

#SaveLives
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PREBORN BABY @ 20 WEEKS

HAVE YOU
got a Question
ABOUT
ABORTION?



ABORTION: YOUR *Questions* ANSWERED

What if a **MOTHER'S LIFE IS AT RISK?**

More than 1,000 doctors have signed the Dublin Declaration which tells us that abortion is never medically necessary to save the life of a mother. Medical treatment needed during pregnancy is never denied to a mother in Ireland - even if that means the life of her baby is lost unintentionally. This is not the same as abortion, where a child is deliberately killed.

Our ban on abortion meant our doctors protected the lives of both mother and baby. This led to excellent standards of maternal healthcare, where both mother and baby were best cared for, and women's lives were not put at risk.

Medical experts told a major inquiry in 2013 that **not one** woman had died in Ireland because of our ban on abortion.¹ They also agreed that abortion is never a treatment for suicide. In fact, one study found that women are SIX times more likely to be suicidal after an abortion.² Ireland, without abortion, was named as one of the **safest places in the world** for a woman to have a baby (UN, 2007).

Love
THEM 
BOTH



What happened to **SAVITA?**

Savita Halappanavar died tragically in 2012 from an infection in the blood (sepsis) arising from E-Coli ESBL, a dangerous strain of bacteria, resistant to most antibiotics.

Official inquiries into her death found that the real issue was the management of sepsis – not abortion. Sadly, the official inquiry found that **her medical team missed 13 opportunities** to intervene and save Savita's life.² Staff failed to diagnose the infection which led to her death, and did not therefore understand that Savita's life was in danger.

Savita's tragic case was used by abortion campaigners to demand legislation. The truth is, under Irish law, doctors were free to intervene to give Savita all necessary medical treatment, even if that treatment resulted in the loss of her baby's life.

How do we help women who
**BECOME PREGNANT
THROUGH RAPE?**

Rape is a shocking crime, and survivors of rape deserve the full and unfailing support of society. Where a

woman becomes pregnant after rape we instinctively want to act with the greatest care and compassion. This is an extremely difficult situation, and we need to ask if abortion – which is such a final, permanent decision – is really the answer, or is it yet another violation?

Figures from Rape Crisis Centre suggest that up to 80% of women made pregnant after rape do not seek an abortion. Research shows women say abortion does not address their trauma, and that they feel the child is an innocent party⁴ – it is the rapist who is a criminal, and who should be punished for his crime. In this case, as in every other case, abortion ends the life of an innocent human being, who cannot help how he or she was conceived.



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A compassionate answer
**WHEN BABY'S LIFE
IS LIMITED**

Preborn babies who are diagnosed with a life-limiting condition have a right to life. Some babies are diagnosed with a condition which means they may not live for long after birth. These are babies with a severe disability, and they are alive and kicking in the womb. They deserve special love and protection – and their families deserve better support and care.

Calling these babies a 'fatal, foetal abnormality' is misleading and discriminatory. There is NO condition where a doctor can say, for certain, that a baby will not live beyond birth. Even with the most severe conditions, like anencephaly, most babies do live beyond birth, even for a short time.⁵

Parents say that time with their children – both before and after birth – was precious and led to healing. These are our most special children; abortion denies parents precious time with their baby, and inhumanely ends a child's life.

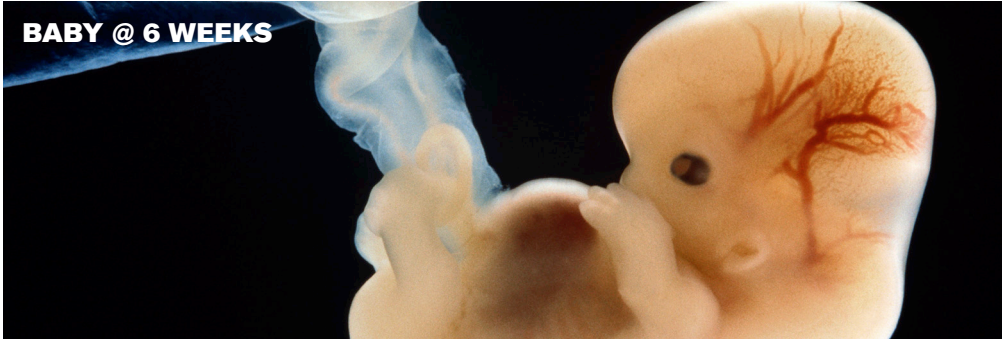
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A MATTER OF *Rights?*

Shouldn't we
**HAVE THE RIGHT
TO 'CHOOSE'?**

We should all be allowed choices in life, but our choices should not include the right to hurt or kill another person. Every civilised society has laws to protect our citizens – particularly our most helpless citizens – even if those laws restrict other peoples' choices.

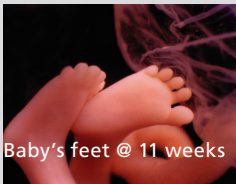


Abortion violently kills a living, growing child. Every person, born or unborn, has an equal right to life – without which all other rights are redundant.

Every unborn child is a new and unique human person from the moment of their conception.⁶ Your life also began in the womb, nourished by your mother, but a separate person, with your own unique DNA; you could be a different sex, ethnicity and blood type to your mother.

At 21 days, your heart begins to beat. From 8 weeks after conception, you are perfectly formed - all you need to do is grow!

What about a
**BABY'S RIGHT
TO LIFE?**



What happens
**IF WE REPEAL
THE 8TH
AMENDMENT?**

Britain legalised abortion in 1967 on supposedly limited grounds. But now, almost 200,000 babies are aborted each year in Britain. Lunchtime abortions are commonplace, babies who survive abortion are left to die, and up to 90% of babies with Down's Syndrome are aborted.⁷ 40% of all abortions in the UK are repeat abortions.

In Britain, a shocking 1 in every 5 babies are aborted, that figure is 1 in every 20 babies in Ireland (where women travel to abortion clinics in the UK). Is this what we want for Ireland? Let's save lives, and save the 8th.

**HOW ARE
ABORTIONS
PERFORMED?**



When you hear the word 'repeal', this is what it really means:

Medical Abortion [<9 weeks]

Abortifacient pills cause the woman's body to starve the baby of nutrients.

Suction [6 to 14 weeks] A tube with a knife edged tip is inserted into the uterus. The baby is torn apart by suction from the tube and the head is crushed.

Dilation and Curettage [Up to 12 weeks]

The cervix is dilated and the child is cut to pieces with a curette knife.

Dilation and Evacuation [12 to 24 weeks]

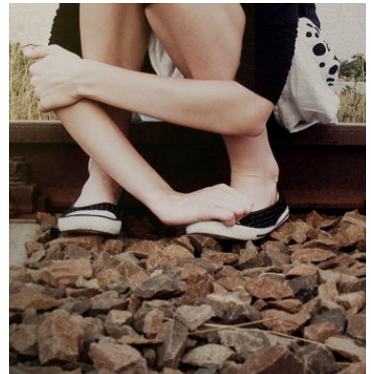
The baby is manually crushed to fit through the cervix; a pliers-like instrument is used to crush the skull, legs and arms.

Intracardiac Injection [10 weeks up to full term] The baby is given a lethal injection into the heart, and the mother then has to give birth to a dead baby.

**HURT BY
ABORTION?**

There is **hope & healing** after abortion. There are support groups available to help women, men and families

who are suffering after abortion. There is also help for anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Please contact us at the number or email listed. All calls will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.



Why save
**THE 8TH
AMENDMENT?**

The 8th amendment protects the right to life of mother AND baby – and it has ensured

Ireland has a low abortion rate. So the 8th Amendment has SAVED lives – a lot of lives. In fact, when we compare Ireland's abortion rate to what it would have been without our abortion ban, to that of our nearest neighbour, Britain, we see that an estimated 250,000 people have lived because of the 8th Amendment.⁸

These are people you know. People in college, in the workplace, your neighbours and friends; people who were not aborted because of our pro-life laws. That's 250,000 reasons to celebrate the 8th amendment!

The abortion industry makes millions every year from exploiting vulnerable women, who are often driven to make panic decisions because of pressure and fear. The 8th amendment protects us from that exploitation. It encourages us as a society to focus on eliminating the crisis, and not the child – that's real progress, and real compassion.



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#ABORTION DISCRIMINATES



**I WANT TO HELP
STOP ABORTION,
WHAT CAN I DO?**

Log on to our website for information on getting involved and how you can help. **Take part** in pro-life activities in your area. **Get in touch** for more information!

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