

**Subject:**

Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

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I would ask you to consider the above Bill with reference to the following thoughts.

Is the question of when does life begin the only aspect of this debate? Is it not also a relevant question as to when does a person begin?

Dr Ben Carson, world famous Brain Surgeon stated 'As a surgeon I have operated on infants Pre-Birth, I can assure you they are very much alive'.

Part 2, S6 Surely it is the responsibility of a doctor to see a patient, otherwise how can a course of medical action be proposed safely?

The bill says nothing about informed consent - women need to know the possible impacts, and what the process actually involves. A 2000 study cited by *Hush* and prepared by Dr. Brenda Major, a Professor of Psychology & Communications at the University of California, recorded that approximately 21% of American women who receive an abortion believed that their abortion did more harm than good. This percentage grew to 28% within two years of the abortion.

Reference the YouGov Galaxy Poll from August 2018 1000 people canvassed.

- 62% agree unborn at 23 weeks is a person with rights.
- 75% agree abortion harms women's health.
- 26% personally know someone pressured to have an abortion.
- 60% oppose mid-term abortions past 13 weeks.
- 76% oppose late term abortions past 23 weeks.
- 88% agree independent counselling.
- 85% support informed consent.
- 79% support cooling-off period.
- 74% support conscientious objection.

and more.

Please consider this issue very carefully.

Thank you,

Ian and Heather Hartley.