

Pro-Life is Pro-Science

Science plays a great part in our world today, finding cures for diseases, giving us a great knowledge of the human body, and helping the world become a better and safer place. The pro-life movement is often characterized as anti-science. This is mainly for our belief that a fetus is a unique human being and that she has every right to love and life. However, some individuals believe otherwise and claim that we are against science to say this. This is one of the biggest reasons why the pro-life movement is often characterized as anti-science. However, we, the pro-life community, know this is not true, and we, in fact, use science to help families choose life by proving to them that human life does indeed begin at fertilization.

There are many arguments from pro-abortion individuals that claim we are opposed to science. One of the main reasons that they claim the pro-life movement is anti-science is because of our belief that a fetus is an exceptional human person. They believe that a fetus' size, her degree of dependency, and her level of development show that a fetus is not scientifically a human being and that we are against science to say that she is. Pro-abortion advocates also state that since the fetus is so small and weak, not able to survive on her own without her mother's help, she is not scientifically a human person and has no right to be called one. And finally one of the biggest pro-abortion arguments is that since the fetus is not fully developed, then she is just a "clump of cells and tissue" and that she has the potential to become a human, but is not scientifically one yet.

We, the pro-life community, can use science to prove that these arguments are not only morally wrong, but scientifically wrong as well. When a newborn baby is born, some consider that the start of her life, but actually she was a remarkable human being at the first moment of her fertilization. She had her own unique DNA that was completely different from her parents.

She had all of her 46 chromosomes. Her gender was already decided. She was her own exceptional person from the very earliest stages even before she was human in appearance. Many of the pro-choice arguments are about a fetus's size, saying that she is too tiny to yet be a human being. However, just because a toddler is smaller than a teenager that does not mean that the toddler is any less of a human person. Dr. Seuss, the timeless children's author states that, "A person's a person not matter how small" (Seuss). A tiny baby, whether in the womb or not, is always going to be dependent on someone to survive, but that does mean that it is morally right to kill her. We should be caring for every human being no matter how tiny, fragile, or weak. And finally, the argument that a fetus is not developed enough to be considered a human and is just a "clump of cells and tissue" is scientifically wrong. We can use modern technology to show those opposed to our mission the beautiful images of human life at each stage of development.

One of the best ways that we, the pro-life community, can demonstrate to the world that life begins at fertilization and that there really is a unique human being growing inside a mother's womb is by using scientific technology. Through science we can learn and teach others about the development of the fetus at each stage of life, truly learning the amazing things that she can do at each phase of life and how she is being formed so beautifully. We can also show the world the fetus moving and growing using ultrasound technology that includes pictures and videos with 3D, or even 4D, images. We can present them with astonishing visual images of the heart, lungs, eyes, and even fingernails developing at an unconceivable pace. We can help them see that there is someone, incredibly alive, growing in the womb and that she is more than just a "clump of cells and tissue." We can show them more than a just potential human. We can show them a remarkable human being. Bryan Kemper, the Youth Outreach Director for Priests for

Life, states that “Abortion does not end the life of a potential human being: it ends the life of an actual human being with great potential” (Kemper). And every human being has the right to develop this potential and have a wonderful life filled with love.

We, the pro-life community, are a hope for the hopeless. We show people that life, no matter how small, is beautiful and unique. This life is an incredible gift from God which begins at the first moment of fertilization. We help women see the beauty of this life, so they can love and cherish her, not give in to the false promises of abortion which ends a precious human life. Science plays a big part in the world today and also in the pro-life movement as we use scientific technology to help families to choose life each day. Because without science, we would never know about all the amazing stages of life. And without science, we would never be able to show a mother her little one’s heart beating or a father his son sucking his thumb. Science helps us point out the truth. Without it, our job would be much more challenging. We are not just pro-life; we are pro-science.

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