

**Pro-life or Pro-choice**  
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One often wonders why there is so much evil in the world. Might it be that the existence of evil individuals validates the fact that God created humans with the freedom to choose between good and evil? One could argue that freedom of choice does not really exist if every single human chooses the good.

A large portion of the public believes that abortion for any reason except the health of the mother or the fetus is evil. An equally large portion believes that free choice trumps all when considering the termination of a pregnancy. For convenience, society prefers to label the two groups as pro-life or pro-choice, a question of choosing good over evil. However, that either/or designation is lazy, simplistic, and contrary to reason. The issue has many facets and arguments: religious, moral, legal, and societal. There are many points of view related to abortion: the mother's, the father's, the fetus's, and if one believes in God or some higher power, then also that entity's desire.

Let us begin with the latter. One might contend that I cannot assume to know God's viewpoint on the issue. However, I would argue the contrary, for according to Genesis 1:27, KJV, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Consequently, my thoughts about the matter must be somewhat similar to God's thoughts about the issue. And what would that be, you might ask?

I believe God views elective abortion in exactly the same manner he views natural miscarriage. Elective abortion does not please God, but he is the one who created humans with free choice. He must have known that some choices would result in unpleasing events. Does that mean God is willing to lose those aborted souls to non-existence in eternity as a result of abortion? The answer is no. No human can interfere with God's plans to populate the Earth with the full number of souls he has intended to create. Rest easy. He's got the prospect of souls lost for eternity by abortion and natural miscarriage covered somehow.

My own personal viewpoint on abortion is multi-faceted. Firstly, the government has no place in the argument. There should be no laws concerning abortion except to ensure its safe, private, and non-judgmental execution. I believe in the concept of the Sovereign Individual or Self-ownership. Free choice means every person has the right to decide issues regarding their own body, including the right to expel another individual from within it.

From a personal standpoint and being male, the question of abortion is limited to how I would act concerning my pregnant partner. Assuming I was responsible for the pregnancy, I would earnestly argue against abortion except for real medical reasons. But in the end, I would endeavor to gracefully agree to whatever my partner chose to do. If I was not the responsible male, the issue of abortion is not going to be front and center in my immediate future.

If I had no association whatsoever with the pregnant female, my hope would be that abortion would be thoroughly thought-through. If abortion for medical reasons is the final choice, I would be in agreement. If abortion is chosen for any other reason, I would also be in agreement. The choice of abortion for any reason other than a medical issue indicates that the future parent or parents are unfit to raise children, and forcing a full-term successful delivery may only contribute to the pool of undesirable citizens we already have in this world.

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