

Why I Am Pro-life

Abortion is a subject that everyone has an opinion on. Depending on who is asked, it can be anything from a cuss word to a battle cry. My personal opinion is based foremost on my religious views. While that is important to me, it is not the only reason that helped form my opinion. The more I read about abortions the more strongly I stand on my pro-life views. I am pro-life for two very simple reason: a woman's health and a child life's starts in the womb.

First, a woman's health is one of the most important things in her life. The pain that comes with an abortion is sometimes irreversible. The short term effects are hemorrhaging, nausea, uterine perforations, and sepsis (1, wvforlife.com). While the immediate side effects are fairly awful, the long term effects can potentially be worse. After an abortion the chances of being sterile double, the chances of having a miscarriage go up, and the chances of developing breast cancer triple (1, wvforlife.com). Even if a woman can escape any physical harm, they will almost always emotional symptoms. If one scrolls through the personal testimonies on Standupgirl.com, he will find story after story about the regret and pain the mother felt after her abortion. The emotional trauma can lead to depression and strong feelings of loss. An argument against pro-life is that the woman's body is her own, and she can do what she wants with it, but with this evidence against them, I realize that that argument is invalid. Few things are as important as a woman's physical and mental health, and having an abortion is too much of a risk to take.

Next, I believe, that a child's life begins in the womb. Opinions on this subject vary drastically. In any basic biology book, it will say that the smallest living organism in a human body is a cell, yet when it comes a fetus people will argue about whether or not a cluster of cells is a living being or not. According to the abortion information on the National Right to Life website, life begins at the uniting of the sperm and egg cell, and I agree. From a group of cells, to a little fetus with a heartbeat, to a full grown baby that is ready to be born, a fetus is a living being with a life that it deserves to be able to live. With so many other viable options available to pregnant women, abortion should never even cross their minds, because babies deserve the right to having their own life. Mother Teresa is credited with saying, "How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." There is enormous truth in that statement. All babies are worth their life, and, I strongly believe, that they are alive inside the womb.

I am pro-life not only because of my faith, but also because of the facts I have seen on woman's health and a baby's life beginning in the womb. With the facts that everyone has available to them, it surprises me that abortion is still a topic of discussion. My beliefs on this subject are strong, and because of the science I have seen to back up my opinions I know that I will not waiver from them. In closing, the words of the world renown author J. K. Rowling come to mind, "Every human is worth the same and worth saving."