interfere; after all, it's her decision?

#9 *I am opposed to late-term abortions, but I think we should allow abortions in the first trimester (first 12 weeks of pregnancy).*

Answer: Every argument used to justify early abortions can be used to justify late abortions. Every argument against late abortions is equally valid against early abortions. What is there about a twelve-week fetus compared to a twenty-week fetus that allows us to say we can kill the one, but not the other? This is a purely arbitrary division with no basis in biology, philosophy, or morality.

#10 *We must make exceptions for rape and incest.*

Answer: Rape and incest are hideous crimes; people who commit them should be punished. Nevertheless, a baby that results from rape or incest 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? Do we kill a child for the sins of his father? Killing an innocent human being is never justifiable.

#11 *Better an aborted baby than an unwanted baby.*

Answer: Once we decide that we can kill a baby because he is unwanted, we are applying the same logic Hitler used to kill unwanted retarded children & undesirable races like the Jews. No unborn baby is unwanted. God, who willed to give them life, wants them. They are also wanted by thousands of couples longing to adopt.

#12 *I couldn't give my child away for someone else to raise.*

Answer: A child isn't a possession to control, but a person to love unconditionally. What kind of mother would rather kill her baby than give him a chance to be happy with an adoptive family? It's the height of selfishness to say: if I can't have my child, no one will". Recall how King Solomon (1 Kings 3:16-27) detected which woman was the child's true mother: the one willing to give him up so he might live.

Pope John Paul II tells us in "The Gospel of Life" #60:

The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized, among which in the first place is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life.