

Stepping Up To Defend Life!
(Notes for Webinar Attendees)
Webinar with Seth Gruber – 07/30/20

II. **Topic:** Why Everyone Should be Pro-Life!

IV. **Thesis:** Everyone should be pro-life because everyone should be opposed to killing innocent human beings without proper justification.

1) Syllogism:

- a. **Premise 1:** It's always wrong to intentionally kill innocent human beings without proper justification.
- b. **Premise 2:** Abortion intentionally kills an innocent human being without proper justification.
- c. **Conclusion:** Abortion is always wrong.

V. **Premise 1:** Can we all agree on that?

VI. **Premise 2:** Three Questions

Is the unborn a human being?

Does abortion intentionally kill a human being?

Is abortion ever justified?

1) Is the unborn a human being?

- a. Science of Embryology: The unborn child is a **Distinct, Living, and Whole** human being.
- b. **Dr. Jerome LeJeune** (Professor of Genetics, University of Descartes):
*"After fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being. [It] is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence. Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception."*ⁱ

2) Does abortion intentionally kill?

- a. **Warren Hern** (*Abortion Practice*, the leading medical textbook on abortion procedures): *"We have reached a point in this particular technology where there is no possibility of denial of an act of destruction by the operator. It is before one's eyes. The sensations of dismemberment flow through the forceps like an electric current."*ⁱⁱ

b. **Camille Paglia** (Pro-choice academic & social critic, Professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, 2008 *Salon.com* article): *“Hence I have always frankly admitted that abortion is murder, the extermination of the powerless by the powerful. Liberals for the most part have shrunk from facing the ethical consequences of their embrace of abortion, which results in the annihilation of concrete individuals and not just clumps of insensate tissue.”*ⁱⁱⁱ

c. Abortion Imagery as a tool to show that abortion intentionally kills.

3) Is abortion ever justified?

a. Medically?: NO

b. Dublin Declaration: 1000+ signatures of OBGYN’s, nurses, midwives, doctors, medical professionals, neonatologists

c. Morally?: NO

d. How do pro-choicers attempt to argue that abortion is morally justified?

e. **Arguing:** that only persons have rights and the unborn is not a person because they’re different from us in so many ways!

f. What differences?:

Size
Level of Development
Environment
Degree of Dependency

g. Here is your pro-life weapon to destroy pro-abortion arguments:

The abortion BS Filter. You can throw pro-abortion arguments into this filter to strip it of its fallacies and bigotry.

Tactic: Trot out the toddler – Apply pro-choice arguments to the killing of a toddler for the same reasons.

h. There is no value-giving difference between the embryo we once were and the adult we are today that would justify killing us at that earlier stage.

i. The unborn differs from us in the same ways that we differ from one another.

- j. Look around the room? What do we all have in common? **Human Nature**
- k. There's nothing you could cite to justify the killing of the unborn human that would not apply to many born humans as well.
- l. Re-Cap The Case for Life – 30 second soundbite:

Pro-life advocates argue according to the science of embryology, that from the earliest stages of development, the unborn is a distinct, living, and whole human being. Philosophically, we argue that there is no essential or value-giving difference between the embryo you once were and the adult you are today that would justify killing you at that earlier stage of development. Differences in size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency are not good reasons for saying you had no right to life then but you do now.

VII. **Conclusion:** Abortion is always wrong

- 1) Abortion is an issue of human equality. Are all humans equal in value? Or are some less valuable and can be justifiably killed?
- 2) I am the equality advocate!
- 3) *Abortion is always wrong because it is a “choice” for the death of an innocent baby, a human being, who differs from us in the same way that we differ from each other (SLED), yet is still a distinct, living, and whole human being with equal rights.*

ⁱ Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judiciary Committee S-158, Report, 97th Congress, 1st Session, 1981

ⁱⁱ Warren Hern & Billie Corrigan, “What About Us? Staff Reactions to D&E,” Presented at the 1978 meeting of the Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians, San Diego, CA, October 26.^[1]_{SEP}

ⁱⁱⁱ Camille Paglia, “Fresh Blood for the Vampire,” *Salon.com*, Sep. 11, 2008.