

Why we need a fresh perspective

What's wrong with pro life?

Pro life is an interview view because you would think being pro life it would be focused on the important of all life and yet it disregards the health of the mother. This would seem to be a somewhat close minded view which does not consider all the evidence needed to weigh up an important decision such as an abortion.

The pro life approach does not stop abortion either. Even when there is no access to legal abortion, plenty of abortions still happen however people are forced to go "back street" clinics to get them which results in unsafe unregulated abortions, often by people with no medical training, which causes death to many mothers to be.

What's wrong with pro choice?

A foetus is not a baby. A baby is defined as having left its mothers womb and so when you have an abortion you are not killing a baby. You are however killing a living creature. This is often forgotten and while it probably isn't as important as an actual Human life, it is never the less of a life and if we extend basic rights of treatment to animals (which of course we do) we should surely do the same to a foetus.

This is often taken into account and in the UK abortions need a good reason behind them such as it being dangerous to the health of the mother, pregnancies are not terminated for fun. However a hard line pro choice attitude often totally disregards this issue which seems to be as much a close minded attitude as the hard line pro life view.



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Abortion, the issues and the campaign

Abortion isn't the only solution. It's easy to just say get rid of it but you are getting rid of a potential Human life. These are words you will not often hear coming from a pro choice campaign. But at Pro Life Through Pro Choice, that is what we are saying.

This is perhaps a little misleading. Pro Life Through Pro Choice is not a pro choice campaign, at least not exclusively. Pro choice suggests that we are anti-life and we aren't, we are as much a pro life campaign as we are pro choice.

Pro Life Through Pro Choice advocates a rational, reasoned approach to abortion. It does not say that abortion is the only solution that should be used wherever but nor does it say that we should automatically rule out abortion altogether. Neither of these views represent a reasoned Humanist approach to the issue.

We aim to promote the idea that we should not segregate ourselves into two camps, viciously fighting with each other and taking extreme viewpoints but rather take a rational common sense approach which considers all options and weighs up all the evidence before making a decision.

What is the Humanist view on abortion?

The Humanist viewpoint is that there is no clear right and wrong. Sometimes abortion may be appropriate; sometimes it may not be appropriate. Each case is different and we should consider all the facts and make a decision based on reason and common sense.

Many Humanists classify themselves as pro choice. In contrast, many other Humanists classify themselves as pro life. However Pro Life Through Pro Choice does not advocate polarised viewpoints. There is clearly a middle ground here which needs to be considered yet cannot until we can all sit down at the discussion table and work out what is best.

Dispelling the myths

Pro Life Through Pro Choice believes that abortion is appropriate in certain circumstances. This usually comes under the label of *pro choice*. Or, if you will, *anti life*. We apparently sitting on the wrong side of the pro life stance.

Few things could be further from the truth. The *pro choice* side is not a rampaging horde of baby killers. Of course, you probably already know this. But the point of this campaign is to ensure everyone knows it.

We are as much about pro life as we are about pro choice. We believe that the life of the foetus should be considered when decisions are being made and where possible, abortion should be avoided. We also recognise however that there are some circumstances in which abortion is the best option, for example when the health of the mother is in jeopardy.



Food for thought

The abortion debate is a tricky issue. Here are some things that need to be considered when making a decision on whether an abortion is appropriate or not.

We can't prevent abortions, no matter how hard we try. This is because they happen naturally, if there is a problem with the pregnancy the Human body will terminate the pregnancy without even asking. This is commonly called a miscarriage and it's a form of natural abortion by the body. Over one million of these occur per year, some happen so early in the pregnancy that the mother to be doesn't even know she is pregnant. Not to mention

that criminalising clinic abortions doesn't prevent them taking place either.

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