

# Pro-Life Arguments and Answers

Have you ever wondered how to answer common arguments against our pro-life cause?

**Here are some real arguments raised and well-researched answers that YOU can use to defend LIFE.**

**1. “Is this really the best use of your time and resources? There are people out there that need help-food, shelter, job training, parent training, literacy programs.”**

**ANSWER:** Unborn children are here. If they weren't, there wouldn't be anything to kill. They are human beings just like people out there differing only in their stage of development.

There are 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the U.S. each providing services free of charge that address many of the problems women face including those you mentioned.

Pro-life people overwhelmingly are already contributing time and money to other organizations that help people with many different problems other than unplanned crisis pregnancies such as you mentioned and more!

For the sake of argument, if someone does choose to only try to help save the lives of unwanted unborn children and help women at the same time with their needs, where does it say that this person is also responsible for solving other social problems – that saving the lives of unborn children is none of his or her business unless he or she also helps solve other problems as well? The same argument might be made about someone working with, for example, the homeless or any other social problem. One might argue he or she has no business helping the homeless unless he or she is also helping with, let's say, job training programs, parent training, literacy programs, etc. and on and on.

If pro-abortion advocates are sincerely concerned about the various social problems, they can offer to take into their homes a homeless person or a poor, hungry, or unemployed person...or any person suffering another social problem. Or could it be that this argument of concern for the homeless, or poor, or unemployed, or any other social problem is a ruse used to justify their support for killing the unwanted unborn child?

\*One more point here: While an argument is often made that abortion isn't the only problem, the truth is that it involves life and death. Abortion involves a fundamental and foundational issue underlying all other societal principles making it, not the only problem, but the most important.

**2. “Trying to stop women who seek that procedure and have made one of the biggest and certainly the hardest decision of their lives isn't helping society.”**

**ANSWER:** I agree. Killing your unborn child should be a hard decision – the hardest decision of one's life! But just because a decision is tough doesn't mean it is morally defensible. If a man is thinking

about killing his 5 year old daughter to collect on an insurance policy, it may be the toughest decision he ever will have to make in his life but that doesn't mean it should be legal.

Let me ask you this: why do you think abortion is the biggest and hardest decision a woman will ever make? Could it be because in her heart she knows she will be paying someone to kill her own unborn child?

**3. "We have way too many people on this planet as it is..."**

**ANSWER:** If overpopulation is a problem, why limit our options to killing the unwanted unborn children? Why don't we put a legal limit on life and enforce mandatory euthanasia at a pre-determined age? At the very least, we should immediately outlaw any medical research that's intended to extend life. After all, it makes no sense to spend billions of dollars every year looking for ways to make people live longer. In fact, with baby boomers starting to retire, we could start bumping them off as a way to solve our Medicare and Social Security problems as well.

**4. "...not to mention all the people on the welfare rolls that spit the kids out for more state money."**

**ANSWER:** Your argument that abortion should be used to save us state tax money says this to women: if you will kill your unborn child to save us money, we'll pay the killer. If pro-abortion advocates believe America is better off killing unborn children because it's cheaper than supporting them, then we should start encouraging families on welfare to not only kill their unborn children but their born children as well! If the guiding principle is saving money rather than morality, why care about born children any more than unborn children (or anyone else for that matter)?

**5. "Clearly none of you has been raped and gotten pregnant – how do you think those women feel? How would you like to be forced to carry and give birth to your rapist's baby?"**

**ANSWER:** The largest study ever done of women who had pregnancies resulting from rape or incest was published in 2000 in the book *Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting from Sexual Assault*. In this study of nearly 200 women, 89 percent of those who aborted a pregnancy resulting from sexual assault explicitly stated that they regretted having had their abortions. **They often described their abortions as more traumatic and difficult to deal with than the sexual assault.** Over 90 percent stated they would discourage other pregnant sexual assault victims from opting for abortion. Only seven percent believed that abortion would "usually" be beneficial in cases of sexual assault. Conversely, among the sexual assault victims who carried to term, in retrospect they all believed they made the right decision in giving birth. None regretted not having an abortion.

**6. "Or would you prefer the unlicensed and sleazy "medical" personnel do it in a rented storage area with dirty instruments?"**

**ANSWER:** What you're saying is women will always have abortions even if it is against the law. You're saying that outlawing abortion will not end it. If we follow this logic, then nothing should be illegal! Outlawing rape, armed robbery, murder, and car theft hasn't stopped them either. By your reasoning, since we should only implement laws that are 100% effective, we should make the aforementioned behaviors legal! **Why are laws enacted?** Because society has determined that the behavior in question is abhorrent, morally wrong, and destructive - NOT because society believes the law can completely eradicate it.

**7. "Lots of women died that way and will if it comes to that again."**

**ANSWER:** Deaths and injuries due to illegal abortion have been greatly exaggerated. The truth is the vast majority of illegal abortions were done by licensed doctors who simply broke the law. The data from the research arm of Planned Parenthood showed in the 15 years prior to legalized abortion, the average number of women dying from illegal abortions in the entire U.S. was 136 per year and dropping!

**8. “Logic says prevention is the way to go-not trying to force your religion and personal beliefs on others.”**

**ANSWER:** A person doesn't have to be “religious” to say it's wrong to kill an unborn child any more than they have to be religious to say it's wrong to steal money. Just because many pro-life people are motivated by religious beliefs does not make abortion a religious issue. The civil rights movement was often led by pastors (for example, Reverend Martin Luther King) and headquartered in churches but that didn't make civil rights a “religious” issue. There is hardly anything illegal which is not also prohibited by Scripture. If we reject laws simply because they are supported by religious tenets, we would have to do away with all of our laws!

As far as imposing one's personal beliefs on others: if you are personally opposed to rape or incest or armed robbery or racial discrimination, for example, would you have a problem imposing your personal beliefs regarding these issues?

**REMEMBER:** Forty to fifty million dead babies have had the pro-abortion beliefs forced on them.

**9. “I wish anti-abortionists would channel their time, efforts and money into helping single women or struggling women by paying for maternity health care, newborn care, give free day care, babysitting, etc...”**

**ANSWER:** This writer's request automatically assumes that poverty is the main underlying cause and motivation for women to seek abortion services. However, the abortion industry's own statistics show that almost every abortion it sells has nothing to do with poverty but rather is chosen by a woman who simply doesn't want to be pregnant. Furthermore, poverty is not a justification for killing your child (see ShirleyC, point 4).

Let's assume for the sake of argument that a lack of financial resources really is the sole motivating factor for a woman seeking an abortion. There are 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the U.S. each funded and staffed by the pro-life movement which offer medical, physical, emotional, and spiritual support free of charge. Chicago's largest crisis pregnancy center, The Women's Center (with three locations), offers numerous services including emergency financial help, material goods assistance, free pregnancy tests, free ultra-sound services, counseling, and information and referrals for financial, employment, educational, housing, medical, and relational concerns.

**10. “...instead of trying to shame women who do not have the money and support they need.”**

**ANSWER:** Pro-life people are not trying to shame women who seek abortions. They are trying to STOP them. Pro-life people are pro-woman, pro-child, and pro-family.

**11. “How about...adopting all those unwanted children themselves?”**

**ANSWER:** There is no shortage of parents wanting to adopt babies. According to the National Counsel for Adoption, there are waiting lists for white, minority, and physically challenged babies.

Christian Homes and Special Kids, a non-profit organization founded to support families with special-needs children, also confirms this fact. This organization maintains a database of parents waiting to adopt children with even the most severe physical challenges including terminal illnesses and those born addicted to drugs. Regardless of circumstances, the chances of a child not finding a home are miniscule.

An unwanted pregnancy doesn't automatically mean the child is unwanted by someone. The abortion lobby's rhetoric of "every child a wanted child" or the "disease of unwantedness" are deceptive word games used to justify abortion and sustain a market for their services.