

Tip for staying focused

- In an attempt to distract attention from the real issue, the user of “ad hominem” will discard logic and attack a person’s character or motive.
- Recognizing when ad hominem is being applied will help you stay calm and focused on your key points.
- An example of ad hominem would be: “I’ll take you pro lifers seriously when you start adopting the unwanted babies.” A reply to that argument will be given.

1 “The pre-born baby isn’t really human.”

COMMON GROUND:

I agree an zygote or an embryo doesn’t look human to our eyes, however, science has determined that...

- Human life BEGINS AT CONCEPTION and the zygote and embryo are living human organisms.
- This new life is a person with human DNA and a complete set of 46 chromosomes.
- Personhood is defined by membership in the human species NOT by stage of development. We begin as a zygote and move through the other stages of human development: embryo, fetus, newborn, toddler, child, adolescent, adult.



7 Effective Pro Life Replies to 7 Common Pro Abortion Arguments

2 “You have no right telling a woman what she can or cannot do with her body. Women have the right to choose.”

COMMON GROUND:

I agree that a woman’s body is greatly affected by her pregnancy. And I know you’re trying to be fair. However...

- Her “choice” affects TWO bodies. The pre-born baby has its own genetic make-up so abortion destroys the body of a separate person.
- We should only make choices about ourselves based on what only affects ourselves. Just like driving drunk affects the lives of everyone on the road, abortion affects more than just the mother. With abortion the mother’s choice ends the life of her child.
- What about the baby’s body and her choice? Remember, we’re talking about two separate bodies.

3 “I’m personally opposed to abortion but I believe in a woman’s right to choose.”

COMMON GROUND:

I’m glad to hear that you oppose abortion so...

- If you believe that abortion is an immoral killing of a human being then you must, as a moral person conclude that a baby’s right to life is more important than a woman’s right to choose.
- Your reasoning is the same as saying you’re personally opposed to rape, but wouldn’t take away a man’s choice to do it.
- Ask yourself this, would the baby choose to be aborted or would the baby choose to live?

4 “Men can’t get pregnant so they shouldn’t tell women what to do.”

COMMON GROUND:

As a strong supporter of women’s rights, I can see how you would feel that way, however....

- You’re saying that only those directly affected by abortion should have any say about it. That doesn’t apply to other areas of justice.
- Not only blacks fought against slavery or for civil rights.
- We need everyone, including men, to step up and be advocates for women and children.
- We need fathers to take responsibility for the children they helped conceive.

5 “Abortion should be legal in cases of rape or incest.”

Common Ground:

It’s understandable to think that aborting the baby would help ease the terrible brutality of the mother’s experience, however....

- Victims of rape or incest account for 1/3 of 1% of all pregnancies. That does not justify the other 99.67% of abortions.
- Evidence shows that abortion compounds the pain. In fact, women who have had an abortion have an 81% higher risk of subsequent mental health problems.
- Most incest victims seldom consent to abortion seeing the pregnancy as a way out of a horrible situation.
- The baby does not deserve the death penalty for the father’s crime.