



## PREGNANCY: Moral Arguments Against Abortion

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Supplement Handout

*These points will be used or not based upon the decision of the organization for whom the Pure Truth team is presenting. The moral arguments in this section are grounded in Western philosophy and American legal foundations rather than religious/spiritual texts.*

- The basic moral argument against abortion can be simply stated in three points: 1)It is wrong to kill an innocent human being. 2)Abortion kills an innocent human being. 3)Therefore, abortion is wrong.
- The Due Process Clause of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution state that “No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”
- Many arguments in favor of abortion state that the unborn child is a human but not a “person”.
- There is disagreement over when someone gains personhood.
- Various developmental milestones have been suggested, but the milestone in full agreement with the science of embryology is the moment of fertilization.
- When a sperm fertilizes an egg, a unique human DNA signature is formed, and a new, separate living being begins the process of development.
- Hair and eye color, biological sex, and all the features genetically inherited from one’s parents are determined at that moment.
- Drawing a distinction that someone could be a human but not a person based upon a certain characteristic they lack is dangerous moral footing, especially when those characteristics could be lacking in born persons.
- All human beings are persons of equal value regardless of the circumstances of their conception or their size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependence. Therefore, unborn children deserve to be protected.