



"Responding to a Pro-life Encounter..."

Approached by someone with the question, while you are participating in a 40 Days for Life pro-life vigil, Life Chain, or virtually any encounter

"Why are you here?", "Why are you doing this?"

Responses:

"This is a vigil for the pre-born. We're here to pray not to protest. We're praying that ultimately there world sees no need for abortion."

"We're not here to make abortion illegal. We're here to make abortion unthinkable."

"We know, through science, that a unique human being is created at conception, and his or her body will develop distinctly from the mother with time and given the opportunity to grow. We believe that everyone is entitled to human rights throughout their entire life journey."

Do you believe in human rights for all? If you believe in human rights, doesn't the pre-born human have those rights too, regardless of their age or stage of development (embryo and fetus are only stages of development or age, like infant, toddler or child). They are both human and alive because he or she comes from human parents and is growing and developing from the time of conception.

"As early as 3 weeks, a baby's heart begins to beat, at 6 weeks brain waves are detected, at 8 weeks all organs function, at 10 weeks pre-born babies feel pain, at 12 weeks a baby can smile. A pre-born child's heart will beat 54 million times before it is born. In the womb babies can Hear, See, Swim, Taste, Smell, Dream, Experience emotions, Play, Hiccup, Cry, Yawn, Kick, Clench fists, Wiggle toes, Learn, Breathe, Bond with the mother."

"There is no reason to abort a child in respect of the health of the mother. Treating an ectopic pregnancy, where the fertilized egg has become implanted in the fallopian tube, is not an abortion. Rather, it is a medical treatment to save the mother's life."

"You can see in the news that abortion has even crept into stages after birth so that the human infant is killed during and even after birth – do you support abortion during and after labour?"

The embryo or fetus are not the woman's body. The embryo or fetus are completely different bodies from the mother each with their own unique DNA, set of features and characteristics. Parents are obligated to house, feed and protect their offspring. The womb provides no exception. Would we deprive a newborn from shelter, nourishment and protection from physical harm? No. Why then would we deny the pre-born human embryo, or fetus of protection from physical harm? Because of their age or stage of development? We can't discriminate based on age or stage of development.

Are you aware of how abortion procedures work? We know that abortion procedures are cruel and inhumane. They range from suctioning pieces of the body through a tube, dismembering the body with sharp clamps, skull crushing, starving, poisoning and burning.



That's why we're here. If we don't make people aware and save them from making this lethal choice, the blood is on our hands.

Again. We're not here to make abortion illegal. We're here to make abortion unthinkable.

There are resources available to help those with a crisis pregnancy, newborns and even those who have had an abortion. Would you like me to get you in touch with them? For those who may have had an abortion; I'm sorry for your loss. Are you ok? Do you ever think about that child? How are your coping?

Thank you for having the conversation with me."

There are many strong advocates and arguments in favour of pro-life from a moral, ethical and human rights perspective. Arguing pro-life solely from a religious perspective, although it is the underpinning of our faith, is difficult. It is our motivation for making these arguments. However, messages like "abortion offends God" are not generally effective.

Understand the points above and don't generally get too deep into the philosophical or legal discussions. You'd like to get back to praying.

Your objective solely is to get people to start re-thinking their internal positions, so that their world view can be opened up beyond their pro-abortion, pro-choice stance.

Please see the attached links for more details.

Stephanie Grey provides the complete perspective in terms of convincing both the head and the heart:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXeTicSChx8>

Ben Shapiro is excellent in responding to specific points which are brought frequently against the pro-life movement as well as the nature of the embryo or fetus as a human being:

<https://twitter.com/LiveAction/status/1049664951244095490/video/1>

Depending on the situation, and if the conversation calls for it, you can always "pop—up" a video on your iPhone or similar device

Videos:

The following video provides beautiful evidence of an embryo in development, clearly distinguishing the human embryo as a developing being and not simply a benign or malignant clump of cells.

https://twitter.com/March_for_Life/status/1092901214713458688/video/1

The following video provides beautiful evidence using 4D imaging of a live and active human being, in the development phase of a fetus, in the mother's womb.

<pic.twitter.com/V0M5Umw71A>



Former abortionist, turned pro-life supporter, Dr. Anthony Levatino.

The following video below contains clinical illustrations (not graphic) of the various abortion procedures carried out in the first, second, and third trimester of pregnancy. The video is narrated by former abortionist, Dr. Anthony Levatino, explains the various methods of abortion and resultant impact on pre-born babies and their mothers. Very few of those who will approach you even understand how abortion procedures actual work. Minds have been changed over this video.

<http://bit.ly/23zq8jd>

Sample interaction...

Pro-Lifer: Do you believe in human rights?

Other: Well, of course

Pro-Lifer: Great, yeah, me too. Who do you think should get human rights?

Other: Uh... humans? (or sometimes: Everyone)

Pro-Lifer: Right. So, if two humans reproduce, what species is their offspring?

Other: Human...

Pro-Lifer: If humans reproduce humans, and human rights are for everyone, for all human beings... doesn't it logically follow that abortion — to decapitate, dismember, disembowel an innocent human being — is a human rights violation?

The key questions being:

1. Do you believe in human rights? Who gets human rights?

2. If two humans reproduce, what species if their offspring?

(Sometimes: If something is growing, isn't it alive?)

3. Doesn't it logically follow then that abortion is a human rights violation?

Summarizing my position, I'd say...

"Human rights are for all human beings, not just some, and human rights should start when the human being starts — and we know from science that's at fertilization".

Campaign Life Coalition - Pro-life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments

<https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/pro-life-answers>



Nearly 300 human beings are killed by abortion every day in Canada. Shouldn't someone stand up for their human rights? Shouldn't human rights be for *all* human beings?". "That's why we're here. If we don't make people aware and save them from making this lethal choice, the blood is on our hands."