

# The Why Pro-Life Report

From the Pro-Life Toolbox

## 10 Answers For When You Are Asked, “Why?”

### I’m Pro-Life because...

1. Science clearly shows that life begins at conception. Conception is the only clear dividing line an individual unique human being and a clump of cells. From that moment on, and until death, it is a unique human person throughout the entire spectrum of human development.
2. Abortion is bad for women. It is emotionally traumatic and physically risky. Women seek abortions, not because they want them, but because they feel they have no other option.
3. The fetus growing in the womb is a distinct and unique human being with its own DNA and its own unimagined possibilities. According to the law of biogenesis, a fetus is clearly a human being and all humans, even the smallest deserve the right to life.
4. I believe in protecting the rights of all people. Pre-born humans are people too! Abortion intentionally denies the pre-born people the right to life and therefore every other right.
5. There is no such thing as an unwanted child.
6. I'm sure that a fetus is a human being but, even if you are not sure, it is best to give the fetus the benefit of the doubt on something so foundational and important as life and death.
7. A child should not be punished for the wrong doings or failures of the mother or father. No parent has the right to chose whether his or her child should die.
8. No one has the right to decide someone else's life is not worth living. Someone should not be killed just because they may suffer in life. We all suffer. The poor suffer. Should we kill the poor? No, we should love them!
9. Abortion is not rare - there are about 3,500 abortions every day in the United States. One-third of my generation died before they had the chance to take one breath. I will not be silent with the breaths I've been given. I survived the possibility of being killed in my mother’s womb. I want to help others survive!
10. I am alive. My mother chose life for me. She gave me a chance to live. I want to help everyone have that chance!



# Top Ten Pro-Life Facts

Here are some very useful facts in discussing abortion. These will be very helpful if you commit them to memory.

1. There are nearly 1.3 million abortions every year in the U.S. That equals about 3,500 Americans aborted every day, and about one abortion every 26 seconds.
2. At the moment of conception the embryo has a complete set of unique DNA and is a human being that is separate from the mother.
3. Each year approximately 163,000 babies are eligible for adoption in the U.S., versus approximately 600,000 couples actively seeking to adopt children.
4. Only 0.53% of abortions fall into the category of a “hard case” – rape, incest, or protection of the mother’s life. Even those cases do not justify the taking of an innocent life.
5. More blacks are killed in the womb at Planned Parenthood facilities in three days than were lynched by the Ku Klux Klan in their entire history.
6. One large-scale study of pregnant rape victims found that approximately 70% chose to give birth. Many sexual assault victims see giving birth as a selfless, love act that helps bring healing from their horrific experiences.
7. Suicide rates for women who have had abortions are 6 times higher than women who have not had abortions.
8. It is estimated that 43% of all women will have at least 1 abortion before they are 45.
9. Abortion is 71 times more common than murder and 13 times more common than rape in the United States.
10. Half of all abortions are committed on mothers 24 years of age or younger.



# Lila Rose



## Ask the experts

“Planned Parenthood has historic ties to the now-discredited eugenics movement in the United States. More recently, abortionists have worked hard to reach out to minorities. This is reflected in skyrocketing abortion rates among minority women. African-American women account for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population but submit to nearly 37 percent of all abortions.

Approximately 80 percent of abortion clinics are located in minority neighborhoods. Although most

people in our country do not know it, such a heavy abortion rate among minorities was planned and desired by the founders of Planned Parenthood, particularly by founder Margaret Sanger, an open racist and eugenicist.”

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# Kristan Hawkins



“As those of us in the pro-life movement know, abortion is the ‘treatment’ of a ‘problem.’ Women in crisis pregnancies often see abortion as the only solution. When I and others counsel women outside of abortion facilities or at a pregnancy resource centers, the responses we receive are usually the same. The young woman doesn’t want to choose abortion but feels there is no better solution.

Applying real Social Justice means that those of us in the pro-life movement who reach out

to these scared, pregnant women meet their material and emotional needs first. We need to fulfill our promise of providing her with everything she needs during her pregnancy and beyond, and, in the process, build a long-lasting relationship with her. This way, she doesn’t find herself in the same situation a year from now.

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# Ronald Reagan



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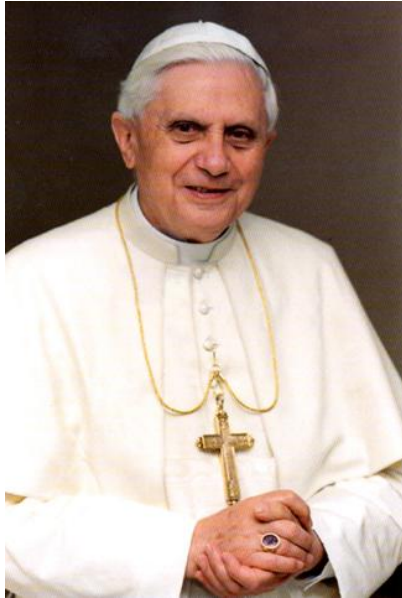
**Ronald Reagan, 40<sup>th</sup>  
President of the United  
States**

“Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the *Roe v. Wade* decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion ‘is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be.’ Nowhere do the plain

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# Pope Benedict XVI



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**Pope Benedict XVI**

"In this current period of economic difficulties, the effect of those mechanisms which produce poverty and create deep social inequality becomes ever more dramatic, injuring and offending life, and striking especially at the weakest and most defenseless. This situation calls on us to promote integral human development in order to overcome want and need, and above all to recall that the goal of each man and women is not wellbeing, but God Himself, and that human life must be

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# Fr. Frank Pavone



“What kind of concern for women is shown when we put more stress on killing the child than helping the woman to bear her child? The abortion mentality looks on pregnancy as a disease. It does not take women seriously in their unique privilege and power of bearing new life! Some say that the pro-life movement is run by men trying to control women. But did you ever realize that the abortion industry is run primarily by men, who make a lot of

money by performing this degrading operation on women? Abortion does not take sex seriously, either. Instead, it makes it easier for men to exploit women sexually. As Rosemary Bottcher, a Feminist for Life, has written, ‘Abortion reduces women to the status of sex machines which can be ‘repaired’ if necessary. Abortion helps ease his (the man’s) anxiety about sex and relieves him of the last vestige of responsibility. At last sex is really free!’”

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**Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life**

# Dr. Alveda King



“When will America wake up to what’s going on in our country and around the world? This is a battle between good and evil. Everyone will choose a side. By remaining silent, as so many are doing, is in fact picking a side for as Edmund Burke said, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” And to quote another great man, my Uncle Martin, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Abortion is the great

est injustice of our time. With approximately 52 million confirmed murdered babies since the Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973 and millions more unconfirmed through health complications due to abortions and contraception, the moral decline of our society is a true testament of our selfishness.”

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# Eric Scheidler



“Pro-lifers are not ‘filled with hate.’ The pro-life movement is not ‘spreading hate.’ The hate is already out there, festering beneath the surfaced, unresolved, malignant. We’re working to expose the sources of hate so that hate can finally be conquered by love.

This is what really inspires our work in the pro-life movement, even if the face of so many lies about us, so much invective and calumny, is just this: **love**.

We love the mothers who are carrying a burden of guilt. We love the fathers who are consumed by shame. We love those parents and grandparents who are grieving children lost to abortion. We love the abortionists in whose hearts the spark of the Holy Spirit has nearly been extinguished.

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We love the society that we know we could create together if only we could overcome the hate at the core of abortion and learn to love the gift that is every unborn child.”

**Eric Scheidler, Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League**

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, holding a small, realistic-looking globe of the Earth. She is looking down at the globe with a serious expression. The globe shows the Americas and parts of Europe and Africa. The background is plain white.

## What next?

This report is really just skimming the surface of pro-life knowledge. It is very important that you head over to [www.WhyProLife.com](http://www.WhyProLife.com) to read and learn more about pro-life facts and pro-choice arguments so that you are ready to share the pro-life message effectively!

## The Next Generation is in Your Hands

One conversation could be a matter of Life and Death for an unborn child and the difference between Pain and Joy for a young mother.

YOU can make a difference. Join the movement to educate the world about abortion!

Join us at [www.WhyProLife.com](http://www.WhyProLife.com)