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### **Abortion is Not a Choice**

Pro-life doesn't affect a woman's choice at all. It's just the timing of the choice that needs to be emphasized. A woman has the choice to abstain from sex -- or at least have controlled sex -- and it's her fault if she chooses not to, not her unborn child's. Abortion is terrible and permanent. You're talking about taking the life of an innocent child who has no say in the matter whatsoever. Even unborn, that baby is still living, so technically, abortion should be considered murder. How come it's a crime to kill a baby after it's born but apparently okay to take the life of an unfinished child in the womb because of the "choice" someone else makes?

There are alternatives to abortion. The first one is simple: make responsible decisions and don't get pregnant in the first place if you can't take care of or aren't ready to raise a child. Secondly, there are many couples (even individuals) who would love to adopt a child and are on waiting lists to do so. Foster families are also willing to help care for those who need a home. Besides, anything is better than an abortion. Put yourself in the place of a baby who's being aborted and see how you like not being given a chance.

There is never a reason for an abortion. Even if you knew your child was going to have a birth defect, you let that baby live and trust in God to keep him safe and healthy. Pro-life means to give everyone a chance. Each has a gift that's needed by all.

Euthanasia is just as bad as abortion. Everyone deserves an equal opportunity at life and to cut someone's short because of their age is to deprive them of opportunities they could have been given or things they could have accomplished first. In the case of abortion, you're

doing the same thing: taking someone's life for their age, but the difference between the two is that the baby being aborted cannot speak up.

There have been many inspirational stories about kids and adults who were almost aborted but instead given the chance to live and make a difference in the world (St. Pope John Paul II, Celine Dion, Steve Jobs). They have gone on to become very influential people, hopefully sparking an awareness of what potentially could be lost. A woman always has a choice, but it's not the one that's most convenient. The only reason for an abortion is laziness; the unwillingness to take responsibility for one's actions.

Legalized abortion is a fairly recent decision, and the reason it draws so much protest is because it's clearly murder, but people don't like hearing it in those words. Something is considered living if it undergoes cell division. Therefore, as soon as the egg is fertilized in the mother, the baby is considered alive. Killing is murder, so why is this legal? This is just another reason to evangelize to change others' hearts.