

## A Fetus is a Parasite

(Response to Lyla cont'd.) Men also need to be held to a level of responsibility. Should child support during pregnancy be considered? What are your thoughts?

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**Kim** [REDACTED]

Until you acknowledge that an existing life is more important than a could be life, you are preaching evil. There are not two bodies involved, biologically there is a body and a parasite, and sometimes the parasite kills its host. They are not equal, only someone with no biology or heart could think so. I lost a baby at 4.5 months, my bowels were wrapped around my uterus, it almost killed me. That child was not more important than me. But jerks that want to present themselves as prolife, call me a murderer. Why? Because I chose to live?

Kim, in situations like yours where your life was at risk it has correctly been standard medical and moral practice to prioritize the life of the mother. Pro-life laws **always** recognize the need to protect the life of the mother. However, with all due respect to your situation, the vast majority of abortions are not based on medical need.

Your differentiation between an "existing life" and a "could be life" is a differentiation that is not fact based. It is merely semantics. The beginning human being is small, but it exists. You stated that "biologically there is a body and a parasite" However, the definition of a parasite is "an organism that lives in or on an organism of another species (its host)". From the moment of conception, there are two genetic human beings - both humans - not different species. We need not pit them against each other. We must protect and respect them both.

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**William** [REDACTED]

Even if all you say is true, in purely scientific terms, the fetus is a parasite. People make mistakes and does any human have the right to literally suck the life out of another, which is what a fetus does...

William the unborn child is not "sucking the life" out of a woman. Pregnancy is a normal biological function of a woman's body. Also, physicians have known for decades that fetal cells cross the placenta during pregnancy and recent research is starting to uncover a host of benefits for the mother from this transfer including an overall reduced risk of [rheumatoid arthritis](#) and possible protection against breast cancer. So, in ways that we are just now discovering, babies can improve the physical life of their mothers.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/10/26/449966350/fetal-cells-may-protect-mom-from-disease-long-after-the-babys-born>

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**Bubba** [REDACTED]

No, it's a parasite.

Bubba, it is dehumanizing to refer to the unborn child as a "parasite" and it is scientifically false. The Oxford Dictionary has this definition of parasite - "an organism that lives in or on an organism of another species (its host)". Genetically, scientifically the beginning zygote and then fetus is of the human species. We ALL began the same way, and we did not magically change from a parasite to a human. Our human rights should be protected on the objective basis of core humanity. Please consider that the first right enumerated in our Declaration of Independence is the "Right to Life". That right forms the foundation for all our rights. Dehumanization is the very basis of oppression throughout the world. Our society and our world will in fact be improved as we protect ALL human beings.

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**Renee** 

Besides that a clump of parasitic tissue has no rights but the host absolutely does. It has no more rights to use her body and organs to survive than you do. Also by your illogic, we could never destroy frozen embryos or remove someone from a ventilator even though neither are a viable form of life.

Renee, the pro-life position respects the rights of both women and the unborn. There are two genetic human beings involved. Also, there must be some level of self-responsibility. When a woman and man have consensual sex, they are also accepting all the potential consequences of those actions, which includes pregnancy. Our decisions carry responsibility. It is that way in every area of life. It would seem that the correct place to exercise body autonomy is prior to intercourse - when the woman can rightly exercise control over her own body. Once conception has occurred, she would then be exercising control over another's body - the fetus's.

A person's choice extends only to the boundary where their choice negatively affects another person. The fetus is a biologically unique human being. The FIRST right enumerated in our Declaration of Independence is the Right to Life. Regarding taking someone off a ventilator, that is a completely different scenario. When a person is taken off a ventilator, there is no active killing of the person. The natural course of death is simply allowed to take place. However, the natural course of the unborn is toward life and growth. Abortion must be used to actively interrupt the natural course.