

Logical Arguments Against Abortion

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It's easy to say that an abortion is wrong. It's more challenging to logically explain why. Here's help.

S Size

A pre-born baby may be smaller than a newborn. But large people are not more human than small people, nor do they deserve more rights.

L Level of Development

If self-awareness and intelligence define us as human beings, that means those who are more intelligent have the right to exploit those of less intelligence. Obviously, this is not the case.

E Environment or location

Changing location does not stop us from being who we are, be it traveling from one city to another, or eight inches down the birth canal.

D Degree of Dependency

Some people believe that a pre-born baby “becomes” a human being when it is capable of surviving outside of the mother's womb without artificial support. Yet there are people who depend upon insulin, heart pacemakers and diabetes medication, and without them, they will not survive. This does not make them less human than us.