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Libertarians for Life was founded in 1976 to show why abortion is a wrong, not a right. Our reasoning is expressly philosophical and scientific — rather than either religious or pragmatic, or merely political or emotional. Libertarianism's basic principle is that under justice, each of us has the obligation not to aggress against (violate the rights of) anyone else — for any reason (personal, social, or political), however worthy. When the government legalizes aggression, it is still aggression.

THE LIBERTARIAN CASE AGAINST ABORTION

To explain and defend our case, LFL argues that:

1. Human offspring are human beings, persons from fertilization.
2. Abortion is homicide — the killing of one person by another.
3. There is never a *right* to kill an innocent person. Prenatally, we are all innocent persons.
4. A prenatal child has the right to be in the mother's body. Parents have no right to evict their children from the crib or from the womb and let them die. Instead both parents, the father as well as the mother, owe them support and protection from harm.
5. No government, nor any individual, has a just power to legally depermanify any one of us, born or preborn.
6. The proper purpose of the law is to side with the innocent, not against them.

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