

Do You See What's Happening Here ?

We've missed the meaning of **true freedom** by an astonishing mark. Clearly freedom is not simply the ability to do absolutely anything we want. That's not freedom at all, it's simply slavery to our passions and the power of the strong over the weak.

Freedom is the ability to pursue the **ultimate purpose of human life** by doing what's right and good. This demands not only the avoidance of harm but respect, compassion, sacrifice, contribution, commitment, forgiveness, courage, and love. We naturally long for a good beyond ourselves, which inspires us to seek to live according to certain rules of ethical conduct, such as respect for life, liberty, property, honesty, and justice.

To deny facts and reasoning in order to maintain acceptance of abortion exposes a **narrow view** of human life. It implies that life is about the pursuit of unlimited individual satisfaction and personal choice, unhindered by moral accountability, duty and self-sacrifice.

We can continue to blindly follow this illusionary freedom by accepting the status quo of **killing and calling it choice** or we can start to live a new reality. A reality that is intellectually and morally honest and raises the bar on our outlook of life.

! The Choice Is Yours.

We can do far better than abortion! That's the pro-life position...every human being is a person, with inestimable dignity and worthy of equal protection.



"In the eyes of the law...
the slave is not a person."

Virginia Supreme Court decision, 1858

"An Indian is not a person
within the meaning of Constitution."

George Canfield American Law Review, 1881

"The statutory word 'person' did not in these
circumstances include women."

British Voting Rights case, 1909

"The Reichsgericht itself refused to recognize
Jews... as 'persons' in the legal sense."

German Supreme Court decision, 1936

"The law of Canada does not recognize the unborn
child as a legal person possessing rights."

Canadian Supreme Court

Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997

**Sometimes the most important
lessons take the longest to learn.**

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A RIGHT TO KNOW



To deny facts and sound reasoning only to
maintain your position at any cost is a great
poverty. On the university campus, more than
anywhere else, honest dialogue is promoted on
serious issues that affect the whole of society.

This is one such issue.

These are the facts.

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**AN INTELLECTUALLY HONEST LOOK
AT THE ABORTION DEBATE**

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What's The Current Law In Canada ?

Canada is one of the only countries in the world without an abortion law!

Abortion is therefore available on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy up to birth for any reason or no reason, including sex-selection, genetic defects, and as a back-up to failed contraception.

What's The Pro Life Position ?

Everyone likes the freedom to choose. But what if our choices harm other human beings?

Nothing has so clouded the abortion debate more than the misconstrued application of the term "choice." The fact is that choice is nothing apart from the context to which it is applied. Some choices are simply wrong. **The pro-life position is:**

- 1 Intentionally killing an innocent human being is a serious moral wrong.**
- 2 Elective abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being.**
- 3 Therefore, elective abortion is a serious moral wrong.**

As most people still agree with the first premise, we see that there is really only one question to resolve in this discussion: **What is the unborn?**

Our point is not to condemn or belittle the difficulty of an unplanned pregnancy. However, the issue is whether one may kill innocent human beings as a way of dealing with difficult life circumstances.



Is The Pro Life Position Sound ?

From a scientific viewpoint, the unborn is undoubtedly human; it is an individual, living, human, being... by definition.

Individual : The zygote is distinct from her mother, father, and all other living things. She has her own unique and complete genetic fingerprint.

Living : Characterized by metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli, and reproduction.

Human : She carries human DNA with a human genetic signature.

Individual Being : She is a self-contained, self-integrating living entity with her own nature.

In other words, from conception, she has everything necessary to proceed through the full series of human developmental stages, only changing in her appearance, not in her nature. No other human cell has this inherent capacity. Like you and I, all she needs is proper nutrition and environment.

Either elective abortion kills a defenseless child or not. If it does, we should not tolerate it.



What's The Difference ?

It is a purely arbitrary distinction to then say "OK, fine, it's a human but it's not a person."

Why should anyone accept the idea that there is such a thing as a human being who is not a person?

Throughout history, every time such a distinction has been made nothing but the most tragic crimes against humanity have resulted... against African Americans, Natives, women, and Jews to name just a few. Have we not learned our lesson?

There are only four differences between the unborn and a newborn, none of which are morally relevant reasons for denying them the most basic and primary right to life.

Size : Yes, the unborn is smaller than the newborn. But since when has size had any bearing on our right to life?

Level Of Development : Yes, and a newborn is less developed than a toddler. We don't consider the newborn less human as a result. These ideas come from defining people based on what they can do instead of what they are – human beings.

Environment : Clearly where one is has no bearing on who one is. How does a simple journey of 7 inches down the birth canal change the essential nature of the fetus from a non-person into a person?

Degree Of Dependency : If dependency defines personhood then everyone relying on kidney machines or insulin for their life would have to be declared a non-person.