

The Abortion Dialogue

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The Central Question: What is the unborn?

There is only one way to answer the moral nature of abortion. Answer the question, “What is the unborn?”

- ! Greg Koukl’s Sink Conversation
 - *Daddy, can I kill this?*
 - We can’t answer whether or not we can kill IT until we determine as best we can WHAT IT IS.
 - ! Our shared intuition tells us that there are moral differences between killing an insect, a cat or a dog, and a fellow human being.
 - ! Is the unborn like the insect, cat, and dog, or is it one of us?
- ! Three Common Mistakes People Make
 - They Assume the Unborn is NOT One of Us
 - Begging the Question, they assume something within a premise of their argument that they have the responsibility to demonstrate.
 - Ask yourself this question, “Would they offer this as justification for killing a human being they uncontroversially accept as one of us?”
 - ! If they wouldn’t say you can kill a 2 year-old or 10 year-old for that reason they assume that there is a difference between the unborn and those other human beings.
 - NO ONE GETS TO ASSUME THAT, WE ALL HAVE TO ARGUE.
 - They Confuse Preference Claims with Moral Claims
 - The difference between Coke vs. Pepsi (Preference) and killing an innocent human being vs. nurturing them (Moral)
 - ! *If you don’t like abortion, then don’t have one.*
 - How we feel about abortion doesn’t matter.
 - I never argued I didn’t like it, I argue it is wrong.
 - ! *I am personally pro-life, but politically pro-choice because I don’t want to tell others what they can do.*
 - If the unborn are human, that means you don’t want to tell others they can’t kill human beings.
 - They Assert Rather than Argue
 - Women have a right to choose!
 - ! Choose what?
 - Some choices are morally illegitimate.