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religious groups. The UN omitted references to social and political groups because the Soviet Union feared Stalin's mass murders might be considered genocidal if broader language were adopted.

Others, however, have extended legal protection more globally. For example, French law adds "[any] group determined by any other arbitrary criterion," echoing the early UN language.

What is the preborn?

Medical textbooks tell us that, from the moment of fertilization, the preborn human is a whole, distinct, and living human being with a genetic identity different from his or her parents. [1,2]

Because the preborn are human beings, they deserve the same right to live that born human beings enjoy. To grant them anything less is discrimination based on arbitrary, age-related characteristics such as (1) size, (2) level of development, (3) environment, or (4) degree of dependency. Is age discrimination fair? Consider:

- **Size.** Is a football player more of a person than a ballerina, because he is bigger?
- **Level of development.** Is a teenager more of a person than an infant, because he is more developed?
- **Environment.** Is a newborn child in a crib more of a person than a newborn premie in an incubator, because he is in a different place?
- **Degree of dependency.** Is a healthy man more of a person than another man on a ventilator, because he is less dependent?

If none of these factors determines our humanity **after** we are born, then how can anyone claim they determine our humanity **before** we are born?

Our value is not based on what we look like or what we can do. Our value is based on who we are ... living human beings.

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1st Trimester (11 Week) Aborted Fetus



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What about aborting mothers?

We do **not** equate aborting mothers to Nazis; many such mothers are themselves victims. Our purpose is never to condemn anyone for past abortions, but to protect children and mothers from future abortions. For healing from past abortions, **www.AbortionHealing.info** offers referrals to local counseling agencies trained to help you.

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For unplanned pregnancy or post-abortion help:
www.OptionLine.org
www.AbortionHealing.info
1-800-848-5683

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How Can You Compare Abortion to Genocide?



Abortion is not genocide ... if

If the preborn are **not** living human beings, then abortion does not kill humans and there is no relevant similarity between abortion and genocide.

But if the preborn **are** living human beings — science tells us they are both alive and human — then abortion kills 1.2 million humans every year in the U.S. If not genocide, what else would we call it?

Defining “genocide”

UN General Assembly Resolution 96, adopted in 1946, defines genocide as “a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups, as homicide is the denial of the right to live of individual human beings ...” Resolution 96 also states that genocide is a crime “whether committed on religious, racial, political **or any other grounds** ...” (emphasis added)

With abortion, the “entire human group” being killed is **unwanted, preborn children**.

In 1948, the UN specified which genocidal crimes would be prosecuted in international court. For political reasons, the scope of the 1948 Convention was limited to **national, ethnical, racial**, and

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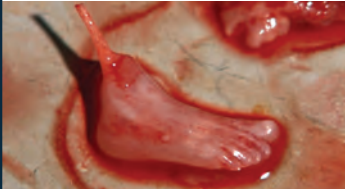






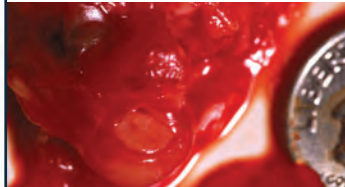
comparing ABORTION to other forms of HISTORICAL GENOCIDE

Each form of genocide, whether Holocaust, lynching, abortion, etc., differs from all the others in the motives and methods of its perpetrators. But each form of genocide is identical to all the others in that it involves the systematic slaughter, as state sanctioned "choice," of innocent, defenseless victims – while denying their "personhood."

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When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Women's Rights Activist

Point of Comparison	Final Solution (Eastern Europe, 1930s-1940s)	Slavery (United States, 1700s-1800s)	Abortion (United States, Today)
Personhood is always redefined in terms that exclude the intended victim class.	In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws excluded Jews from German society. The next year, the Reichsgericht (Germany's highest court) essentially legalized the Holocaust.	In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court declared Blacks "... a subordinate and inferior class of beings ..." in <i>[Dred] Scott v. Sandford</i> .	In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court found that "the word 'person,' as used in the [Constitution], does not include the unborn."
Victim class is considered to be subhuman.	Cartoons routinely depicted Jews as pigs, dogs, rats, and other vermin. East Europeans were "untermensch," which means "subhuman."	Black slaves were often assigned diminutive names, such as "Mingo," that were normally reserved for pets.	Today, unwanted children are spoken of in dehumanizing terms: "embryo," "fetus," "blob of tissue," "products of conception," etc.
			
Genocide is often framed in the language of "choice."	The Nazis asserted that the racial make-up of the German nation was an internal matter for the German people to decide. They also emphasized Hitler's choice, his "Will to Power," as a Nazi propaganda film put it.	In the Senatorial debates of 1858, Stephen Douglas said that he was personally opposed to slavery, but that each state should have the right to choose whether to be a slave state or a free state.	Pro-abortion advocates argue that if pro-lifers don't like abortions, they shouldn't have them. Abortion is not mandated; it is a matter of personal "choice."
Victim class tends to be people who have what we want or get in our way.	Eastern Europeans owned land that the Nazis wanted for lebensraum ("living space") for the German people. Jews owned material wealth that Nazis wanted for themselves.	Blacks owned the work product that slave owners desired for themselves. The loss of this uncompensated work product would deprive the slave owners of material wealth they desired to maintain.	Children get in the way of career development, acquisition of material wealth, maintenance of lifestyle, rights, sexual freedom, etc. Also, preborn children have stem cells that we want for ourselves.
			
Victim class is often seen as a "disease" on society or as diseased themselves.	"Parasites" and "bacilli" were words used by Nazis to describe Jews and others targeted for extermination.	Benjamin Rush, a leading American scientist who personally opposed slavery, speculated that all Blacks were really leprous, diseased whites in need of a cure.	In his medical textbook <i>Abortion Practice</i> , Warren Hern analogizes the unwanted, preborn child to a disease, the treatment of choice for which is abortion.
Resources are said to be inadequate to care for intended victim class if they are allowed to live.	The Nazis justified killing "useless eaters" because they were using up resources needed by the German people.	Pro-slavery advocates justified the continuation of slavery because slaves, if emancipated, could not take care of themselves and would be a drain on society's resources.	Pro-abortion advocates attempt to justify abortion by stating that there are inadequate resources to care for all unwanted babies if they are not killed by abortion.

... then whites further dehumanized us by calling us "niggers." It was part of the dehumanizing process. The first step was to distort the image of us as human beings in order to justify that which they wanted to do and not even feel like they had done anything wrong. Those advocates of taking life prior to birth do not call it killing or murder, they call it abortion. They further never talk about aborting a baby because that would imply something human. Rather they talk about aborting the fetus. Fetus sounds less than human and therefore abortion can be justified.

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