



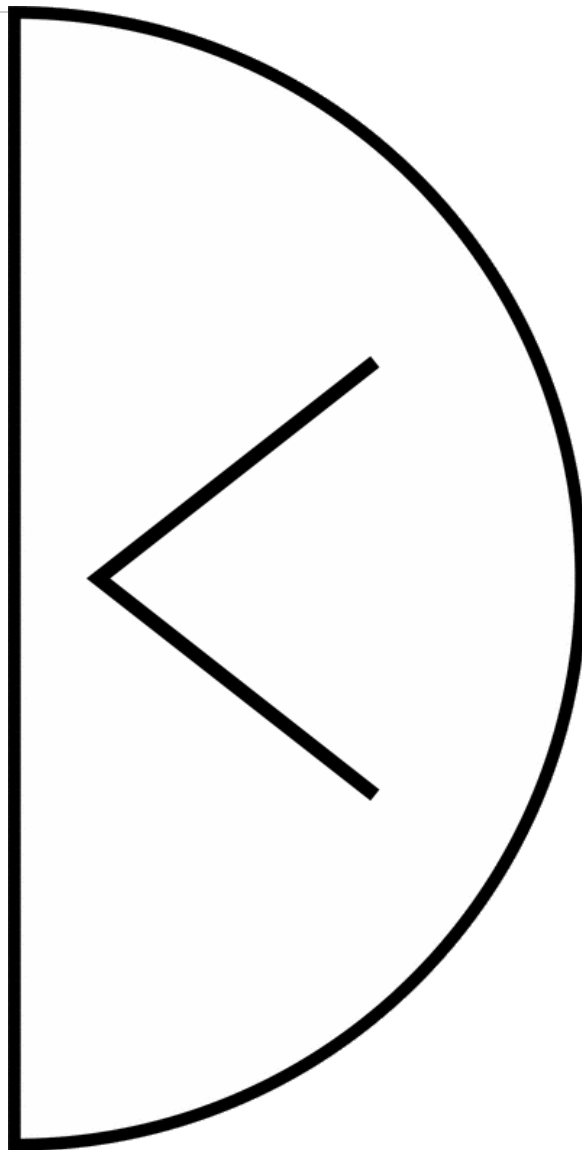
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A man has been arrested by officers investigating the theft of €100,000 worth of livestock in West Meath.



Dublin gardaí arrest robbery suspect 'attempting getaway by taxi'

Gardaí have arrested a man suspected of robbery after ordering him out of a taxi in Dublin, it has emerged.



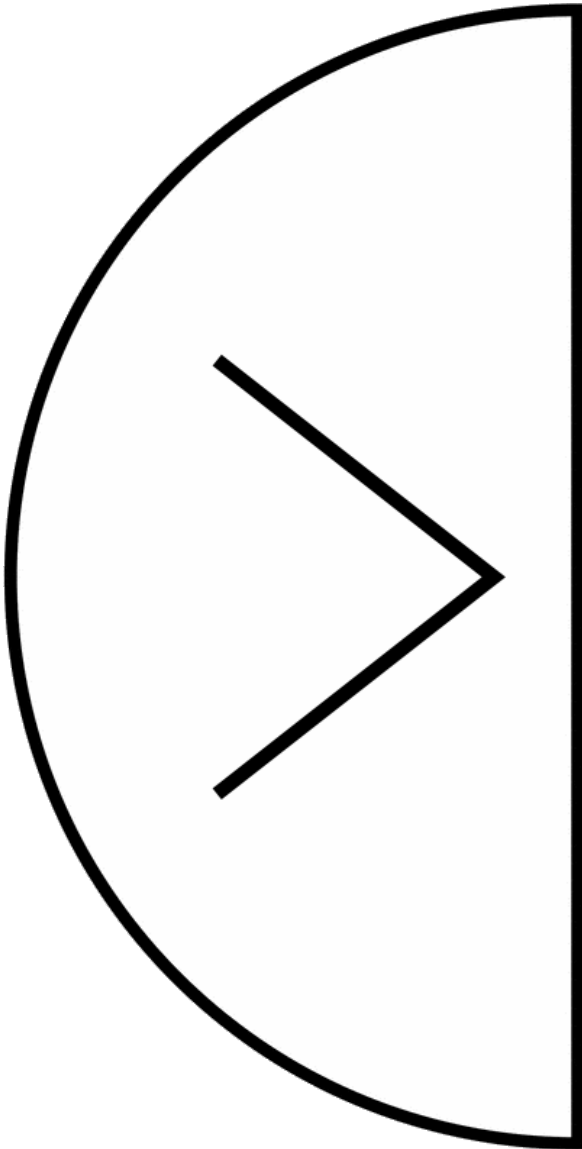
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Cork boy wins €2m interim settlement with HSE in brain damage case

A 10-year old boy who it is claimed suffered brain damage at birth in a Cork hospital has settled his action against the HSE with an interim payout of €2m.



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Pro-choice campaigners have said Gardaí would be "foolish" to stop them giving out illegal abortion advice.

Activists will deliberately break the law today when they tour the country on board a bus telling women how to access terminations in Ireland and putting them in touch with doctors willing to prescribe abortion pills, in a bid to force a constitutional change.

Under the current legislation, abortion is still illegal in this country, except when doctors decide there is a real and substantial risk to the life of a suicidal mother.

The supply of information is also strictly controlled, with tight restrictions surrounding who can give out abortion advice and what they can say.

In a protest last year, pro-choice group ROSA (For Reproductive Rights against Oppression Sexism and Austerity) and Ruth Coppinger TD (pictured) travelled to Belfast to bring abortion pills back to Dublin.



No DART, Commuter or Intercity train services from 6am to 9am tomorrow

With less than 12 hours before tomorrow's train strike, last ditch talks are continuing at the Workplace Relations Commission.



Man dies in Mayo road accident

A man died in a road accident in Ballina, Co Mayo yesterday evening.



Man gets four years for having sex with girl, 14, who 'hated every single person' after assault

A 23-year-old Tipperary man who had sex with an underage babysitter as he walked her home has been sentenced to four years.

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Those on board the "abortion pill bus", which sets out from Dublin's Central Bank at 9.30am this morning, say they are performing a public service. The bus is travelling to Galway and Limerick today and to Cork and back to Dublin tomorrow.



Lynn Ruane
@LynnToWin

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Waving off the abortion pill bus and sayin few words.Well done Rosa. Limerick & Galway #repealthe8th @TCDSU4Choice
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It will provide women with a private consultation room to speak with a WomenOnWeb doctor. The Dutch non-profit organisation WomenOnWeb distributes pills in countries where abortion is illegal.

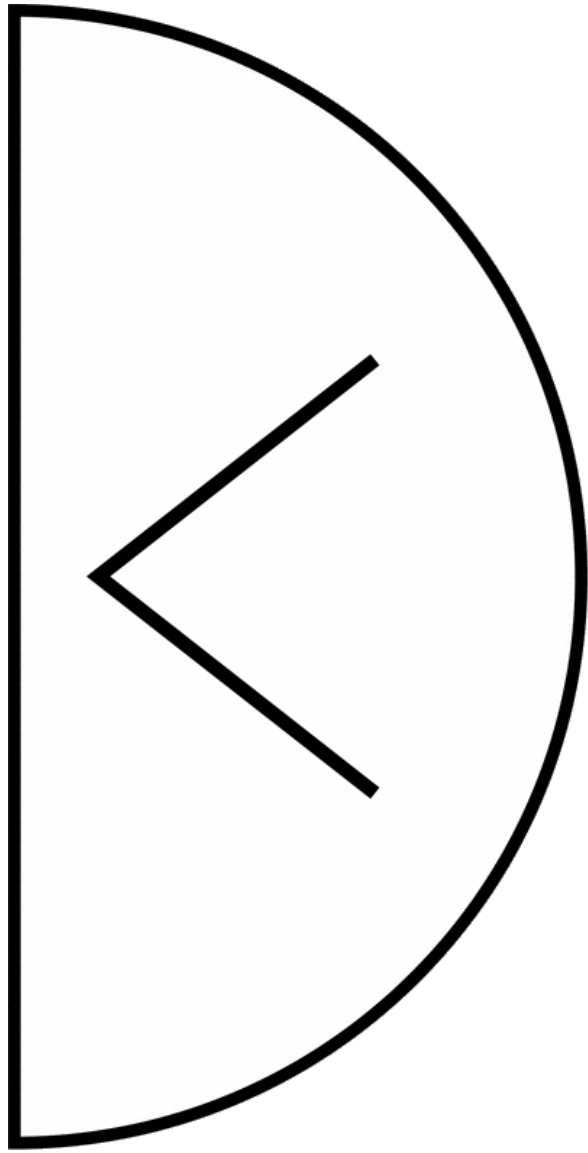
Rita Harrold from ROSA said: "It would be very foolish for the State or the Gardaí to try to stop us...We're breaking this law - the 8th amendment - because it's not fit for purpose. It was brought about before many of the activists coming on the bus were even born.

"It's just not good enough that women who can't afford to travel have no right to control their own bodies ...Many women can't afford to travel (from Ireland) to the UK to have a legal abortion."

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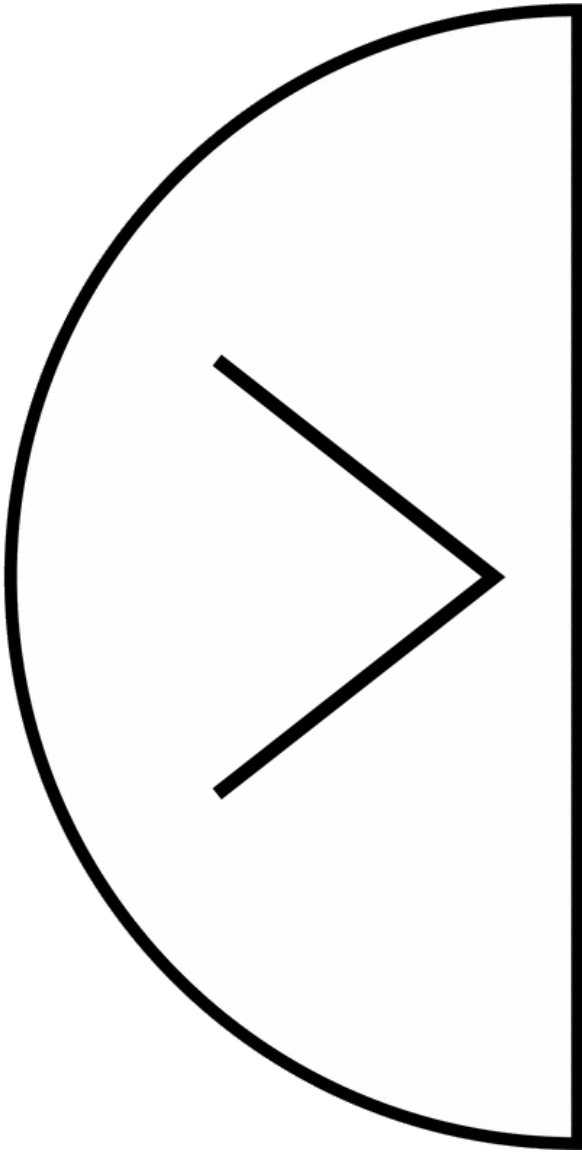
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**Dan360** · 2 hours ago

It should be nobody's business what a woman want's to do up to 24 weeks of a pregnancy same as the UK... Its a personal individual choice.That's what all these pro-life can't get their heads around..... Typical old Ireland we always know what is best for everyone else.

Again not that it is anyone's business when two consenting people have sex, contraception is not 100% guaranteed.

Its my personal belief that men should have no say in this.

PS. I am a married happy father of a 10 year old girl conceived through a broken condom. My girlfriend - now wife decided she wanted to keep the child

THAT WAS HER PERSONAL CHOICE
IF SHE WANTED TO ABORT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HER PERSONAL CHOICE... AND I WOULD HAVE RESPECTED THAT.

I can't believe this is the 21st century in the way some people think and behave..... mind your own business

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**sainttoff** → Dan360 · an hour ago

Its the fathers business. If you expect a father to pay maintenance if you keep it, then the father should have a 50/50 say in it

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**Flyingfiddlers** → Dan360 · an hour ago

Dan, 1.2 Billion babies have been aborted since the late 1960's. Abortion isn't a choice, its the deliberate killing of a child developing in the womb. At 24 weeks the child is fully developed and heading into its 3rd trimester. He/she can feel the pain of being aborted, he/she can move and suck its thumb. It would be amazing if Ireland would introduce abortion at a time when the world is moving away and restricting it. Abortion is the deliberate killing of a child in the womb....pure and simple.

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**pilotlee** → Dan360 · 19 minutes ago

I can see who wears the trousers in your relationship. Did she help you type the comment as well ?

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**Tax Payer & Good Republican** · 2 hours ago

Well Ruth, seeing as your target audience didnt/couldnt/wouldnt use contraceptives it will be interesting to see the results. Where have the safe-sex lessons of a generation ago gone? There were statistics released this week that the number of teenage pregnancies have dropped 44% I think since 2009, at least someone is learning.

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**Una** → Tax Payer & Good Republican · 2 hours ago

Safe sex lessons of a generation ago? Was it that they learned to get married straight out of school when they were already pregnant??

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**Tax Payer & Good Republican** → Una · 32 minutes ago

I do not what you are on about. My reference was to the HIV crisis of the early 80s, where over a few years and huge public information campaigns, the message seemed to be accepted that it was very foolish to have unprotected sex unless you were in a steady relationship and trusted your partner. I fail to see why this idea ever went out of fashion and I would like Ruth whats her name to say why this is not the first message she is trying to get across to women - if a woman's well being is really her first priority.

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Flyingfiddlers → Una · 2 hours ago

No. Contraceptives have been available here since the 80s, there are no excuses to get pregnant unintentionally....abortion is the intentional killing of a baby....1.2 billion since the 1960s. Puts the holocaust in the hapenny place.

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Droning Mary · 4 hours ago

As a woman I find it absolute nonsense to talk about pro-choice when the child / children in question to be 'terminated' has / have absolutely no choice in the matter. This alleged pro-choice agenda is naive in its disregard of the human being and to Our rights for natural justice. It is always repulsive to human nature to kill another human being without recourse to self-defense.except to those with psychological / emotional impediments. Any legitimate pro-choice argument ought to always have regard to all persons directly referred

to by any such choice. In short, both mother and child carry the validity of the choice. However, the greatest danger posed by this choice is by those that endanger the life of the child and / or mother.

Having free access to abortion

alienates us from any recognisable human dignity and provides an artificial human circumstance where human death is used to deny any voice to a child.

How

can freely available abortion be pro-choice when it actively promotes no-choice? To uphold

the true values of what it means to be a human being is to disregard any notion that depicts a fellow human as a commodity

to be disposed off at the desire of another . The vast majority of terminations are carried out on viable, healthy human beings. Perhaps someday, a pro-choice agenda

can account for all human beings and not only for those that have a loud voice.

Maybe, just maybe they can really stand up for those that have no voice.

But that would mean having to be truly pro-choice.

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DrWhodunnit → Droning Mary · 3 hours ago

The vast majority of "pro-choice" arguments are hypocritical. That sums it up.

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Droning Mary → DrWhodunnit · 3 hours ago

.....I haven't heard one yet that was logical, coherent and not self interested.....

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Una → Droning Mary · 3 hours ago

They don't owe you an explanation, and since the majority of abortions only affect one or two people it stands to reason that there would be a level of self interest. So what?? It's not any of your business.

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 3 hours ago

So it's only your business if you are "pro-choice"? As someone who has been faced with the prospect of abortion in relation to my own first born, then yes it IS my business... and nobody owes YOU an explanation for having an opinion on the matter. Abortion affects society at large, so it's all of our business.

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Una → DrWhodunnit · 2 hours ago

Was your choice taken into account by the parent of your child?

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

It wasn't either parent's choice. It was an unwanted, unsolicited suggestion foisted upon us by a doctor in another country, after a perfectly normal diagnosis on the ultrasound..

<http://www.diagnosticultrasoun...>

We were told not to worry, given leaflets on abortion, adverts for local clinics and told we should seriously consider abortion in a hurry as we may run out of time.. (the logic being it could be associated with Down's although we didn't have any of the other markers). That's what happens when abortion becomes a money making business. I might add we now have a perfectly healthy child.

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Una → DrWhodunnit · 2 hours ago

That's basically medical malpractice then. And you choose- that's what pro choice actually means.

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AoifeNi → Una · 18 minutes ago

Pro choice means pro abortion, and that is all it means.

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

No, it's not medical malpractice. That's par for the course because doctor's are worried about being sued in the event they don't suggest abortion. That's not a free choice by the way.. if you are told by a doctor to seriously consider an abortion, but be quick because the clock is ticking - that is NOT a free choice. Especially considering it was a perfectly harmless occurrence which can affect 5%.

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Una → DrWhodunnit · 2 hours ago

Everyone knows how long a pregnancy is, and for those who don't know it is easy to find out how late abortions can be performed. Abortion was suggested to you and your partner, your child is thankfully alive and well today. If that was not your choice then what happened?

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

The question is why a medical professional suggests abortion in the first place for a perfectly healthy child. What happened was we were smart enough to look into the findings and consult a second doctor at expense.

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Una → DrWhodunnit · 2 hours ago

Which was your choice to do, correct? I don't agree with having to pay for a second opinion but why get it if you weren't trying to make a choice?

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

We weren't trying to make that choice. We went to another GYN to continue the medical care during pregnancy. We would never have chosen to abort a child on the far outside chance it may have DS. My point is that doctor's covering the asses are suggesting and promotion abortion in cases where it is not actually needed, and it's not a free decision if one party has far

more medical knowledge than the other. Most people take their doctor's advice at face value. The fact that your first response was "medical malpractice", suggests you know something wasn't right, but that is what happened, and I am sure it has happened to many more who did go down the abortion route. How sad that many out there could have aborted perfectly healthy wanted pregnancies because doctors are worried about the bank balance and insurance.

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Droning Mary → Una · 3 hours ago

.....Matters that directly impact on Irish society and the Irish Constitution always need an explanation legal and otherwise. It will always be my business as an Irish citizen and as a human being.....

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Una → Droning Mary · 3 hours ago

Well when it is eventually written into law then it will be legally explained. It's still going to happen though, whether you like it or not. Be a pregnancy unwanted or unviable, it's a person or couple's right to decide whether or nor they want to or are ready to be parents. It's a damn sight better than poor craythurs being dragged up by parents who see them as a meal ticket or couples going through the heartbreak of carrying a child who won't survive outside the womb. It's naïve at best to think that it's not happening anyway, except people need to travel to the UK instead.

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sainttoff → Una · 2 hours ago

I don't think it will pass in a referendum, I will vote no, thats all I know

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

"It's naïve at best to think that it's not happening anyway"

I don't believe anyone made that argument.

"..except people need to travel to the UK instead"

Where a recent investigation found 20% of abortion clinics were breaking the relevant laws. Would Deputy Coppinger stay quiet about 20% of any businesses in Ireland breaking the law? Where were the candlelit vigils and crocodile tears for the Irish women who died in the UK as a result of botched abortions?

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sainttoff → Una · 3 hours ago

But its the father of the child interest and this should be taken into consideration

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Una → sainttoff · 3 hours ago

Hence why I said it affected one or two people.

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sainttoff → Una · 3 hours ago

Surely that be three then, mother, father and the child

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Una → sainttoff · 3 hours ago

Depends on your definition of when foetus becomes

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sainttoff → Una · an hour ago

Well if you don't abort it , it be a life, so technically your killing a life.

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Una → sainttoff · an hour ago

So if I understand all of your replies correctly, the mother is a murderer if she has an abortion or shouldn't be supported by the father if she chooses to have the baby against his wishes??

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Flyingfiddlers → Una · 29 minutes ago

Abortion is the deliberate killing of a child. The fact that the U.K and other countries do not use the term murder is symantics

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sainttoff → Una · an hour ago

If the mother and father agree to abort it, then thats a choice made by both sides and for them to do.

But if we are allowing for a mother to abort a child without permission from the father then surely if the father wants nothing to do with the child the mother has, he shouldn't pay maintenance.

Lets have equal rights here.

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Flyingfiddlers → Una · an hour ago

Una, the baby is always a child, always a life. By the time most women know they are pregnant the child has arms, legs, head. The term foetus is primarily used by those who need to dehumanise the baby when proposing abortion.... As I previously said 1.2 Billion abortions since the late 1960's.....a Holocaust on a scale never witnessed in human history

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Una → Flyingfiddlers · an hour ago

Ya, that's not true though. Learn some basic biology.Stop demonizing women because of your own extreme views, which are factually incorrect.

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Flyingfiddlers → Una · an hour ago

Well I'm well aware of the basic biology. What facts are you saying are incorrect.....is it the number of abortions1.2 billion and counting...because you can look it up...or is it the fact that a baby is observably a baby from very early on in the pregnancy.

Also which of my views to you consider "extreme"?

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Droning Mary → Una · 2 hours ago

.....'Actuality and Potentiality' are long out of date when defining anything especially human life..... I have not lived a long life and I may never live a long life but that does not give anyone any right to euthanise me because I cannot guarantee that I will live a long life. I can potentially live and that is enough by any standard even if I can not define it as 'actual' just yet.

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Una → Droning Marv · 2 hours ago



...and you talk about incoherency...

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Droning Mary → Una · 2 hours ago

.....Apologies Una, You are correct. I wrongly assumed you were referring to an out dated argument defining a foetus / child. Some old nonsense argument that was doing the rounds during the 80s. Can you define the difference that you infer? Thank Mary. D....

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Una → Droning Mary · 2 hours ago

Right, and you end up talking about being euthanized against your will. I am talking about my right to choose whether I want to continue a pregnancy or not, and how I don't see a woman who has an abortion as a murderer.

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Droning Mary → Una · 2 hours ago

.....I'm just truly pro-choice Una.....For the old, the young and for all human beings who are acted upon against their will where there is no legitimate grounds for their loss of life. They also need a choice and a voice.

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DrWhodunnit → Una · 2 hours ago

Abortion is euthanasia, just at an earlier stage in the life-cycle.

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Flyingfiddlers → Una · 22 minutes ago

When you discontinue a pregnancy a child has to die.....what choice did the child have in your decision. You see the 8th amendment recognizes the equal right to life of the child. What is wrong with the child having the right to life?.....As I said earlier, surely the right choice is to use contraceptives and not get pregnant....killing a child is never the real answer.....

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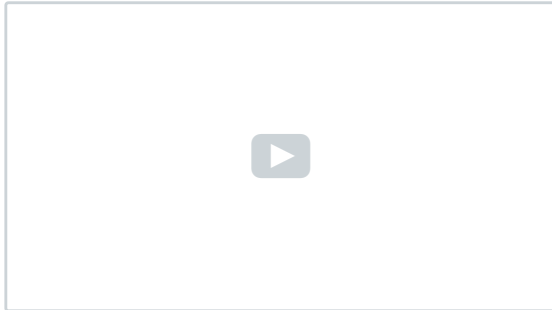


Flyingfiddlers → Una · an hour ago

Well yes it is our business. If a parent was knocking the daylight out of their child on the street...would you walk by and say "its none of my business"...No you would intervene and stop it happening or call the police. Now imagine that parent intentionally killing a child just because its in the womb...

The point is the people of Ireland are acting in the interests of both the child and the mother. The child has a value to society and a right to its life.

Here is a lecture by a woman who was aborted at 28 weeks in the U.S. by means of a saline poisoning... listen to her discuss her abortion and say a childs life doesn't matter



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IrishGril · an hour ago

These women are brave. This is how change happens.

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sainttoff → IrishGril · 40 minutes ago

And so are the fathers that committed suicide because of them

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IrishGril → sainttoff · 32 minutes ago

The issue here is choice for women in Ireland in 2015. 4,000 women travel to the UK each year for terminations. It's time people realise that abortion shouldn't be discussed only in the context of rape & suicide. It is up to a woman to decide her future.

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Flyingfiddlers → IrishGril · 31 minutes ago

Why didn't those 4000 exercise their choice to use contraceptives. Surely that is the real choice. There is no choice for the child that is aborted!

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sainttoff → IrishGril · 32 minutes ago

And what about the father future?

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