



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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She says She's Pro-choice. What do You Say?



Education: Your office just hired a new worker. She is single, as you are, and it seems you have some common interests as well. The two of you go out to lunch a few times. One day the topic of abortion comes up and she says she's pro-choice; that women should be able to control their bodies. How do you respond? Do you identify yourself as being pro-life because life clearly begins at conception and abortion kills an innocent human being? While your statement is true, it

would set the two of you on opposite sides of a national debate and perhaps lead her to be defensive of her position. Those who have lots of experience talking to students on college campuses (Justice for All and Equal Rights Institute) find that it is much more productive to find common ground with your pro-choice friend.

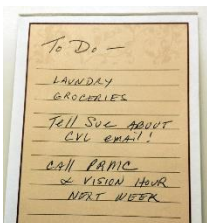
Perhaps you can ask what she thinks of mothers who want sons and abort their daughters. She is likely to be offended at the unjust killing of children simply because they are female. Then you could say that you agree. And so does that mean that a female human in the womb has human rights not be discriminated against? Does it mean that all children in the womb have some rights that ought to be considered when we decide whether abortion is wrong? So the conversation is more about why abortion is wrong at least under some conditions, and how that reason applies to other instances, rather than a debate where each person is saying "I'm right and you're wrong."

Another question you might ask is whether a pregnant women should be required to abort in order to keep her job. Perhaps the employer deems it not worthwhile to train someone else as a temporary replacement, so if she takes maternity leave, the job will not be hers when she is ready to return. You can say that you think having children is a natural part of being female, that employers should be expected to make accommodations for maternity leave; no woman should be asked to sacrifice her child in order to keep her job.

For more on this topic, see [Common Ground Without Compromise by Stephen Wagner](#).



Prayer: Dear Lord, please help me to be open to discussion of abortion with my friends and acquaintances. Help me to treat others with respect, be willing to listen to their point of view, and try to establish common ground at the beginning of our talk. Help me to prepare myself to be an effective speaker in defense of life by knowing the relevant facts. Help me to be a voice for truth in a world where Satan's lies have taken hold and are widely accepted. Give me the courage to speak up for life even when it is not the popular opinion of the people I am with. Give me the courage to even bring up the subject to find out which of my contacts have been deceived by the pro-choice rhetoric, so that I can help lead them to the truth.



Action: Pray for the courage to allow God to use you to become a voice for life. To get started, watch the 15 minute video "[Building a Culture of Life – What Can One Person Do?](#)" Subscribe to [Live Action](#) emails to keep up with pro-life news not covered by the mainstream media. Read about the success stories from 40 Days for Life in [the book](#). Read Stephen Wagner's [Common Ground Without Compromise](#) to understand the importance of building common ground and how to do it.