

Not Your Body or Your Choice

In the context of abortion, "my body, my choice" is one of the most contradictory phrases ever. Pro-choicers advocate for individuals rights to choose what can or can't be done to their body yet ignore their own set of standards when it comes to the rights of the unborn. Often, they try to dismiss an unborn child's personage by claiming that fetuses and embryos are just clumps of cells, not babies. However, science proves that a "fetus" is a person and with that reality comes the right to live, which is why I, am pro-life.

The first reason that I am pro-life is because I believe human life begins the moment an ovum is fertilized. A fertilized ovum (egg), called a Zygote, meets the criteria for life as determined by biologists and contains DNA unique from its mother's, therefore making it a genetically unique individual. Rather than being "clumps of cells", embryos and fetuses are humans because, as Randy Alcorn, author of the book "Why Pro-life?" points out; "Something non-human does not become human by getting older or bigger; whatever is human must be human from the beginning... like toddler and adolescent, the terms embryo and fetus do not refer to nonhumans, but to humans at a particular stage of development." Because life begins at conception*, an unborn child should be viewed as its own person, equal in value to those already born.

The second reason I am pro-life is because we have all been created equal. Job 34:19 explains that God "is not partial to Princes, Nor does he regard the rich more than

the poor; for they are all the work of His hands". We have repeatedly witnessed the tragic results of the idea that not everyone is created equal. Blacks were enslaved, Jews were exterminated, unborn children *are being* killed.

The third and final reason that I am pro-life is because I believe that since we have been created equal, every person deserves equal rights. Our most basic right, instituted by God and backed by the U.S. constitution, is the right to life. The Bible repeatedly protects this right by condoning the murder of an innocent person such as in Exodus 23:7 which commands: "...do not put an innocent or honest person to death". The 14th Amendment of the Constitution also sets out to protect this "unalienable" right by stating: "Nor shall any state deny any person of life..." As any other person, an unborn child deserves the right to live.

Ironically, when fighting for so-called, "my body, my choice", pro-choice individuals are denying unborn children the very right they are fighting for, which is the freedom to choose what can or can't be done to their own body. I am pro-life because I believe that no mother has the right to choose life or death for her child. Because it is not her body, it is not her choice.

*Conception used in its previous definition referring to when an egg is fertilized
Sources used: [Why Pro-Life?](#) by Randy Alcorn