



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Graphic images: If or When to Use or Not



Education: All pro-life advocates agree that abortion is wrong, and work to prevent it. But there is disagreement about the morality and effectiveness of using graphic images depicting the body parts of aborted babies to illustrate the reality of abortion. A recent article by Timothy Brahm (1) made several interesting points on this topic. First of all, we want to discuss our different opinions respectfully and not assume immoral motives for those we disagree

with. The three full-time staff at ERI have three different opinions on some specific difficult cases, but there were several things they agreed on, including the following.

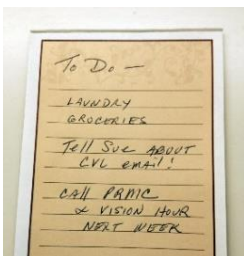
1. Sometimes the most helpful thing for a given person is to see what abortion looks like, and abortion images can save lives.
2. Sometimes the most helpful thing for a given person is something other than abortion images, and seeing abortion images can sometimes turn people off and shut down opportunities for productive dialogue.
3. Generally speaking, people are more open to genuinely considering the impact of an abortion image if they agree to look at it than if it is shown to them without their consent.

Another very important point made in the article is the following: “We think many people can’t actually change their minds unless they feel emotionally safe to change their minds, so we are very intentional about creating an emotionally safe environment. We’ll push people hard with arguments, and even with images, but we build rapport with the person first.” That’s why personal conversations with people you know are a powerful tool to change our culture.

1. <https://blog.equalrightsinstitute.com/abortion-images-a-case-for-disagreement-without-division/>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please have mercy on all those who have adopted a pro-choice position on abortion. Help them to be open to the truth and be willing to listen to logic. Help pro-life people they encounter be willing to talk to them respectfully, and to be wise in choosing their strategies to help them accept the immorality of abortion. Help our young people today to reject moral relativism and abandon the attitude that they have a right to never be exposed to sensitive topics.



Action: Prepare yourself to help your friends, neighbors, or co-workers to accept the pro-life view. Check out the videos available from [Live Action](#) and the online materials available from [Life Training Institute](#) (LTI), both available at no cost, and can be watched or read on your own timing. LTI also sells a book, *The Case for Life*, by Scott Klusendorf, available at Amazon. Another resource is the [Equipped for Life video course](#) available at Equal Rights Institute for \$49. Groups watching together pay less per person for the training. The videos are generally short, arranged in 10

modules of 2- 8 videos on related topics. Videos can only be watched online, but audio versions can be downloaded.