

Turning the Tide: The Making of Pro-Life Activists

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Community



Education

What is abortion?

It is the ending of a pregnancy through either taking a pill, or undergoing surgery to remove the foetus, and not merely to remove it, but to end its life.

Can I kill an okapi?



Can I kill an Amangu?



Can I kill the unborn?

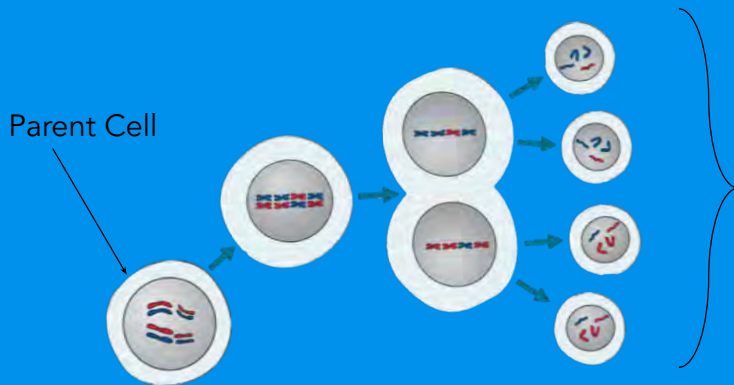


What is the unborn?

From the earliest stages of development the unborn are distinct living and whole human beings.

What is the unborn?

Distinct: the unborn is different in kind to his/her mother. He/she has a unique genetic make-up.

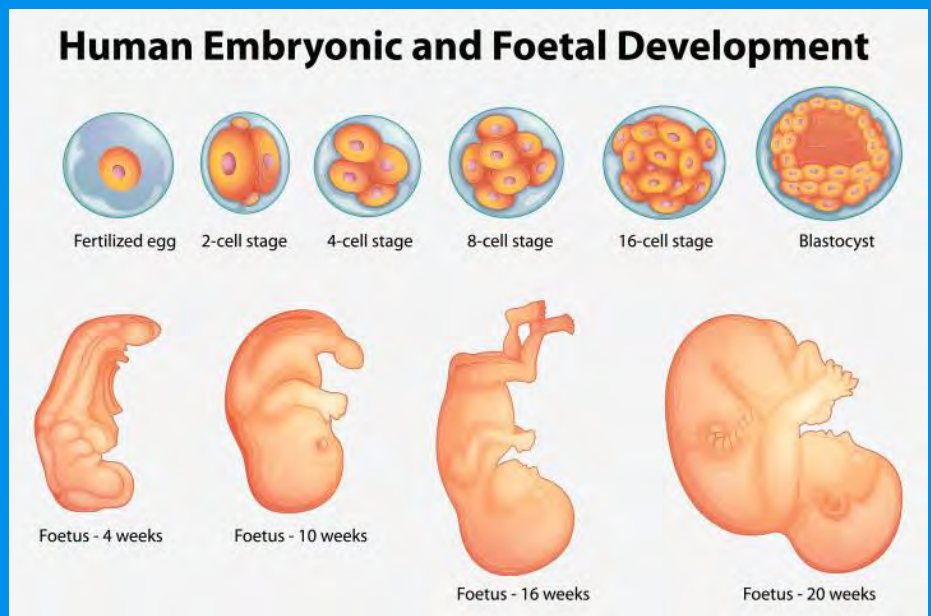


Gametes – made up of the parent, but not the parent. Lots of possibilities of combinations with another opposite sex gamete. Therefore, UNIQUE human being!

What is the unborn?

Living:

dead things don't grow.



What is the unborn?

Whole: the unborn child is a whole human being.

Nothing can be added to make it more human. All it needs is time, nutrition and the appropriate environment to mature. Sperm and eggs are parts, that form a whole!

What is the unborn?

human + human = human

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Therefore, abortion is wrong.

Diving Deeper

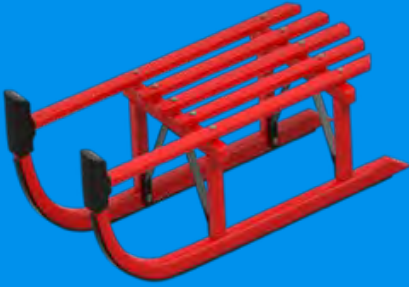
Pro-life claim is justice based.

It is wrong to treat others, who are like us in all relevant respects, in a totally different manner to how we would like to be treated.

So, how are the unborn like us?

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The only differences between you as you are now and you when you were a zygote are:



Size

Level of Development

Environment

Degree of Dependency

Size



Level of Development

6 weeks



12 weeks



15 weeks



Environment



Space



Deep Sea



Mt Everest

Degree of Dependency



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Call to Action

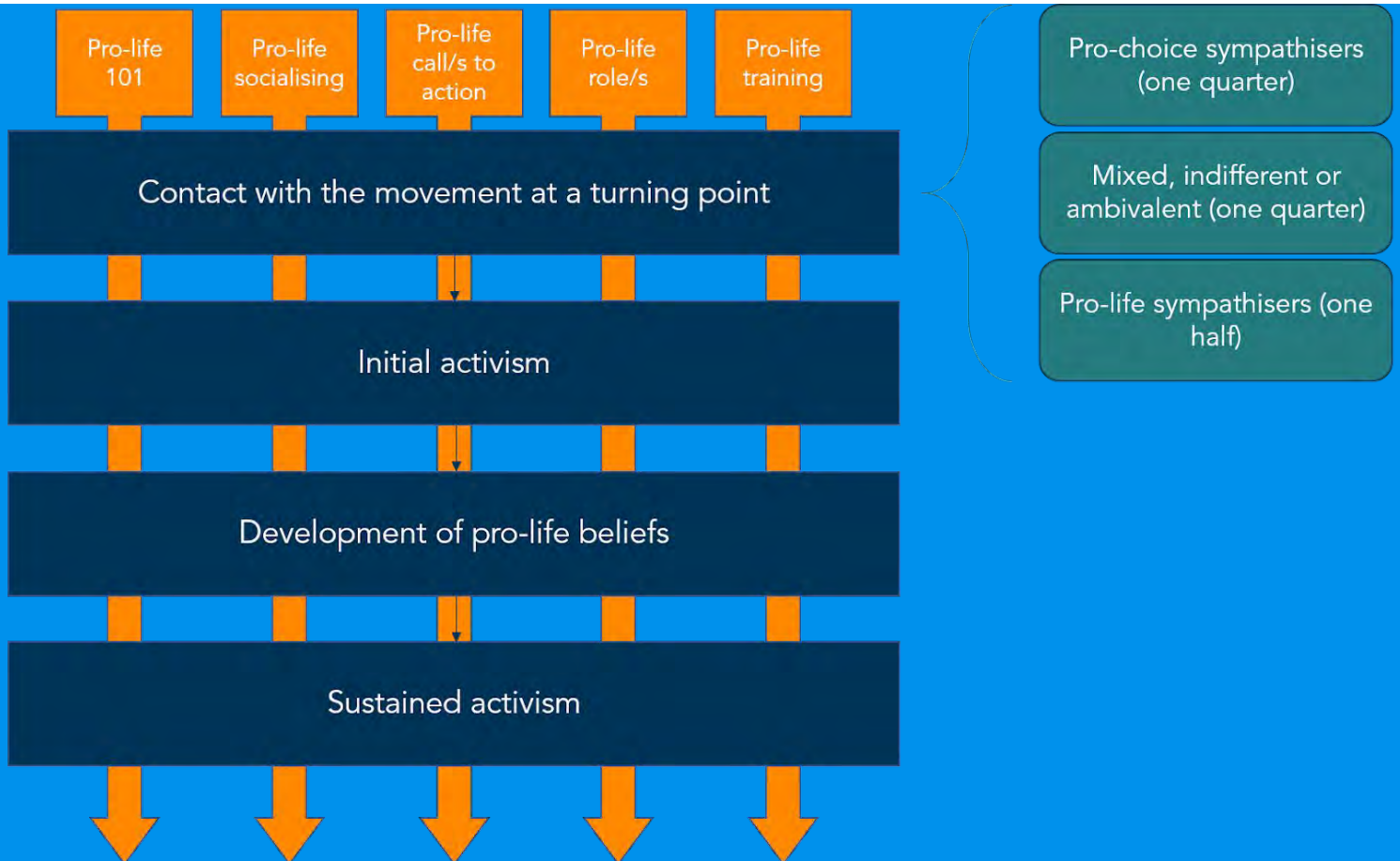
Student > News

Cardiff University's student union rejects pro-choice motion

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Munson Study: The Pro-Life Journey



March for Life

Saturday, 2nd September 2023

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MFL UK

March for Life UK
OFFICIAL VIDEO



Join us in London
10 MILLION TOO MANY
END ABORTION NOW



MarchforLife.Co.UK







Pastorally Pro-Life



If someone shares that they are pregnant...

- Reassure them
- Ask them how they feel (everyone else will be asking 'what are you going to do about that?')
- Ask them if they need support, and if so, what?
- Point them in the direction of further help – what does your uni/church/school/local community offer? Is there crisis pregnancy support nearby?
- Listen



pregnantatuni.com



If someone shares they've had an abortion...

- The first words out of your mouth: 'I am so sorry you went through that'
- Be compassionate
- How do they feel about that now?
- Are they comfortable sharing more? Why did they feel they needed an abortion?
- Point them in the direction of post-abortion counselling
- Initially after an abortion they may experience a sense of relief, this then becomes distress



Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time.



archtrust.com
rachelsvineyard.org.uk
hervoice.org.uk



Rules of Engagement

- Have courage
 - Be kind

Do not get so caught up in defending the humanity of the unborn, that you forget the humanity of the person standing in front of you.



“Loving truthful people are always more persuasive than unloving truthful people.”

Timothy Brahm
Equal Rights Institute



Our UK Abortion Law

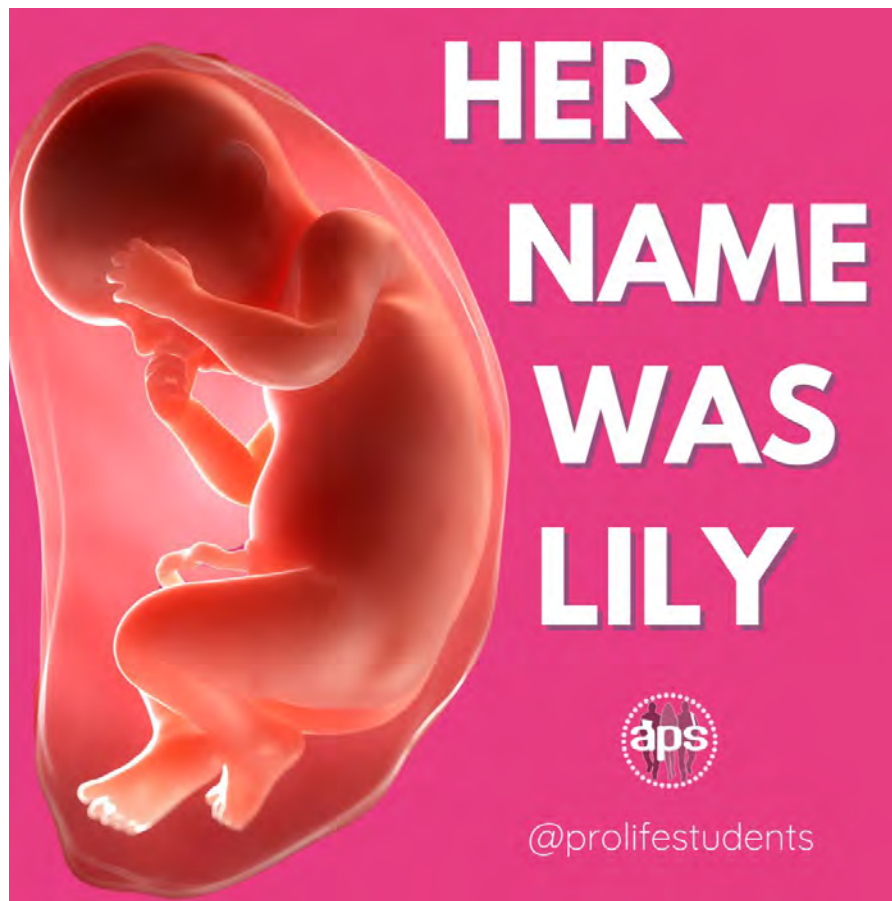


'de facto', we have abortion on demand for any reason up to 24 weeks. Up to birth for disability.

Changes to the Law

- Sex-selective abortion, 2015
- Northern Ireland, October 2019
- DIY at home abortions, 2020
- Abortion on demand (decrim), on going
- Heidi Crowter, on going





Some statistics

- 214,869 in England and Wales in 2021
- Equates to 588 abortions per day of the year
- 41% of these were repeat abortions
- Women aged 20-24 highest likelihood of abortion than all other age groups



Censorship

British pro-life advocate again arrested for 'thoughtcrime' of silent prayer near abortion clinic



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Say something; so others do too

Censorship at University

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Julia's Story

Pro-life student in midwife program receives apology and payout



NEARLY ONE
QUARTER



have been "threatened, abused, alarmed or distressed - by actions or words - by another student or academic" because of their membership with a pro-life society.



MORE THAN
70 PERCENT



of participants have felt "unable to speak" about their views in lectures or seminars



MORE THAN
TWO THIRDS



have witnessed another student being discriminated against or harassed for holding pro-life views.



The Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023

You have the power to make pro-life
activists.

Together, let's turn the tide on our culture
of death.

Abortion is the greatest human rights
violation of our time;
What are you doing about it?



Questions?

marchforlife.co.uk

prolifestudents.org.uk

madelinepage.com

Common Objections

My body, my choice.

What about rape/incest?

What about the woman's life?

You're a man, don't talk to me about abortion.

I wouldn't have one, but I wouldn't stop anyone else from having one.

They're human, but not people

Women need abortion for equality.

Bringing it back to Catholicism



Catholic Charity

- 140,000 schools
- 10,000 orphanages
- 5,000 hospitals
- 16,000 health clinics
- £2-4 billion a year
- plus endless giving by parishes & religious orders

largest and most significant non-state
organisation in the world



Scripture

- Luke 10:25-37, The Parable of the Good Samaritan
- 'Brephos' meaning infant/baby in Greek – The Visitation (Luke 1:39-56)
- Psalm 51:5 “I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception”
- Thou shalt not kill, Made in His image and likeness
- I was hungry and you gave me something to eat
- Leviticus 20 – if child sacrifice is happening, you have a duty to intervene

Let's recap

- As Catholics, we are called to be loving to all people
- Both the mother and unborn child are human beings
 - Image & Likeness of God

So why does Abortion matter?



Reasons for Abortion

Grounds A and B: permit abortion where the risk to the life of the mother is greater if she continues her pregnancy than if she doesn't, and to prevent grave permanent injury to physical or mental health.	121
Ground C: permits abortion if there is a risk to the mental or physical health of the mother if she continues her pregnancy.	205,930
Ground D and E give permission for abortion if the unborn child is found to be disabled or have any abnormalities.	3,859
Grounds F and G permit abortion where the mother's life will be saved through the abortion.	7