

## OVERCOMING ABORTION FACT SHEET

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This is just food for thought and potentially the areas of law to focus on if you are pro-life and seek to amend the laws in that regard.

### ARGUMENTS:

1. If a pregnant woman is seriously injured by a third-party resulting in death of the fetus, the responsible third-party can be charged with homicide if the baby was wanted and there was no plans to terminate the pregnancy. Homicide is the killing of one human being by another human being. So, in such a case, the law identifies the fetus as a human being with rights recognized because the mother-to-be recognized those rights and for no other reason at law. See: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/072000050K9-1.2.htm> and <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/12/politics/illinois-governor-signs-abortion-protection-law/index.html> (So what, I cited some sources.)
2. If the legal guardian or holding power of attorney, you can remove a loved one from life support with or without a court order depending on jurisdiction. Now, this often requires that the individual have a living will who entrusts decisions and enforcement of their will to a loved one in the event they become incapacitated. <https://definitions.uslegal.com/h/health-care-removal-of-life-support/> In the event there is no living will, a physician makes the decision or is authorized to do so. "Treatment that is no longer helping can be stopped without a living will. Physicians will generally consult with your health care agent or close family when you cannot speak for yourself. The goal is to make the decision you would make if you had the capacity to speak for yourself." [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law\\_aging/publications/bifocal/vol\\_37/issue\\_1\\_october\\_2015/myths\\_and\\_facts\\_advance\\_directives/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging/publications/bifocal/vol_37/issue_1_october_2015/myths_and_facts_advance_directives/) But, fetuses are in such an incapacitated state while in utero. So, by default the parents-to-be are the legal guardian and decision makers and a physician might reasonably determine an unwanted child aware of that fact might choose death. Amending laws to give minors (including fetuses) power of attorney to make life decisions for themselves recognizing their status as individual human beings who should get the option to choose life once available for consultation on the matter might be one way to address this issue. But, if you believe in parental rights and authority in making legal decisions regarding minors (born or unborn), including medical decisions, then you may have to find another approach to protecting the unborn. Or, you can fight for the unborn to have their free will considered at law as equal to their parents so that if they are born alive it proves their will to live. If alive and not dead in utero, that could arguably prove will to live and the "mother" is providing organic life support which the law currently doesn't mandate.
3. US has the highest infant murder rates in the world at 8 infants per 100,000. The number of pre-school aged children murdered at a rate of 2.5 per 100,000 and the number of school aged children murdered at a rate of 1.5 per 100,000. Economic distress and unemployment were the primary reasons parents gave for killing their children. And, in the US, the unemployment rate in 2015 is 10.8%. In 2012, the unemployment rate in the US was 14.4% and in 2005 the unemployment rate was 8.6%. Comparing the unemployment rate with the abortion rates in Texas during those years, you can see that when unemployment was down in 2005, abortion demand dropped by approximately 9,000. In 2012, when the rate of

unemployment increased, so did the demand for abortion. The demand for abortion is tied to economic instability. Sources: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2174580/> and [http://portalseven.com/employment/unemployment\\_rate\\_u6.jsp](http://portalseven.com/employment/unemployment_rate_u6.jsp) So, addressing poverty effectively will likely reduce abortions and that includes effective reproductive health education.

And, COPE Ministries recommends masturbation until you are ready to have children unless you want to assume the risk of pregnancy even where you've taken precautions such as using condoms or hormonal birth control. And, I personally do not agree with legalizing anything that looks or reads like murder depending on the whims of a third-party, related or not. So, I support the 20-week ban on abortion introduced by Senator Lindsey Graham which is based on scientific evidence. You are free to disagree and I respect that even if I don't respect your choices.

In addition, I, Minister Angela Smith, whole-heartedly believe that "The Kingdom of God is within you" ("you" generally meaning all of us individually and collectively, Luke 17:20-22 King James Version) and that when you rape someone you are raping a House of God and defiling the church/temple/etc. That's a damnable offense and what I consider a deadly sin that is referenced by others as Lust. So, here's my philosophical question for pro-choicers:

#### PRO-CHOICE QUESTION:

1. If it is unacceptable for me to drug you and/or while you are in a coma to rape, molest, or kill you and you believe whether you are consciously aware or in a dream-state or not I have no right to do so, what gives you the right when the unborn are sentient?

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