



Christian Voices for Life  
Weekly Pro-Life  
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Bodily Rights - “Not Helping” vs Killing

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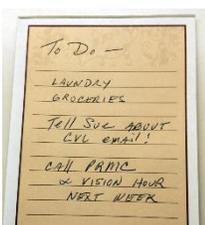


**Education:** “My body, my choice.” Even if the preborn child is a human person, some pro-abortion people would argue that a woman’s right to control her own body is paramount. If someone was dying and needed a blood transfusion, it would be a commendable thing to give him a blood transfusion. But even if you are the only possible donor, they would argue that you shouldn’t be required to give blood. And so a woman should not be required to share her blood and her body with a child in her womb. But there is a key difference between the two situations. If the potential blood donor does nothing, the victim will die of blood loss, which is not the same as the donor killing the victim with a knife. But if the mother does nothing, the healthy child will continue to live. If she aborts, she is actively killing the child, not just “not helping”. There is no real alternative to do nothing. Either she shares her body with the child, or she kills him. A better analogy is that a homeless person has gotten into your boat but you don’t discover him until the boat is out to sea. Your choice is to allow him to stay on board until you reach land, or force him overboard – miles from nowhere, where he will die. He doesn’t have the right to be on your boat, but does that give you the right to kill him by throwing him off? And if the person on the boat is a baby that someone else put on board, wouldn’t that be even worse to throw the innocent baby out of the boat? [Timothy Brahm, Equal Rights Institute; “Blood Donations and Bodily Rights Arguments”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmBrUcpOxDw&feature=youtu.be>]

The pro-life viewpoint can be well defended by simple logic and reason. If you maintain a respectful attitude, are willing to listen, and establish common ground, a productive dialog can be very effective in helping those who are pro-choice to change their minds.



**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, Please call many loving individuals to train themselves to speak effectively to their pro-choice friends, family members, and co-workers. Help them to be well prepared to confidently speak about abortion and other life issues. Help them to always show love and respect, and to refrain from judging others who have been misled or deceived about abortion. Please use Christian Voices for Life and the Equal Rights Institutes as your instruments to spread the truth about abortion and help more and more of our community come to understand the evil of abortion and the terrible harm it does in our society.



**Action:** Learn more about the resources available to help you become more effective in defending the pro-life position. Christian Voices for Life has a Voice for Life Training, with videos, and reading, available at no cost. See our website for details.

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